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We tracked brutal killer in cyber space

DETECTIVES found themselves conducting an online murder inquiry as they hunted Matthew Pyke's attacker.

Within days of the 20-year-old being found stabbed more than 80 times, officers from the homicide unit were monitoring killer David Heiss as he chatted online.

They were able to know exactly when he logged on from his home in Germany and then watch what he was saying in internet forums.

The information proved invaluable for Detective Chief Inspector Tony Heydon and his team while the hunt for Heiss continued.

Online surveillance

It turned out to be the most difficult and complex investigation he has ever dealt with and one of the most unusual.

DCI Heydon said: "Our number one suspect was in Germany and everyone, including the media, knew that but we had no idea where. But within hours we had located him online and being able to watch what he did and said was very useful."

That online surveillance led to the recovery of 70,000 pages of chat room logs featuring conversations with Heiss. The job

of trawling through them fell to DC Fiona McVey.

Heiss, who had no criminal convictions, was arrested by German police after Nottinghamshire detectives discovered the 21-year-old had given his name and address to a hospital in the south of England following a car accident weeks before Matthew's murder.

Virtual Worlds

Last month he was convicted of Matthew's murder and sentenced to life in prison with a minimum term of 18 years.

The case has led to the force organising a seminar with Nottingham Trent University later this month exploring the complex phenomenon of virtual worlds.

DCI Heydon said: "Understanding the world these people operated in was very difficult for us. They would spend hours every day on their computers playing war games against each other.

"Some of them had known each other for years but had never actually met or spoken. We had no real concept of what it was about and we had to quickly play catch up."

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PCSO Kate Ansty has great fun showing three-year-old Sebastian Mallen her Airwave and other police equipment during a visit to the Alphabet Day Nursery in Lowdham. Kate, a PCSO for two years, was invited to talk to children about stranger danger.

● Picture courtesy of Nottingham Evening Post



DNA database for birds of prey

THE force is playing a key role in the creation of a DNA database to help protect endangered birds of prey and catch wildlife criminals.

PC Andy Hallsworth is working with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and Nottingham Trent University to develop the database - thought to be the first of its kind in the country.

It will hold the genetic profiles of all

known nesting pairs of Peregrine Falcons and Goshawks and their chicks in Nottinghamshire.

The wildlife trust's staff will collect DNA by taking swabs from birds, their feathers and droppings. They will also fit identifying rings to the birds.

A need for the database was identified after the DNA evidence in a number of wildlife crime cases failed.

PC Hallsworth, seen left with a tawny owl, said: "We have a history of one particular Peregrine Falcon site in the Mansfield area being raided by the same individual for the last five years, but it is difficult to get evidence.

"In order to get the best evidence to secure convictions, we are doing everything forensically and getting the best and most comprehensive

evidence we can.

"The force is leading the way so these beautiful birds can be better protected and we have more successful convictions."

The database will be used to cross-reference genetic information held with evidence collected by officers investigating suspected thefts of birds or their eggs.

Tip offs from residents lead to ten arrests

TEN people were arrested for suspected drugs offences in an operation in Thorneywood, Nottingham.

Residents had made their Safer Neighbourhood Team aware of drug dealers operating in the area and a team of officers was set up to gather intelligence about their activities.

Their work resulted in the arrest of six people in one day with warrants executed at 15 addresses across South Notts, resulting in four more arrests a day later.

Four have been charged with drugs offences with the remaining six on police bail.

Sgt Carol Adams de Banke, beat manager for Gedling South, said: "We were determined to take positive action and the arrests have shown we will not accept drug dealing in the area.

"Since the operation, another man has been arrested in the Brickyard area for possession, and we will continue to make arrests. We've increased patrols and are working with Gedling Borough Council wardens to deliver letters and 'Rat on a rat' leaflets to local residents.

"There has been a really positive response from the community, and we've had a number of calls from local residents with information. We'll be following up on those calls, along with other intelligence, and will continue to arrest anyone who thinks they can get away with dealing."

Rainbow flag flies with the force crest

THE Rainbow flag flew across the force as a gesture of support against homophobic behaviour.

Emblazoned with the force crest, the flag marked International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHO) on 17 May.

Founded by Louis Georges Tin in 2005, the date is symbolic because it marks the anniversary of the day in 1990 when the World Health Organisation removed homosexuality from its list of mental diseases.

Campaigns and initiatives take place on or around the day every year to combat prejudice against LGBT people.

Flags also flew on C and A divisions to demonstrate the force's commitment to diversity and its support for the Outnetwork and the LGBT Community.



New base for officers at Cotgrave

INSPECTOR Jeff Haywood and PC John Reason are pictured outside the new Cotgrave Police Station at its official opening on May 18.

The former Contact Point has been converted into a 24-hour day operational base for a Safer Neighbourhood Team and the response officers who were formerly based at Bingham Police Station.

● Picture courtesy of the Nottingham Evening Post

ACC - 'My chance to make public safer'

NEW Assistant Chief Constable Peter Davies says he is delighted to have joined Nottinghamshire and has paid tribute to officers and staff working here.

Mr Davies, pictured, who joins us from Lincolnshire on a 12 month secondment, has previously worked closely with Notts in his role as co-ordinator of regional efforts against organised crime in the East Midlands.

Great opportunity

He said: "I am looking forward to renewing my acquaintances with members of the force I already know, and meeting new colleagues.

"It is a great opportunity for me to join the Chief Officer Team and help take the force vision Policing for You forward. As ACC Crime, I intend to contribute in delivering effective protective services to keep the public safe.



help to ensure the best possible value for the resources that we have."

Mr Davies, a married father of two, has been a police officer since 1986 when he joined Thames Valley. He went on to become superintendent in charge of crime and operations in Oxfordshire, before moving to Lincolnshire in 1999.

He said: "I am looking forward to living in Nottinghamshire. It is a lovely county and has a nice, thriving city. It is a mix of urban and rural communities and on the occasions that I have visited, I very much like the environment. I can't

wait to get started and get to know it much better.

Mr Davies also had this message for officers and staff.

Hold your heads high

"I have worked closely with the force over the last eight years and I know some of the pain and challenges that you have been through. This has shown me how resilient you are and I can see how you hold your heads high in pride at how far the force has grown in effectiveness over the last few years."

He said there were still challenges ahead but working together across the East Midlands offers some fantastic opportunities and will help continue good working relationships that are already in place.

"There is still more crime than we want, so there are things that I intend to do to lead us in the right direction. I hope to meet many of you soon and look forward to receiving your support in the work that we do, to achieve a reduction in crime."

Interviews in custody may 'go digital'

INTERVIEW recording equipment in the force's custody suites may be changed for digital machines from the late summer.

The Criminal Justice Department is working with suppliers, the Information Directorate and a number of other police forces also interested in 'going digital'.

