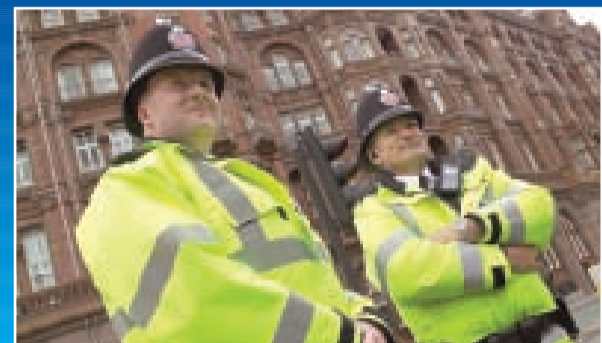




## Policing the Labour Party Conference - Security with a smile

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After a TV showing of their first success.....

# MORE HITS BY THE COLD CASE SQUAD

By Derek Hornby

TWO sex attackers who thought they had got away with their crimes are awaiting sentence after being caught by GMP's Cold Case Review Unit.

Advances in DNA profiling enabled detectives and forensic scientists to solve the cases, one of them dating back 14 years.

At separate hearings within the space of a week last month, the men appeared before Judge Clement Goldstone at Manchester Crown Court.

Both pleaded guilty and are in custody before being sentenced.

The cold case unit, headed by Det Insp Jeff Arnold, was launched by GMP in 2004 as part of Operation Advance to re-examine undetected homicides and serious sex offences.

The first prosecution to be brought to a successful conclusion by the unit was featured in 'Anatomy of a Crime' on BBC2 last month.

Bryan Keen, 51, of Wilmslow, is now serving 12 years for rape, kidnap, false imprisonment and indecent assault.

Scientific breakthroughs helped to bring about his arrest after 11 years.

His DNA was taken after he was involved in a road rage incident and it matched a sample retained since his sex crimes in an Altrincham hotel room in 1994 – when there was no national DNA database.

Unemployed James Marshall, 36, raped and robbed a pregnant woman at knifepoint in Bury in 1992 – after his release from a six-year sentence for rape.

The case was solved after GMP detectives and forensic scientists matched DNA and a fingerprint on a cigarette packet discovered at the scene.

Marshall admitted rape, robbery and indecent assault and is to be sentenced this month.

Lorry driver Graham Darbyshire, 52, of Leyland, indecently assaulted a 22-year-old woman in a field off the East Lancs Road, near Boothstown, in 1993.



Your number's up, dad: PC Andrew Connor and his father, former PC Terry Connor.

# Collared!

AT the start of his policing career, PC Andrew Connor has achieved a family ambition by taking over his father's collar number – 02289.

But it wasn't a straightforward process and required assistance from several GMP departments before it went ahead.

Andrew's father, Terry, who retired six years ago after 31 years' service, is now a supervisor in Claytonbrook Operational Communications Room.

For a time, Andrew worked alongside him as a radio operator while waiting to be accepted as a student officer.

The reallocation of the collar number from father to son was set in motion by Insp Sully Sultan, Force Duty Officer at Claytonbrook, after they told him they

hoped it could go to Andrew.

There were, however, several snags, the first being that though the number was not in use, it was still technically assigned to Terry.

"He hadn't been retired as a police officer long enough for it to be reassigned," said Sully.

Undeterred, Sully contacted various sources in GMP – and in due course, Andrew, 23, who is based at West Didsbury, stepped out as PC 02289.

"I was determined to help make their wish come true," said Sully, who was assisted in his quest by Payroll Manager Arthur Elstone, HR Systems Manager Tony Redhead and ACC Vincent Sweeney.

## Quality service

A MAJOR drive is under way to improve GMP's response to the needs of the people of Greater Manchester.

Processes ranging from dealing with initial enquiries to making it easy for people to contact the Force are being reviewed and enhanced.

Raising the quality of service was a consistent theme at five recent roadshows presented by Chief Constable Michael Todd and Deputy Chief Constable Dave Whatton.

Mr Whatton said: "For each member of GMP, it is about being polite, courteous and professional – things I know most of us are doing already.

"Yet we all know of examples where the Force has not done things right, such as taking too long to respond to a

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## THE VIEW FROM THE TOP

ALMOST 600 officers and police staff attended a series of roadshows this autumn to hear about the future direction of the Force.

They heard about the many challenges we face, such as the need to put more resources into the fight against terrorism, how we are addressing a funding shortfall and plans for continuing our performance to meet the expectations of local communities.

But just as importantly, the roadshows were an opportunity for Deputy Chief Constable Dave Whatton and me to outline the progress to date and applaud the good work being made on a daily basis.

In the past 12 months alone, 98 Chief Constable's Commendations have been presented, 497 Divisional

Commanders' awards made and 66 Branch Commanders' awards given.

It is now four years since I joined GMP and I have seen a real difference in how we are fighting crime and protecting people in Greater Manchester. Those results are down to you. You are doing a fantastic job and the questions asked at the roadshows show you really care about the service you provide.

The National Quality of Service Commitment provides us with a real opportunity to further that work by ensuring that all of us show leadership by focusing on providing a quality service and making sure we get it right first time, every time.

*Michael J. Tadi.*

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He pulled her T-shirt over her head and bound it with tape.

Two years later, in Witton Country Park at Blackburn, he stopped a woman of the same age, asked her the time, then grabbed her by the neck and forced her into undergrowth where he raped and assaulted her for an hour.

Darbyshire, who will be sentenced next month, was caught after a review of the Boothstown attack by cold case officers.

An upgraded DNA sample was loaded into the national database and it matched a partial profile from the rape in Witton Park.

Further inquiries by GMP, with the help of Lancashire officers, resulted in his arrest for both offences.

### Quality service from page 1

crime or failing to carry out a proper investigation.

"Some of us will have personal experience of poor service given to family or friends, or maybe you are a constable who has had to spend the first 10 minutes of a job trying to calm down an irate member of the public.

"This is something we can all do something to address. It means caring about the service we deliver, taking the needs of the public into account, identifying and removing barriers to providing a better service and ensuring that we leave the public with an impression of GMP that they remember for all the right reasons."

#### Survey

A survey of people who had contacted GMP was carried out earlier this year. It found:

- 84.4 per cent were satisfied with the ease of contacting someone who could help them
- 70.8 per cent said they were satisfied with the actions taken by GMP
- 64.8 per cent said they were satisfied with how well they were kept informed of progress

From this month, GMP and all other forces in England and Wales will be judged on how they comply with the standards laid down in the National Quality of Service Commitment.

This commitment, developed by the Home Office and the Association of Chief Police Officers, represents a fundamental shift in how service delivery is measured and comprises eight broad categories:

- Making it easy to contact us
- Providing a professional and high-quality service
- Dealing with your initial enquiry
- Keeping you informed
- Victims of crime
- Your voice counts
- Complaints
- Freedom of Information

In some of these areas, officers and staff will already have come across initiatives such as the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime, National Call Handling Standards and Safer Neighbourhoods, while considerable further work is taking place to ensure the Force's systems and processes fully support the work of those officers and staff who have regular contact with the public.

Mr Whatton said: "The National Quality of Service Commitment

aims to provide a level of service that we would expect to receive ourselves, a service that we can be proud of.

"As we all work towards improving the quality of the service we provide, no doubt some of us will ask 'What's in it for me?'

"Well, experience suggests that those members of the public who feel they have received a good service from GMP are more likely to assist with future enquiries and attend court – bringing more offenders to justice."

\* GMP implementation of the NQSC is being overseen by a steering group led by ACC Vincent Sweeney.

For further information, contact Annabel Straw on extension 62671 or Scott Owens on 69186.

## 'Protection' units merge

THREE domestic abuse and child protection units have merged to form the City of Manchester Public Protection Investigation Unit, based at Grey Mare Lane.

More than 40 officers and staff from the North Manchester, South Manchester and Metropolitan Divisions are now based there.

The creation of a city-wide team is designed to make the units more practical and accessible to GMP staff and partner agencies, said Det Insp Emily Higham.

## brief

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## Lori-Ann's driving ambition gets her a trip in a police car

THOUGH she's only four-and-a-half, Lori-Ann Moran already knows what she wants to be when she grows up – a police motorway driver.

And since this is one area of GMP where there is a shortage of female officers, she's being given every encouragement to fulfil her ambition.

To help her on her way, Lori-Ann and her mum were picked up from their Bury home by PC Mike Monks in a police car and driven to the

Birch Services police post on the M62 for a chat and a snack with traffic officers.

Afterwards, Lori-Ann's mother, Mrs Julie Moran, wrote thanking Ch Insp Ian Lomax, who arranged the outing.

Mrs Moran said: "She had a fabulous time and especially liked the Range Rover.

"She loves police cars and it was brilliant for the police to arrange a trip out for her."

## From the Brief files

### 30 years ago

GMP took possession of Chester House as its new Force HQ, bringing to an end a year of negotiations over the acquisition of land to be used for the siting of the Phase II communications block.

### 20 years ago

After months of legal wrangling, GMP was awarded £350,000 – the proceeds of assets and cash seized from two convicted drug dealers.

### 10 years ago

The demolition began of Longsight Police Station, which was acquired by Manchester City Police in 1948. Its replacement is now headquarters for the Metropolitan Division.

# Laura's Labour of love



Picture by Chris Oldham

THE lip-reading skill of Laura Coull was put to good use during the Labour Party Conference.

Laura, who is deaf, is one of GMP's Forensic Identification Service database officers.

She helped monitor CCTV images being relayed from the

conference area to the control room at Sedgley Park – and won praise all round for her efforts.

Ch Insp John Dunstan, who headed CCTV operations during Operation Protector, said Laura's work had been an important contribution to the policing of the conference.

He said Laura had used her lip-reading expertise to help GMP gain useful information in potential public order situations.

Following a report by Ch Insp Dunstan, Laura has been awarded a Good Work Minute by Dr Peter Hall, head of Scientific Services.

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## Woman called GMP 3,000 times

**A** WOMAN who made 3,000 calls to GMP in six months continued calling even after a court imposed an Asbo.

The five-year order barred hospital cleaner Jill Walton from phoning GMP except in a real emergency and from using a phone to cause annoyance.

But straight after her court appearance, she carried on with her time-wasting calls. She

was arrested for flouting the Asbo and jailed for 56 days.

At the first court hearing, Walton, 49, of Longsight, was said to have made 'rambling and abusive' calls to the Force 60 times or more per night.

Prosecutor Neil Nehra said police had shown a high degree of tolerance towards her.

"She was given warnings, two fixed penalties and a caution

before a criminal prosecution was mounted," he said.

Tim Vickers, defending, said: "She seemed to find it therapeutic to pick up the phone and ring the police."

Walton blamed her behaviour on depression and domestic problems, he said.

After breaking the Asbo, she was held in prison for a month before appearing at Manchester Crown Court for sentence.

