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Our efforts will all be worth it

CHIEF Constable Julia Hodson has pledged to deliver top quality policing across the board.

She says public confidence will improve if people are kept better informed and believes the force must get that right.

Ms Hodson said: "I am passionate about delivering top quality policing across the whole range of services. Not only do we need to get our initial response right, we must keep our customers updated with progress.

"I will be taking a very personal, some might say intrusive, interest in the quality of service we deliver to the public.

Feel the difference

"We have some old habits to break and some new ones to learn. But when our customers start to feel the difference, the effort will have been worth it."

The chief is also planning a major offensive against house burglary.

She described it as a crime which strikes at the heart of people's personal and private lives and their sense of security.

"I want to combine the expertise in this force, the knowledge of our partners, and the experiences of our customers, to organise a major offensive against house burglary.

Quality service the key to public confidence - Chief



"Let's liberate people from the fear of burglary and give them peace of mind."

Ms Hodson says she is looking forward to moving into the county and will be house-hunting for a family home at the first opportunity.

"It's a really strongly held belief that I should be part of the community I serve," she said.

"I am very much a family person and recognise the support that we all need from our families to do our jobs. We shouldn't take that for granted. Our role is a difficult and demanding one and our families play a crucial role."

The chief says she has no intention of being a remote boss and intends to immerse herself in everything Nottinghamshire has to offer.

Ms Hodson, a coal miner's daughter, grew up in neighbouring Derbyshire and, like many people, was attracted to Nottinghamshire for shopping, socialising and study.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the time I spent in Nottinghamshire. At that time I could never have imagined then that I would return one day as Chief Constable.

A cut above

"It is a huge privilege to take on this role. Steve Green told me that the officers and staff of Nottinghamshire Police were a cut above the rest.

"With crime down to its lowest for 20 years, and satisfaction on its way up, the evidence would suggest that he is right.

"I am hugely impressed with what has been done to tackle serious and organised crime and the endeavours that have brought crime down for six consecutive years.

"I know that these achievements were hard won.

"My intention now is to harness all that commitment and resourcefulness to make further inroads into burglary.

"I believe that is entirely achievable and I think the future is very positive."



Bikers to walk for cancer charity

THESE knights of the road will leave their bikes at home and set off on foot later this month for a charity walk to raise money for breast cancer charities.

Dianne Wilson and Ken Heydon, both chief inspectors, are members of the Blue Knights - an international motorcycle club for law enforcement officers.

The organisation, which was founded more than 30 years ago, has over 20,000 members, including six officers from Notts. Those six, who are part of the England VI

Blue Knights, meet in Derbyshire every month. On July 12 they will join dozens of other people at Nottingham's Harvey Hadden Stadium for the Relay for Life.

Organised by Cancer Research, the event sees teams walking around the stadium's athletics track for 24 hours.

Ken said: "Two of our current club members are fighting cancer, both retired police officers from Notts. Another one of our Knights ladies has just been given the all clear after five years and many of our group's lives have been touched by family members and friends having cancer.

"To that end we are committed to raising funds for Cancer Research UK in order to help make a difference."

Ken and Dianne, who both ride Harley Davidson motorbikes, say new members are more than welcome.

Dianne said: "If you enjoy motorbikes, good company and good riding, come and see what the Blue Knights have to offer. I can recommend it."

To find out more contact Ken Heydon on 07738549010.

Drive to get more of you cycling to work

YOU can now buy a new bike tax-free after the force signed up to a plan aimed at getting more of us to cycle to work.

Hundreds of officers and staff have already expressed interest in the scheme. It allows you to buy a new bike and equipment and pay for it over 12 monthly instalments through your salary. Those payments are subject to tax

breaks meaning you save money.

Hundreds of companies and organisations across the country already take part in the scheme, which is part of the Government's Green Transport Plan Initiative.

Lindsey O'Hanlon, from employee relations and equalities, said: "We've had around 400 expressions of interest already from officers

and staff and that was before full details were made available."

A number of road shows throughout the force are now under way. The next is at St Ann's on Wednesday 9 July, with another at Mansfield Police Station on Monday 14 July.