It is hoped Nottinghamshire could be a 'proof of concept force' for the digital equipment, which is currently going out for tender.

In the meantime a tape cleaning regime and event log are now in place for every audiotape deck within the department in order to resolve technical difficulties experienced with some machines supplied just before Christmas.

Fine tuning premier band

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE Police Band enjoys a reputation as one of the finest windpipe bands and it currently has vacancies for tuba and principal trumpet players to join its 46 strong family of musicians.

The band rehearses at Red Oaks in Southwell Road West, Mansfield every Wednesday evening.

If you are interested in joining contact the director of music PC Gary Glover on 07866 262182.

Power to our new PCSOs

THE force has welcomed 22 new PCSOs.

Having completed their official six-week training course, the new recruits were designated with their powers by Chief Supt John Busuttill in a ceremony at West Bridgford Police Station.

They have all joined Safer Neighbourhood Teams across the county.



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Force reaps rewards for acting on anonymous calls



SHERWOOD beat manager PC Pat O'Heochaidh plays tennis on the Nintendo Wii with 12-year-old Callum Elliott. Pat organised a Wii sports competition between local youngsters and Special officers Natham Phipps, Paul Allen and Lisa Davis.

● Picture courtesy of Nottingham Evening Post

A relaxing read while helping to save lives



SAM Ireland catches up with the news in *Force Times* as she donates blood at force headquarters.

The detective sergeant was one of dozens of officers and staff who donated during a regular visit by the blood mobile van from the National Blood Service.

It has been coming to headquarters since March 2001 and in that time 915 units of blood have been collected – potentially saving 2745 lives.

Fiona Bakewell, from the Blood Service, said: "Our mobiles are vital to collect additional units to meet hospital demand. They are key to making sure we meet the demand for blood nationwide."

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Force Times readers' survey

THERE is still time to tell us what you think about *Force Times* by filling in our readers' survey on the intranet.

We are now a year old and since our launch have reported on hundreds of stories showcasing the excellent work going on

across the force. Please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey. We want to know your views so we can

make *Force Times* even better. Remember, this is your newspaper and needs your continued support.

OFFICERS chasing up calls to Crimestoppers have made almost a third more arrests and charges across the county in the past year than in the previous 12 months.

This puts Nottinghamshire in the top three of nine nearby forces which have increased arrests and charges compared with 2007-2008, and in the number two spot within the five East Midlands forces.

Detective Chief Superintendent Ian Waterfield said there had been 222 arrests and charges made relating to Crimestoppers calls last year – 53 more than the previous year.

"Officers and staff are working hard to get great results like these," he commented. "It's down to their persistence and diligence that more offenders are being tracked down."

Better information

Figures show that the numbers of actionable pieces of Crimestoppers information had risen to 2,242 in the past year "This would indicate that the quality of information given to us by the public has also got much better," he said.

"The conversion rate of calls was also "moving in the right direction" with an arrest made for every 10.1 calls to the confidential phone line.

Thanking the public who make the calls in the first place, he pointed out: "Without them none of this would be possible."

Sarah Smithurst, the force's Crimestoppers' co-ordinator, was equally delighted with the outcomes. "I'd like to say a big 'thank you' to all those who go the extra mile to follow up the information we pass on to them," she said.

Cars crushed

"We're doing some fantastic work at the moment arising from calls about serious drink driving. We are getting loads of cars crushed because their owners have not had driving licences or insurance."

The most common call made to Nottinghamshire Crimestoppers, which has been operating in the county for ten years, concerns drugs.

Last year, a call led to drugs worth £3m being uncovered on a Jacksdale farm.

Also in 2008-09, property and cash worth nearly £667,000 – nearly ten times more than the previous year – was recovered as a result of calls followed up by the force.

Part of Sarah's job is to raise funds for rewards ranging from £100 to £1,000 – money offered on arrest and charge as a result of information supplied.

She does this by giving talks around the county and making appeals on her regular radio slots.

For very serious crimes, rewards can go up to £10,000 with the help of contributions from national Crimestoppers.

Below are good examples of officers following up Crimestoppers' calls

A Division:

Sgt Niall McCartney investigated a call about cannabis being grown in a self-storage unit in Sutton-in-Ashfield. Cannabis plants worth £22,500 were recovered.

B Division:

PC Kevin Holland was involved in the arrest and charge of two Worksop men suspected of supplying cocaine. A quantity of cash was also recovered.

C Division:

PC Paul Gregory was involved in the arrest, charge and conviction of a man who escaped arrest by holding a knife to another officer's throat.

PC Carl Wilde and DC Anthony Ward recovered drugs and ammunition when following up information about drug dealers and



prostitution in a flat being visited by a constant stream of callers. A man was later arrested and charged.

D Division:

DC Gillian Cutts arrested two people for supplying Class A drugs and money laundering. The investigation followed a call to Crimestoppers about a strong smell of cannabis coming from a house in Gedling.

ANPR:

PCs Ian Brophy, Martin Foster and Darren White – working with Automatic Number Plate Recognition – have been praised for the work they have done in relation to drink driving and related offences such as driving without insurance.

‘My astonishing staff’ - Chief

CRIME has continued to fall and customer satisfaction levels have risen over the last 12 months but there is something else Julia Hodson will remember her first year as Chief Constable for ... and that is her officers and staff.

Ms Hodson said: “The dedication of my officers and staff is simply astonishing. Their work rate, enthusiasm and professionalism are absolutely fantastic. And that makes my job so much easier knowing I’ve got such talented people.”

It has been a busy but enjoyable first year for the Chief during which she has been on a public tour of Nottinghamshire promoting the new



Policing Pledge, put in place a new senior management team across the force and met many officers and staff.

On her arrival she announced her intention to make public confidence

a priority believing the key to making people feel safer was to deliver quality policing across the board and keep the public informed.

And that’s a view that remains unchanged. Ms Hodson said: “I’ll never tire of talking about the need to increase public confidence in the police and our ability to make people and communities safer places to live and work.”

“It will be a key thread in everything we strive to achieve over the next few months and years because, quite simply, public confidence in what we do is crucial if we are to deliver the service people deserve.”

Ms Hodson said quality leadership from supervising officers and staff was vital to the continued progress the force is making.

She said: “There are undoubtedly tough challenges ahead but I look to

see quality leadership across the organisation. Nottinghamshire can be proud of how it has faced the challenges of the past.

“We must be equally as successful as new challenges emerge.”

Crime rates are now at their lowest across Notts for years. Last year saw the ninth biggest decrease in crime out of all 43 forces in comparison to 2007.

And compared to 2002/3 figures, the force has overall recorded the third largest fall in crime in percentage terms in England and Wales.

The Chief said: “I’m loath to trot out reams of statistics and figures but the reality is we are seeing thousands fewer victims of crime across Nottinghamshire. I remain committed to us vigorously pursuing burglars and liberating people from the fear of crime.”