The case is one of several identified by the Performance Management Unit of Operational Communications Branch as part of a call volume management project.

The project, headed by Insp Garry Allen, is focusing on tackling repeat callers in partnership with divisions to reduce the number of unnecessary calls received by GMP.



**WINNING DOG:** When PC Chris Buckley retired after 30 years in various roles on Salford Division, colleagues arranged a special farewell gift – a Labrador puppy.

Chris had been a dog handler for many years, but as a result of a serious back injury, he had spent the last few years working with the Prolific and Other Priority Offender Unit alongside PC Mark 'Trig' Tregilgas.

For Chris's farewell at Eccles Liberal Club, Det Sgt Lynn Dickinson, of the Persistent Offender Management Unit, arranged a collection from friends and colleagues past and present.

On the night, Chris was presented with the puppy – with one condition.

"In accepting the gift, he had to agree to the name his family and colleagues had suggested," said Lynn. "That was Trig, or Little Trig as he has become affectionately known."



**OUTBACKWARDS:** A motorist in Australia who was caught by police trying to complete a 300-mile journey in reverse gear was charged with reckless driving.

**BARKING MAD:** A woman's car crashed into another while she was teaching her dog to drive in Inner Mongolia. She told police her dog was 'fond of crouching on the steering wheel.' Dog and people were unhurt.

**LIGHT SWITCH:** Police officers in Mumbai, India, resorted to diverting electricity from a neighbouring building after months of working without it. Their power supply had been cut because of a 10-year unpaid bill.

**FALSE PRETENCES:** Police in Sao Paulo, Brazil, discovered a fake police station in the centre of the city only 100 metres from the real one. It was run by fake officers who were charging high fees for their services.

**BODY OF EVIDENCE:** Police raided a funeral service in Donghai, China and found a strip show going on. Five mourners were arrested. A 'funeral misdeeds' hotline has been set up and funeral arrangements must now be submitted within 12 hours of death.

**SEX TRAP:** Men who left their cars to watch three women staging an impromptu strip show on a beach on the Moscow River returned to find the vehicles had been stolen by a gang. The women, meanwhile, escaped in a waiting van.

**RADIO DRAMA:** A DJ on a Brazilian radio station was robbed on air while broadcasting his show. Two men broke into the studio at 2am and demanded money, not realising their crime was being broadcast. More than 100 listeners called police, who arrested the pair.

**RUN IN:** Police in Florida rescued a jogger who took a wrong turn on his lunchtime run and ended up stuck in a swamp for four days.

**HAIR RAISING:** Irish customs officers searched the beehive hairdo of a 20-year-old American woman at Cork airport and discovered £40,000 worth of cocaine hidden inside.

**DISAPPOINTED:** A gunman who burst into a bank in Grantville, California, found he couldn't see properly through his Ronald Reagan mask. He dropped his gun, got tangled in a cape he was wearing, but went ahead with the robbery. His getaway car was blocked by a delivery vehicle and his haul was ruined by a dye bomb as he opened the money bag.

# Letters of Appreciation

A selection of letters of thanks and appreciation received recently at police stations in Greater Manchester

## THE WORLD'S FINEST

**MANY years ago, I failed my police entrance test due to a height shortage of less than one inch. My life has led me in other professional directions since then, but I have maintained my deepest belief that the police officers of England are the finest in the world.**

**They deserve our respect, support and confidence on this increasingly difficult planet. Although I have a full and rewarding life, I still regret**

**never having been one of the 'boys in blue.' Each and every officer should wear his or her uniform with pride and walk tall.**

*Dr Graham Coates-Gibson,  
Haj ve Slezsku-Smolkov,  
Czech Republic  
(by e-mail).*

(Bolton-born Dr Coates-Gibson, 58, joined the Royal Navy after failing the police entrance exam because of his height. "My academic qualifications were more than adequate," he says. After his discharge, he joined the Prison Service and then Greater Manchester Ambulance Service, becoming a doctor in 1992 and moving to the Czech Republic with his Silesian-born wife).

### OFFICERS HAVE RESTORED PEACE TO OUR STREET

OUR community spirit was shattered with the arrival of two new families. There were many sleepless nights caused by disturbances in the street, fights, neighbour disputes, damage and many visits to the addresses by the police resulting in arrests.

Over a period of 29 months on the advice of some of your officers, my neighbours and I logged all the incidents, which has resulted in both families being evicted.

It has been a long process, but throughout we have had regular contact, support and advice from the officers.

The dedication and hard work of **PC Paul Hesketh**, **PC Stephen Marsden** and **PC Kevin Parker** have made our street once again a nice place to live.

*Mrs M. C.,  
Leigh.*

### WE HAD FAULTLESS SERVICE

OUR son's car was stolen from outside a garage in Rochdale where we had dropped it off for a new exhaust. Next day, my wife and I were driving around on the chance we might spot it when it passed us.

There followed a fairly dramatic pursuit while we were in contact with GMP through the 999 system. The upshot was the arrest of the people involved.

During the pursuit and afterwards at Rochdale Police Station, we received faultless service, and I would particularly like to thank **PC Sam Taylor** and the communications officer, **Bryan Parry** (Tameside OCR), who was so calm and collected.

*John Maloney,  
Rochdale.*

### OPEN DAY WAS THE BEST YET

WE go to hundreds of events over the years, but the open day at Altrincham Police Station was the best we have ever attended. We had three displays and distributed several thousand

leaflets to the Trafford community, which should reap rewards in the years to come.

Thank you to the organisers, who included our police co-ordinator, **PC Tony Crompton**, for their professionalism and skill.

*Harry Brett,  
Chair,  
South Trafford Crime Prevention  
Panel.*

### NO WAITING AT THE AIRPORT

ONE of my officers was involved in an investigation and required assistance to deploy a small surveillance team within Manchester Airport.

He contacted **Det Sgt Ian Greenhalgh**, who immediately facilitated reconnaissance of the departure areas in question and familiarisation of the CCTC systems.

Despite the deployment being in the early hours of a Saturday morning, DS Greenhalgh met our team at that time and made sure they had a safe and covert passage through the various security counters.

He freely imparted his experience and local knowledge, which was of great assistance to the team.

The surveillance was a success and this was due in no small part to DS Greenhalgh. Owing to the sensitive and covert nature of the investigation, his professionalism was of the highest level.

*John Tyrer,  
Branch Commander,  
Serious Organised Crime Agency,  
Lancashire.*

### SORRY FOR WASTING YOUR TIME

I CONTACTED you with a complaint following what at the time I believed to have been an attack on my son where a weapon was involved. **Insp Cheryl Cummins** (Swinton) phoned me that evening and filled me in on the true sequence of events.

My son had refused to stay and be questioned on the night of the assault because he was tired after travelling home for the weekend from his Army

base. The officers offered to let him give his statement next morning at a station nearer home, but he refused and told them he would rather go to Swinton.

They offered to come to our house, but again he said he would rather they didn't. In view of this, I would like to offer my apologies for any inconvenience my complaint may have caused.

I will be having stern words with my son and his girlfriend when he returns from his current tour of duty abroad, and I would like to thank Insp Cummins for her understanding in this matter.

*Mrs K.W.,  
Blackley, Manchester. (by e-mail).*

### MOUNTED RESEARCH WILL BE BENCHMARK

THANKS to **Insp Jed Pidd** (Wigan) for a copy of his research into mounted branches and their place in contemporary policing.

I found it a positive and helpful document that will serve as a benchmark against which mounted units can measure themselves. It will also be very helpful in the ongoing debate about the structures needed to face the policing challenges that await us all in the 21st century.

I have passed my copy to Commander Bob Broadhurst, who has taken over the chair of the ACPO National Mounted Police Sub Group, which will share the work with the executive committee and it can then be circulated for discussion and action.

*Commander Michael Messinger,  
Central Operations,  
Metropolitan Police.*

### HELPING TO EASE A STRESSFUL TIME

MY daughter left our 1968 Morris Minor in Abingdon Street car park in Manchester and on her return found it had been stolen.

She reported the theft at Bootle Street Police Station at 1.30am and I had a phone message two days later saying the car had been recovered at

Middleton. It was largely intact and my daughter's belongings were still inside, though the petrol tank was drained, the cap stolen, a quarter light broken and some bodywork damaged. I got off pretty lightly, I believe, and officers were at all times helpful and reassuring. They made a stressful time more bearable.

*P. Emberton,  
Stafford.*

### TRUE TO HIS WORD

I HAD £40 stolen from my purse at the surgery where I have worked as a nurse for 14 years.

When I told the practice manager, she said I was the fifth person in a few months to have money stolen. I decided to call the police myself because everyone else was turning a blind eye.

**PC Gabriel Gibson** came to see me at home and I thought that would be the last I saw of him.

But true to his word, he followed up the case, and a few weeks later, the girl who took the money rang me so that she could give me the £40 back.

My friends and colleagues are more than impressed that PC Gibson never gave up.

*M.C.,  
Rochdale.*

### PATIENCE AND SKILL

THE father of two pupils carried out a protest on the roof of the school gym, and our school-based police officer, **PC Helen Atherton**, took charge of the tense situation.

With great patience and a high level of negotiation skill, she talked the man down to safety. Other officers supported her, but I would particularly commend PC Atherton for her exemplary performance.

*R. A. Caslake,  
Headteacher,  
Abraham Guest High School,  
Orrell.*

### CARE AND ATTENTION AFTER DOMESTIC ABUSE

I CALLED the police to report the harassment and racial abuse I was receiving from my ex-husband.

Within an hour, **PC Danielle Jackson** and her colleague arrived, and the care and attention they gave me was commendable.

PC Jackson was due to go off duty, but at no time did she make me feel she was in a rush when taking my statement.

As promised, she kept me informed and called to tell me my ex-husband had been bailed to appear in front of magistrates.

I must also mention my appreciation for the support I have received from Community and Race Relations Officer **Dennis Bishop** and the Stockport Division's domestic abuse team.

*U.A.,  
South Reddish.*

### IN BRIEF.....

AFTER I was burgled, **PC John Faulkner** (Pendleton) was everything a police officer should be – polite, sensitive, considerate and friendly.

*Neil Ratcliffe,  
Salford.*

THE bravery and quick-thinking of **PC Jason Pickles** and **PC David Montgomery** saved my son from possibly being beaten to death by a group of men coming out of a pub in Ashton-under-Lyne.

*Mark Wadsworth (e-mail).*

FOLLOWING a fraudulent transaction on ebay by someone living in Droylsden, our report was dealt with by **PC Peter Renshaw**, and due to his intervention, we have been fully reimbursed by the offender, who has been suspended from trading on ebay.

*Jean Hollingworth  
France (e-mail).*

I AM very grateful for the care and understanding shown by **Det Con Garry Gregory** following the death of my 18-year-old daughter while I was away and for his support leading to the funeral.