To find out more visit www.cyclescheme.co.uk

Federation 'forced' into court action

THE Police Federation had 'no choice' but to take on the government in the High Court over its failure to implement a pay award for officers in full.

That is the view of federation national chairman Paul McKeever who accuses the Home Secretary of failing to fight the corner of police officers.

He was speaking after two judges ruled Jacqui Smith did not act unlawfully by failing to implement a 2.5 per cent pay award in full.

The federation brought the case after the government's refusal to backdate the rise in England, Wales and Northern Ireland to September 2007, meaning its worth was effectively reduced to 1.9 per cent.

Mr McKeever said: "We are extremely disappointed although we take heart that we have won the moral case. We didn't take the decision to go to court lightly, but the failure of the Home Secretary to fight our corner in government and her unwillingness to accept and implement the findings of an independent Police Arbitration Tribunal left us with no choice."

The federation believes the Home Secretary's action means the government can impose any pay award regardless of the decision reached through negotiation and arbitration.

"That cannot be right. The trade off for not having industrial rights should be negotiation and binding arbitration," Mr McKeever said.

"We are police officers, we want to fight crime and criminals. We don't want to fight the Home Office and the Home Secretary."



The High Court ruling did not surprise Nottinghamshire officers. Here are some of your views...

WHILST I fully accept the ruling and therefore acknowledge that there is no where else to go in attempting to get Jacqui Smith to do the RIGHT thing, I am somewhat concerned about this coming year's pay award. Knowing full well that she can now legally get away with riding roughshod over the police service, what's to stop her repeating the farce of 2007?
Pc Philip Draycott

I'M NOT surprised but I would never support a 'strike' or any form of industrial action. The government says one thing and does another. As my mother always says "they'll want us before we want them."
Pc Shaun O'Sullivan

IT WAS obvious the government wouldn't back down. I have now lost complete faith in this government and know which way I will be voting at the next election, as will my wife. Do they realise the

number of votes they may lose if every police officer and their family feel the same? Or as I expect they don't really care how we feel.
Pc Carl Bott

I THINK it's about time we asked for raises in line with MPs, as theirs were not in line with the government's below 3 percent targets. Perhaps they can give up their second home allowances to pay for it. I think they've taken advantage this time.
Pc Antony Miller

IN THE past 24 years I have seen a gradual reduction in the expenses and benefits first enjoyed by police officers. Each time something was removed it came against a backdrop of so called 'Police Reform', whereby the service was continually asked to embrace the concept that the police were in fact no different and therefore deserved no more than any other employee in society. Our pay negotiating

framework succeeded because it DID recognise the uniqueness of being a police officer.

In view of recent events, perhaps now is the time for the government to go the whole way and allow police officers all the rights, privileges and benefits afforded to 'normal employees' which of course would include the right to industrial action, the right to secondary employment, the right to be a member of a political party, the right to have a business interest, the right to say no to overtime or rest day working, to name but a few?
Insp Gary Hesketh

IN light of the court's decision, I feel there is now only one direction for police officers and that is, in the absence of binding independent arbitration, we should now be channelling our efforts into gaining the same industrial rights as, nurses, firemen and teaching staff.
Pc Don Greenwood

Jet's up there with the best

PC MARK Johnson and his dog Jet made history when they qualified for the National Police Dog Championships for the fifth consecutive year.

And they enjoyed more success when they took third prize at the event held in Merseyside.

Sgt Steve O'Connell, dog section trainer, said: "Mark and Jet have qualified for the championships every year now since 2004. I am only aware of one other officer in the country with a similar record over the 48-year history of these trials.

"They have improved year on year and been very consistent. The National Trials secretary made reference to the fact that he couldn't remember a handler team returning to collect the same trophy for a second year.

"It's a tremendous achievement."
Last year's Police Dog Champion PC Dave Buckley also qualified again for the championships with dog Chas. They finished in 8th place overall.

Steve O'Connell said: "Both handlers worked particularly hard in their training to perform to the best standards throughout the competition and were excellent ambassadors for Nottinghamshire Police.