“The Policing for You vision, that binds us all into a joint cause, is very clear what we need to do



and I am confident if we fulfil that vision, we will continue to go from strength to strength in our service to the communities.

“There is a lot to be done but, thanks to your efforts, I believe more than ever that we will succeed.”

● Pictures showing highlights from The Chief’s first year.



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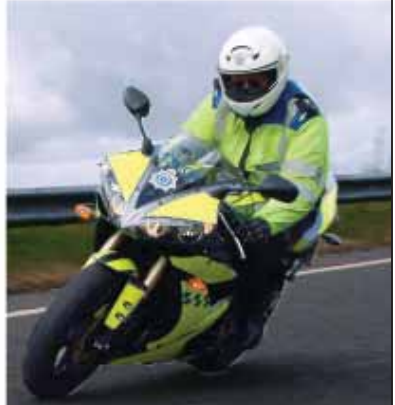
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Sex offender's hidden labyrinth unravelling

Forces scoop IT accolade

THE five East Midlands forces have won a prestigious national award for excellence in public sector IT.

They received a Guardian GC Award for the introduction of mobile data devices (hand-held and in-car computers) to frontline police officers and staff.

It is given to projects that have provided clear benefits for customers by transforming their interaction with the organisation.

Martin Hansen, who is the Senior Responsible Officer for the regional mobile data project and the force's Director of Information, said: "I am delighted with the accolade. The devices are of benefit to both the public and our staff - from reducing bureaucracy to enabling scenes to be photographed, to improving communications with victims of crime. The list goes on and on."

Government funding of £50 million was made available for mobile data throughout the police service last year.

The five East Midlands' forces bid for funding through the East Midlands Police Collaboration programme and received £8.3 million.

The cash has gone towards funding infrastructure, the various devices being used across the five forces and training of 4,000 frontline staff across the region.



Zoe's blooming marvellous!

PEOPLE living in one part of Nottingham are hoping their area will look fabulous after planting hundreds of flowers.

Residents in the Cliff Road area have teamed up with homeless charity Framework to enter this year's East Midlands in Bloom competition.

The charity has a home in London Road, Nottingham, close to Cliff Road.

They were helped with the planting by City Division PCSO Zoe Wade who is part of a SNT which covers the area.

Zoe said: "The aim of the project is to rejuvenate the area and improve the way it looks, as well as strengthening ties between people living in the Cliff Road area and those residing at the hostel."

"Building work on a new arts centre nearby has led to an increase in traffic using Cliff Road, while delays to the extension of the Broadmarsh centre have meant that a number of derelict buildings that are earmarked to be removed are still affecting the

impressions people have of a vibrant community area.

"But it's also about people working together to improve their community, and hopefully they will achieve some success and recognition for their efforts when judging day comes around."

● Pictured with Zoe is resident Richard Leatherland, left, and John Cox, of Framework.

Picture courtesy of Nottingham Evening Post

By DONNA JORDAN

A MAN has been jailed after detectives used new legal powers for the first time and then cracked encrypted computer files to reveal thousands of indecent images of children.

Jonathan Hipkiss became the first person in Nottinghamshire and only the third in the UK to be convicted of failing to disclose a code hiding restricted information.

The married father was served with Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) legislation requiring him to comply with a request for computer passwords.

But when he refused, specialists from the hi tech crime unit spent months unravelling an electronic labyrinth on his pc. They eventually found thousands of sickening photos and videos showing children being abused.

Hipkiss confessed when he realised the evidence had been discovered.

Detective Sergeant Harry Parsonage, of the e-crime unit, said: "This is one of the most complicated examinations of computer files that I have seen in the ten years of being in charge of the unit. Enormous credit must go to DC Paul Tew who carried out a meticulous piece of work, requiring an in-depth, detailed look into a large number of items over several months."

"He managed to identify that Hipkiss had used a number of different overlapping methods to cover up his use of the internet to download indecent photographs of children."

The 42-year-old was arrested after the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) discovered Hipkiss had accessed movies from an Austrian server.

A relative has written to DC Tew, pictured above, thanking him and the team for exposing Hipkiss and for the support the family was given.

The letter, which was sent after Hipkiss confessed, said: "This man fooled us all so comprehensively that I felt I had to write and thank you formally for the tireless and conscientious way in which you and your colleagues managed to unravel the technical and emotional webs of deceit he created."

"I may have lost some faith in human nature, but I have gained a lot of faith in the police."

DC Tew said: "It was like a massive logic puzzle or a huge Sudoku that just needed working through."

"At first, I believed Hipkiss was innocent but ultimately I had compiled so much evidence, he knew the game was up."

"The elation of finding out he had admitted what he had done was fantastic but it has been traumatic for the family. DC Richard Hewitt did a marvellous job supporting them."

Hipkiss pleaded guilty to 15 counts of making indecent images of children, three counts of possession of indecent images of children and one count under Section 53 (1) and (5) of the RIPA Act 2000 for refusing the computer information.

He was sentenced to 12 months in prison and will go on the sex offenders' register.



Man accused of assaulting officers in custody

A 30-year-old man, who allegedly assaulted and injured two PCSOs and a police officer, has been remanded in custody. Scott Hodgkinson is

accused of hitting the two PCSOs with a chain, causing one to suffer bruising and cuts to his face and causing a hand injury to the other.

A short time later he is alleged to have struck a PC with a small sword, causing a cut to the officer's hand. All three were taken to

Nottingham Queen's Medical Centre for treatment and have since recovered well. Hodgkinson has been charged with two counts of

wounding, one count of actual bodily harm, three counts of possession of an offensive weapon and criminal damage. He appeared at

Nottingham Magistrates' Court on May 16 and was remanded in custody. Hodgkinson will appear in Nottingham Crown Court on a date to be fixed.

I'd do it all again - ambassador Ian



IAN Winnon's commitment and desire to make a difference and a genuine wish to protect the vulnerable are two of the reasons he has been awarded the National Achievement award.

As a detective inspector he has achieved national prominence for his work and knowledge around the vulnerable of children and young people, influencing national policy around the subject.

He played a key role in changing the way children involved in prostitution are treated in the courts as victims and focusing attention on the abusive adults instead.

And he was responsible for introducing a course for herb eaters - Nottinghamshire was only the second force to do so - now a national standard.

Detective Superintendent Adrian Pearson, who nominated Ian, said: "Whilst the public protection agenda is now firmly placed as a policing priority, it has only become so through the efforts of officers such as Ian Winnon."

"His work and focus represent Nottinghamshire Police at the highest levels and in the best light. Despite other demands on the force he has never allowed that mantle to slip."

"This award is a fitting recognition of our need to be a police officer since the outset of my career. I've done it all and a handbrake turn. It's a fantastic job."

