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Chief launches new awards

Outstanding work to be commended at annual ceremony

SIX new awards for GMP officers and staff are being introduced by Chief Constable Michael Todd.

They are to be presented annually, starting next March, at a sponsored black-tie dinner.

The accolades will be known as the Chief Constable's Excellence Awards and every member of GMP will be eligible for nomination.

The Outstanding Leadership Award will go to the individual who has shown the highest application

of the Force's Leadership Charter.

The Award for Individual Achievement will be given to the officer or police staff member who has made the most outstanding contribution to the Force's performance and service to the public.

The Award for Partnership Working is for the individual or team that has made the most valuable contribution to Greater Manchester by working in partnership with other organisations.

The Outstanding Team Performance Award will go to the team whose performance against local or Force targets is judged to have been the most remarkable.

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The other new awards will be for **Employee of the Year** for police staff and **Outstanding Communication**. The criteria will be announced later.

The first ceremony is to be held at the City of Manchester Stadium on Friday, March 2.

Four awards which until now have been given at the Chief Constable's divisional ceremonies are to be incorporated into the event.

They are Community Police Officer of the Year, Student Officer of the Year, the Diversity Team in Action Award and the John Egerton Trophy for the bravest officer of the year.

For each of the six new awards, three nominations will be chosen and the winners will be announced on the night.

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Photo: Bill Morris

STABLE RELATIONSHIP: Gregor Gilmour meets Snodgrass

Gregor's day with GMP (and the horses)

NOT everyone is relaxed about getting up close to one of GMP's horses.

But the experience held no fears for 12-year-old Gregor Gilmour when he spent an afternoon with the Mounted Unit at Hough End.

After all, he's had eight years of riding and mixing with horses as a member of North West Riding for the Disabled.

Gregor, who has cerebral palsy, uses a wheelchair and an electronic communication aid.

His mum arranged for him to gain some work experience with GMP by spending a day helping librarian Jean Titchmarsh at

Sedgley Park Learning and Development Centre.

But when it was found that Gregor was a keen horse rider, his day was reorganised.

After a morning's work in the library, he was driven to the Mounted Unit where he was given a tour of stables, introduced to some of the horses and had his photo taken with Snodgrass, who's three years older than Gregor.

Sue Birleson, Gregor's support worker at Woodhey High School, Ramsbottom, said afterwards: "He had a fantastic time and experienced much more than he had expected."



THE VIEW FROM THE TOP

EVERY day, we are all contributing to making Greater Manchester safer. Whatever we do, whether it is on the front line or in a supporting role, it has an impact on the quality of life for local people.

In the past three years, we have made significant improvements in reducing crime and making people feel safer. And with that success has come the pressure to continue to improve at a time when we face financial challenges.

This is why I want to ensure that the contribution individuals and teams make is recognised. The Excellence Awards will be our way of celebrating the hard work and commitment of colleagues. The new annual award ceremony will be a time to reward those

people who have gone that step further, whether it is as a leader, in improving performance or their contribution to partnership working. We all know people who put that extra effort into their work, so it is important that you help to nominate those people for recognition.

In March, we want to take a moment to reflect on all the good work and success that has been achieved.

In the coming months, more details will be made available on the Intranet and through Brief. It is important that we all take the time to consider who may be worthy of nomination for an Excellence Award.

Michael J. Todd

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categories will be able to take a guest to the ceremony, as will their nominators.

Details of how to make a nomination, either electronically or by post, are due to appear on the GMP Intranet this month.

* The names of the two main awards given at the Chief Constable's divisional ceremonies have been changed. Starting at Salford next month, commendations are to be known as 'high commendations' and citations of merit will be simply 'commendations.'

Home Office to pay Labour conference policing costs

THE overall cost of policing the Labour Party conference in Manchester next month is to be met by the Home Office.

It was announced last month that GMP's bid for £4.2 million had been agreed.

Construction of new accommodation is under way at Sedgley Park to co-ordinate GMP's huge security operation.

It will be staffed round the clock during the week of the conference and will be the base for Gold and Silver controls.

An internal briefing video is to be shown to all officers involved in policing the high-profile event.

At least 1,000 officers and staff will be involved in Operation Protector each day.

After a cordon is imposed during the night of Friday, September 22, no one without official accreditation will be allowed into a secure area that encompasses the Manchester International Convention Centre, the adjacent G-Mex and the Midland and Radisson Hotels.

It will be lifted only after the conference has ended on Thursday, September 28.

* All officers and staff are being encouraged to view the Operation Protector site on the GMP Intranet for details of latest developments and updates.

Honours funeral for motorcycle officer

A GMP motorcycle officer who was killed in a road accident was buried with full police honours last week.

PC Allan Shaw, 33, was the 14th officer to die in the line of duty since the formation of GMP 32 years ago.

He was killed while taking part in a practice exercise in Crompton Way, Bolton, on July 19 when his motorcycle was in collision with a stationary lorry at 10.20am. He died at the scene.

PC Shaw joined GMP in August 1999 and was a member of the Force's Area 2 Road Policing Unit based at Plant Hill, North Manchester.

He left a widow, Kerrie-Ann, 30 and a two-year-old daughter, Lillie-Mae.

"He was one in a million, a bubbly, lively character with a heart of gold," the officer's widow said. "Anyone who had the pleasure of meeting Allan was instantly at ease."

She described him as 'the ultimate family man' with a passion for his work as a police officer.

In tribute, Chief Constable Michael Todd said: "During his years with GMP, Allan carried out his role with commitment, dedication and enthusiasm.

"He was well liked and respected by all his colleagues."

It was his colleagues, seven of them on their GMP motorcycles, who escorted the hearse and two cars of family mourners to the funeral service on July 27 at St Oswald's Church, Ashton-in-Makerfield, near Wigan, half-a-mile from the officer's home.



PC ALLAN SHAW: Died in collision.

* There will be a fuller report of the officer's funeral in the next edition of Brief.

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14th death in the line of duty

brief

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From the Brief files

30 years ago

ACC David Graham (Administration and Personnel) said it was 'disturbing' that probationary officers were leaving GMP after only a few months' service. Few blamed pay. Most cited 'domestic reasons' or 'unsuited to police work.' Another trend was the number of female officers who found

shift work unsuitable, ACC Graham said.

20 years ago

Officers and support staff involved in the 1985 Manchester Airport holiday plane disaster talked of their experiences in a series of post-trauma stress seminars at Sedgley Park. Eighty-nine

officers and 13 staff attended the sessions.

10 years ago

Chief Constable David Wilmot presented 81 commendations and merit citations following the IRA bomb explosion in Manchester city centre two months earlier.



Photo: Chris Oldham

RADIO TIMES: Tom Bassford and Jenny Riley prepare to go on the air with their new show, which reaches up to 30,000 listeners.

The Tom and Jenny show

ONCE a month, Tom Bassford and Jenny Riley settle into a tiny radio studio, put on headphones and start talking to thousands of listeners.

They give safety tips, conduct interviews, discuss strange but true crime stories from across the world and play records.

And in particular, they give

plenty of air time to any crime prevention messages or appeals from GMP.

Tom is PR Officer with the Force's Manchester Metropolitan Division and Jenny is his opposite number with the city's Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

On the first Thursday of every month, they have their own 60-minute show called Safe and Sounds, which they host and

produce on community radio station 96.9 ALL FM.

ALL originally stood for Ardwick, Longsight and Levenshulme, but the station now reaches all areas of south and central Manchester.

Market research has shown that more than 6,000 listeners say ALL FM is their favourite station and about 24,000 say it is their second choice.

"The listener profile is diverse

and includes African, Asian and Caribbean, employed and unemployed, students, families and a wide variety of local businesses," Tom said.

Tom and Jenny made their broadcasting debut with Safe and Sounds in June.

The station is largely run by volunteers and there is more information about its content and aims on its website, www.allfm.org.

Moss Side march planned as city hosts black police conference

HUNDREDS of uniformed black police officers are due to march through Moss Side this month.

The parade will take place during the annual conference of the National Black Police Association, which opens at the Manchester International Conference Centre on August 7.

The five-day event has been organised by the US and UK arms of the NBPA and GMP's

own Black and Asian Police Association.

There have been similar marches through local black communities in the United States during previous conferences, and the organisers say this is to stress the NBPA's commitment to recognising and working with these communities.

They say the decision to hold this year's conference in Manchester, the first time it has

ever been held outside the US, reflects a more international tone of the NBPA's work and membership.

Though the conference is mainly aimed at black and Asian officers, it also attracts officers from other backgrounds, as well as delegates from fire and probation services and the legal profession.

Keith Jarrett, who chairs the NBPA in the UK, said: "It will give

the world a chance to see the progress we are making in campaigning for fair treatment and representation not only for black and Asian officers, but also for black and Asian communities.

"Officers from all over the world will come together to compare experiences, give mutual support and continue to work towards professional police forces that are committed to creating just and equitable societies."



WURST CASE SCENARIO: A German man aged 50 has been arrested on suspicion of murdering a woman with a sausage. Police said they suspected a bockwurst sausage had been used to choke the woman, whose body was found in an apartment in the eastern town of Zwickau.

BODY OF EVIDENCE: A group of criminology students on a forensic science field trip stumbled across a real corpse while working at a make-believe crime scene in a park in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Police said the 45-year-old homeless man had died of natural causes.

OFF LIMIT: Police in Lithuania checked their testing device after a lorry driver registered 18 times over the legal alcohol limit. They said the 41-year-old 'should have been lying dead, but he was still driving.'

CHEST COMPLAINT: Women police officers in Holland have protested that blouses issued with their new uniforms are see-through. Previously, gold buttons on the breast pockets of the blouses were replaced when the officers said the gold drew attention to their chests.

SLEEPING PARTNER: Police in the Norwegian town of Tonsberg were called when a man found a badger asleep under his bed. In the ensuing struggle, the badger overturned the bed before being tranquilised by a vet.