"Operationally, they have two of the best, if not the best, performing dogs on the section."



Examiners give thumbs up to experts

FORCE fingerprint experts were put under the microscope in a series of tests designed to assess their skills.

The tests were developed following two years research by an independent company working alongside London South Bank University.



Six examiners passed the test with flying colours, including fingerprint bureau manager Bob MacShane, who achieved a 100 per cent score.

Scientific Support Manager Peter Hulmston said: "The examination was tough and a marathon undertaking for even our most experienced and skilled experts."

"This is an important step towards our Fingerprint Bureau providing the public with the reassurance that every one of our qualified experts are at the top of their game."

Those who passed were Bob MacShane, Jan Parkin, Andrew Wagstaff, Alan Gore, Melanie Tomlinson and Karen Davis.

Strong focus on public protection

AROUND 200 staff from the police, probation and prison services will meet representatives from other agencies and the voluntary sector at a Multi-Agency Public Protection

Arrangements (MAPPA) conference this month.

They will discuss the revised national MAPPA guidance published last October during the event at Goosedale, in Bestwood village, on Thursday 10 July.

Detective Inspector Yvonne Dales, MAPPA Policy and Strategy Officer, has organised the conference. She said: "This as an ideal opportunity to raise the profile of MAPPA and provide senior professionals from the key agencies and practitioners with

an opportunity to examine the implications of the revised guidance.

"The work to safeguard the public, particularly those most vulnerable to risk of serious harm is complex and challenging, if we are to deliver the best possible service we need to work closely with our partners and this is why the work of MAPPA is so important."

Nottinghamshire MAPPA works in partnership with other agencies to minimise the risk posed by known violent and sexual offenders, thereby reducing serious re-offending and preventing further harm to victims.

The conference will include presentations from a number of leading experts involved in MAPPA policy.

It will also examine how a partnership approach can tackle gangs with presentations on young people considered "at risk" of gang culture and gun related crime, myths and perceptions, diversionary tactics, the practicalities of managing offenders within MAPPA and rehabilitative work.

To find out more about the work of MAPPA contact the team on extensions 1470,1471 or 1473.

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ACC dedicates OBE to her 'fantastic team'

ASSISTANT Chief Constable Sue Fish believes the OBE she was given for her work tackling gun crime is a mark of respect for all officers and staff who have helped make Nottinghamshire a better place.

She said it was their collective determination and teamwork that had helped the force get to grips with drug-related gun criminality.

Mrs Fish was awarded the OBE for services to policing in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Before he retired, Chief Constable Steve Green paid tribute to her saying: "I am immensely proud of Sue Fish. She has worked furiously to transform the landscape of criminality in this county."

"She arrived at a time when the force was

tackling a serious challenge from drug-related gun crime and immediately took over as Gold Commander of the Starburst Project, a suite of operations designed to eradicate this problem and liberate local people from the tyranny of organised crime.

"As a result of Starburst, gun crime was significantly reduced in Nottinghamshire and the quality of life for



residents in Nottingham was transformed. Sue then went on to completely restructure our serious and organised crime capability.

"This is now proving highly effective in dismantling emerging organised crime groups."

"I have huge admiration for her. She has proved herself an able and resilient leader, unfazed by any amount of pressure or adversity."

Mrs Fish said: "This is an honour which I accept with humility. There are people in this county whose lives have been irrevocably damaged by

the evil of gun crime. These people have been my inspiration and motivation.

"It has been my good fortune to be able to lead a team of fantastically professional and dedicated people."

"This honour acknowledges their endeavours in transforming the face of policing in Nottinghamshire. Their efforts have

enabled us to turn performance around and deliver six consecutive years of falling crime.

"So, whilst I feel very honoured to be acknowledged in this way, I accept the OBE as a mark of respect for the officers and staff of Nottinghamshire Police whose collective determination made Nottinghamshire a better place. This was teamwork."

Officers' improved armour

NOTTS officers will be among the first in the country to benefit from improved body armour.