Ian joined the force as a young PC in April 1980 based at Epton. Gary had joined the miners' strike before moving into CID. In 2000 he became an inspector in the vice squad and since then his work has remained around sexual exploitation. He has had a 100 per cent attendance record over the last ten years.

In May 2005 he was commended for an investigation which led to six life sentences and played a leading role in an operation that led to the identification of 338 African women illegally trafficked to the UK. And he is the first force to have an investigation on inter-related offending.

Ian said he was thrilled with his award and had loved every minute of his 29 year career. "I would do it all again without hesitation, no doubt at all," he said.

"I wanted to be a police officer since the outset of my career. I've done it all and a handbrake turn. It's a fantastic job."

Diversity team enhances community confidence

THREE members of the force's Diversity Training module have won the positive impact award for their country of origin due to the visit to the Holocaust Centre for the Initial Police Learning and Development Award.

Amme's work in setting up the module 'Working with the Chinese Community' and helping to enhance Chinese community confidence in the police, she has brought the module to the attention of members of the force.

The Refugee and Asylum Seeker module set up by



Kevin McCudden, PC Gary Clayton and Wong Ching of the Learning and Development Department have won the Diversity in Action Team Award.

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THE nominations for the 2009 Annual Awards were outstanding according to the judging panel who had the difficult task of selecting winners in the six categories. The five individual winners will now represent the force in the national Police Review awards held later this year. Here, the winners tell their stories ...

Tony still buzzing on the beat after 28 years

ONE of the best-known people in Retford, beat manager PC Tony McDonald, has won the Christopher McDonald Community Officer of the Year Award.

News of his success left Tony almost speechless. "What can I say?" he said. "That's fantastic!"

He learned of his success as he was getting changed from taking part in a local schools' football tournament - which he had organised. Winning the coveted award - named in memory of the PC killed on duty in 1978 - highlights Tony's valuable work with the community he delights in serving - a regular hobby who absolutely loves coming to work."

"I've been a beat manager for three and a half years, and it fits me like a foot in a slipper."

Tony was previously a response officer in East Baselaw - a role he had for the first 25 years of his career.

Nominating him for the award, Sergeant Gill Proctor described him as a high profile officer in Retford and the surrounding villages.

He has high arrest rates, consistently manages a high workload, conducts thorough investigations and produces high quality prosecution files.

Excellent relations

"His work on the streets with the local people has engendered a trust and confidence in not only Tony as an individual but in Nottinghamshire Police," Gill said.

Tony's excellent relations with the community are clearly demonstrated. His idea for a car boot sale to raise funds for a graffiti clean up was, for example, generously supported by contributions from businesses and residents.

He initiated the town centre Safer Neighbourhood group last year. And he successfully involved boy scout troops and a number of young people who hang around in the town centre with a Keep Retford Tidy campaign.

"It's all about partnership working," he said.

His enthusiasm for teaming up with local people to improve their environment is infectious.

One fund raising project in which he played a large part was so successful that the target of £500 was surpassed with almost £2,000 raised, providing enough extra money to supply 450 pulse alarms to elderly people.

During his career with the force, Tony has worked as a response officer in Retford, Harworth, Bellingham near Gainsborough, Ollerton and Retford.

"When the opportunity to become a beat officer in Retford came up he grabbed it with both hands."

These days he spends his working day on foot. "It's a complete change after 25 years of being in a car and it, keeps me fit," he said.

Praise for model student Georgina

A YOUNG officer who made 60 arrests in 2008 despite spending much of the year away at college year's award winners.

Newark PC Georgina Ball has been named Student of the Year for detailed investigative work and her ability to put victims of crime at their ease.

When a dead body was found in a Newark flat following a fire, the 22-year-old proved she could switch seamlessly from dealing with tasks such as scene preservation and tending with CID to interviewing victims of crime and then to preparing a file for the coroner.

Her interviewing technique won very impressed by the 22-year-old full and frank admissions from a 12-year-old victim of crime.

Georgina Ball, who had during her nine-week tiring period the previously been unwilling to speak to police, while the thoroughness of her initial investigation into a burglary in January was hailed by the force's Senior Management.

"Despite her workload she never let her work with victims of crime and then to preparing a file for the coroner."

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Alistair motivated by people he serves

A COMMUNITY support officer who changed his shift patterns to prevent a shop worker being intimidated by a group of youths has won the county's PCSO of the Year award.

Yves Butterfield, the PCSO of the Alistair Butterfield's citation gives examples of how he has "gone the extra mile" to make the community links, and it is said that he is "never without a place to rest his bike."

Nominating PC Louise Carbon said: "Alistair's get on with it attitude commends me more than his work on the beat. The clear picture I have got in my head of what I need to achieve," he said.

What he will also achieve next month is becoming a married man. "I was doubly delighted to be promoted to PCSO of the Year and to be getting married at the end of June."

Special Matt a clear winner

A SPECIAL officer from Cotgrave has scooped the top award for his section just weeks after helping his team land a nomination for a national policing accolade.

Matt Wainwright's success in tackling a range of problems within his beat, ranging from antisocial behaviour to drug dealing, has been recognised by Inspector Jeff Hayward.

With 15 years experience as a Special, Matt, who joined the Ruskcliffe South LAC in 2007, leads a team of three known as the Cotgrave Specials. He has tutored and developed them all, helping them earn a nomination for the Heroes of the Streets Award, presented annually to top police officers.

"They have performed regular patrols in Aslockton in response to complaints about antisocial behaviour, building a strong rapport with residents and earning the respect of young people in the community."

Matt's handy work with a speed gun in Aslockton has been recognised by the national award. He has also been identified as a role model for other officers in the force.

Having originally joined to get an insight into joining the regulars, Matt now insists he has the best of both worlds, serving the community as a special officer and running a beat. "I've been in the force for 15 years and I've put in a lot of commitment and spent a lot of time with my team to get them up to standard, and they're receiving this commendation as well for the work we've done in Cotgrave."

"I feel proud of what I've done for the team."

Specials chief officer John Pritchard described Matt's success as "fantastic. The people I work with make it very easy to enjoy the job. We've got a great team at Cotgrave. I've got a great team at Cotgrave. I've got a great team at Cotgrave."

"There were five really, really good nominations this year and in another year any one of them could have won," he said.

"But once the judges put their scores together, Matt came out the clear winner."



Search for a killer in a 'virtual world'

WHEN David Heiss plotted the killing of Matthew Pyke he believed he had the perfect plan to get away with it.

From his home in a rural town in Germany the 21-year-old planned to cover his tracks by creating a false trail to prove he couldn't have been responsible.

He asked his sister to log on as himself and appear in an internet chat room while he was travelling to Nottingham to kill Matthew, pictured right.