BAD START: A Japanese robber gave the game away by asking bank staff how he should set about robbing them. A clerk passed his query to a colleague, who asked the 58-year-old man to leave. On the way out of the bank in Kumagaya, he accidentally stabbed himself in the leg and was arrested for weapon possession.

HOUSE GUEST: Police in Switzerland said a man returned home from holiday and found the dead body of an intruder on his settee.

COPPED: A town's police chief in the Saar area of Germany was arrested for robbing a bank near his police station. He was caught using his girlfriend's car as a getaway vehicle.

FOOT PATROL: A car doing SIX miles an hour on the A4 motorway in Woensdrecht, Holland, was pulled over by a police officer – on foot. The driver was under the influence of drugs.

HUNGER STRIKE: After getting away with £2,000 in a bank robbery in Pennsylvania, a man was caught by police because he stopped to buy pancakes.

BY GUM: A shoplifter bit police officers who went to question him for not paying his fines in Braunschweig, Germany. But the 70-year-old had forgotten to put his teeth in. "He left nothing but a wet patch," an officer said.

The lengths some people will go to dodge a speeding fine

The driver who moved a 40mph sign to avoid a £60 speeding penalty

TO escape a speeding fine, John Hopwood stole a 40mph sign and refitted it on a 30mph road where he had been flashed by a speed camera.

Then he photographed the scene and posted it to GMP's fixed penalty office.

Hopwood, 44, enclosed a letter saying he was 'angry, upset and shocked' at being branded a law-breaker.

But his plot was rumbled by a GMP officer and last month he was jailed for 56 days for perverting the course of justice.

Judge Anthony Ensor ruled, however, that he could serve his sentence at weekends because he cares for his sick fiancée.

Hopwood had, in fact, been flashed twice in 24 hours in his Mazda 626.

The first time, he was doing 48mph on a 40mph stretch of Princess Road, Manchester.

Next morning, he was snapped at 41mph in a 30mph zone in Rochdale.

Due to a clerical error, however, the tickets he received by post stated wrongly that both spots had 30mph limits.

Hoping to escape on a technicality, Hopwood photographed the 40mph Princess Road sign.

DETACHED

Then, realising he could take things a stage further, he

detached the sign from its post, drove it 12 miles to Rochdale, mounted it on a lamppost in 30mph Albert Royd Street and photographed it again.

He sent both photos to the penalty office saying how 'upset' he was.

But the suspicions of Sgt Mark Beales and Camera Enforcement Team colleague Mark Hindley were raised when they saw the two photos and noticed that the sign in both snaps shared distinctive markings.

Sgt Beales was the officer who, as reported in Brief last year, exposed a couple after they had concocted an elaborate story that a Bulgarian employee was driving their Mercedes when it was twice caught on camera.

The wife even flew 1,400 miles to Bulgaria to send her husband a postcard from the fictitious former worker.

Perverting the course of justice cost the couple £11,000 in fines and costs, as well as giving them criminal records, when they could have walked away with two £60 fines.

ARTIST

In Hopwood's case, a medical artist who specialises in the reconstruction of corpses' faces was called in when Hopwood maintained his innocence.

The artist, Dr Richard Neave, was able to prove that the sign in the photos was one and the same. At least 12



SNAP! John Hopwood sent these photos to the Central Ticket Office.

He took the sign from Princess Road, Manchester (above) and attached it to a lamppost at Rochdale (right).

points matched.

At Manchester Crown Court last month, Hopwood, of Hazel Grove, Stockport, admitted perverting the course of justice.

He was said to have been suffering from stress at the time of the offence because of his

job working with children in care.

"I don't know how he thought he could get away with it," said Sgt Beales, who was working on Operation Cheetah at GMP's Central Ticket Office at the time and now works on Policy and Performance at Traffic

Network HQ in Eccles.

The court was told that the wrong 40mph sign was in place for several days at Rochdale before it was spotted and removed. Prosecution of drivers caught by cameras during that period have not been pursued, authorities said.

Man behind speeding tickets racket jailed for 3 years

IN exchange for cash, Jeffrey Scott helped more than 50 drivers avoid penalty points on their licences by claiming he was at the wheel when they were clocked speeding or ignoring red lights.

Bizarrely, Scott himself was banned from driving while working the racket.

An investigation was launched after staff at GMP's Central Ticket Office noticed that a large number of returned tickets had been filled in with the same name.

Stott, 41, of Oldham, admitted 50 counts of perverting the course of justice and was jailed for three years at Manchester Crown Court last month.

His conviction brought the number of successful prosecutions under GMP's Operation Hendon to 41.

Thirty-nine other men and a woman – 27 of them taxi drivers – had already admitted trying to pervert the course of justice.

Sgt Andy Sandiford, based at Chadderton, said: "All those arrested and convicted as a result of Operation Hendon thought they could evade

prosecution by giving false details when filling in notices of intended prosecution.

"The Casualty Reduction Partnership was set up to improve road safety and ultimately save lives in Greater Manchester. The actions of these individuals threatened to undermine the work of the partnership."

Sgt Sandiford said it was hoped the convictions would deter others tempted to try to avoid a licence endorsement by nominating another person as driving their vehicle.

IN COLD BLOOD

Praise for Major Incident Team as murder trio get long sentences

by Derek Hornby & Patricia Jones

DETECTIVES from GMP's Major Incident Team have been praised by a judge for an 'exceptional and persistent' investigation that ended in the conviction of three killers. The team solved the drug-related case after the victim's body had lain buried in an isolated landfill for nine months.

The site at a former dairy farm at Shaw, Oldham, had been used as a dump since the 1960s – and Det Supt Andy Tattersall, who led the investigation, said: "It was like trying to find a needle in 40 years worth of haystacks."

Two years after the murder, the three men, including a father and son, were given minimum sentences of 32 years, 30 years and 25 years following a 10-week trial at Manchester Crown Court.

The affair defied one of the basic rules of murder investigation. As more time elapses in a case, the chances of solving it grow slimmer.

The victim, Andrew Green, 34, of Blackley, North Manchester, was shot in the head on May 14, 2004, over a missing bin-bag full of drugs.

Intelligence indicated he was heavily involved in the supply of drugs throughout North West England and had links abroad. His body was buried in the early hours in the landfill at Whitfield Farm. He was reported missing four days later and intelligence was received that he had been killed and buried at an unknown location.

QUESTIONED

Two of the men who were eventually convicted, Mark Morris and Brian

Matthews, said when they were interviewed that they had left Green alive on the night of May 14.

The case went cold until Det Supt Tattersall took it over in July 2004 and identified two leads that he said had been overlooked.

1 - An incident reported on May 14 concerned a man being dragged from a car, shot and driven away at 10.50pm in the Bardsley area of Oldham. In the fresh investigation, blood samples taken from a grassed area and a cigarette matched the victim's DNA.

2 - There was a report on May 16 of the recovery of a revolver with three live rounds and three spent at a remote fishing lodge at Shaw. The gun had not been linked to the shooting incident.

As part of the re-opened investigation, Operation Pepin, the phone records of the three defendants – Morris, Matthews and Matthews' son Warren – were accessed and their movements traced. Evidence suggested they had lied in their statements to detectives.

In January 2005, all three men were charged with murder, even though at this stage the victim's body had still not been found.

The next month, after further analysis of phone records and the original intelligence, a search began at Whitfield Farm with dogs trained in finding human remains.

After an initial search in snow and freezing conditions by PC Jack Roylance and PC James Makin and their dogs,

a piece of bone was found on the third day by Sgt Shaun Heron and his spaniel Zippy.

Crime Scene Investigator Andrea Scott, who is also a forensic archaeologist, spent the next four days on her hands and knees meticulously sifting layers of waste material and identifying and packaging pieces of skeleton. Also recovered near the spot was a bullet, which ballistics experts linked to the gun found at the fishing lodge nine months earlier.

At Manchester Crown Court, the judge, Mr Justice Clarke, said the death of Andrew Green had been 'a carefully planned killing, a deliberate execution.'

He commended Det Supt Tattersall and his team and said that it was 'only through exceptional and persistent policing work that the body was eventually found.'

SENTENCED

Warren Matthews, 25, of Limeside, Oldham, who shot Green twice in the head with a revolver, was told he would serve 32 years of a life sentence before he could apply for parole. His many previous convictions included a four-year sentence in 2000 for manslaughter.

His father, Brian Matthews, 59, of Limeside, who planned the killing, was given a 30-year minimum.

Mark Morris, 42, of Failsworth, who drove Green to a spot where he was ambushed by the father and son, was told he would serve at least 25 years.

Morris's wife, Ann Marie, 30, admitted perverting the course of justice and was given a two-year community rehabilitation order. During the trial, she confessed she helped to bury the body.



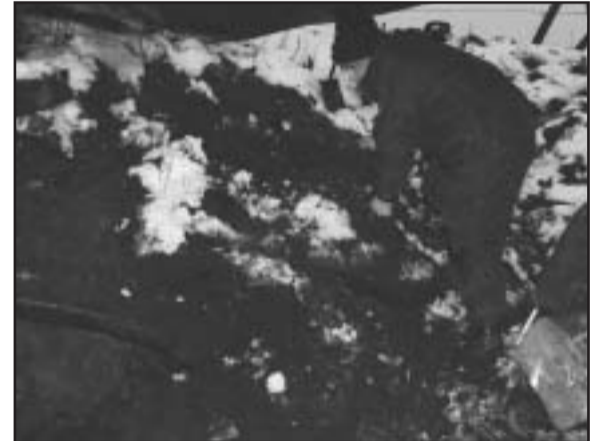
WARREN MATTHEWS
- to serve 32 years.



BRIAN MATTHEWS
- to serve 30 years.



MARK MORRIS
- to serve 25 years.



COLD CASE: Crime Scene Investigator Andrea Scott worked in icy conditions for four days.



SGT SHAUN HERON AND ZIPPY:
They found the first piece of human bone.



MURDER VICTIM:
Andrew Green was shot in the head and buried in a landfill.