*M.B.  
Rochdale.*

AT an inquest into the death of a child, there were numerous issues warranting police investigation, and I am writing to commend **Det Insp Steve Crimmins, Det Sgt Andy Greenhalgh** and **Det Con Jack Waite** for their thorough inquiry into a complex, difficult and tragic set of circumstances.

*Jennifer Leeming,  
HM Coroner,  
Bolton.*

I WAS astonished to be told my stolen bike, which I had assumed I would never see again, had been recovered. It was found by **PC Steve Le Cheminant** who confiscated it and checked it for a stamped postcode because the person riding it 'didn't look right.'

*Peter Roberts,  
West Didsbury.*

WHILE acting as an appropriate adult at an interview conducted by **PC Gary Worrall** at Swinton, I was impressed by the officer's calmness and honesty and by his refusal to be fazed when the man began shouting and demanding.

*Mrs Hilary George,  
GMPA Appropriate Adult.*

AFTER the death of my mother when she was hit by a motorcycle in Ashton-in-Makerfield, I am passing on my family's deepest thanks to **PC Mike Wilson** and **Sgt John Brennan** for the way they supported us through the early days, over the following 12 months and at court.

*Linda Worwick,  
Lowton.*

WELL done! Information on Force policy for both victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse is on your **Website Home Page**, with built-in safety mechanisms on each subsequent page visited. As a civilian domestic abuse co-ordinator, I think this is excellent.

*Lynne Cheong,  
Sheffield.*

AS a retired couple, we had horrendous problems with gangs of youths, but we now have quality of life and peace of mind due to **PCSO Gary Etchells**, who has given 100 per cent to our cause.

*Iris and Eric Sharp,  
Stalybridge .*

**Send copies of letters or e-mails of thanks and appreciation to Derek Hornby, Brief Office, Chester House, making sure the recipient's full name, not just number, is included. Letters may be edited for reasons of space.**

## THE COURAGE OF WAR VETERAN GEORGE, 90

GEORGE MARSH can recall with pride his days in the Special Operations Executive during World War Two.

He flew solo missions behind enemy lines and narrowly survived one attack from which a piece of shrapnel is still lodged in his back.

Now at the age of 90, Mr Marsh has a further testimonial to his bravery – a commendation from Ch Supt Alan Cooper, head of South Manchester Division, noting his 'courage, tenacity and public-spiritedness' in tackling an armed burglar.

The man, in his 20s, has admitted pocketing thousands of pounds from Mr Marsh by turning up at his door in Newall Green with a series of hard-luck stories.

The man saw Mr Marsh feeding a stray cat one evening and approached him with some names on a piece of paper, saying he was trying to find them because his sister had been in an accident.

Widowed Mr Marsh, who lives alone, offered to lend him £20 for a taxi. But in the days ahead, the man kept returning, usually late at night and each time elaborating his story of family problems, bereavements, money troubles and even a rape.

### Knife at his throat

On one visit, officers said the man held a knife to Mr Marsh's throat, then searched upstairs where he found £2,000.



Commended for courage: George Marsh with Ch Supt Alan Cooper.

Officers say the man either conned money from Mr Marsh, demanded it or stole it, together with his bank card, credit cards and cheque book, even his vacuum cleaner.

In all, it cost Mr Marsh almost £8,000. He'd had cash in the house, he explained later, because he wanted to redecorate his home before he died.

In due course, Mr Marsh told Social Services what had been happening and police at

Wythenshawe were informed.

Det Sgt Garry Glynn and Det Con Matt Crofts installed a panic alarm and surveillance equipment in the house, and Mr Marsh was asked to press the alarm if the man returned.

### Kept him talking

When the man did so, Mr Marsh kept him talking at the door until police could get there.

The man, however, barged in and was found to be struggling

with Mr Marsh in the living room when uniformed officers arrived.

In interviews with Det Sgt Glynn and Det Con Crofts, the man, from Wythenshawe, admitted everything and said he had spent nearly all the money on drugs.

Currently remanded in custody, he is due in court this month to be sentenced on charges of obtaining money by deception, robbery, theft and burglary with intent.

## Dropped inhaler led to murderer's arrest

### Commendations for team of 15

"SUSTAINED dedication" was how Chief Constable Michael Todd described the work of a GMP team to bring a murderer to justice.

They searched a database of a million medical prescriptions after an inhaler dropped in the street matched partial DNA found on the victim's body.

And eventually they narrowed the investigation down to 60 people before arresting the killer.

Last month, Mr Todd presented commendations to the team members for their 'outstanding' work.

Prostitute Danielle Moorcroft, 21, who was five months

pregnant, was found battered and strangled on wasteland in Bolton.

Her lifestyle, client anonymity, absence of a clear suspect, difficulties establishing her last movements and lack of public sympathy all added to the investigation team's difficulties.

The killer was forensically aware – he had placed another used condom at the scene to escape detection.

By the following year, with 3,214 exhibits recovered, no clear suspect had emerged.

But a breakthrough came when partial DNA recovered from the woman's body was found on an inhaler that had

been dropped in the street.

"The team was then faced with the enormous task of identifying a person who had been prescribed an inhaler from a batch of 86,000, which entailed searching through more than a million prescriptions," Mr Todd said.

The search of the Prescription Pricing Authority database was unsuccessful, however.

A final attempt was then made to obtain court orders for two doctors' surgeries closest to the scene so as to get details of those who received a prescription at the relevant time.

Sixty people were identified, with the killer, Stuart Millstead,

being among them.

After being interviewed, he tried to kill himself, but recovered and was jailed for life, with an 11-year minimum, after pleading guilty to Danielle's murder.

The commendations went to: **Det Ch Supt Patsy Wood, Det Supt Kevin Duffy, Det Insp Peter Jackson, Det Sgt Ian Paterson, Sgt David Warren, Sgt Paul Ogden, Det Con Paul Costello, Det Con Carole Fairhurst, Det Con Michael Pearson, Det Con Jack Wild, PC Gary Dooley, PC Darren Wiggins, former PC James Harrison and HOLMES staff Carole Walker and Kathryn Oakes.**

**DO THE  
RIGHT  
THING!**

**integrity line**

Do the right thing – make a note of this number

**0800 111 4444**

A new telephone number for members of GMP to report integrity issues in confidence has been launched in association with Crimestoppers.

The 'Do The Right Thing' Integrity Line, which puts callers in touch with a call centre independent of the Force, replaces the previous number.



As part of a new initiative with the security industry, officers on uncommitted vehicle patrol are told to.....

# FOLLOW THAT VAN!

By Tariq Munir

OFFICERS in patrol cars who spot security vans unescorted in Greater Manchester have been told to follow them and watch deliveries being made.

The tactic is part of Operation Vanguard, a new joint initiative launched in September by GMP and the security industry.

Vanguard is aimed at increasing protection from robbery for cash-in-transit staff and premises such as banks, post offices, supermarkets, betting shops and garages.

The 'follow that van' order encourages all officers on uncommitted patrol to tail cash-in-transit vehicles and observe deliveries taking place.

It will make it harder for criminals to plan their activities around unescorted cash deliveries.

## Rising violence

Vanguard has been developed in response to an increase in commercial robberies and a

rise in the level of violence threatened and used.

It is also aimed at influencing Government policy to get these crimes reclassified, giving them a higher priority within the police and allowing the courts to hand out harsher sentences.

Last year, there were 836 attacks nationally in which 170 couriers were injured. Six, together with a member of the public, were shot. In the GMP area, there were 116 attacks last year.

There is evidence that the proceeds of commercial robberies are increasingly being used to finance other criminal activities.

These include drug dealing, which itself encourages drug users to commit burglary, theft and other crimes to fund their habits.

## High impact

It means that commercial robbery has a disproportionate impact on overall crime rates.

In a bid to break this link, GMP is targeting the assets of armed robbers and anyone who

benefits from their activities to ensure that proceeds are not used to fund further criminal activity.

GMP is working with the security industry on covert initiatives and is also a partner in SaferCash, a national centre for information and intelligence sharing.

**Above: Deputy Chief Constable Dave Whatton is standing beside the British Security Industry's Chief Executive, Dave Dickinson, at the launch of Operation Vanguard.**

## PATROLLING ON WATER

POLICE are joining British Waterways staff on barge patrols along the restored Rochdale Canal in response to increases in mugging, vandalism, motorbike riding and nuisance behaviour on the towpath.

The canal, which flows 32 miles from Manchester into Yorkshire, reopened four years ago.

At least 11 serious incidents of criminal damage, including a machete attack on lock gearing and gates, have been recorded in the past six months, British Waterways said.

In one incident, nearby properties were flooded when jobs managed to run water out of the canal.

"We have had numerous calls from residents about wheelie bins being set alight, anti-social behaviour, vandalism, illegal motorcycling and more serious offences such as robbery," PCSO Ian Chadwick said.

The combined patrols are being made in the Ancoats, Clayton, Miles Platting and Newton Heath areas of North Manchester Division.

## Traffic trainees net trafficking suspects

WHILE learning how to carry out a routine traffic stop, three trainee officers caught a pair of suspected drug dealers.

The unexpected bust by PCs Chris Chivers, Sobia Yasin and Natalie Qualters was made during a training exercise in Rochdale.

Twenty student officers were practising traffic enforcement on Bury New Road when Yasin flagged down a driver who wasn't wearing a seatbelt.

As Sobia and training officer PC Tariq Butt went to the car, they saw what looked like a bag of cannabis.

Sobia took the driver to one side and he was searched by PC Butt, while her two colleagues, Chris and Natalie, searched the car under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

### Drugs and cash

They uncovered further items involved in the taking and dealing of drugs, as well as a quantity of cash.

PC Butt said: "Previously, officers would disappear into a training college for months, but now we are out and about interacting with the community.

"It has worked out well because it gets the students ready for real life and builds their confidence up."

Chris said: "We had been out four or five times training, but it was the first time we had come across anything like this. It was quite a coup."

Ch Supt Terry Sweeney, head of Rochdale Division, said: "The trainees were putting into practice legislation they had learnt in the classroom.

"It shows the real benefit of training in the community. The officers are learning on the streets and the community is benefiting from their presence."

\* Two 18-year-olds from Bury were arrested on suspicion of possessing Class C drugs with intent to supply.

## IN PROSPECT

APPLICATION forms for Prospects 2007, GMP's programme of enhanced learning and development, are now available on the Force Intranet.

This will be the third year for the scheme that identifies officers and staff who have the energy and motivation to develop the wide range of skills required to be a senior leader in GMP.

Applications should be submitted by Monday, November 27.

For the first time, applicants can attend workshops for advice on completing the application form. Details are on the Intranet.

The selection process will take place during the winter, with the successful candidates announced in March.

# A WICKED CAMPAIGN

By Vanessa Loney

GMP has launched a major new campaign codenamed Wicked to drive down vehicle crime across the region.

Between April and June this year, there was on average more than 3,000 incidents of theft from vehicles per month in Greater Manchester.