And after repeatedly stabbing the 20-year-old in a frenzied attack at his Nottingham flat Heiss flew home before posting a message of condolence when he 'heard about' Matthew's death.

Even when others in a website chat room began questioning him he showed them a bus ticket scanned on to his computer which he claimed proved he was in Germany on the day of the murder.

Monitoring his every move

But Heiss was already being watched over the internet by detectives who were monitoring his every move online.

The force's hi tech crime unit was brought in by DCI Tony Heydon and they were able to locate Heiss online. Through that work the inquiry team was able to know instantly what Heiss was doing on his computer.

Officers also contacted a number of regular users of the website to ask for their co-operation.

The site—*Wars Central*—was dedicated to an online war game played by people across the world. It was run by Matthew Pyke, his girlfriend Joanna Witton and friend James



Mellor. Part of the site had a chat room to talk about the game.

What emerged was a virtual world where people would spend hours playing every day and talking to other players using online aliases. Some had known each other for years but had never actually met or spoken.

Heiss was one of them. But he became infatuated with Joanna after seeing her photo on Facebook and began emailing her regularly.

Using information he found on social networking sites he then tracked down Matthew and Joanna's address and turned up at their flat a few weeks before the killing.

That led eventually to him being blocked from the site and he directed his fury at Matthew returning again in September last year and stabbing him more than 80 times.

DCI Heydon said: "Understanding the world these people operated in was very difficult for us. They would spend hours every day on their computers playing war games against each other without ever meeting. We had no real concept of what it was about and we had to quickly play catch up."

He said Heiss' obsession with Joanna was the sole catalyst for the murder. "He could only see one way out of a situation that he had created himself," he said.

"He planned the murder several days, if not weeks, in advance. He planned it like a strategist in one of his war games and then tried to cover his tracks.

"Heiss had intended to murder Matthew and make it look like a suicide. It is only because Matthew fought so frantically for his life that he was forced to change his plans."

While detectives monitored Heiss online the hunt to find him in Germany intensified. He had no criminal convictions and the team had little to go on.

But they had a slice of luck when it emerged Heiss had been

involved in a car crash during one of his previous visits to England. Officers found the hospital where he had been treated and discovered he had left his name and address.

Police in Germany were tipped off and Heiss was arrested at his home by the German authorities.

With Heiss in custody work began to build the case against him. More than 70,000 pages of chat room logs were recovered and DCs Ruth Statham and Fiona McVey spent many days trawling through them.

John Burland, from the hi tech crime unit, was given the job of examining Heiss' computer. DCI Heydon said: "John did some mind blowing work. He was able to prove

Heiss wrote the suicide note only three days before the murder and not weeks before as he had claimed.

"He also discovered he had been reading our website and other news sites for information about the murder. When we told the media we were examining CCTV footage in the city Heiss panicked because he knew he'd be caught out. We found evidence that he had looked for websites showing the city's CCTV cameras shortly afterwards."

DCI Heydon praised his inquiry team, the German authorities and Interpol for their help in arresting Heiss.

"The dedication and professionalism of the team was spot on. It was a horrific murder but they worked tirelessly to bring Heiss to justice. We also couldn't have done it without the assistance of the German Police, two of whom came across to give evidence in Court.

"There was a lot of learning involved and it was a new experience having to deal with the sometimes lengthy and complex procedures involving a foreign country. But saying that, the German police did a brilliant job.

"David Heiss is the most callous individual I have ever dealt with. He showed no emotion throughout his trial and it was chilling to hear that, even at the end of his evidence, he refused to give up his obsession with Joanna."



● Top right, DCI Tony Heydon. Above, DC Mark Petrovic, right, pictured with German police officer DI Uwe Quirnbach in Limburg Town, home of killer David Heiss, seen below



● Heiss, captured on CCTV walking along North Sherwood Street, above, and below at Birmingham Airport



MATTHEW Pyke's horrific murder is one of the reasons the force has organised a seminar exploring 'virtual worlds'.

The case served as a shocking introduction for many within the force to the increasingly complex phenomenon of people living other lives in cyber space.

Director of Information Martin

Hansen, pictured left, has arranged with Dr Chris Wright of Nottingham Trent University for the seminar and interactive session on Tuesday 22 June.

The event includes presentations on:

Inhibitions in the Virtual World, Dr Chris White, Narrative & Interactive Arts

Online Activity and Online Relating, Dr Monica Whitty, Psychology

Games Case Study - Iain Simons, Director of GameCity

Martin said: "This is the first event anywhere of its type and brings together ourselves, the first police force to deal with a murder based on an online relationship

and Trent University, which has an international reputation for research in the field of cyberspace."

Places may still be available but are limited to officers and staff who feel they would benefit from it.

To find out more contact Catherine Carter in Corporate Communications.



Soaked but not dispirited on 105-mile walk



DESPITE torrential rain and even hail storms, detectives Stuart Kinton and Rob Wells trudged over 100 miles through the Cotswolds raising more than £2,000 for charity. The pair completed the 105-mile Cotswold Way over five days and are pictured above in soaking clothes at the finish in Bath.

Along the way they even bumped into a former colleague who used to work at Radford Road.

The pair were doing the walk for the Phil Whittaker Fund which raises money for Macmillan Cancer Support and Cancer Research UK. The fund has raised more than £35,000 since it was set up in memory of the detective who died of a brain tumour in 2001.

Stuart said: "Within 15 minutes of us setting off our waterproofs were out and remained on for most of the five days. The weather failed to improve but our spirits were buoyed by the messages of support that we received and the knowledge we have raised more than £2,000."

Stuart and Rob were 70 miles into the walk when they met two other walkers, one of who was Clare Hutsby, a former analyst who left the force in the 1990s.

"The support has been fantastic from a small number of friends and colleagues but there is still time for people to donate either in person or by visiting www.justgiving/wellskinton2009.

Around £4,500 has been raised for the Phil Whittaker Fund already this year. An annual golf day takes place in July and raffle tickets will go on sale shortly.

They will be available at most police stations and departments across the force.

Special operation boosts confidence in Hucknall

By JO HALL

DRINK-fuelled crime and antisocial behaviour has been reduced in Hucknall thanks to a night time operation organised and run by Specials.

Operation Anemone, led by Special Sgt Leanne Beecham, started earlier this year and sees teams of Specials patrolling the town centre every Friday and Saturday night between 6pm and 3am.

They visit all pubs during their shift and have built up strong working relationships with door staff and licensees.

Good for morale

The officers are linked into the Pubwatch radio system, which enables them to respond to incidents quickly.

The operation has a particular focus on early intervention work, such as helping people under the influence of alcohol get taxis and intercepting people who have been ejected from a pub to talk to them about their behaviour before they try and go elsewhere.