DET SUPT ANDY TATTERSALL:
"Assume nothing and believe no one."

Veteran investigator Det Supt Andy Tattersall said: "I am extremely proud of everyone involved in the investigation.

"Each prison sentence was not only a great result for the Major Incident Team, but has without doubt saved someone's life because we have taken serious criminals off the streets.

"The success of the investigation was down to the excellent work of many people and it was a team effort all the way.

"For me, the success of this case, and indeed any other case, is down to the ABC rule.

"Assume nothing. Believe no one. Check everything.

"It is also about looking at what evidence you've got and going into the finest detail every time."

TEAM WORK

Det Supt Andy Tattersall paid tribute for the success of the Whitfield Farm murder investigation to:

Major Incident Team officers Det Sgt Mick Darwin, Det Con Tony Ford, Det Con Dean Cody, Det Con Andy Hall, Det Con Steve Garden, Det Con Darren Ratcliffe, Det Con Deborah

Wood and Det Con John Kay; Sgt Shaun Heron, formerly of the Dog Section and now File Management, Collyhurst;

Crime Scene Investigator Andrea Scott, Ian Gibson, of the Force Imaging Unit, and pathologist Dr Charlie Wilson.

Matchmakers

Officers, staff in 'buddy' link with private sector

A NEW partnership that matches members of GMP with figures from the Greater Manchester business community is under way.

Eleven officers and police staff are involved in the mentoring scheme, Taking the Lead, with Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

The link-up, which fits with the aims of the Force's Leadership Programme, follows remarks last year by Chief Constable Michael Todd when he told a Manchester business dinner that he would like to see the commercial community engage more with police as business mentors.

In the six-month programme, participants meet the person they have been matched with for up to 90 minutes at a time to share ideas, problems, challenges and experiences.

The organisers say the benefits include gaining an alternative perspective and a 'critical friend.'

They say that since modern police management is so multi-faceted, managers can enhance their leadership style by working with experts in the business community.

Angie Robinson, the chamber's Chief Executive, said: "Often, business mentoring schemes are available only to those in senior positions, but the beauty of this one is that it's open to all levels."

"The public sector has much to share about flexible working, leave allowance and working conditions while the private sector has wide experience of finding new ways to cut bureaucracy and work more efficiently."

Before the launch of the scheme, it was piloted by two divisional commanders - Ch Supt Alan Cooper (South Manchester) and Ch Supt Terry Sweeney (Rochdale) - and Corporate Development Director Colin Baldwin.

Officers from sergeant to superintendent, together with a range of police staff, are now involved.

PARTICIPANTS

Those taking part from GMP are: Supt Warren Maguire, Temp Insp Imran Abbasi, Sgt Luke Breakspear and Accounting

SPECIAL AWARD FOR CRIMEFIGHTER IRENE

SHE has been assaulted, received death threats and had her home vandalised.

But nothing has deterred 4ft 6in Irene Thorpe in her campaign to reduce crime in the area where she has lived all her life.

Irene, 76, who has chaired Gorton Householders' Association for more than 20 years, received an MBE this year for services to the community.

Now she has another accolade - a special award from GMP's Manchester Metropolitan Division.

"It's a sign of our appreciation for working with us and recognition of her bravery and perseverance," Insp Mark Kenny said.

Assaults on Irene, a former sales manager, include being struck across her back with a



RECOGNITION: Irene Thorpe after being presented with her award by Insp Mark Kenny.

length of wood and being hit with a brick.

"I will carry on, despite the

threats against me, to stand up to the troublemakers," she said.

Technician Helen Yeomans (all South Manchester Division);

Kirsty D'Souza, Assistant Director, Corporate Development, and Service Heads Claire Gardner (Corporate Policy) and John Parry (Corporate Review);

Supt Paul Brookes, Ch Insp John Martin and Insp

Dale Sexton (all Rochdale Division), and Head of Public relations Lynn Marsh.

* In a separate mentoring arrangement, Supt Andy Lang and six chief inspectors are 'paired' with senior members of the Royal Bank of Scotland in Manchester.

REMINDER

Open Days at the GMP Museum on Newton Street in the city centre on August 12 and 19.

See centre pages.



SHOWING HOW TO MAKE IT TOUGHER FOR BURGLARS

TRAINING courses showing how to make homes safer from theft and damage are being held for people living in Salford East.

The free home security courses, funded by the Home Office, last for a total of seven-and-a-half hours over three days.

They are designed for resident and tenant groups, Neighbourhood Watch members, youth organisations and Police Community Support Officers.

Insp Robert Findlow (pictured with participants at one of the sessions) said: "People can help themselves and their community

by getting involved in the programme.

"It's easy to make it harder for burglars."

Crime Reduction Adviser Deborah Keelan, who is helping to run the courses at Broughton Sports Centre, said:

"They are a great way of giving people the skills to help the fight against crime."

* Burglaries of houses and flats in Salford East fell by 35 per cent in the year from April 2005 to April 2006 compared with the previous 12 months. The total recorded was 351 against 537 in 2004-05.

Prize dogs

TWO of GMP's top dogs won prizes when they competed against dogs from seven other forces in June.

From among 12 that competed in the adult dog category, Judd and his handler PC Andy Rowland won second place, while Koi and his handler PC Stuart Orm came third.

It was the sixth annual competition to be organised by GMP's Dog Training Unit at Hough End.

Each competing dog, 24 in all, was tested on obedience, agility and criminal work.

Tasks included chasing and detaining a suspect, a standoff where a suspect runs but the dog does not bite, stopping the dog after has been sent after a suspect, dealing with an attack on a handler and stick and gun attacks.

The training unit's Sgt Gary Mitchell said: "All the officers and dogs worked hard to reach such high standards, which ensures that police dogs are providing an excellent service to their local communities."

Dogs from Nottinghamshire Police won both the young dog and adult dog categories.



ON TRIAL: Detaining a suspect in the dog championships at Hough End.

Photo: Chris Oldham.

Dogged pursuit

POLICE dog Saxon followed footprints in the snow and solved a case of widespread tyre slashing.

Eighty cars had tyres cut and punctured in the Radcliffe area during the night of December 29-30 last year.

Within minutes of receiving a report of a man behaving suspiciously in the early hours, officers from Whitefield Police Station went to Coronation Road, Radcliffe, and found numerous parked cars with damaged tyres.

They also found a set of fresh footprints in the snow leading from one of the damaged cars.

PC Nick Wyatt and his dog Saxon followed the prints, which led from one damaged car to another.

They tracked them for more than two miles until the prints turned into a driveway in Harperfold Road and ended at the door of a Vauxhall Corsa. Inside the car, Robert Banks, 31, was fast asleep in the driver's seat.

He woke up to find Saxon and PC Wyatt confronting him and was arrested on suspicion of causing the damage.

Banks, of no fixed address, pleaded guilty to 80 counts of criminal damage when he appeared at Bolton Crown Court.

He was sentenced to 10 months and 18 days imprisonment, but walked free from court because he had spent nearly six months in custody on remand since the incidents.

Good response to knife amnesty

MORE than 1,900 knives and other weapons were handed in at police stations in Greater Manchester during the five-week national knife amnesty.

The total included 1,179 domestic knives and 423 non-domestic knives, which encompasses articles such as sporting knives, fencing foils, carpentry chisels and carpet-laying knives.

Machetes, bayonets, throwing stars, a double-edged ornamental axe, samurai swords and an inscribed 1876 rapier sword were among the 306 weapons handed in.

ACC Ian Seabridge said GMP was pleased with the response.

"What was encouraging was the type and variety of knives and weapons given up," he said.

"And we are sure there were many more people across the region who destroyed knives and weapons during the amnesty."

On the road to success with Kry's

By Tariq Munir

A SWINTON officer who founded a car club to help keep youths out of trouble is the GMP nominee for this year's National Community Police Officer Awards.

It was PC Kry's Urbaniak's idea to start the banger and stock car racing club after a rise in vehicle crime on his beat.

Two years on, the group has 41 members – and car theft in the area is down 25 per cent.

Kry's, a GMP officer for 11 years, the last six at Swinton, started the club with the help of local enthusiast David Wood and banger racing brothers Carl and John Scholes.

The police garage at the old Swinton Police Station, recently demolished, gave the group a boost by donating redundant car maintenance equipment.

Private garages with police and council contacts gave

various wrecks for the members to fix up – and there were cash grants from GMP and Eccles community group CVS.

When they're not tuning their stock cars and bangers, the members, aged 12 to early 20s, compete against other clubs at Belle Vue race meetings.

They are encouraged to take an active part in the club, where membership privileges are linked to responsible behaviour and staying out of trouble with the police.

"We tried various things to cut car crime in the area, such as football teams, but they didn't really work," Kry's said.

"Then we realised it was the rush of fast driving the lads liked, and thought we'd set up a car club."

First prize at the awards in London in November is a £5,000 overseas study trip to investigate an aspect of community policing.



PC Kry's Urbaniak and one of Swinton Car Club's vehicles.

The £5,000 Suggestion Scheme winner

HE has saved GMP more than £2m over the next six years – and his reward is the largest sum ever given for an idea submitted to the Force Suggestion Scheme.

Sgt Matthew Moore received a tax-free cheque for £5,000 after the awards panel were told of the potential savings behind his suggestion.

While managing the custody CCTV system at Stretford, he realised cash could be saved by changing the way



images were stored.

They were recorded on a computer hard drive and kept for six years – but the hard drives were expensive to replace and maintenance costs were rising.

Matthew said: “My suggestion prompted Criminal Judicial Services to do some work on the retention policies.

“As a result, the footage on hard drives need now only be kept

for three months, with anything of importance recorded and saved on writable compact discs.

“It is these which will now be kept for six years, leaving the hard drives to be reused.”

The new three-month retention time will still allow any complaints to be dealt with, and the CCTV evidence in these cases will be kept for as long as necessary.