This was as a result of more and more people leaving expensive items such as satellite navigation systems and mobile phones in their cars, making easy pickings for thieves.

More than 2,000 sat nav systems were taken in the three-month period. Owners had either left the whole system on display or just the mount.

Vehicles have even been targeted where owners have removed the system and mounts, but the sucker marks could still be seen on the windscreen.

### Posters

As part of the Wicked campaign, officers have



Insp Steve Gilbertson hands out Wicked crime prevention literature in Manchester city centre.

## New drive against vehicle crime

distributed awareness posters, postcards, stickers and keyrings in high crime areas.

The material features a variety of messages and tips on how to avoid falling victim and carry the strapline: *Beware. Thieving devils are hell-bent on car crime.*

ACC Ian Seabridge said: "Vehicle crime fell by 10.7 per cent between April 2005 and March this year, which meant 6,346 fewer victims. But it has started to rise in recent months because of the theft of items such as satellite navigation systems.

"By raising awareness through this new campaign, we aim to address this problem by encouraging people to take simple steps such as removing all their valuables when leaving their vehicles."

## Magnificent seven

Nominations can now be made for the Chief Constable's new awards

FURTHER details of seven new awards by Chief Constable Michael Todd for GMP officers and staff have been announced.

The criteria for the Excellence Awards has been finalised and deadline for nominations is Friday, December 1.

The accolades are to be presented annually and the first ceremony, a sponsored black-tie dinner, will be on March 2 at the City of Manchester Stadium.

**The Award for Outstanding Leadership** will go to the individual who has consistently demonstrated in an exemplary manner the principles of the Leadership Charter.

**The Award for Individual Achievement** will be given to the individual who has made an outstanding contribution to performance and customer service delivery consistent with Force objectives.

**The Award for Partnership Working** is for the individual or team who have made an outstanding contribution to

Greater Manchester through partnership working with other non-GMP individuals, organisations or community groups.

**The Award for Outstanding Team Performance** will go to the team whose performance against local or Force targets has been truly outstanding.

**The Award for Outstanding Communication** is for the individual who has demonstrated excellent use of communication in delivering a project or initiative within GMP or local communities.

**The Award for Employee of the Year** goes to the individual who has inspired others through their exceptional commitment, going the 'extra mile' to ensure they deliver the best possible service to internal customers and the general public.

**The Award for Communications Officer of the Year** is sponsored by Greater Manchester Police Authority for the individual who,

## 10,000 vehicles seized

One in every three uninsured or unlicensed cars seized by police in England and Wales in the nine months to the end of September was impounded by GMP officers.

In seizing 10,000 vehicles during that period, GMP far and away led the nation against rogue drivers, the Motor Insurers' Bureau said.

"GMP's efforts are a shining example of what can be achieved by the police,"

spokesman Ashton West said.

About 3,000 of the vehicles were crushed at a Wythenshawe scrap unit. The rest were returned to owners once they had paid fines and recovery fees and produced documents within 14 days proving the cars were roadworthy.

Sgt Paul Philbin, who co-ordinates seizure notices, said: "The number of drivers on the roads illegally is staggering."

during their work as a communications officer or call handler, has provided an excellent level of service to people contacting GMP by telephone and/or to frontline staff as a radio operator.

For each of the awards, three nominations will be chosen and the winners will be announced on the night, with certificates going to those coming second and third.

All 21 nominees will be invited to take a guest to the ceremony, as will their nominators.

\* There is a nomination form on the Force Intranet, where you can also find full criteria for

each award. Nomination forms have also been distributed across the Force.

\* For further information, Awards Administrator Cath Stott can be contacted on extension 62417 in Human Resources Branch at Chester House.

\* Four awards which until now have been presented at the Chief Constable's divisional ceremonies are to be included in 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.

# Police pensions – decision time



POLICE officers are facing a pension choice – to switch to a new scheme or stay where they are. The New Police Pension Scheme (NPPS) was introduced earlier this year.

New recruits have access only to the NPPS, while existing members can remain in the old scheme or transfer to the new one.

From this month, those officers who joined the force before April 6 this year can opt to transfer within a three-month period that offers special rates and terms.

After January 31, 2007, switching won't be at the same favourable rates.

Every officer who is a member of the

old scheme is receiving an information pack to help them decide. It consists of a personalised benefit statement comparing benefits under each scheme, guidance notes and option forms.



## 12,500 packs sent out

GMP's Pension Unit has sent out 12,500 packs, of which 8,000 have gone to GMP officers.

Pensions Manager John Gething and

his team have also had responsibility for sending packs to members of the North Yorkshire and Lincolnshire forces and the Serious and Organised Crime

Agency, accounting for 4,500 packs. "There is no pressure to change," John said. "But officers should use the three-month window to find out which of the two schemes suits them better and take advantage of the special terms if they decide to change.

"The new scheme won't be for everyone, but it is vital to make an informed decision and give serious consideration to both options."



## Federation meeting

John stresses that the Pensions Unit cannot give financial advice, but is willing to give clarification of benefits, for

example involving civil partnerships, and explain individual calculations if documents are provided.

To spread the message, John has addressed a meeting of Police Federation representatives from across the Force and provided leaflets and posters.

**Further information has been given in Chief Constable's Orders, a Forcewide e-mail and on the Force Intranet. Questions can also be put to Finance Branch under Ask Finance on the Intranet or go to: [www.police.homeoffice.gov.uk/human-resources/police-pensions](http://www.police.homeoffice.gov.uk/human-resources/police-pensions) GMP Pensions Unit: Ext 61247.**

## Meanwhile...

**Meanwhile.....this is what police officers were earning nearly 100 years ago when they paid 2.5per cent of pay to the pension fund.**

**It's taken from the first Police Instruction Book (known as the blue book) to be issued by Manchester City Police in 1909.**

**The pay of superintendents, equivalent to an ACC today, is given per year, with other ranks given per year and per week.**

Rank	Salaries and Pay	Contributions to Pension Fund at the Rate of 2½ per cent of Pay
<b>SUPERINTENDENTS</b>		
1st Class (after 7 years).....	£290 per annum.	£7 5s per annum.
2nd Class (after 3 years).....	£260 "	"
3rd Class (on Appointment).....	£210 "	"
<b>INSPECTORS</b>		
1st Class (after 12 years), £143 per annum	55/0 per week.	1s. 4d. per week.
2nd Class (after 10 years), £136 10s "	52/6 "	1s. 3d. "
3rd Class (after 6 years), £130 "	50/0 "	1s. 3d. "
4th Class (after 3 years), £119 12s "	46/0 "	1s. 1d. "
5th Class (on Appointment), £111 16s "	43/0 "	1s. 0d. "
<b>SERGEANTS</b>		
1st Class (after 9 years), £104 "	40/0 "	1s. 0d. "
2nd Class (after 6 years), £101 8s "	39/0 "	11d. "
3rd Class (after 3 years), £96 4s "	37/0 "	11d. "
4th Class (on Appointment), £91 "	35/0 "	10d. "
Acting Sergeants receive 1s. per week in addition to the ordinary pay to which their service entitles them.		
<b>CONSTABLES</b>		
1st Class (after 10 years), £80 12s. per annum.	31/0 "	9d. "
2nd Class (after 8 years), £78 "	30/0 "	9d. "
3rd Class (after 6 years), £75 8s. "	29/0 "	8d. "
4th Class (after 4 years), £72 16s. "	28/0 "	8d. "
5th Class (after 2 years), £70 4s. "	27/0 "	8d. "
6th Class (on Joining), £67 12s. "	26/0 "	7d. "

## OBITUARIES

A serving member of police staff, **Janet Andrew**, of Heywood, a communications officer in Claytonbrook Operational Communications Room, died of cancer on September 4. Mrs Andrew, who left a widower, John, joined GMP in 1998.

Former Sgt **Derick Eisey**, 70, of Middleton, died on August 23, leaving a widow, Sonia. He joined Manchester City Police in 1959 and retired from GMP in 1990.

Former Sgt **Francis Evans**, 93, of Birmingham, died on September 10, leaving a son as next of kin. He served with Manchester City Police from 1938 to 1963.

Former PC **Laurence Lambert**, 74, of Hazel Grove, died on September 11, leaving a widow, Patricia. He joined Lancashire Constabulary in 1957 and retired from GMP in 1982.

Former PC **Samuel Stopford**, 89, of Didsbury, who served with Manchester City Police from 1937 to 1967, died in August.

Former PC **Evan Toft**, 79, of Wilmslow, died on August 13, leaving a widow, Janet. He began with the Manchester Airport's own police force in 1954 and retired from GMP in 1985.

Former PC **Frederick Wallace**, 86, of Rochdale, died on August 16, leaving a widow, Ellen. He joined Lancaster City Police in 1946 and retired from GMP in 1974.

Former PC **James Weightman**, 83, of Ashton-in-Makerfield, died on August 21, leaving a daughter as next of kin. He joined Lancashire Constabulary in 1946 and retired from GMP in 1977.

Former PC **John Williams**, 68, of Warrington, died on September 14, leaving a widow, Dorothy. He joined Cheshire Police in 1965 and retired from GMP in 1990.

## Old faces, new venue

**"C" Div reunion, Tues, Nov 9. Pig on the Wall, Greenside Lane, Droylsden.**

**Queries: ring Wyn at Grey Mare Lane, 0161 856 3529.**

## New Zealand link

ARISING from a chance contact via Friends Reunited, I am in touch with a former Manchester City Police bobby called Neil McColgan.

Neil, whose collar number was B80, worked in the Collyhurst-Harpurhey areas and left the Force in 1958 to emigrate to New Zealand, where he still lives.

He would be happy to hear from any old colleagues who might remember him. His e-mail address is: [neil.peggy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:neil.peggy@xtra.co.nz)

*Rod Allen, Former Force Admin employee, Bury*

# A memorial stone for Steve, the officer who died protecting others

OUTSIDE the building where he was murdered trying to protect fellow officers, a commemorative plaque now stands as a permanent tribute to the bravery of Det Con Stephen Oake.

It was dedicated in September at a special ceremony in Crumpsall, North Manchester, attended by the officer's family and 150 friends and colleagues.

There was a minute's silence before his widow Lesley unveiled the memorial stone, which is inscribed: 'Here fell DC Stephen Oake, 14 January 2003.'

The 40-year-old officer was attacked with a large kitchen knife by terrorist suspect Kamel Bourgass, an illegal immigrant, and died from multiple wounds to his upper body.

Four other officers were injured in the incident at a flat on Crumpsall Lane.

Despite his injuries, Det Con Oake clung to his attacker to protect his colleagues until they

could overpower Bourgass, who is now serving a life sentence.

The officer's widow said in an address to the gathering:

"This memorial serves as a fitting reminder to us all of the sacrifice and acts of bravery, not only of Steve but of all the men and women in our police force who risk their lives every day as they, like him, go about their work protecting others."