The force has agreed a programme to introduce new armour, offering increased protection, starting from this year.

Mark Lloyd, procurement coordinator, said: "The replacement armour will be issued on a rolling programme to coincide with the warranty of armours issued in the last five years."

"In the current financial year this will affect about a third of all officers."

For more information about body armour contact your divisional admin officer.

Search for singers

BESTWOOD Male Voice Choir, which includes members of the former Notts Police Choir, is looking for new singers.

The choir is performing at Thoresby Park alongside the Notts Police Band on September 6.

Practice is every Tuesday at Bestwood Social Club. Contact Bryce Clare, HQ systems administrator, on ext 2135.

Beverley's gift of life

Now she urges others to join bone marrow register

IT was the search for a donor to help save the life of a Nottinghamshire officer that persuaded Beverley Whitworth to give her bone marrow.

Sadly, that search was in vain and PC Alex Hibbert died from leukaemia in March 1997.

But incredibly, years later Beverley's bone marrow

was found to be a perfect match for leukaemia sufferer Bo Thompson, living thousands of miles away in the USA.

It was extracted at a hospital in London before being flown to the States the same day, where the transplant took place.

Mr Thompson made a full recovery and he later got in touch with Beverley to say thank you for saving his life.

On July 2, Beverley, 47, who works at Riverside as an information support clerk, will meet him for only the second time when he travels to Nottinghamshire to help promote the work of bone marrow charity the Anthony Nolan Trust.

She said: "You can't describe how it feels to save someone's life. His family wrote saying lovely things like 'Thank you for giving my children their daddy back,' which made me cry. 'I would hope someone would do that for me, or my children, if anything like that happened.'"

Speaking from his home in Greenville, South Carolina, Mr Thompson said: "I feel awesome. Beverley saved my life. I have been really blessed."

He decided to get in touch with her after his treatment to tell her how much he loved her. "It's like having a mother or sister. We're family now," he said.

Beverley, who is married to husband Chris and has two teenage sons, was made a honorary citizen of Greenville and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, when she visited last year.



● PERFECT MATCH: Beverley with Bo Thompson, the man whose life she saved



She said: "I joined the Anthony Nolan register over ten years ago when PC Alex Hibbert was diagnosed with leukaemia. We had a huge publicity campaign and the force had an incredible response. Unfortunately a match was never found and he died."

"But it wasn't in vain because I would never have thought of going on the bone marrow register, mainly due to lack of knowledge."

"If I hadn't given that very simple blood test then Bo would have died."

"Please join the register of the Anthony Nolan Trust. If you get to be a donor it will be one of the most rewarding and life-changing experiences you'll ever go through."

Beverley and Bo were due to be at Ollerton Town Hall on 2 July, encouraging people to give blood and register with the trust.

For more details visit www.anthonynolan.org.uk

Summer ball tickets

TICKETS for this year's force summer ball are now on sale.

The event, at Blotts Country Club in Holme Pierrepont, is on Friday 12 September starting at 7pm.

It is a black tie event with welcome drink and five

course dinner, followed by a DJ and live music.

Tickets are £27.50 and for details contact PC Clare Bradley on 07962 109947 or PS Nigel Bradley on 07962 104215.

You can also email summerball@ntdworld.com

Dave put behind bars for charity



SUPERINTENDENT Dave Wakelin (left) was among a number of 'prisoners' sentenced to a spell in the cells at Nottingham's Galleries of Justice to raise money for charity.

He was sentenced along with Insp Norman England as part of the 'Lock Up Your Boss' event

held as part of Nottinghamshire Crimestoppers 10th birthday.

You can also support Crimestoppers and win prizes in a raffle being organised by Helen Barratt from force headquarters.

It will be drawn on Friday 12 September at the Police Summer Ball and tickets are on sale for £1.

Prizes include a relaxation day at Eden Hall, a meal for two at The Living Room, theatre tickets and sport tickets and a signed Nottingham Forest football.

For tickets call Helen on ext 2615, PC Steve Barratt on ext 6638 or Sarah Smithurst at Crimestoppers on ext 1439.