Matthew’s suggestion will save GMP £320,000 over the current financial year and some £2 million by 2012.

THE Suggestion Scheme Awards Panel, which meets four times a year, decides if an idea should be rewarded and by how much.

It evaluates every suggestion – more than 1,000 a year are submitted – which are accompanied by recommendations from the Scheme Manager, Pat Garside.

Britain is unique in the EU in that HM Revenue and Customs takes no tax from any employees who receive cash awards from their employers in recognition of successful ideas that have benefited the organisation.

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There are rules to be followed, however, such as a general award limit of £5,000.

The idea itself must be outside the employee’s ‘normal job role or expectations’ and must be submitted through a recognised suggestion scheme.



The GMP awards panel and Suggestion Scheme staff are pictured above at their June meeting.

Standing from left, Supt Neil Booth (Superintendents’ Association), Police Authority chairman Derek Osbaldestin, who chairs the panel, Suggestion Scheme Manager Pat Garside and Suggestion Scheme Officer Shauna Carbery. Sitting from left, Deputy Chief Constable Dave Whatton, representing Force Command, Sgt Tony Grimshaw (Police Federation), Stephanie Bell (Unison) and Susan Harrison (HR Branch).



EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE AWARDS:
Ch Supt Alan Cooper with 20 of South Manchester’s 30 recipients.

IN return for never calling in sick over a six-month period, the names of 247 officers and staff on South Manchester Division were put into a £3,000 prize draw.

Sums of up to £500 went to 13 winners with a 100 per cent record.

Ch Supt Alan Cooper put up the cash from divisional funds after the incentive idea was suggested by HR Officer Keith Thomas.

To qualify, officers and staff throughout the division had to have achieved full attendance between the end of September last year and the end of March this year.

There were two prizes of £500, two of £250, six of £200 and three of £100.

The scheme had helped to bring about ‘a significant improvement,’ Mr Thomas said.

It was the latest initiative in the Forcwide campaign, Attendance Matters, to reduce sickness absence.

Mr Thomas was HR Manager at Salford in 2004 when that division won two prizes totalling £5,000 in a Home Office-funded drive against absence levels.

Out of all GMP divisions, Salford won £2,000 for the best

attendance figures for police officers over a specified month and £2,500 for the ‘most improved’ attendance among police staff.

Before the prize draw at West Didsbury HQ, Ch Supt Cooper also presented excellent attendance certificates to 30 South Manchester officers and staff who had achieved 100 per cent attendance over the past five or 10 years.

Some exemptions were allowed when it came to awarding the certificates. Officers who had been injured in the course of duty, for example, still qualified.

WINNERS:

- £500 Insp James Riley and PC Steve Hitchen.
- £250 PC Nigel Whitehurst and Mark Flanagan (Crime Reduction).
- £200 Insp Imran Abbasi, PC Simon Antrobus, PC Stephen Campion, PC James Smithers, Gillian Price (OPU) and Michael Wilson (Judicial Support Unit).
- £100 Insp Sven Jackson, Insp Debbie Robson and PC George Harding.

No tolerance for disruptive air passengers

AIRPORT police are targeting disruptive passengers this summer in an effort to protect airline employees and the public from abusive behaviour on flights and in terminals.

The UK Disruptive Passenger Initiative launched at Manchester International Airport by Chief Constable Michael Todd will see passengers who are drunk or abusive ejected from airports and fined up to £40,000.

Police commanders at airports across the country have joined forces with the CPS, British airlines and airport authorities.

They are taking a no-tolerance approach to passengers who

cause disruption or threaten the safety of staff and other passengers through drunken, anti-social or violent behaviour on board or on the ground.

Mr Todd, who speaks for the Association of Chief Police Officers on transport security, was joined by leaders of the British Airline Pilots Association at the launch.

He said: “The joint initiative with the air travel industry shows a united front to disruptive passengers.

“It leaves them in no doubt that should their behaviour fall short of what we consider acceptable, it will be they who end up paying the price – which could be £40,000.”



QUICK ON THE DRAW

Twelve pupils at Our Lady's RC School, Blackley, have helped to design crime prevention posters and leaflets in a campaign with the heading 'Are you a target?' Thousands have been distributed to schools on North Manchester Division and displayed at bus stations.

Pictured with two of the pupils is PC Lindsay Collins, one of the officers who worked with the school.

PCSO JOHN, THE EX-BAKER WHO USED HIS LOAF

JOHN Gallagher didn't always go straight home when he finished his shift as a Police Community Support Officer at North Reddish, Stockport.

Instead, he began working on his other interest – raising

money to open a youth club on his beat.

His efforts paid off with a total sum of £8,500. And when the club got going after six months, he was asked to perform the opening ceremony.

John was a special constable at Bolton for eight

years before becoming a PCSO two years ago.

Previously, he was a baker with Warburtons – “so when it came to raising money, I used my loaf,” he said.

North Reddish Young Spirited Youth Club caters for 10 to 15 year olds and is open every Thursday

night in a local community centre.

When his GMP work allows, John is there to help run the club.

He said he got the idea after encountering various forms of bad behaviour while out on patrol.

“Then I noticed that the centre was never used on Thursdays and I made enquiries as to whether it would be available for use as a club,” he said.

John was helped in his quest by local residents and local businesses such as McVities and Morrisons.

He secured £1,000 from Reddish Crime Prevention Panel as well as substantial local development funding.

Stockport Council, he said, had backed his scheme by providing free training courses for volunteers to help run the club on a rota basis – and Insp Norman Lawrence, of Reddish Area Policing Team, gave his full support to the plan.

Most of the money raised by John has bought equipment, including laptops, for the club.

Praise for improved crime recording

GMP has been praised for its high standard of training to ensure good quality crime recording.

The National Crime Recording Survey said the Force had shown ‘consistent improvement’ in the quality of crime reports taken from members of the public.

Specifically, GMP was highlighted as leading the way in the training of officers to record crime effectively and efficiently.

Auditors reviewed crime data over the past three years on disturbances, domestic violence, racial incidents, violent crime, criminal damage, burglary and vehicle crime. The ratings covered data quality and management arrangements.

Deputy Chief Constable Dave Whatton said: “Recording crime properly is vital so that the public has confidence in their police service, so that we can protect victims and so that we can investigate crimes properly to catch and convict criminals.

“The report from the Audit Commission and the detailed local breakdown we have had for Greater Manchester shows that we do take this really seriously.

“The recognition that there are still issues for GMP around resources stopping us doing what we would like to achieve will be important in future discussions on our budget. We do have plans in place to address these in the medium and longer term.

“Recognition of GMP as national best practice is a pat on the back for those individuals who have made a real difference.”



PCSO John Gallagher and supporters at North Reddish, including councillors, local youths & representatives of McVities and the Community Development Team.



Last year, GMP spent £652,000 on print toner cartridges – the equivalent of 36 student police officers, 65 vehicles or 193,471 short-sleeved uniform shirts. **Do you really need to print that document?**

As the GMP Museum prepares for two more Saturday open days on August 12 and 19, **DUNCAN BROADY**, the curator, looks at crime investigation from times past and describes some of the bygone items on display in the museum's Crime Room

Photographs by BILL MORRIS

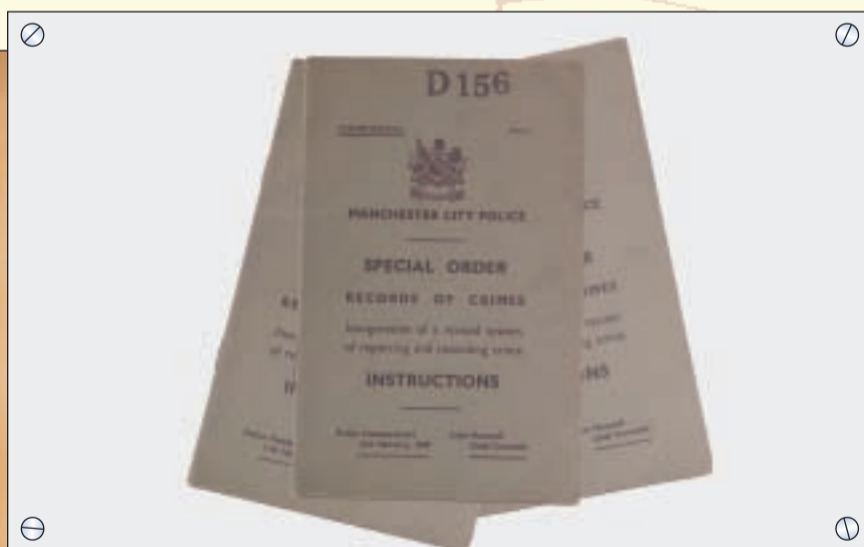


Trilby hat

The trademark hat of a detective in the 1950s and 60s. The plain-clothes allowance that purchased such items was always a treasured perk of working in the CID.

In times gone by, becoming a detective was seen as a promotion in itself, which together with the extra allowance, meant that many officers never left the CID for the remainder of their service.

Officers were always on the lookout for new suppliers of clothing and hats, so much so that it was jokingly said that the first question always put to a nattily dressed suspect brought into the CID was "Where do you buy your suits?" Back in the 1930s, if the newspaper photographs are to be believed, a hierarchy of hats existed, and on promotion to detective inspector and above, the trilby was exchanged for a bowler or 'pot' hat.



Recording of Crimes Booklet

This booklet was issued by the Manchester Chief Constable, Sir John Maxwell, in February 1939 to inform every member of the force about a new system of recording crime.

Controversy over whether or not crime statistics gathered by the Police were accurate had dogged all forces since the 19th century. Some forces were happy to hide the true levels of crime in their areas by under-reporting offences, and in 1874, Manchester had made headline news when it appeared to be in the middle of a crime wave – but only because the City Police reported crime more thoroughly than others.

The new system recorded in this booklet centred around three forms of record: the Crime Complaint Book, the Crime Report and the Crime Register.