## 'The price is high'

Paying tribute, Chief Constable Michael Todd said: "Sometimes the price that is paid to maintain freedom and protect the public is so unbearably high.

"We must and will never forget. We owe it to our fallen colleagues, their loved ones, to our fellow members of GMP, to remember the sacrifice they made in all our names."

Mr Todd said that throughout his



COMFORTING: Det Con Oake's widow Lesley with their children, Christopher, 18, Rebecca, 17, and Corinne, 15.

ordeal and despite having been stabbed eight times, Det Con Oake never released his grip on Bourgass.

He did so only after the Algerian, who was on the run from immigration authorities, had been subdued and disarmed.

Mr Todd said: "Steve was

prepared to put his own life on the line to protect his colleagues.

And in my estimation, that is gallantry and bravery of the highest possible order."



DEDICATING: Chief Constable Michael Todd, Deputy Chief Constable Dave Whatton, Det Con Oake's widow Lesley and his parents, Robin and Christine.



**IN STEVE'S NAME:** Det Con Stephen Oake's father, Robin, a former Chief Constable of the Isle of Man, presents a trophy in his son's name to the winners of a golf competition on September 11.

Det Con Laurence Dixon helped

to organise the first World Trade Centre Memorial Golf Classic in Manchester in 2002 in memory of those who died in the Twin Towers terrorist attacks.

He said that following Det Con Oake's death in 2003, it was decided to make the Stephen

Oake Memorial Trophy, sponsored by the Police Federation Joint Branch Board, the main prize for the event at the Worsley Marriott Park and Country Club.

Among the 130 golfers who took part in teams of four, the winners were Manchester solicitors Russell, Jones & Walker, with Coronation Street actor Alan Halsall as their guest player.

Another team consisted of Mr Oake, his wife Christine, Steve Oake's son Christopher and a relative.

Afterwards, a gala dinner, auction and prize draw raised £4,000 for Christie Hospital.

That, said Laurence, was £1,000 more than the sum raised last year for the same good cause.

IN 22 years since establishing the Police Memorial Trust, film director Michael Winner has presided over 32 ceremonies dedicated to police officers killed in the line of duty.

The 33rd – for Det Con Stephen Oake – went ahead in Manchester without Mr Winner

after his helicopter, which he had booked to fly him from London, failed to arrive.

He travelled to Manchester four days later, by private jet this time, to lay flowers at the memorial stone and to meet Det Con Oake's widow.



# Policing the Labour Party Conference

## Security with a friendly face



**FROM the Prime Minister to newspaper political correspondents, from delegates to demonstrators....they all praised GMP's handling of the Labour Party Conference in Manchester.**

The biggest security operation ever undertaken by the Force drew favourable comments from all quarters.

A series of 'f' words ran through the messages - friendly and fair, yet firm where necessary.

More than 1,000 officers a day ensured the conference went to plan, with some 1,200 policing the biggest rally of the week, Stop the War, that saw 20,000 marchers descend on the city.

Tony Blair and Home Secretary John Reid made a special trip to GMP's control centre at Sedgley Park, Prestwich, to thank officers and staff personally for their work.

Mr Blair said he was 'hugely impressed' with the security operation and that former US President Bill Clinton, a guest speaker, had been 'absolutely taken' with Manchester.

### SPOT ON

Janine Watson, who heads the City Council Press Office, said: "I picked up some nice comments from some of the lobby journalists about the attitude and helpfulness of GMP officers on the media entrance to the island site.

"These lobby journalists visit every political conference and they said their passes are always rigorously scrutinised in a fairly aggressive fashion.

"But they were full of compliments for the attitude of GMP for doing the job in a firm

way but with good humour and understanding.

"They still felt thoroughly inspected, but with the tone absolutely spot on."

John Hannon, of Denton, e-mailed: "I work in Manchester and walked by the area where police were on duty all night. Every officer was courteous and pleasant, a credit to their uniforms."

### OUTSTANDING

Chief Constable Michael Todd said: "The feedback was outstanding. We were even praised by the demonstrators."

He said it had taken more than a year to

plan the policing - "and it was that work and planning that ensured things ran smoothly."

He added: "Once again, GMP has shown on an international scale that we are a world-class organisation."

ACC Stephen Thomas, who headed Operation Protector, said: "Every meeting I attended and every time I visited the island site, I was repeatedly told what wonderful staff GMP has, how we were smiling, cheerful, helpful and supportive at all times, while delivering a conference site that felt and was safe and secure.

"These compliments came not only from Labour politicians and staff, but also from



GMEX and hotel staff, conference delegates, visiting police officers and some of the many thousands of demonstrators who came to make their views known.

"They are reflected in the letters of thanks I have received from various Cabinet Ministers and Labour Party officials, as well as the comments of the Prime Minister and Home Secretary when they visited the control room."

#### TESTED

Mr Thomas added: "During the course of the conference, we dealt

with a light aircraft entering our closed air space, three challenging bomb threats, the largest demonstration GMP has ever policed, repeated attempts by militant protest groups to breach our security and the largest number of protected people we have ever dealt with.

"We were certainly tested, but our plans and the expertise of our staff proved more than equal to it, hence the great success and apparent ease with which we coped. It certainly was not easy, however calm and capable we looked."



Pictures by CHRIS OLDHAM and BILL MORRIS

More than 200 digital images and video footage from the conference can be found under Corporate and Media Imaging on the GMP Intranet.

# The village bobbies

THEIR beat is Manchester's Gay Village and their base is the city centre office of the Lesbian and Gay Foundation.

As part of their work, PC Sam Tennant and PCSO Ann Marie Lewis run a police advice surgery at the LGF every Thursday night.

Here, people can report a crime or talk about policing and any other relevant issues.

Sam and Ann Marie are also promoting the work of the area's third party reporting

centres, which enable people to report hate incidents without speaking directly to the police.

At various places, including the Arndale Centre and the Rembrandt Hotel, staff have been trained to take crime reports from members of the public.

Sam was liaison officer with the LGF, among other duties, before his appointment within the Gay Village.



VILLAGE PEOPLE: PCSO Ann Marie Lewis and PC Sam Tennant.



## PRIDE ON PARADE

MORE police officers and police staff than ever before took part in this year's Manchester Pride parade.

Some 125 officers and staff from Greater Manchester, Cheshire, Lancashire, Merseyside, Cumbria, Humberside, North Wales, Durham and Warwickshire marched under the Parade with Pride banner – double last year's figure.

ACC Criminal Justice and Diversity Rob Taylor, who took part with his family, said the turnout was a reflection of the success of GMP's involvement in previous years.

"It was also an indicator of the changes we are making to become a truly representative police force," he said.

## Jo's good air day

ONE of the first phone-ins on Gaydio, a new Manchester radio station aimed at lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender listeners, featured Sgt Jo Marshall.

Jo, who is on the executive of GMP's Lesbian and Gay Staff Affiliation, took part in a two-hour programme called Community Focus.

She answered questions on a variety of topics, ranging from the way police tackle hate crime to what it's like to be a gay police officer.

Jo, a member of the response team on the Metropolitan Division, also used her radio appearance to help the Force's recruitment drive.

She said callers to the programme were 'very positive' and largely supportive of modern-day policing.

Appearing with Jo on the programme were Ch Insp Mark Lee, from Bootle Street, who spoke about planning for the Manchester Pride parade,

and PC Sam Tennant, who had just started his role as Gay Village community officer.

Gaydio is a community radio station run by volunteers and broadcasting from a studio in the Lesbian and Gay Foundation building in the Gay Village on 87.7FM.

Sponsors include Greater Manchester Police Authority, Manchester City Council, BBC Radio Manchester and various business supporters.



IN THE GAYDIO STUDIO: Sgt Jo Marshall and Ch Insp Mark Lee with programme presenter Brian Day.

# How Wigan is boosting performance

ROBBERY and burglary detections on Wigan Division have been turned around since a wide-ranging new approach was adopted by the Strategic Crime Investigation Unit.

Detectives are working under Operation Heritage, which has been established with a £43,000 grant from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund.

Among other moves, the funding is enabling:

- A detective to revisit every burglary and robbery victim;
- PCSOs to distribute 5,000 'reassurance' leaflets, not just putting them through letterboxes but knocking on doors and talking to occupants;

- Visits to be made to all 62 second-hand dealers across the division;
- Fast-tracking of forensic opportunities, such as DNA and fingerprints;
- Quicker processing of juvenile witnesses;
- A review of every call made to the police by victims.

It all amounts to what Det Ch Insp Russ Jackson, who compiled the funding bid, calls a 'premium service' for victims.

According to Government findings, Wigan Division has nine areas that are among the most deprived in the country and it is these areas – 'vulnerable localities,' DCI Jackson calls them

– that are being targeted by Operation Heritage.

## 'We decided on a fresh start'

DCI Jackson, head of Wigan Crime Operations, said: "Last year, we missed our detection target for burglary quite significantly.

"In April this year, we decided a fresh start was necessary and it is fair to say that the team was determined to hit the ground running from the first day.

"I'm proud of the efforts of Det Sgt Jed Hammill and his team. Not only has performance been turned around, but so far we have

managed to detect in the region of one in four burglaries and one in three robberies.

"Operation Heritage is intended to build on this significant success and narrow the crime gap that exists in the most deprived areas of the borough.

"The NRF funding will allow a detective to visit every burglary within the nine most deprived areas, even where there are no lines of inquiry.

"This is only one strand of the operation, but I'm confident this alone will go some way towards reassuring some of our most vulnerable victims."



## NEW SITE WILL AID CRIME INVESTIGATION

A NEW intranet site was launched last month to share information within GMP on improving the quality of crime investigations.

Solve It contains a 'know-how' section allowing anyone involved in the investigation of crime to share best-practice tips and advice.

Also included are details on current detection rates, as well as news about developments in the field of crime investigation and detection.

The site was launched following research that indicated police officers felt opportunities to learn from each other's skills and experience were being missed.

Solve It also aims to show officers and staff that what they do on a daily basis makes a real difference to overall performance – a theme highlighted by Chief Constable Michael Todd and Deputy Chief Constable Dave Whatton in the latest edition of the Force's *In Focus* video.

Mr Whatton said: "The way we investigate and detect crime has continued to improve over the past few years, and this site will help to continue this.

"Solve It has been designed to keep all officers and staff up to date with new developments.

"You will be able to find out how you can get new skills and knowledge, share your ideas with others and see how we are performing."

# Retirement lump sum



Francis Shackleton, a trustee of the Harvey Settlement, presents £5,000 for the Home of Rest for Horses to PC Tony Aplin and External Funding Officer Janet Wilcox. The fourth figure in the picture is Fagin, who has recently retired

Photo: Bill Morris

## Fund gives £5,000 to help aged horses

THE cost of living in retirement goes the same way – upwards – whether you are a human or a horse.

So a cheque for £5,000 to help with the upkeep of two retired GMP horses was particularly welcome.