Meet the winners of this year's Notts Police Awards

Katie's pride

KATIE Sharp's desire to make her daughter proud and become a role model for young women inspired her to become a PCSO.

Now the 29-year-old is celebrating after being named Community Support Officer of the Year.

She was nominated by Insp Gurmit Kaur who said: "Katie has shown 100 per cent commitment and dedication to her beat, striving hard to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour."

"She is a shining example of an exemplary community support officer. She is proud to wear her uniform and of the many achievements she has attained so far."



Katie, who works from Radford Road, said: "I have always wanted to join the Police Service so in 2006, now as a single mum of one, I applied to become a PCSO."

"I saw this as an opportunity to use some of my valuable life experiences to become a positive role model not only to other young people, but also for my daughter. I wanted to be able to show my daughter that if you work hard enough, are disciplined and committed to something then anything is achievable."

"I have learnt two important lessons. Firstly, everyone is entitled to live without fear, whether at home, at work or in their neighbourhoods."

"Secondly I have learnt to be proud. I am proud of what I am, the uniform I wear and what I am achieving."

A lifetime's work for Andy

ANDY Giles has been recognised with a Lifetime Achievement award for a career spanning almost 30 years that has seen him become an 'inspiration' to younger officers.

Detective Chief Superintendent Neil James said the 48-year-old was a consummate officer who epitomises the image of a committed and truly honourable detective.

He said: "Andy has built a reputation of being a very conscientious, thorough and methodical officer. He is an inspiration to the younger officers he works with, taking the time to guide and mentor them."

Andy has worked on more than 30 murder enquiries and is also an experienced family liaison officer. He has helped dozens of victims' families including those killed in

terrorist bombings in Saudi Arabia and the Boxing Day Tsunami.

He said: "I have always been fascinated by the police and wanted to join the service from an early age. I can honestly say that it is the best job I could have had. I have been fortunate to work with and for, some very talented people who have helped me at various stages throughout my service, it has been a



privilege to work with them. Working with people like that has made it a pleasure to go to work."

Three 9s help four win

SCHOOLS officers David Case, Andrew Hand, Paul Kanikowski and Martin Tristram, have won the Diversity Team of the Year.

They were recognised for their work on a youth intervention strategy set up to tackle youth offending, antisocial behaviour, health and truancy issues.

David and Andrew started the Three 9s Challenge across B Division but with the support of D Division officers Martin and Paul.

The project helps young people who have been identified as either vulnerable or at risk of offending.

Chief Inspector Glenn Harper, who nominated the four, said hundreds of young people were benefiting from the scheme.

He said: "The Three 9s Challenge is having a positive impact in helping to reduce the fear of crime in our communities. It is down to the hard work of Andy, Dave, Martin and Paul that it is the success it is today."

PC David Case said: "We are absolutely delighted with the award. We created the Three 9s Challenge to make a positive impact on young people and steer them away from crime and we hope it has that affect."

It's good to talk Colin walks away with top award

OLLERTON beat manager Colin Oakley has been named Nottinghamshire's Community Officer of the Year.

He is the latest officer to win the coveted Christopher McDonald award, named in memory of the PC killed on duty 30 years ago.

Colin, 46, joined the police 23 years ago and spent four years with The Met in London.

But he transferred to Notts in 1989 for what he says was 'a better quality of life.'

He has now been the beat manager for Ollerton and Boughton for three years and Chief Inspector Glenn Harper said: "Colin has built up an excellent relationship with the community, and is a credit to the force."

"Through public consultation surgeries he has put himself at the heart of his community. On learning what their key concerns are, he has actively sought to address them through developing local initiatives."

Team colleagues

"With Operation Accomplish, he reduced the level of crime and disorder from young people 'hanging about' the town, and showed the community that the police would not tolerate such behaviour, and that their concerns were taken seriously and addressed."

Colin said: "It's fantastic to win. I just get my head down and get on with the job. I viewed the nomination as a compliment, not just for me but my safer neighbourhood team colleagues Gavin Oxby and Richard Dunn. It would be remiss of me not to thank them."