Special Sgt Beecham said: "Having responsibility for this operation has been really good for our team in terms of motivation and morale. It has also helped improve public confidence in Hucknall. We get a lot of comments



● Operation Anemone in Hucknall town centre is led by Special Sergeant Leanne Beecham, seen right, with SC Tim Richardson

Picture courtesy of the Hucknall Dispatch

from people who say it is nice to see officers on the streets and we are getting to know the door staff and licensees. All this is helping to make the town a safer and more enjoyable place to go out at the weekend."

The team's work has been highlighted in the local media, where the officers were described as 'unsung heroes.'

Insp Russ Dew, Safer

Neighbourhoods Inspector for Ashfield South, is delighted with their success.

He said: "Offences are being reported more readily, evening disturbances have reduced and public confidence in the area is being restored. For the Specials, tasking them with this project has helped increase their confidence and made them realise how much their contribution is recognised and valued."

Art club wins force funding



AN after school club that has won awards for its anti-racism work has been saved thanks to the force.

The art club at Rosslyn Park Primary School in Aspley, Nottingham, had faced an uncertain future after funding ran out.

But pupils can now continue their work for at least another year, thanks to a donation from the force.

Our Emerging Communities division and the Notts branch of the Black Police Association gave the club, which won a competition run by anti-racism charity Show Racism the Red Card, £500 to secure its future.

PC Lisa Crouch, a diversity officer based at Central, said: "I'm just grateful that we can support initiatives like this. Part of my role is about informing people from other countries about the police and life in Nottingham and how

that may differ from their own country. Hopefully these children and their parents may see that Nottinghamshire Police is a welcoming and accessible organisation.

"I intend visiting the art club on a monthly basis to keep that relationship going and to work with the school on other projects.

The club's teaching assistant Fiona Peel said: "We've now got money which will keep the art club running for another school year. It's fantastic that the kids will be able to continue their work."

● Lisa Crouch, right, and BPA co-ordinator Ron Lawrence, left, pictured with staff and some of the children at the youth club.

• Picture courtesy of the Nottingham Evening Post

Focus on what is needed when and where

CAREFUL logging of all incidents attended by the force during a 12-month period is helping us provide an improved service to the public at times of particular need.

For the past year the Resource Management Project has been working to help deliver Policing for You by ensuring that the 'right resource is deployed, at the right time, in the right location'. This has led to the force's use of a specially-developed computer programme designed to help identify when resources need to be deployed to the best effect.

Superintendent Paul Burrows of the Demand Management Project said: "The programme, which should be complete by early autumn, is all about the ability to anticipate demand and how changes to deployment within the force will change performance."

Data gathered by a Corporate Development research team identifies the time and number of incidents by day and call grade, how many resources attended and for how long they were allocated to the incident.

"So far, the results enable the force to review the number of response officers, beat managers and PCSOs needed to deal with immediate, urgent and scheduled incidents by hour of the day and day of the week," Paul said.

"This is not only about dealing with incidents as they are called in but also about deploying officers with a view to preventing them happening in the first place."

The team is now starting to liaise with the divisions to ensure that what is being identified fits with existing deployment practices such as double crewing procedures, which incidents are attended and who attends them. Once this work is completed it will be possible to identify any changes required to resource deployment.

A further aim of the Resource Management Project is to achieve better management of staff "abstractions" – their removal from front line duties for reasons such as training, sickness or special operations.

To help achieve this, the Force Executive Group has decided that only duties managers and inspectors will now make amendments to duties as they can do so based upon a broader understanding of the divisional and departmental duty 'picture'. Sergeants will therefore no longer be able to directly update or amend the Duty Management System (DMS).

"It's anticipated that this change to existing working practices will cause fewer rest days to be cancelled to cover unexpected and avoidable gaps in staff cover," Paul said.

Volunteers are huge asset

OVER the years scores of people have given up their time to work voluntarily for the force.

It is a huge asset for any organisation knowing there are people willing to give their time freely.

But the force can benefit even more by managing its volunteers better and matching their skills to jobs they could do.

That's according to Tracey Clay and Daveen Brown, both volunteer co-ordinators for the force.

Tracey said: "There are a number of people who want to do voluntary work for the police. A lot of people think why do they do it? But volunteering is a huge bonus to have on a CV and shows a willingness to learn new skills. You also get the satisfaction of serving your community."

Daveen said: "The market of volunteers is vast because it starts at 16. But the important thing is identifying the ability of the person and fitting their talents to a particular role. We need to find out what their skills are and give them something worthwhile to do."

Volunteers are vetted to the same level as police and staff and there is a referral process too. Chief Inspector Kim Molloy is force lead for volunteers. She said: "I want managers to be less risk averse. If you need a role to be done and your paid staff don't have the time to do it, then consider a volunteer. Each division and headquarters has a co-ordinator, so ring them for advice."

Daveen Brown added: "Volunteers are not here to replace paid jobs. They join for a number of reasons. It could be they have been a crime victim or simply someone interested in policing. They have a lot to offer and we have a huge variety of roles."

"We need to do more for our volunteers. The NHS has been ahead of the game for years in using volunteers and we want to start emulating their success and develop the programme."

To find out more about the role of volunteers across the force contact Tracey Clay or Daveen Brown.

Pete's business skills benefit B Division



● Picture courtesy of the Newark Advertiser

IT took Pete Butts, pictured above, six weeks to realise there should be more to retiring than gardening, decorating and house chores.

As a former senior engineer in the coal industry and a successful businessman he needed a new interest and has found one by volunteering to work on B Division.

"I was used to a very busy schedule and quickly realised that I couldn't do nothing in retirement. My wife is quite a bit younger than me and has her career, so I looked at a number of voluntary roles but felt the police might offer a much more varied range of opportunities. I was encouraged to volunteer after meeting Chief Inspector Glenn Harper. "I didn't know what I was letting myself in for at first, but have been surprised and stimulated by the tasks I have been given. I have been able to volunteer at my own pace and have gained a great deal of satisfaction."

The 62-year-old has so far used his management and business experience to do a reorganisation of B Division property to make it more user friendly and carried out audits of cars and office equipment. His efforts have earned him a place as a non-executive member on the B Division's management team.

"I think I have been able to bring a different mindset to the way things are run and organised. Police staff and officers are very busy and sometimes they simply do not have time to do the other things that are needed in a busy working environment," said Pete.

Age no barrier when working for justice

By VAL CULLEY

AT 69 Trudy Loach is believed to be the oldest person currently working for the force.

She celebrated her birthday in May and then signed up for another year as a File Preparer in CJ at King Edward Court in the city.

Trudy would have plenty to occupy her if she did give up work. She and her husband, retired police officer PC Jim Loach, have two daughters, a son, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Trudy is also very keen on football and loves going to watch her 21-year-old grandson Scott Loach who is the Watford first team goalkeeper and has already won two England Under 21 caps. And she always receives VIP treatment in the players' lounge after the game.