The money went to the Home of Rest for Horses in Buckinghamshire, which is where recently-retired Dawkins, Cratchett and Fagin now live.

The Stockport-based Harvey Settlement made the donation, with the possibility of more to come if other GMP horses go to the home.

The Harvey Settlement gives money for the protection of animals in danger. But the benefactor who bequeathed the fund stipulated in his will that his

identity could never be made public.

Janet Wilcox, External Funding Officer in the Divisional and Partnership Support Unit, who organised the donation, said:

"If one of our horses happens to suffer from arthritis or any condition that needs medication, even the equivalent of an aspirin, it is hard to find a retirement home.

"The International League for the Protection of Horses, where most of our retiring horses go to be redeployed, will not accept horses that are on any form of medication.

"Many people want to re-home only a large horse that they can ride, which means we face the agonising prospect of destroying healthy horses.

"But by working with the Home

of Rest for Horses, we can ensure our retiring horses who can't be given a new job can still enjoy the rest of their lives in a loving and healthy environment."

Janet said the Harvey Settlement was the first organisation to specifically support these retired horses.

Ch Insp Lynn Roby, head of the Mounted Unit, said: "We intend to carry on working with the Home of Rest to protect the retirement of our valued horses.

"We are now also establishing an income generation strategy, including sponsorship, to increase the resilience of the Mounted Unit."

\* Website:

[www.homeofrestforhorses.co.uk](http://www.homeofrestforhorses.co.uk)

\*Need funds to support a project? You can discuss opportunities with Janet Wilcox on extension 61144.

## FOR THE RECORD.....

SAMANTHA HAMPSON, the Force Records Manager, graduated from Liverpool University last month with a Professional Studies Diploma in Records and Information Management.

The two-year distance learning programme is pitched at third-year degree level and was designed in partnership with the National Archives (formerly known as the Public Records Office).

It is aimed at improving the record-keeping expertise of Government records managers and staff.

"All Government staff

working with records are being encouraged by the National Archives to undertake either the certificate (one year study) or the two-year diploma because of the way the profession is becoming more complex," says Samantha, who is a member of the Records Management Society and the Society of Archivists.

The graduation ceremony was held during the annual conference of Records Management in Government in Newcastle upon Tyne.



A PIPER played a lament as the blue flag of Bruche was lowered for the last time.

After 60 years, the doors have closed on the North West police training centre through which 86,000 recruits passed.

Many of those who had done their basic training in these grounds over the years returned for the farewell ceremony.

Memories were revived, experiences exchanged...and here and there, a few tears were shed as the last group of recruits, trainers and support staff said their goodbyes.

Bruche is one of three regional training centres (the others are in Kent and South Wales) that closed this year. A fourth at Ryton, near Coventry, remains open, but no longer offers probationer training.

Instead of weeks of residential tutoring with recruits from other forces, officers are now trained entirely in their own forces under the Initial Police Learning and Development Programme.

### RAIN

In heavy rain, the final Bruche intake of 92 student officers paraded at the passing-out ceremony, watched from under umbrellas by their families.

Guests among the gathering of 600 included two retired officers who were among the first intake in January 1946, Bert Gaskin (Manchester City Police) and Cyril Mills (Liverpool City Police).

They were joined by Jenny Kewley, who was the first woman officer to go to Bruche in the summer of 1946. She had the collar number PW1 with the Blackpool Borough force.

None of the final 92 was from GMP because the Force, along with other North West forces, began full in-house training last December.

But there were plenty of past and present GMP faces, among them five retired Bruche-trained – Dennis Wood, Alec Doak, Ian Tootell, Tom Hughes and Barbara Hurst – in the period uniforms they wear for escorting visitors at the GMP Museum.

### MOUNTED

Two of the four mounted officers were from GMP - PC Alistair McKittrick on Snodgrass (it was Alistair's last assignment with the Mounted Unit before moving to Bolton Division) and PC Michael Leach on Domy.

GMP's PC Dan De'Bell was the drill instructor at the parade and PC Geoff Williams led the GMP Band, which provided background music with the Merseyside Police Band for the 75-minute ceremony.

Guests included retired Motorway Unit Insp Geoff Taylor, who was there with a 25-year-old GMP Range Rover that he's restoring down to the last authentic detail.

# Farewell to (1946 – 2006)



## Fact file

- Bruche was the name of what used to be an isolated farming area on the outskirts of Warrington.
- Temporary accommodation was built in 1940-41 for workers at the nearby Risley munitions factory.
- It was never used for this purpose. Instead, the site was acquired by the US Army as a transit camp.
- Bruche opened as a police training centre in January 1946.
- The complex could accommodate almost 400 students, making it the largest such centre in England and Wales.
- Officers training at Bruche sponsored two guide dogs for the blind and raised nearly £250,000 for charity.
- Most infamous visitor was Myra Hindley. In the mid-1960s, she was being taken to Risley Remand Centre, but the driver ended up at Bruche by mistake and was quickly redirected.



# Bruche

Centre where 86,000 officers were trained closes down

Words: DEREK HORNBY  
Pictures: CHRIS OLDHAM



Drill Instructor PC Dan De'Bell

PC Ernie Storr, who died this year at the age of 72, was a swim and drill instructor at Bruche for several years and is remembered for various reasons by officers he helped to train.

"He would amaze new recruits by smoking a cigarette and reversing it in his mouth before walking

the length of the pool under the water," says Sgt David Brew.

"Then he would get out of the water, flip the cigarette out with his tongue and nonchalantly carry on smoking."

Another of Ernie's well-remembered activities was his method of teaching recruits to swim.



## TRAINER MARY BRINGS MEMORIES TO BOOK

MARY RANGLES started as a trainee at Bruche in 1973 and as a trainer in 1999, retiring three years ago.

She has recently joined the volunteer force at the GMP Museum and has taken on responsibility for establishing and maintaining a new Bruche archive.

She has also written a book, 'Bruche - A Collection of Memories 1942-2006.'

Mary has donated to the museum all the material she acquired during her research, but says that more memorabilia is wanted, particularly class photos after 1953, which can be scanned and returned.

Non-swimmers were identified and required to jump into the pool where the ex-Royal Marine and boxer apparently had them

One item in the archive is a trophy awarded in the name of Carol Waddington, who was killed in a road accident on her way home to Rochdale from Bruche one weekend in December 1968.

"We would like to find any next of kin to tell them the trophy is now on display and also to learn what the trophy was awarded for," said Mary.

\* To donate an item or to order a copy of Mary's book (£10 including p & p), e-mail [mary.randles@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:mary.randles@blueyonder.co.uk) or send a cheque payable to M. G. Randles at the museum (tel 0161 856 3287).

swimming within seconds. He achieved rapid results, it seems, by using a long pole to push them back in.

## Big Archie and the sergeant's morning egg

An extract from a second book of reminiscences of policing in Manchester in the 1950s and 60s by retired officer DENNIS WOOD

AT every divisional headquarters of the old Manchester City Police, there were policemen, getting on in service, called Reserve Men.

Their duties included the all-important business of preparing Charge Office sergeant's meals. It was, of course, shift work, so that the meals may be breakfast, dinner or supper.

Big Archie reached his ambition to become a reserve man after waiting 21 years.

On his first day, he was informed that the sergeant on that relief always brought two eggs to work, that they were left in the kitchen, and it was his job, every morning at exactly nine, to place them before the sergeant, having boiled them for precisely three minutes, not two or four but three.

He was a sergeant who apparently hated everyone.

Archie was in the kitchen by a quarter to nine, standing over the ancient stove that had been reluctantly supplied in order that the beat men might warm up a tin of soup or the like.

"I don't want none of yer using the stove till I've done 'is eggs," snarled Archie.

At three minutes to nine, the eggs were lowered into the boiling water and Archie fixed his gaze on the kitchen clock.

A young officer broke Archie's concentration by asking where the salt might be found, and after remonstrating with the lad, he miscalculated what stage he'd reached.

### Four minutes

A glance at the clock told him the eggs had been boiling for four minutes.

Following their rapid removal from the pan, they were popped into two egg cups and rushed to the sergeant.

Archie had barely gained the kitchen when a terrible roar sent him back to the sergeant's dining room.

The sergeant sat, purple-faced, in front of two smashed eggs. "I told you three bloody minutes -

you've boiled 'em for half an hour," he screamed.

At that stage, the sergeant was called to the phone, and Archie, grasping the opportunity to escape the onslaught, shot outside to wash the yard.

After a fitful sleep, he rode his bike into the yard at a quarter to six the next morning and was passed by the night reserve man riding off home.

"You're supposed to relieve the night man earlier than this," he called over his shoulder, and then said something that Archie couldn't hear as he rode away.

Inside, Archie attended to the fires and made sure he got to the kitchen before 8.30 in order that there would be no mistake with the eggs.

Seeing they were in the usual spot, he took down a small pan from the shelf, half filled it and, at exactly three minutes to nine, placed the eggs in the boiling water.

"I hope big Archie gets your eggs right this morning, sarge," said the clerk.

"Don't you worry about that," said the sergeant. "I told my wife what happened and she said she'd hard boil them to have cold with a bit of bread. I told the night man to tell Archie to leave them alone."

In the kitchen, having ignored all distractions, Archie removed the precisely boiled three-minute eggs from the pan. Then he stepped along the corridor towards the sergeant's dining room.....

\*'On Another Beat' (£5.99) can be obtained at the GMP Museum or ordered at local bookshops or it can be ordered direct (post free) from the publishers, P & D Riley, 12 Bridgeway East, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 6LD. Tel: 01928 713900. Cheques payable to 'P & D Riley.'



HISTORIC: Former Bruche trainees Tom Hughes, Barbara Hurst, Ian Tootell, Alec Doak and Dennis Wood

The thin green line

# Saving energy benefits all,

says Environmental Manager  
JANET ACKARY.



GMP currently spends almost £3.5 million a year on gas and electricity, and the volatile nature of the energy market is likely to see this rise annually.

All staff are asked to take simple steps to reduce energy consumption by turning off lights, equipment and heating when it is not needed. A recent Force policy change now means that computers should also be turned off when not in use.

As well as being energy efficient at work – inspired in some small part by 'Thin Green Line' articles – why not take a look at the energy efficiency of your house. It is you who will reap the financial benefit, as well as doing your bit for the planet.

The average household produces six tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> every year, meaning the energy we use to heat, light and power our homes accounts for 27 per cent off the UK's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, with another 25 per cent coming from road transport.

Along with the other greenhouse gases, unnatural levels of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere are causing the earth's temperature to rise faster in a shorter period than for thousands of years.

## Losng

Your house is probably losing you money at this very moment.