"The role of beat manager is one of the few police careers where it is possible to see the difference you can make. You are the figurehead for your community. If you can tackle community issues and improve the quality of life then that cannot always be easily measured but the results are tangible and the public will respond to your commitment."

"The lesson that I have learnt is never to give up. I found the public felt we didn't care and were not interested in their problems. But I have the support of an excellent team and together we have striven to reduce the occurrence of the things that matter most to the public."

"The single most important matter is consultation and communication. Talk to your community, tell them what you intend to do about their problems and always update them about what you have done."



● RIGHT BEAT: Colin Oakley has been named Community Officer of the Year. Picture courtesy of Newark Advertiser

Broken bone fails to stop Kate

AN injury on the rugby field left Kate Long with a broken wrist but it has not dented the progress she has made since joining the force almost two years ago.

The 23-year-old, who works at St Ann's, says she is 'gobsmacked' at being named Stewart Pattinson Student Officer of the Year.

Kate, who spent five months away from full-time duties because of her injury, was nominated by

PC Philip Ridley.

PC Ridley said: "She has made an excellent start to her career and is showing real potential to become a consistent, top performing police officer."

"She clearly has confidence and ability to interact with both her colleagues and the community and is maintaining all round high standards."

"Despite her injury she has

continued to learn and impress. She has great potential for the future."

Kate said: "I'm gobsmacked to have won."

"I was chuffed to be nominated but to win is an even bigger surprise."

"I couldn't have done it without all the help and support of my two tutors and everyone on Five Section."



● TOP STUDENT: Kate Long won the Stewart Pattinson honour

Ranjit proves very Special

RANJIT Chaggar's efforts to expose the sale of counterfeit goods at car boot sales has helped win him the Special Constabulary Officer of the Year award.

The Special Sgt has been working closely with Notts County Council's trading standards officers.

Specials Supt Mark Stasuik, who nominated Ranjit, said: "He really threw himself into this and was out most weekends collecting intelligence and watching people. He then fed that back to trading standards and they mounted a number of high profile raids to seize counterfeit goods."

PC's instincts claw back stolen goods

Roads Policing – Operational Support

PC JIM Brough's suspicions about a mechanical claw were proved right when it turned out to have been stolen along with the rest of the digger.

Jim was part of a Roads Policing team that joined officers from 38 forces in a nationwide operation against plant theft.

The two-week operation led to the recovery of an estimated £1m worth of stolen plant.

Officers from Notts received basic training in plant identification and ran a number of checks, stopping 27 different items of plant from cement mixers upwards.

Jim suspicions about the claw, worth £16,000, were confirmed when extensive enquires found it was stolen the previous day in North Yorkshire.

Three people were arrested.

PC John Parker, who led the operation for Notts, said: "Plant thefts are well planned and the machinery can be working on another site within hours. Identification is always the problem and you can't rely on items being on PNC, even if you can find a serial number. It takes perseverance.

"Plant theft has been identified as an international crime with links to organised crime and terrorism. Many items are being smuggled abroad to Eastern Europe and beyond, but the criminals and victims are local and live in our policing areas and the plant is being moved on our roads."

Any officers who need help identifying plant can call PC Parker or colleagues on ext 812 2241.

Charges over Brendon's murder

C Division – Nottingham City

THREE men have been charged in connection with the murder of Nottingham teenager Brendon Lawrence more than six years ago.