In addition, every member of the force was issued with a Memorandum Card, designed to be kept in the notebook which carefully listed everything that the officer had to consider when reporting a crime or making out a personal description.



A 1970s Identikit

Police officers adopted photography as a means of identifying criminals almost as soon as the first photograph was revealed to the public. In Belgium in 1843, police began to photograph criminals and file them for later use. In Manchester, photographs of wanted criminals were circulated from the early 1860s. On conviction, all criminals were photographed.

One copy of the picture went on to a court record card, another went into a Thieves Album kept by detectives.

These albums were divided into criminal types – at the museum we have a photo album of Bicycle Thieves – and were often shown to witnesses to see if they could recognise the villain. Otherwise a police artist was used to produce a drawing from a description given by a witness. Identikit took this a stage further, and comprised photographic elements that could be assembled into a face, put in a frame and then photographed and issued as part of an appeal for information.

The various Identikit components reflected the fashions of the time, and this 1970s set includes Zapata-style moustaches, generous sideburns and hairstyles.



Revolver

This is a Colt 'Lightning' double action .38 calibre revolver made in 1879 and carried by the then head of the Manchester CID, Supt Jerome Caminada. While the rank and file officers never routinely carried firearms at that time, senior detectives often armed themselves when they were hunting for desperate criminals, or 'incorrigible rogues' as they were officially known. In one well-known incident in the 1880s, Caminada, who kept the gun casually in his office desk drawer, slipped it into his coat pocket when in pursuit of Bob Horridge, a career criminal who had just robbed a shop in Manchester and had shot and wounded two unarmed constables as he made his escape. Caminada, with other detectives, tracked Horridge to Liverpool.

Caminada confronted Horridge and when the latter made a move to draw his own gun, Caminada thrust the barrel of this revolver into Horridge's mouth and cocked the weapon. "If there's any nonsense with you, you'll get the contents of this" he said. Horridge co-operated at first, but then attempted to escape. Caminada, rather than shoot him, simply hit him across the head with the gun, adding: "Perhaps you'll come quietly now."



A 1950s typewriter

The term typewriter originally referred to the person doing the typing, rather than the machine itself. The police were quick to utilise the typewriter and the earliest typed documents in the museum archive date from 1895. By carefully assembling a sandwich comprising paper, carbon paper and tissue copy paper (or 'flimsy') several copies of documents could be produced which was much quicker than writing and copying reports by hand.

However, the Manchester police were notoriously tight-fisted and restricted typewriters to main stations and headquarters, so as late as the 1960s, officers in smaller stations still had to hand write their reports in copying ink and then print them on to tissue paper using a Victorian copy press and a damp cloth to create a file copy!

The typewriter remained a feature of all police stations until the introduction of electric typewriters and finally desktop computers between the late 1970s and the late 1980s.



Scene of crime packaging

It was not really until the 1920s that a proper scientific approach was taken by the police to the preservation and examination of forensic evidence. In the 19th century some very strange investigation techniques were tried out.

Following a murder in Harpurhey in 1880, a surgeon named Mr Mudd was asked by police to remove the victim's eyes and check whether an image of the murderer appeared on the retina! It was the creation of forensic science laboratories in the late 1920s that prompted the need to carefully retain and examine any items that might reveal hairs, fibres, bloodstains or traces of chemicals.

Here we have a court exhibit from the 1950s. The bloodstained cloth has been mounted on a piece of card and hardboard, then covered with cellophane and labelled. Such an exhibit could now reveal much more to investigators.

For example, in a high profile case involving GMP in November 2000, a man was jailed for life for a murder that had taken place six years before, but had remained unsolved. Advances in DNA profiling had enabled scientists to re-examine forensic evidence and recover the clues that led to the killer's conviction.



Cosh

This cosh, technically known as a Life Preserver, is made of flexible whalebone with a lead weight at each end and a rattan binding.

This was another item carried by the famous detective Jerome Caminada in his coat pocket or up his sleeve as he conducted his inquiries in the seamier districts of Manchester.

Caminada was not alone in carrying such items – in the 1800s there was no prohibition on the carrying of coshes, sword sticks or even daggers, and gentlemen would purchase these weapons from the same shop that sold them their walking sticks and umbrellas.

It was also commonplace to find householders keeping a small pistol or revolver in their bedside cabinet as a protection against the armed burglars who terrorised better-off residential districts in the 1880s.



A PIPING SEND-OFF FOR BOB

Photo: Bill Morris

THE massed bagpipes of the Manchester branch of the Scots Guards Association accompanied former Insp Bob Lyle to his grave.

Bob, of Whitefield, was the branch's pipe major, and following his death at the age of 70 in May, 24 pipers plus drummers played at his funeral.

He retired from GMP in 1991 after 31 years' service, 25 of which were spent either as a dog handler or dog trainer.

Almost 300 people, including many former GMP colleagues, both serving and retired, attended the service at Blackley Cemetery, North Manchester.

A single piper, Det Sgt Jim Gray, who has succeeded Bob as pipe major, played a final tribute at the graveside.

"It was a magnificent send-off," said Bob's son Garry, a sergeant with GMP's No 1 Road Policing Unit based at Leigh.

The thin green line

WE NEED YOU

says Environmental Manager JANET ACKARY



Drawing by Sharon Sutton

WOULD you like to help make GMP greener? Do you have any ideas for environmental improvements or ways to raise staff awareness? Would you like to deliver the environmental message to your colleagues and help save GMP money while making a real difference to our environmental performance?

Do you want to know more about environmental issues and find out how you can become greener both at work and home? Would you like to save money on your energy bills at home?

If the answer is yes, then please send me an e-mail to express your interest in finding out more about how you could help.

For the moment, I am assessing the level of interest, so no matter how much or how

little you think you can help, get in touch. It won't commit you to anything, but it will ensure you are kept informed and will be given the chance to help and have your say.

Over the last couple of years, GMP has taken some real steps forward in becoming a more environmentally friendly force.

As recent Thin Green Line articles in Brief have outlined, initiatives such as the Computer

Power Off Policy (Chief Constable's Order 2005/32), installation of waterless urinals and various recycling schemes are beginning to deliver significant environmental and financial benefits.

Though policies are vital in driving change, the greatest improvements can be achieved only through the actions of every member of staff.

A policy stating that all computers should be turned off when not in use does not itself deliver the saving. It's the action of the individual leaving the terminal that will determine the ultimate success or failure of the policy.

Many environmental goals, therefore, have to be addressed locally, through awareness-raising, by identifying the specific requirements of an office, building or its inhabitants, and through the direct actions of all staff.

With this in mind, I am looking to recruit Environmental Champions from as many divisions and branches as possible to help identify issues and get the message across at local level.

These representatives will hopefully form an

Environmental Team that can address Forcwide sustainability issues.

The green ethos is rapidly spreading through the Force as more departments work closely with me to develop a range of sustainability policies and procedures.

Facilities Branch has an Environmental Design Specification to ensure that all new build and refurbishment work will deliver more sustainable buildings.

Procurement Section has a Sustainable Procurement Statement that highlights the importance of the environmental impact of all products and services.

Business Services has implemented an Environmental Management System to reduce the impact of Openshaw's activities on the environment, demonstrated by the introduction of biodiesel to the Force fleet eight months ago.

I hope that we can share ideas, spread the word and help to make GMP even greener by establishing Environmental Champions

WATER WARDENS GET POLICE PROTECTION



WATER BOBBIES: PC Janice Parrott and PC Martin Horsfield with United Utilities enforcement officer Matt Curtis.

IN a summer campaign to curb job behaviour around lakes and reservoirs in the Rochdale area, Littleborough officers are forming special patrols with United Utilities wardens.

Last year, there were cases of wardens being attacked or threatened when they challenged groups in isolated spots.

In one incident, a member of a sailing club was thrown into a lake after remonstrating with troublemakers.

The weekend patrols involve two officers, two wardens and two United Utilities Landrovers.

"By using their 4x4 vehicles, we are able to get to areas that would otherwise be difficult to reach," said Pennine Partnership Insp Lin Houldershaw.

The presence of the patrols is helping to combat off-road biking, drug and alcohol abuse, vandalism and general youth nuisance.

Another priority is the enforcement of no-swimming regulations and giving out safety information.

Hollingworth Lake is one of the main areas for the patrols, and other spots receiving attention

are Ogden and Greenbooth Reservoirs, Watergrove and Piethorn.

Insp Houldershaw said: "The aim of the initiative is to provide a positive response to criminal activities taking place on United Utilities land and support their enforcement officers who have been subject to violence and the threat of violence."



INSP LIN HOULDERSHAW: "We are reaching parts others can't reach."

It is the first time in GMP that officers have gone out on patrol with United Utilities staff specifically to counter anti-social behaviour.

Screen test as GMP starts video meetings

VIDEO conferencing has arrived at GMP.

The equipment is intended to play a major role in improving the efficiency of meetings across the Force.

By being able to see and hear one another by video, it will reduce costs and the length of time officers and staff spend in travelling to meetings.

IT Director Jen Mulcahy said: "GMP has become one of only a handful of UK police forces to use video conferencing.

"Where it has been used by other organisations, there have been substantial savings, both in the financial costs of staff travelling to a meeting and in the time spent away from their workplace."

The infrastructure and video units have been project managed by Ali Eastham, of IT Services Branch, using 12 units at a number of GMP locations in a four-week trial.

As part of the pilot, feedback from users is being evaluated so that any modifications can be



IN THE PICTURE: A test run for GMP's video conferencing equipment with Crime ACC Dave Jones.

made before the roll-out of the remaining 13 units, probably later this month.

The equipment is easy to use and secure, Jen said..

She said each division is to have a unit so that video meetings can be held with colleagues from other areas of

GMP as well as with public bodies and other organisations that already have the facilities.

Chief Constable Michael Todd, who took part in the pilot last month, said he believed video conferencing would bring 'real benefits' to the Force.

Medal for Glenn's soldiering in Iraq

A GMP inspector who was among the first soldiers to enter Iraq has been presented with a commemorative medal by the Duke of Westminster.