Great atmosphere

But despite a busy social life, she does not feel ready to give up her job, which involves preparing the files for Not Guilty cases coming up in court.

"I love the team spirit and camaraderie in the CJ office. We all help each other and it is a great atmosphere to work in," she said.

"I also think my job, which involves typing up Records of Taped Interviews (ROTIs), helps me to keep my mind active, in the same way that older people like to do crosswords."

Looking ahead to her 70th birthday next year, Trudy is keeping an open mind about whether she will be signing up to work for another year.

"It's a milestone birthday so we will have to wait and see. After all I don't want to be still here when I get my telegram from the Queen. But I would like to carry on working while I still enjoy it," she said.

Quite a skill

Trudy has now worked in CJ for six years, her second period of employment with the force. She originally worked for the city police in the 1970s at the old Meadows police station where she was secretary to a Chief Superintendent. She left when her husband retired from Traffic in 1980 and the family moved to Essex for a while.

Trudy said: "I have been a shorthand typist for more than 40 years. I am ROTI-trained, which means that we don't type every word of an interview but have to listen to the tape and type out the relevant parts, which is quite a skill. If you leave something out that is relevant, the case could be thrown out of court. It is responsible work, but very varied and interesting."

Since turning 65, Trudy has had to apply after every birthday for an extension of service. This involves going to Occupational Health each year for a medical to see if she is still fit enough to work.

She said: "The medical is nothing to worry about and they are always very pleasant to me."

"My manager Ros Evans



● Trudy Loach enjoys working for CJ at the age of 69

does everything possible to help me and has allowed me to just work Wednesday to Friday now which suits me.

"I think Nottinghamshire Police is a really good employer. In the past I have worked in industry, where they are far less flexible with their staff. I like the way the force thinks it is worthwhile to send staff on courses and keep them well informed. And it is great that they have made it possible for me to retire when I am ready to retire."

CJU manager Ros Evans said: "Trudy is a much valued member of the team here at King Edward Court. She is an excellent role model for the younger members of staff, with a high work output and excellent attendance."

Celebrating a double success

NOTTS is celebrating a double success with the International Police Association.

DCI Mick Luke is the newly elected Vice President of British section of the IPA. And his appointment comes as the Nottinghamshire branch won the organisation's Millennium Shield for hosting a 50th anniversary festival last year.

More than 40 visitors from across the world enjoyed a weekend in the city where they met the Sheriff of Nottingham and saw some of the county's best known tourist sites.

The IPA is a worldwide organisation for serving and retired police officers. It provides social activities at an individual or family level - trips, holidays, sporting events, competitions and exchange visits.

Mick Luke said: "It is a great way to make new



● DCI Mick Luke, left, receives the shield from IPA President Steve Connor

friends, learn about policing in other countries, cultures and professional practice and receive help with travel and accommodation."

Specials can also join and receive the same benefits as serving and retired police officers. To find out more visit the IPA's website or contact Mick via email.

Training centre earns praise

IT was accolades all round when ten members of the force achieved a Level 3 management qualification and their three trainers were praised for their support.

Jane Owens of the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA) congratulated the students at Hucknall Training Centre. She said: "Of all the centres I visit you are in the top three in relation to commitment and work produced." She said this was due to the support from Management Development trainers Michael Elliot, Beverly Topham and Christine Wilkinson.

The three trainers spoke of the "incredible amount of effort and hard work" put in by those studying for the Chartered Management Institute (CMI) Introductory Certificate in Management, and of the support the students had received from many line managers.

The qualification is part of

the NPIA's Core Leadership Development Programme (CLDP) which is an inclusive, modular, blended learning leadership programme designed for post probationary constables, sergeants, inspectors and police staff equivalents.

Many students are now keen to take the Level 5 Diploma in Management, following in the successful footsteps of Inspector Martin Smith.

Successful Introductory Certificate students were: Helena Derriscott (HQ, PSD), Heidi Duffy (HQ, Traffic Management), Sue French (HQ, Information Directorate), Fiona Hatton (C Div, Drug Testing Directorate), Sara Hopewell (HQ, Scenes of Crime), Clare Jewsbury (CJ), Huw Jones (HQ, Roads Policing), Lindsay Moss (HQ, Corporate Development), Lee Rossiter (Northern Control Room) and Linda Scott (currently working out of Force).

Sports and Social

Gyms to be refurbished

THE force sport and social club has been helping staff enjoy a variety of activities for many years.

It provides the force with televisions, lottery, gym scheme, station gyms and supports the divisional and force sporting and leisure sections that compete locally, nationally and internationally.

The club is driving the £20,000 refurbishment of station gyms, focusing on the enhancement of cardio-vascular and aerobic equipment. The gyms will provide accessible facilities across the force to a good standard that will be maintained and upgraded each year with additional funding.

Committee member Marnie Gilliland said: "There are always opportunities for dormant and existing sections to develop further, as shown recently by the return of netball and ruby union."

DCC Howard Roberts, who chairs the club, said, "We always welcome new members and seek to give value for money. We are already building the sports and health side and investing in upgrading facilities. Police bars over the years were financially very difficult for the club but we feel that keeping fit and enjoying sport will be welcomed by many."

To find out more look on the intranet under Departments/ Sport and Social Club.

Team travels from far afield to remember the year of glory



FORTY years after the force football team won the national PAA Cup the team was reunited to celebrate its achievement.

The anniversary dinner saw the whole team back together again, apart from Bob Litchfield who was on holiday. John Bladen travelled from Canada while Paul Jackson came from Cumbria.

Back row left to right: Maurice Galley, John

Stapleford, Geoff Pearce, John Towlson, Dave Grainger, manager, Graham Compton and John Bladen.

Front row left to right: Paul Jackson, Stan Ball, Dave Ecob, Dave Beaumont and Bobby Fawcett.

Pictured right: The team at the City Ground before the big match in 1969, the only time the force has won the PAA Cup.

Football

Seven-a-side contest to raise cash for cancer

TWELVE teams from across the force will compete in a seven-a-side football tournament next month.

The event, on Saturday 18 July, has been organised by football section chairman Tony Heydon and takes place at Ashfield Leisure Centre from 1pm.

The teams will compete in two leagues of six with matches ten minutes long. The tournament will be raising money for Macmillan Nurses and Cancer Research.

Tony said he hoped as many people as possible would go along to support the day.



Ten events put Tim to test

Superstars

DC Tim Dunne was seventh in this year's national Police Sport UK Superstars competition in May.

He was up against 28 competitors from forces all over the country.

The ten events were split over two days.

There were gym tests, a Concept II rowing test, climbing wall, 100m sprint, bleep test, 5K orienteering race, golf, archery, curling and basketball.

Tim said: "Controversy surrounded the gym tests due to the style and

technique that was demanded from each competitor, but overall the events were excellent, demanding and well-run.