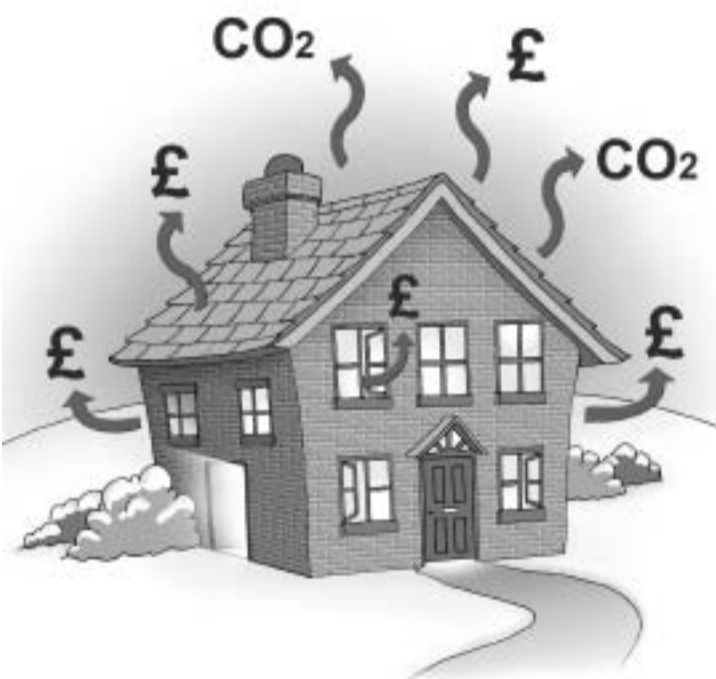
Location, location, location may be key to property investment, but that's not much use if cash is leaking from the very fabric.

Uninsulated cavity walls can increase energy bills by 25 per cent. Thirty per cent of heating costs could be going through the roof, and poorly-insulated, draughty windows account for around 20 per cent loss. When you consider this in addition to rapidly rising energy prices, can you really afford to let this continue?

There are lots of simple behavioural changes you can make that will certainly make a difference.

Why not check out the Environmental Management pages on the Facilities Branch

The advice is free and payback times on many energy efficiency investments are much quicker than you think, so give them a call: 0800 512 012 (ringing this general number will automatically



Drawing: Sharon Sutton

Intranet pages where you will find hints and tips to start you off?

## Advice

If you feel up to doing something a bit more, you could contact your local Energy Efficiency Advice Centre, which gives impartial advice on home energy efficiency, including details of grants and discount schemes for home improvements such as loft and cavity wall insulation.

When you call, the EEAC adviser will ask you a series of questions about your house and your circumstances. This will identify which grant or discount schemes you are eligible for.

Grants are available for a range of improvements, from insulating your roof and cavity walls to generating your own electricity.

connect you to your local office).

If you would rather surf than call, there's a website - [www.est.org.uk/myhome](http://www.est.org.uk/myhome)

It has lots of advice, and in the 'Tools' section is 'Home Energy Check', where you answer a few questions and about two weeks later you will receive a written report, tailored to your house and full of advice.

\* As you may have seen in August's Brief, I am looking for people who are interested in environmental issues to become Environmental Champions to help me spread the 'green word' through GMP.

Drop me an e-mail and I will be in touch. And if you want to do a little bit more at home, you could always switch to a green energy source, walk, cycle, use public transport or get a car that's more efficient or uses cleaner fuel.



Pictured with admin managers from around the Force are Principal Architectural Liaison officer Mike Hodge (right) and Mark Osmond, North West Manager for the Safer Parking Scheme.

## Parking with confidence

FIFTEEN GMP car parks have been given a seal of approval by the Association of Chief Police Officers with Park Mark Safer Parking Awards.

The scheme, managed by the British Parking Association, recognises procedures and facilities in place to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

Under the criteria, administrators at each site had to demonstrate an effective combination of measures resulting in low crime levels.

"The award isn't something that is given out lightly," said Safer Parking North West Manager Mark Osmond.

"It is a real achievement and official recognition of all the steps GMP has taken to create a

safe and secure environment for people – visitors as well as staff – to leave their vehicles."

The Park Mark awards were presented to individual admin managers at a special ceremony at Sedgley Park – one of the sites that won accreditation.

The others were the large complexes at Chester House, Bradford Park, Hough End, Openshaw, Claytonbrook and 10 divisional headquarters –

Collyhurst, Longsight, West Didsbury, Swinton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Stockport, Wigan, Stretford, Bury and Rochdale.

This was the first phase of a scheme to audit all GMP's car parks – some 120 – to find if they meet Park Mark standards.

## Room to learn

LEARNING and Development Branch has a new learning resource room at Sedgley Park that is available to everyone in GMP.

Though it is an IT resource and drop-in centre for student officers, it has also been set out as a dual-purpose room for anyone wanting a quiet place to learn or catch up with work, as well as a computer training room.

There are 20 workstations with new Dell computers, suitable for accessing e-learning materials, e-mail and the Force Intranet.

The room is available for any individual to use, without need to book, as so long as there is no course going on.

The room's use is indicated on the door with a weekly activity sheet.

Training room TR304, directly above the dining room next to the library, is available between 7am and 10pm seven days a week.

For enquiries, e-mail: [QA\\_Room\\_Booking-Diary/HQ/GMP](mailto:QA_Room_Booking-Diary/HQ/GMP).

## Christmas Carol Concerts

Manchester and District Hospitals' Choir (includes GMP members) At the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester.

Mon, Dec 11 with Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Blackburn

Tues, Dec 12 with Springfield Primary School, Sale

Tickets £9.50, £13.50, £15 & £17

Box Office 0161 907 9000

In aid of CLIC Sargent - Caring for Children with Cancer.

Conductor Clark Rundell, Organist Alex Crowe,

Performance by 6 Pac Jazz Sextet

Every 48hrs, 10 children are diagnosed with cancer or leukaemia. CLIC Sargent acts as a lifeline, keeping families together when the unimaginable happens. We provide clinical, psychological, emotional and financial care and support to them and their families.

## Easy rider

A MAN thumbing a lift was given a ride he hadn't bargained for.

The vehicle that stopped was an unmarked police car, the occupants were two officers in plain clothes and the hitchhiker was someone being sought for jumping bail.

PCs Pete Stafford and James Hodgkinson were driving in Wigan Road, Golbourne, at 7.45am when they recognised the 38-year-old man at the roadside.

They stopped and the man trotted towards them, evidently thinking he was about to get a lift.

He did – straight to Leigh Police Station.

The man, of no fixed address, had been wanted for two weeks after breaking bail conditions set by a court where he had been accused of theft.

## Job share

PC John Hilldrup, who was a welder before becoming a police officer, made a temporary return to his old job – to help youngsters keep clear of crime.

The Oldham school liaison officer was invited by the borough's Kick Start project to help run a programme that provides accredited courses in various skills, Positive Action for Young People.

"It was a great opportunity for me to pass on a skill I possess and also to encourage young people to create rather than destroy something," he said.

John started helping the project in the summer and hopes to carry on during further school holidays.

## Fund curbs off-road bikers

AN award of £4,000 has been made by the Greater Manchester High Sheriff's Police Trust to help young athletes deter off-road biking on their playing fields.

PC Paul Slamon, of Stockport Division's Youth Strategy Team, helped Manchester Harriers with their application.

The money is being spent on a fence round the club's track and playing fields at Gatley to prevent further disruption and damage.

PC Slamon said: "The donation means that local young athletes can continue to enjoy their facilities without the disruption and danger of off-road bikes."

**P**RISONERS are competing to see who can paint or draw the best pictures in response to a charity appeal by Det Con Garry Gregory.

The Rochdale detective organises fundraising events for children's charities every year, the most recent being a 240-mile cycle team ride that raised more than £2,500.

"For next year's charities, I have got prisoners from several jails to paint, draw or sketch small pictures which will fit into CD cases," Garry said.

"I have also managed to get a number of TV and radio stars and local celebrities to send signed drawings.

"Sarah Kennedy, David Jacobs, Betty Driver and Jeremy Vine are among those who have already sent pictures."

Tony Blair has sent a signed brochure showing the inside of 10 Downing Street and Tory leader David Cameron has sent a signed political book.

Garry said the Prison Service had welcomed the challenge set for prisoners.

"Apparently, the prisoners see it as a contest for who can produce the best picture and help the charities," he said.

### Letters to 100 jails

Garry bought 280 postage stamps out of his own pocket before writing (and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope) to more than 100 jails across the country.

He has also written to various organisations, football clubs and TV programmes such as Heartbeat, The Bill and



Setting off from Rochdale: Det Con Garry Gregory (with bike) and some of his charity ride team.

# PRISONERS QUICK ON THE DRAW IN CHARITY APPEAL

Coronation Street asking for signed donations and he says that items are coming in steadily.

"The idea started out as a sale on a small scale, but the way things are going, it will be more like an exhibition," said Garry, whose art sale is expected to be held in May at Rochdale Town Hall.

### Cancer ward

This year's bike ride was from

St Bee's Head, Cumbria, to Robin Hood's Bay, North Yorkshire.

Garry was joined on the ride by his nephew, Thomas Drake, 14, who was collecting money for the children's cancer ward at Leeds Infirmary, where his best friend was being treated. The other beneficiary was a children's hospice.

The rest of the riders were: Sgt Shirley Carter, Sgt Simon Whitby, PC Gary Harlow, PC Lyndsey

Cullen, PC Colette Thomas Alhambra, PC John Goodwin, PC Paul Hoy, PC Dale Woodcock and PC Greg Chambers.

Back-up drivers were PC Tony Lang and Det Con Ian Fear.

*\* Det Con Gregory says he is hoping more people from GMP will submit pictures they have drawn, painted or sketched. He can be contacted at Rochdale CID.*

## Getting inside justice

THE criminal justice system is gearing up across the country for this year's Inside Justice Week – and across Greater Manchester events are taking shape, writes Hayley Caulfield.

Inside Justice Week - November 18-25 - is a national awareness week aimed at

opening up the criminal justice system to public and staff alike.

We often forget that the day-to-day activities we do as part of our jobs can often have far wider consequences on other criminal justice agencies and ultimately the victims and witnesses who use the criminal justice system.

**ART CLASS: Tameside officers worked with local primary schools to design a poster highlighting how open windows and unlocked doors can invite burglaries.**

Pupils had to produce a design that could be turned into a poster to go on display around the division.

After Insp Wayne Miller (Denton) came up with the idea, Ch Insp Chris Hankinson and Lisa Lees, head of

Tameside Council's community safety team, judged the entries.

Chris is pictured with the winner, Rebecca Jewitt, 10, of St John Fisher RC school (right), who won a £50 voucher for Tesco Homeplus at Crown Point North, and runners-up Opal Harrop, 10, of Denton West End school, and Rachel Kane, also 10, of Greenside Lane school. Both received £25 Tesco Homeplus vouchers.



Photo: Tameside Advertiser



# The health service

## Amanda and colleagues raise awareness

AMANDA LLOYD, a nurse-adviser in the Occupational Health Unit, had a special interest in a seminar hosted by her colleagues at Sedgley Park.

The topic of the gathering for health professionals was Addison's disease, which Amanda's nine-year-old daughter, Jennifer, suffers from.