Wigan-based Glenn Jones received the medal at a ceremony for members of his former Territorial Army unit - 107 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers - which was in Iraq between 2003 and 2005.

Glenn served as a corporal in command of eight combat engineers in Operation Telic, the liberation of Iraq.

He and his troops were among the first to enter the country, carrying out crucial engineering work in dangerous conditions. One task was to build an operational airbase.

On his return to the UK, Glenn was promoted to sergeant in his squadron. He has now left the TA

to concentrate on his police career, but acknowledges his TA training has paid dividends, both in Iraq and in his police work.

"In terms of leadership skills and professionalism, the two worlds complement each other," said Glenn, 36.

"I wouldn't be where I am today in the police service without the skills I learnt in the TA.

"In Iraq, both my TA and police training gave me a wide range of experience to draw on. There were some situations that were extremely challenging, but in the end, we were able to do the job we were there for and it was a positive experience."

Major Martin Carter, Officer Commanding 107 Field Squadron, said: "Glenn was one of the best corporals - and later sergeants - we have had in the squadron."

STREAMLINING COMMUNICATIONS DATA

A HUNDRED senior officers were welcomed to a Forcewide conference by Det Ch Supt Steve Heywood, Head of CID, to explain recent changes to communications data legislation, writes Patricia Jones.

Communications data is generated by everyone, both law-abiding citizens in their daily lives and criminals who use communications technologies to plan and organise their activities and seek to evade detection.



CONFERENCE OPENER:
Det Ch Supt Steve Heywood

Det Ch Supt Heywood told the delegates: "The rapid development of communications technology is transforming the way we live in a manner that would have been hard to imagine only a couple of decades ago.

"With such growth in the availability and use of modern communications technology, it is crucial that we keep pace of these developments through our own knowledge and techniques in major investigations."

Home Office representatives Simon Watkin and Charles Miller outlined latest additions to the legislation and stressed the importance of making quality decisions based on a thorough authorisation process.

Det Supt Tony Cook, who heads GMP's RIPA unit (Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act), said:

"The conference was designed to bring supervisory officers up to speed

with current policy thinking, improve their legislative knowledge and present new techniques, such as those involving mobile phones, that could be used in directing the course of a major investigation."

RIPA SOFTWARE PRAISED

A new software package designed by IT to help officers with the RIPA authorisation process has received thumbs up from the Office of Surveillance Commissioners and other forces around the country.

As legislation has developed, it has become increasingly important to ensure that the quality of the authorisation process that enables GMP to invade someone's personal life is done effectively and efficiently.

Det Con Aileen Smith, of the RIPA unit, said: "The authorisation process is complicated enough, but using our experience, we have been able to work closely with IT to develop a software package that is unique to GMP."

Det Con Shelli Leigh said: "We have been able to identify a number of enhancements as a result of the training programme and IT have helped tremendously in updating the software."

Det Supt Tony Cook said: "Respecting privacy is a tightly controlled process.

"The new online system has gone a long way to making it easier for users. But it must be recognised that in a court of law we could get called to account for our actions. My team understands the importance of getting it right at every stage."

The new software has been recognised by Sir Andrew Leggatt, Chief Surveillance Commissioner, as 'a model of its kind.'

Other forces have taken an interest in the system, and officers from West Yorkshire, Merseyside and the West Midlands have visited the unit to find out more.

*** For further information, the RIPA unit can be contacted on extensions 62755/56.**

NEW SENIOR OFFICERS JOIN FROM LANCS AND LONDON



Ch Supt Steven Hartley
Tameside



Ch Supt David Anthony Bury

TWO new divisional commanders took up posts with GMP this year.

For Ch Supt Steven Hartley, becoming head of Tameside Division at Ashton-under-Lyne was a return to familiar ground – he used to be a junior management trainee at the local branch of Marks and Spencer.

Ch Supt Hartley, 43, switched from retailing to policing in 1984 when he joined Lancashire Constabulary.

As a detective sergeant in the Lancashire Drug Squad, he worked on investigations in Florida and Spain and attended the FBI Academy to research American undercover tactics and law.

He became a detective chief inspector at Blackburn in 2001 and operations superintendent the next year at Burnley, where he led police responses to the rise of the BNP and demonstrations by the Anti-Nazi League.

Before joining GMP, Ch Supt Hartley, who has a law degree and a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA), was detective superintendent covering covert operations.

Ch Supt David Anthony, 46, has moved from the Metropolitan Police to become head of Bury Division.

His 25 years as a detective includes work with murder squads and the Flying Squad.

He was a senior investigating officer in the North East London murder squad and most recently, as detective superintendent, he commanded the Metropolitan Police's Serious Crime Review Group, which included reviewing unsolved murders and attempted murders where firearms had been used.

Ch Supt Anthony was promoted to superintendent and head of crime in the Newham area in 2003.

GMP's other divisional commanders are: Justine Curran, North Manchester; Dave Thompson, Metropolitan; Alan Cooper, South Manchester; Kevin Mulligan, Salford; Neil Wain, Stockport; Dave Lea, Bolton; Lee Bruckshaw, Wigan; Janette McCormick, Trafford; Terry Sweeney, Rochdale; Caroline Ball, Oldham.

SPECIALS SALUTED

SPECIAL Sgt David Crowley (Stockport) and Special Constable Mohammed Bhatti (Manchester Metropolitan) were presented with commendation certificates at the Home Office in June.

They were among volunteer officers from around the country who were invited to a ceremony for their achievements to be officially recognised.

Their work made them 'an invaluable part of the police family,' Home Office Minister Vernon Coaker said.

David, who works in paper manufacturing, was GMP's Special of the Year in 2005.

He regularly volunteers for 16 hours a week helping to police Bredbury, Romiley, Woodley, Marple and Hazel Grove.

He was singled out for his 'inspiration'

in helping to boost the number of specials in Stockport East and for the way he liaises with neighbourhood police officers in tackling anti-social behaviour.

Mohammed, a communications salesman, was still in his probationary period when his language skills helped in the arrest and conviction of an armed gang that kidnapped a woman employee from

the NatWest Bank in Rusholme.

The awards ceremony was told his efforts went beyond what would normally be expected of a special constable, let alone one still in his probationary period.

The officer, based at Greenheys, was also commended for the way he has established links with the local community.

Tony & Kate sign on



THANKS: Sgt Kate Crompton and husband PC Tony Crompton, fundraiser Helen Clayton and two pupils at the Royal School for the Deaf and Communication Disorders.

HUSBAND - and - wife officers Tony and Kate Crompton have learnt sign language to help them communicate with deaf people.

PC Tony and Sgt Kate have completed the British sign language level 1 course, funded by GMP, and can now conduct a basic conversation.

Tony, Trafford Division's Crime Reduction Adviser, said: "I regularly attend meetings and provide inputs to a cross-section of the public and I feel that being able to hold a basic conversation in sign language will be a real benefit in my job."

He said he had been inspired to learn sign language after meeting a member of police staff who is deaf.

Kate, who works in GMP's Diversity Command, said: "I have been impressed with the communications skills of the deaf people that I have had contact with, but at the same time, I felt disappointed that I was not able to communicate with them in sign language."

"I found the course really challenging, but I'm glad I have made the step and have found it highly rewarding."

In a further effort to build links

with the deaf community, Tony and Kate ran in this year's Wilmslow Half-Marathon to raise funds for the Royal School for the Deaf and Communication Disorders in Cheadle.

They raised £160, which has gone towards specialist equipment as part of the refurbishment of the school's post-16 college.

Helen Clayton, fundraising officer at the school, which is a registered charity, said: "Without the support of people like Tony and Kate, we would not be able to buy the specialist equipment we so desperately need."

Mercy mission to orphanage where children have no toilets

AN orphanage in Russia is to be renovated by Det Ch Insp John Betts and 29 volunteer friends this month.

The group from Stockton Heath Methodist Church, Warrington, has raised £30,000 to instal bathrooms and new kitchens in the building in the city of Tula (population 480,000), 100 miles south of Moscow.

John and his friends are paying their own transport costs and will stay in the orphanage for two weeks.

It is, however, no ordinary orphanage. It is a place where unwanted babies and children are simply dumped on the doorstep, sometimes two or three a week.

They sleep in barrack-like dormitories and don't even have proper toilet facilities, just holes in the ground.

"The children have no real identities," said John, who is based at Bootle Street.

"They get no education, no insurance numbers and consequently no jobs. It is as if

they don't exist."

Some of the children have been taken in by the orphanage because their families can't afford to keep them. Others are just left on the doorstep as unwanted.

John said: "We intend to gut the place and renovate as much as possible in the two weeks we will be there. Anything we do will be an improvement on conditions as they are now."

The group, which sets off on August 20, has cleared the way for its mission with authorities in Tula.

The trip has been arranged under the auspices of a charity, Multi International Aid, which was founded in Warrington several years ago by the mother of friends of John and his wife after pictures of children in Romanian orphanages appeared on TV.

The founder, who is in her 70s, has been to the orphanage in Tula, and it was after her daughter had given a talk on her upsetting experiences to members of John's church that the plan to provide on-the-spot help in Russia took shape.



CHEQUE IN: Det Ch insp Harry Harrison (left), with Ch Supt Alan Cooper, divisional HR officer Keith Thomas and Francis House fundraiser Kate Puc.

CHILD HOSPICE GETS PAUL'S £300 JACKPOT

A COMPETITION on South Manchester Division involving the National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS) resulted in a surprise £300 cheque for Francis House, the children's hospice at Didsbury.

Devised by Crime Manager Det Ch Insp Harry Harrison, the competition was aimed at raising awareness of and compliance with the NCRS.

Each week, a different question was posed on the divisional website and entrants responded by e-mail.

There was a weekly prize of £35 and then the winner was

invited to divisional headquarters to pick one of 10 keys that would open a jackpot.

The pot started at £100 and increased by £25 each week, with the number of keys reducing by one per week.