"I believe it was the fifth year the event has been run, with the Met entering eight competitors this year.

"The recording of the scoring is very serious and accurate."

● Tim is pictured on the right with DS Barney Eastwood after they successfully completed the Rome marathon on 22 March, part of his training for the Superstars event.

Help needed at championship

Golf

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help stage the Police Sport UK Golf Championship at Hollinwell next May.

This prestigious 72-hole tournament is being organised by Superintendent Mark Holland from B Division and Andy Sidney in the northern control room.

The 102 entrants will be based at the Derbyshire Hotel, South Normanton, from May 17-21.

Andy explained: "We are seeking own time

volunteers to assist with scoring, spotting, driving mini buses and tasks throughout the week. Everyone will be honoured guests at the presentation meal."

Volunteers interested in helping should contact Andy on 07866 710517.

The tournament follows the English Police Championship at the Sherwood Forest golf club from Aug 23-24.

Also a team from Nottinghamshire will be defending champions at the regional PSUK championships at Coxmoor on July 2.

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Glenn leads Great Britain's hunt for Euro glory



Football

MANAGING two countries' football teams at the same time is probably beyond even managerial giants Fabio Capello and Guus Hiddink.

But Glenn Chambers does it ... on top of his day job as a DSU sergeant at Eastwood, writes Paul Coffey.

The 47-year-old has been manager of the England Police football team since 1996 when he ended a successful playing career. He combines that job with being boss of the Great Britain Police team, which he took on three years

ago. And he's now got his sights set on victory at next summer's European Police Championships after his GB side beat Romania 1-0 in a play off last month to qualify.

Glenn was part of the triumphant GB Police team of 1989, which won the European title beating Italy 1-0. And he is desperate to repeat the feat as manager.

"It's fantastic to qualify for the finals because we've missed out on the previous two. We've got a strong squad and we're definitely in with a chance of winning but it will be tough because the heat and schedule will play a big part."

The championships, organised by the European Police Sports Union

(USPE), will be held in Athens, Greece, from 22-31 May next year. Eight teams compete and to win the tournament Glenn's side would have to play five matches in nine days.

He has been involved in football since his school days when he signed as a professional with Mansfield Town aged just 15. Glenn spent four years with the Stags before being released.

That led to him joining Nottinghamshire as a police officer in 1981 where he carried on playing, representing the force, England Police and then GB.

After he quit playing in 1996 he was invited to take on the job of

managing the England Police side. Under his stewardship the team has won the annual Chapman Trophy – a round robin tournament featuring Scotland and Wales – nine times.

The GB manager's job is shared between the England and Scotland managers. Glenn was assistant manager until three years ago. His assistant is Scotland boss Roland Fabiani of Strathclyde Police.

Glenn said: "It's a great honour to be manager of both the England and GB sides and it's a job I love doing. I travel around the country looking at players when I can and I'm fortunate that I've always had a lot of support from people in force."

Notts rules the waves

Title retained as Pete skippers crew to victory

Sailing

NOTTS cruised to a stunning sixth consecutive win in the Police Offshore Sailing Championship, contested in the waters of The Solent.

Despite a crew featuring some novice sailors, the team performed heroically winning five of their nine races and finishing runners up and third in the remaining four, writes Rob James.

Overall victory was secured in the seventh race of the four day event in which the Notts boat edged over the finishing line just seconds before closest rivals The Met.

Skipper Pete Walters said his team was chuffed to bits.

"I don't take part expecting to win, regardless of our past success.

"But this win has been a pleasant surprise considering we only had three regular crew members and two complete offshore novices.

"It has been a pleasure to see the team develop to work together to bring the success home."

Repeat performance

The reigning champions began their defence with an impressive advance from eighth position at the first buoy to a third place finish in race one before bad weather caused the first day's racing to be abandoned.

It was a repeat performance in race two the next day, as it was for race winners Met D.

Walters and his team bettered the result in race three by one place and were runners-up again in race four by less than a boat length to Cleveland A, while a broken halyard consigned early pace-setters Met D to 12th place.

The wind had increased from force five



to seven by the time race five started, but it proved no hindrance to Notts' march as the A team overhauled the now-repaired Met D between the second and third buoys before powering away for a first race win.

The 60-mile round the Isle of Wight event was dogged by light winds, but Notts took the lead at the first buoy and used their sailing nous to hold the lead for the duration of the 11-hour contest.

With Met D finishing third, Notts were tied on points with the capital crew and knew victory in the seventh race would be enough to retain their title.

The two crews engaged in a tacking duel in the race but Walters and his team got their tactics spot on to retain the championship in the final 50 metres.

Although there was no need to sail in race nine, Notts could not resist the challenge and celebrated their retained title in style, finishing three minutes ahead of their rivals.

● Above, Louise Davensac at the helm with skipper Pete Walters behind, Rick Priestley, left, and John Austin, front right. Below, left to right, are crew members Louise Davensac, skipper Pete Walters, Doug Ing, John Austin, Paul Pilsworth, Rick Priestley, Andy Muir and Steve Payne.



Cricket

NOTTS were given a tough first test in their bid to retain the PSUK national cup they won last summer.

After being given a bye in the first round, the team was drawn against West Midlands, the side they defeated in last year's semi final. The match was due to be played on Wednesday 3 June.

And, if they repeat that victory winning the trophy for a second time will be difficult as an unkind draw means Notts will play all of the following fixtures away from home.

The final is at Scarborough CC in September.

Club secretary Derek Pickering said: "We're always looking for new blood to come and join the most successful sporting section in the force."

If you want to get involved email Derek.

Triathlon

SALLY Pickering and Georgina Newton competed in their first triathlon and are now looking at putting a force team in for another event later this summer.

The pair took part in an event in Southwell and, despite staggered start times, finished in identical times of one hour 16 minutes.

Sally, an enquiry officer at Central, finished 365th out of 500. She said: "It was a very hot day but we really enjoyed it. We're now aiming for the Long Eaton Triathlon on August 16 and we want to enter a force team."

Colleagues of Georgina, off Section 1 Response at Central, who finished 350th, have already expressed an interest.

League champions relegate Notts in final game

NOTTS were relegated on the final day of the season after being convincingly beaten by a well organised and disciplined young Billborough Pelican side who clinched the league title.

Needing a point for safety Dave Raynor and Jeff Gubbins' side lost 3-0 and found themselves relegated despite having spent only one game and three days of the

Football

whole season in the bottom two.

The club has finished lower in the league before but this is

its first relegation since the Miners Dispute in 1984.

In contrast Notts Vets missed out on winning the East Midlands Veterans' League Section B - Division One title

by just two points and had to settle for runners up spot.

But they at least had the satisfaction of beating champions Gedling Miners' Welfare 3-2 in their final game.