The incurable condition, which affects one in 100,000 people, is caused by adrenal glands not working properly, leading to weight loss, muscle weakness, fatigue, low blood pressure and sometimes darkening of the skin.

Jennifer was diagnosed two years ago when her weight fell to 20lb (9kg).

Her particular version of

Addison's, polyglandular, means many organs are affected.

Amanda believes her daughter is the youngest sufferer in the country.

Jennifer joined her mum at the seminar, which included demonstrations of the emergency procedure that is vital for anyone with the life-threatening condition.

### Bowel cancer

Earlier, Amanda organised a Forcewide campaign to raise awareness of bowel cancer, which is the third biggest cause of cancer death in the UK.

Again, she had a personal interest. Her first husband died of the disease at the age of 35 in 1994.

"The campaign touched many people in GMP and a good deal of advice has been sought," Amanda said.

"We have staff who have been affected personally or through family or friends, and our campaign to highlight the symptoms has been successful."

Occupational Health colleagues Marian Abdilla and Sharon Wilkinson spent their lunch breaks packing information leaflets and posters to send round the Force.



Helping at an Addison's disease seminar at Sedgley Park: Amanda Lloyd, of the Occupational Health Unit, with her daughter Jennifer.



**COP CARS:** PC Andy Redman has produced 150 scale-model Mini Coopers in aid of Christie Hospital.

The red-and-white die-cast cars are being sold for £5 each, and after Andy's costs have been deducted, he intends presenting the hospital with £500.

Andy bought the basic Corgi models, which were surplus stock, and employed a graphic designer to make transfers for them.

Each car has two transfers - 'The Christie Hospital NHS Trust' and 'Christie's towards a future

without cancer' - and Andy applied all 300 of them on his kitchen table at home.

There is also a numbered certificate of authenticity with each model.

Cars figure highly in the life of Andy. He's the cloned vehicle specialist with GMP's Operation Cheetah, based at the Central Ticket Office, and outside work he is a member of Oldham and District Mini Club.

To order a Christie car, Andy can be contacted on extension 63446.

## Hat collection moves ahead



**CAP THAT:** Former Det Con Roger Sharp and Museum Curator Duncan Broady with police headgear from Vietnam and Cambodia.

THE country's biggest collection of police hats from around the world has recently got bigger.

Latest additions to the array of headgear at the GMP Museum are three caps from Vietnam and Cambodia.

They have been donated by a

retired GMP Fraud Squad officer, Roger Sharp, who obtained them while working for the UN Office on Drugs and Crime.

Roger, who retired from GMP in 1999, was training law enforcement officers and members of the judiciary in

Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos in financial investigation - including money laundering and terrorism financing.

The mementoes he has presented to the museum are a prosecutor's cap from Hanoi, a Vietnamese police officer's cap and a chief police officer's cap from Cambodia.

In return, he presented a GMP helmet to Police Colonel Tran Van Thanh in Hanoi.

One thing he discovered during his trip is that police officers in Vietnam and Cambodia have to pay for their own uniforms.

Curator Duncan Broady, whose police hat collection at the museum stands at more than 80, says the caps are the first to be received from that part of the world.

It is not the first museum donation by Roger, whose son, Graeme, is a serving officer on Bolton Division.

In 1991, on a financial investigation that took him to the United States, he brought a patrol officer's uniform from New York.

## No 1 CopperPot Lottery September draw

<b>£2,000</b> - I. Barlow (GMP)	<b>£50</b> - M. Fairbrother (Leics), S. Verrills (Lincs), D. Riches (Leics), S. Macrae (resigned)
<b>£1,000</b> - D. Clarke (GMP)	D. Chapman (retd), H. Hare (retd), P. Tighe (retd), D. Townsley (retd), K. Haydn (GMP), K. Andrews (North Yorks), M. Hutchinson (Humberside), M. Sayers-Hall (Leics), J. Fraser (retd), D. Lawrie (Leics), W. Isles (GMP).
<b>£500</b> - M. Newton (retd)	
<b>£250</b> - V. Threlfall (GMP), J. Battersby (GMP)	
<b>£100</b> - K. Oxley (relative), G. Mutch (retd), K. Small (Thames Valley), J. Leighton (retd), M. Cordon (retd)	

## GMP Sports & Social Lottery

<b>July 15</b> - <b>£2,000:</b> R. Finnie (retd).	<b>Aug 19</b> - <b>£2,000:</b> D. Frost (Judicial Services).
<b>£100:</b> G. Beresford (Stockport), M. Bell (Bolton), T. McDermott (Crime Ops), N. Smith (retd).	<b>£100:</b> L. Brian (Chester House), C. Tracey (retd), R. Stanton (Road Policing), R. Hughes (retd).
<b>July 22</b> - <b>£2,000:</b> R. Fernandes (Crime Ops).	<b>Aug 26</b> - <b>£2,000:</b> J. Manning (Trafford).
<b>£100:</b> J. Young (retd), A. Faulkner (retd), D. Anders (retd), R. Sowerby	<b>£100:</b> H. Tarry (South Mcr), W. Caldwell (retd), R. Shaw (retd), R. Cordingley (retd).
<b>July 29</b> - <b>£2,000:</b> L. Hutty (retd).	<b>Sept 2</b> - <b>£2,000:</b> M. Doherty (Chester House).
<b>£100:</b> M. Worthington (retd), N. Waddington (Criminal Justice), G. Brew (retd), F. Carman (retd).	<b>£100:</b> G. Meade (retd), S. McGarry (Chester House), F. Foster (Chester House), F. Kinsler (retd).
<b>Aug 5</b> - <b>£2,000:</b> K. Powell (Road Policing).	<b>Sept 9</b> - <b>£2,000:</b> N. Maitland (Met Division).
<b>£100:</b> A. Appleton (retd), A. Fitton-Hodkinson (retd), A. Horton (retd), R. Seed (retd).	<b>£100:</b> T. Butterworth (retd), G. Davies (Met Division), A. Haughey (retd), D. Weaver (Tameside).
<b>Aug 12</b> - <b>£2,000:</b> S. Howard (Met Div).	<b>Sept 16</b> - <b>£2,000:</b> Gibson (retd).
<b>£100:</b> S. Khan (South Mcr), A. Howard (retd), C. Noblett (Collision Reconstruction), G. Cooper (retd).	<b>£100:</b> K. Cotgrove (retd), S. Ross (Chester House), S. Pearson (Corp Devel), A. Eckersley (retd).

## GMP teams rise to the challenge



The GMP teams before setting off in the Snowdon Sevens.

FOR the first time since 1984 and after many years of trying, a GMP team has finally won a title in the Snowdonia Sevens mountain race, finishing first in the veterans' category (over 40).

The team of Bryan Lawton, Nigel Hill, Karen Mather and Jim Bentley completed the tough 21-mile course more than 30 minutes ahead of their nearest rivals, Hertfordshire.

The GMP success didn't end there, however. The GMP 'A' team of Nigel Levett, Dan Appleby, Guy Heyes and Richard Timson finished in overall second place behind winners North Wales in a highly-rated time of 5 hours 25 mins.

The race route takes in seven mountain summits over 3,000ft and is designed to test fitness, team work and general mountain craft.

This year, a record entry of 71 teams represented more than 130 police forces.

GMP had four teams in the race, which began in atrocious weather.

The 'B' (Steve Quinn, Jonathan Seeds, Graham Dean and Alan Wood) finished in 34<sup>th</sup> place, while the 'mixed' team suffered some bad luck.

Pete Smith, who was running on the team with his wife Ginette, Paul Parker and Marie McDonald, fell badly on the descent from Snowdon and was carried down by mountain rescue with a suspected broken leg.

After ensuring that Pete was in good hands, Paul and Marie continued and completed the course.

\* The Snowdonia Sevens is an annual event held in August. Anyone interested in taking part in this or various cross-country events should contact the GMP team co-ordinator, Bryan Lawton, on extension 61192.

## Penalties end tournament hopes for GMP champions

AFTER sweeping the board last season in the GMP Football League – winning the League Cup, League Championship and Chief Constable's Cup – Bolton players flew to Germany to compete in a European cup tournament for police teams.

But there was to be no repeat of their spectacular domestic success.

The tournament was hosted by Bolton's twin town, Paderborn, and also involved teams from Paderborn's other twin towns,

Debrecen (Hungary), Pamplona (Spain) and Premysi (Poland).

Until their third match, the Bolton team remained unbeaten. Then, after a final score of 1-1, they lost on penalties to Paderborn.

Insp Wayne Readfern, the team manager, said: "We were disappointed not to win the tournament. But with hindsight, the football was secondary.

"We learnt a great deal about how police officers from other parts of Europe work and live,

and the event opened up many possibilities for continued liaison with our twinning partners."

In the Bolton squad were: George Fawcett, Lee Shaw, Rob Knight, Alan Flaherty, Danny Pugh, Liam McGladrigan, Mark Parry, Dave Abram, Dan Worthington, Graeme Sharp, Mark Hazelwood, Sean Connett, Lee Gridley, Tony Lunt and Andy Devine.

The tournament winners were Pamplona.

## PAUL AND MARTIN WIN THEIR FOURTH TENNIS TITLE



NET RESULT: Paul Bentley (left) and Martin Bromley receive the trophy and silver mementoes after winning the national men's doubles tennis title.

THE trophy for the men's doubles tennis championship is back at Bolton after Paul Bentley and Martin Bromley won it for the fourth time.

At the Police Sport UK finals hosted by Leicestershire Constabulary in September, they saw off the national team captain and his partner in two sets in the semi-final, then defeated a strong Metropolitan Police pair to win a tight and tense final set.

Paul (Bolton Copshop) and Martin (Horwich) first won the men's doubles title in 1994, again in 1998 and most recently in 2001.

They have also played and lost in the final seven other times.

Now they have been selected to play for the British Police in a fixture at La Manga, Spain, next April.

As well as Paul and Martin, GMP was represented at the Leicester finals by Alison Jones (Bolton), Ashley Matthias (Armed Crime), Julie Maxwell (Wythenshawe), Emily Warner (Rochdale) and retired Tony Green (Wigan).

All gave a good account of themselves through the early rounds before meeting strong opposition.



PC Yassar Maqbool (left), who is based at Whitefield, and PCs Brett Grange, Mike Taylor and Andy Wright (goalkeeper), of Prestwich Area Policing Team, were among the players who took on teenagers at Radcliffe.

Watched by a crowd of more than 100, a football team of Bury officers won 3-0 when they took on a team of teenagers from Dumers Lane estate, Radcliffe.

Insp Steve Clark, who kicked off the match with the Mayor of Bury, Councillor Jack Walton, a retired referee, said the idea of having a football match and fun day was put forward by members of the local tenants

and residents' association and developed by PCSO Dave Johnson.

Proceeds from the day were split between the association funds and Bury Hospice, which is on Dumers Lane.