Four keys remained and the prize stood at £250 when it was won by Staff Officer Insp Paul Mansfield.

Paul added to the sum the £35 he won for answering that week's NCRS question correctly and asked for the whole amount to be donated to Francis House, which is on the division.

Then Ch Supt Alan Cooper chipped in an extra £15 to round the amount up to £300.



MUSEUM MATTERS



by Curator Duncan Brody

WE have been collecting at the museum for more than 20 years, but even now, surprising and rare items are offered to us.

Retired Det Sgt Eric Roberts has donated a large brass plaque that commemorates the opening of the former Townfield Police and Fire Station at Oldham in 1903.

He was offered the item many years ago when the station was being demolished and had kept it safely until now.

It is in good condition and records not only the names of all the Watch Committee members, but also the building's architect and the name of the Oldham Chief Constable at that time, D.H.Turner.

ANOTHER retired officer, Sam Alcock, obtained through a mutual friend the uniform and papers of the late Reg Pratt (born in 1906), who had served as a special constable in Hyde Borough Police during World War Two.

These are the first uniforms we have ever received from the former Hyde force, which lasted only 48 years

from 1899 to 1947.

There were only three Chief Constables for Hyde Borough, and insignia and documents from this force are very rare.

The collection includes instructions for dealing with a special type of German incendiary bomb.

This sinister device was designed to ignite on impact and start a fire as normal, but a few seconds later an explosive charge detonated, which was designed to kill fire fighters trying to extinguish the incendiary.

A FASCINATING insight into the life of past police officers came from the relatives of PC Walter Ellicott, who served in Manchester from 1920 to 1941.

A member of the mounted branch, he had kept the small notebook that he used to complete his initial training in 1920.

In a confident hand, he copied out notes, powers, definitions and sample reports, all of which give an insight into policing between the wars - a world still filled with horse and steam-driven vehicles and where officers regularly encountered pedlars and hawkers.



In Collyhurst's e-learning room: Ch Supt Justine Curran with PC Colin Baker and Tom Bridge, a learning evaluator in the Learning Design Unit at Sedgley Park

Learning while you work

ON the national Learning at Work Day, more than 50 people in GMP did just that by making their way to Room 207 at Collyhurst Police Station.

The occasion was the official opening of North Manchester Division's e-learning room, where three computers are available for booking 24 hours a day.

The drop-in sessions were arranged by the divisional HR Officer, Jane Fenton, and supported by specialists from

Learning and Development Branch.

They spent the day advising on how to improve IT skills and access internal and external IT courses.

Of particular interest was the ECDL course (European Computer Driving Licence), which enables users to demonstrate competence in computer skills.

There was also software available for the NCALT system (National Centre for Applied Learning Technologies).

And to mark the launch of the new room that anyone on North Manchester Division can use, Jane arranged a free prize draw from the names of everyone who turned up.

The winners: M. Conwell, £40 Printworks vouchers; T. Rudd, £30 meal vouchers for Wagamama; A. Fitton, meal for two at Waxy O'Connors and cinema upgrade; A. Hussain, bottle of champagne at Tiger Tiger; R. Judd, seven-day gym pass at Holmes Place.

OBITUARIES

SERVING officer PC **Edward Appleby**, 45, who was based at Longsight, died on June 5, leaving a widow, Debbie, and an 11-year-old daughter, Sophie. He had served with GMP for 27 years.

Former PC **George Arnold**, 76, of Prestatyn, died on June 17, leaving a widow, Jean. He joined Stockport Borough Police in 1951 and retired from GMP in 1977.

Former Ch Insp **Christopher Berry**, 63, of Leyland, died on July 4, leaving a widow, Joyce. He joined Rochdale Borough Police in 1962 and retired from GMP in 1992.

Former Ch Supt **George Bradley**, 85, of Bolton, died on May 21. He joined Bolton Borough Police in 1947 and retired from GMP in 1977.

Former Sgt **Derek Burgess**, 62, who was licensee of the Nevison Inn at Leigh, died suddenly on June 6, leaving a widow, Sheila. He joined Manchester City Police in 1964 and retired from GMP in 1984.

Former Sgt **David Cowburn**, 64, of Wigan, died on May 11, leaving a widow, Sheila. He joined Wigan Borough police in 1962 and retired from GMP in 1992.

Former Supt **Henry Drury**, 81, of Radcliffe, died on May 29, leaving a widow. He joined Lancs Constabulary in 1949 and retired from GMP in 1982.

Former PC **Robert Gallagher**, 58, of Wakefield, died on June 26, leaving a widow, Elaine. He joined Manchester and Salford Police in 1968 and retired from GMP in 1995.

Former Insp **Stephen Gibbons**, 62, of Knott End, Lancs, died on July 9, leaving a widow, Elsie. He joined Salford City Police in 1965 and retired from GMP in 1988.

Former Ch Insp **Harold Godfrey**, 78, of Royton, died on June 8, leaving a widow, Violet. He joined Manchester City Police in 1949 and retired from GMP in 1981.

Former DC **Francis Hayden**, 71, of Middleton, died on June 13, leaving a widow. He joined Manchester City Police in 1962 and retired from GMP in 1989.

Former PC **Frank Holden**, 76, of Davyhulme, died on May 26, leaving a daughter as next of kin. He joined Lancs Constabulary in 1950 & retired from GMP in 1974.

Former PC **Patrick McAllister**, 63, of Northern Ireland, died on June 9, leaving a widow, Sally.

He joined the RUC in 1967 and retired from GMP in 1996.

Former PC **Ian Molyneux**, 68, of Bolton, died on June 22, leaving a daughter as next of kin. He joined the RUC in 1957 and retired from GMP in 1984.

Former PC **Robert Palmer**, 96, of Dumfries, who joined Manchester City Police in the 1930s, died on May 26, leaving a daughter as next of kin.

Former Insp **John Scott**, 74, of Worsley, died on June 12, leaving a widow, Dorothy. He joined Lancs Constabulary in 1952 and retired from GMP in 1982.

Former Sgt **Ronald Shawcross**, 82, of Cheadle, died on May 29, leaving a daughter as next of kin. He joined Stockport Borough Police in 1952 and retired from GMP in 1981.

Former PC **Michael Slate**, 58, of Davyhulme, died on June 28. He joined Lancs Constabulary in 1970 and retired from GMP in 1992.

Former PC **Thomas Sloan**, 73, of Ruislip, Middlesex, died on May 29, leaving a widow, Margaret. He joined Lancs Constabulary in 1957 and retired from GMP in 1988.

Former PC **Ernest Storr**, 72, of Swinton, died on June 25, leaving a widow, Dorothy. He joined Salford City Police in 1959 and retired from GMP in 1985.

An obituary notice for **Abbyleisha Hayes** in the May edition of Brief incorrectly referred to her as a retired PC. She was a sergeant when she retired from Manchester and Salford Police in 1973.



HOW THEY TEST FOR DRUGS:

Divisional Drugs Co-ordinator Sgt Julie Bailey (left), Michelle Swift, of Oldham Drugs Intervention Programme, and Supt Stuart Harmon at the opening the DIP office.

MORE GET DRUG HELP WITH TEST-ON-ARREST

By Amy Rudd

A NEW office in Oldham opened by the local Drugs Intervention Programme is helping police to curb drug-related crime.

Twenty drug workers attached to the office work with criminals who are repeatedly committing offences to buy drugs.

Oldham DIP was established last year and the new premises in Chaucer Street, which opened in May, include a drop-in advice centre.

When the office opened, more than 300 people already had tested positive in Oldham for heroin and cocaine since GMP took on new powers at the start of the year to test people arrested for offences linked to drug use.

All but one of the 300 complied with mandatory drug assessments and entered treatment. The other entered prison.

In the 12 months to the end of May, meanwhile, Oldham's test-on-arrest procedure saw the number of people entering treatment rise by 50 per cent - from 739 to more than 1,120.

NO HIDING

Kay French, head of Oldham Drugs and Alcohol Action Team, said: "The changes to police powers in Greater Manchester and the changes we have made to services in the borough mean there are few hiding

places for offenders with drug problems."

The success of the DIP scheme was marked at the opening ceremony with two divisional commander awards from Ch Supt Caroline Ball.

They were presented to DIP manager Barbara Samson and her police counterpart, Sgt Julie Bailey.

Ch Insp Eric Fegan said: "The awards reflect the hard work and passion Julie and Barbara have put into making this initiative so successful.

"As with many aspects of our efforts to improve community safety and tackle crime, the key has been partnership working."

Arrests, cars seized in Wigan roads operation

ALMOST 900 cars were seized across Wigan in a five-week operation against drivers who had no insurance, licence or excise tax.

Assisted by traffic wardens and PCSOs, officers impounded 883 cars, collected £65,368 in fines and issued 344 fixed penalty notices.

A further 300 cars were prohibited for use for reasons such as mechanical defects and over-tinted windows and 222 summonses were issued for offences such as defective tyres.

Eleven stolen cars were recovered and 68 people arrested for offences that included driving while banned, drink driving and theft.

Sgt Iain Lamb, of Wigan and Bolton Road Policing Unit, said: "Our ability to apprehend rogue drivers has been limited, but the introduction of new powers now allows us to seize vehicles that are not driven with a valid driving licence or are not insured.

"People who drive without insurance are reckless and irresponsible, and looking at the number of vehicles seized and fines issued, we hope this sends a clear message to those who think they can get away with it."

During the operation, officers used the Automated Number Plate Recognition System to detect people driving illegally.

Vehicles that are not registered on the database as

having valid tax or an insurance certificate trigger an alert to officers, who then stop the vehicle.

If drivers are then unable to provide proof of insurance, a valid licence or are not displaying a valid tax disc, the vehicle is taken.

To reclaim them, owners have to provide the relevant documents, plus a fee of £105 and a £12 storage charge per day.

These fees are in addition to a £200 fixed penalty notice or a court fine. If an owner fails to reclaim the vehicle within 14 days, it will probably be scrapped or sold.

Advances in technology such as ANPR mean officers can conduct more focused stop checks without inconveniencing law-abiding drivers.



ON WATCH: An awareness course for Home Watch co-ordinators on Wigan Division was so popular that it is to be repeated later in the year.

For five weeks, some 25 co-ordinators met at Leigh Police Station every Tuesday night for presentations on topics such as crime prevention and victim support, as well as a tour of Leigh Operational Communications Room.

On the final evening of the course, which was organised by Paula Halliwell and Henry Wood,

the divisional Watch Scheme Administrators, certificates were presented to the co-ordinators - except for one or two who couldn't be there - by Supt Shaun Currie (pictured with the group).

They and their members, he said, were 'a valuable asset' to the police in the fight against crime and in helping to reduce fear of crime.

Paula said: "We were overwhelmed by the response from co-ordinators keen to join the course.

"By meeting other co-ordinators, they were able to share good practice ideas."

RL squad's double success on tour

Star showing by GMP's Dan

WITH 15 conversions in two matches, GMP player Dan Atherton was one of the leading stars of a tour of Serbia by the British Police Rugby League squad.

The Rochdale officer kicked six conversions in the first game against Belgrade, which Britain won 64-0 in a stamina-sapping temperature of 33 degrees.

Then, three days later, he added nine more in a 31-degree encounter with the Serbian national team, which Britain won 58-8.

Two other GMP players, Mark Elvidge (Rochdale) and Adam Fogarty (Wigan), were in the

squad, together with assistant coach Damieon Pickles (Oldham).

Damieon retired as a regular player with GMP this year, but that didn't stop him pulling on the No 20 shirt and playing for the last five minutes of the game with Belgrade – "for a bit of nostalgia," he said.

ACC Ian Seabridge, who chairs the British Police Rugby League, accompanied the squad, as did vice-chairman Ch Supt Clive Tattum (Lancs).

Richard Lewis, executive chairman of the Professional Rugby Football League, was at one of the matches – and Prime



GMP's Dan Atherton (left) kicked 15 conversions worth 30 points against Serbian players in a British Police Rugby League squad tour. Pictured with him are GMP colleagues Damieon Pickles, the squad's assistant coach (centre) and Mark Elvidge.

Minister Tony Blair wrote a foreword for the official tour programme.

Det Con Rod Steele (Lancs), a qualified RL referee, officiated at both matches.

The trip was designed as a 'development tour' to assist the rapidly growing interest in Rugby League in Serbia and was made at the request of the Serbian RL.

It made headlines in the local and national Serbian press.

The tour included a reception at the residence of the British ambassador, David Gowan, in Belgrade.

Curtain up again for the Stage Squad

FOLLOWING the success of the Stage Squad's debut cabaret show On the Beat last year, the team is preparing to strut across the Hough End stage once again, writes Nishaa McKinney.

The latest show, simply called Diva, is on Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30, featuring burlesque dancing girls, live singing throughout, comedy sketches and much more.

Choreographer Paul Judge says: "The squad continuously leaves me in awe. I am amazed by the quality and commitment of every individual and how they give their spare time every Tuesday night to work hard without pay.

"We have acquired some new members who are enjoying being part of a group that have consistently thrown themselves in at the deep end.

"They are pushing themselves to the limit by taking on fitness

regimes as well as practising and perfecting their roles at every opportunity."

Producer Sean Kennedy said: "The group has had nothing but fun since we started in February 2005.

"We haunted audiences with the Terror Trail at last year's Evening With Dracula and left them laughing out loud at our first pantomime, Cinderella in February this year.

"Cast and audiences alike have enjoyed all aspects of each show, but it was the cabaret evening in June 2005 that really set the standard.

"This type of show is harder to design, cast, produce and stage, but it allows the production team complete creative freedom."

The Hough End show starts at 8pm, with doors opening at 7.30, and seats on a first come, first served basis.

It will run until around 11pm, to be followed by a disco.

The show is strictly for adults



Rehearsing for next month's show

and therefore tickets are for over-18s only

We have already received many enquiries for tickets, so

book early to avoid disappointment

* Tickets are available by ringing Sean Kennedy (pin

61821) on 0161 718 5901 or email Nishaa McKinney (pin 60682) at stagesquad@hotmail.co.uk

AT HOUGH END FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 The Greater Manchester Police Swing Band.

An 18 piece swing/jazz band with both male and female singers playing the classics

made even more famous recently by Michael Buble, Robbie Williams, Westlife etc. There will be years of musical skill on stage to perform for our members and their guests.

The Band will start the night at

8.30pm prompt with the first of THREE one hour spots. This is certainly going to be a night for music lovers. Bar food will be available at a small extra charge and there will be a late bar.

No other entertainment is intended, apart from background music, so why not come along and have possibly the most sociable night of the year at Hough End? Good music, good friends, good conversation

and dancing.

Tickets will be limited to 180 so don't wait too long to arrange that night out you've been thinking of. Tickets will be priced at £4 each and will be on sale shortly.



TRIPLE CHAMPIONS: The Bolton Division squad – back row from left, Alan Flaherty, Dan Worthington, Graeme Sharp, Lee Greenacre, Rob Knight, Liam McGladrigan, Tony Lunt and Lee Gridley. Front from left, Andy Millen, Pete Jackson, Danny Pugh, manager Wayne Readfern, Sean Connett, Lee Shaw and Mark Hazelwood. Three players – Dave Turner, Mark Parry and Dave Abram – were unable to be there for the photo.

TREBLE TOP!

Bolton win all the football trophies and now they're playing in a police world cup (in Germany, of course)

BY the time Bolton had finished, there was nothing left for anyone else to win.

They won the GMP League Cup and the Chief Constable's Cup - and, for good measure, they took the League Championship.

What was also remarkable was that in all three matches, they defeated Trafford, who had been triple champions for the past two years.

But it was a near thing. The encounters were so close that, in successive weeks, both cup finals went to penalty shoot-outs.

The battle for the Chief Constable's Cup ended 2-2 at full time and it was 4-4 after extra time.

First to score in 11 minutes was Trafford's **Scott Pierce**, followed in the 70th minute by **Paul Costello** to make it 2-0.

There was less than 10 minutes to go and Trafford must have felt confident of

retaining the trophy when Dave Turner suddenly sent a cross over to **Andy Millen**, who headed the ball in from six yards.

Bolton took full advantage of the lifeline and put so much pressure on the Trafford goal that every time Trafford cleared the ball it came straight back.

Then, with barely seconds left, **Mark Parry** scored the equaliser.

Into extra time, with Trafford down to 10 men, and Turner was again the hero for Bolton, scoring with a header to give a lead of 3-2.

An attack by Trafford then resulted in the Bolton defence being penalised and **Steve Wilson** struck the equaliser.

Rob Knight scored from the edge of the 18-yard box to make it 4-3 to Bolton and, with five minutes remaining, Phil Roberts equalised following a free kick.

The game then went to the best of five penalties...and the cup went to Bolton.

THE LEAGUE CUP match ended 0-0 at

full time before **Paul Bent** scored for Trafford in extra time and then **Dave Turner** equalised from Alan Flaherty's corner kick.

Again, the game went to the best of five penalties and again, Bolton emerged the winners of the shoot-out.

In the third encounter between the two teams to decide the LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP, Bolton were 2-1 winners.

After **Nigel Brown** had scored for Trafford, **Pete Jackson** equalised from a penalty before **Dave Abram** put Bolton ahead.

AT the end of this month, the GMP champions fly to Bolton's twin town, Paderborn in Germany, to play in a five-day tournament against seven other police football teams from around the world, including the United States.

This mini world cup for police footballers is being held as part of a civic twinning celebration.

WINNERS

NO 1 COPPERPOT CREDIT UNION JUNE LOTTERY

- £2,000 David Bush, GMP
 £1,000 George Wakefield, retd
 £500 Ian Randall, GMP
 £250 Kenneth Breidenbach, retd
 Patricia Dunbar, relative
 £100 Mark Hutchinson, Humberside
 Peter Norbury, GMP
 Keith Small, Thames Valley
 Graham Ward, Leics
 Juliet Farley, GMP
 £50 Paul Oldfield, resigned
 Karl Maurins, Leics
 Gary Bottell, GMP
 Karl Staffer, North Wales
 Paul McBride, retd
 Howard Hare, retd
 Michael Burke, GMP
 Peter Clarke, retd
 Louise Perrin, GMP
 Stephen Collier, GMP
 Denise Watson, relative
 Garry Gregory, GMP
 Keith Houghton, retd
 Janet Toplis, Notts
 Jane Crawford, North Wales.

GMP SPORTS & SOCIAL LOTTERY

May 13:

- £2,000 G. Heath, retd
 £100 D. Doherty, retd
 E. Bradley, retd
 M. Stewart, retd
 K. Chesworth, retd

May 20:

- £100 D. Rook, retd
 P. Thomas, retd
 C. Morris, Crime Ops
 P. Gornall, retd
 M. Glover, seconded

May 27:

- £2,000 K. Birchall, Bolton
 L. Yates, retd
 J. Howarth, retd
 M. Lennie, Crime Ops
 D. Spencer, Stockport

June 3:

- £2,000 A. Clarke, retd
 £100 P. Kay, Bradford Park
 G. Mason, Stockport
 I.Hill, Chester House,
 S. Carr, Driver Training

June 10:

- £2,000 J. Speak, Salford
 £100 I. Chapman, Rochdale
 M. Stanhope, Bury
 P. Coughlan, retired
 E. Franklin-Gray, retd

X DEPT SPORTS & SOCIAL JUNE DRAW

- £250 PC Kay, Dog Unit
 £100 PC Monks, Motorway
 £50 PC Thompson, Firearms
 PC Rasheed, Airport
 PC Mullineux, Motorway

GMP Sports & Social Club

Have your retirement function at Hough End Centre – and receive complimentary food (subject to terms and conditions).

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