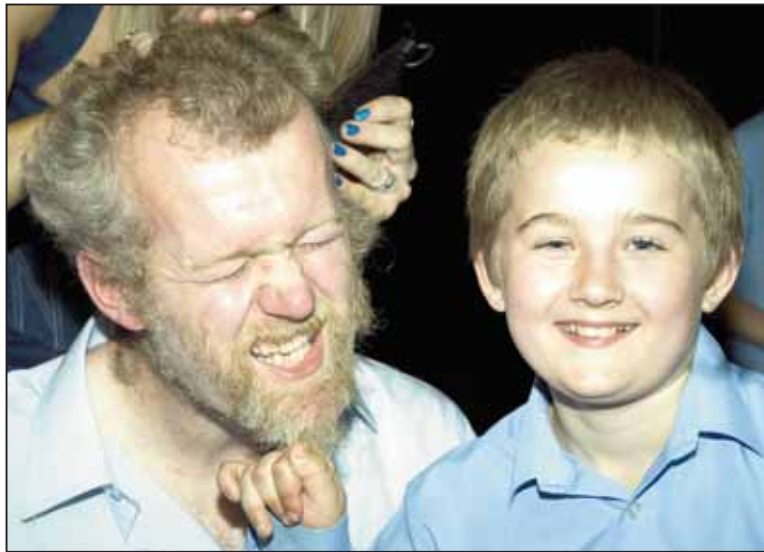
The 16-year-old was shot dead in Watkin Street, St Ann's, in February 2002.

Last month detectives from the homicide unit arrested two men on suspicion of murder and another in connection with Brendon's killing.

Rene Sarpong, 28, from St Ann's and 34-year-old Jason Williams, from Sherwood, were then charged with murder.

Gary Brown, 44, from Chesterfield, was charged with assisting offenders.

They appeared before Nottingham Crown Court on 26 June and were remanded until 6 October.



Richard's close shave

C Division – Nottingham City

RICHARD Hewitt's son Conner playfully tugs his dad's beard before the detective has it all shaved off for charity.

The Oxclose Lane officer was doing it to raise money for the John Eastwood Hospice in Sutton in Ashfield.

Richard, who works in the sexual exploitation investigation unit, is also heavily involved in youth football with FC Huthwaite.

He had his head and beard shaved along with friend Stan Fisher at Kirkby's Festival Hall and between them they raised around £600 for the hospice, which provides specialist palliative care to patients.

FC Huthwaite has teams for boys aged between 10 and 18 living in the Ashfield area. For details contact Richard.



Jailed drug dealer stripped of assets

C Division – Nottingham City

A ROUTINE stop by officers led to a drug dealer being convicted and the seizure of more than £25,000 in assets.

Stuart Anderson was jailed for 32 months in April after pleading guilty to possession of cannabis with intent to supply, possessing criminal property and disqualified driving.

The 34-year-old, from Carlton, was stopped by officers on routine patrol in July last year driving a Mercedes despite being disqualified.

He was arrested and a search of the car discovered cannabis.

After his arrest, detectives from Sneinton CID began to track money

and assets that had been gained through criminal activity.

Working with the Asset Confiscation Unit, an application to access bank accounts confirmed Anderson was living beyond his means.

Last month (June) Anderson appeared at a confiscation hearing at Nottingham Crown Court, where the judge deemed he had benefited to the sum of £41,520.

Sold at auction

Around £26,000 has already been identified, including a Mercedes C180 Kompressor that will be sold at auction, money in his bank account and more than £17,500 cash recovered during a search of his home.

This money must be paid within six months or he will face a further 18

months in custody.

Detective Inspector Leigh Sanders, of Sneinton CID, said: "This case shows we will target criminals through their pocket, using powers to take their assets, savings, cars and homes – anything gained through criminal activity.

"This proves that crime certainly does not pay.

"We will be using the Proceeds of Crime Act to seize profits when offenders gain financially by breaking the law.

"They make people's lives miserable through the offences they commit and we aim to make sure they do not live a luxurious lifestyle at the expense of others."

● Grab a grand – see page 7

£1m drugs haul in Sutton

A Division – Mansfield and Ashfield

DRUGS with a street value of £1m have been seized from a house in Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Officers made the discovery after executing a warrant at an address in Hardwick Lane.

Ashfield North Local Area Commander, Insp Dave Walton, said: "This is the latest in a long line of local successes in the fight against drugs.

"Intelligence from the community was central to our efforts on this job, as it is with most of those we undertake."

The drugs were all Class A. Two men and a woman were arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply.

Walkers peak in aid of charity

D Division – South Notts

SIXTEEN officers and staff were on cloud nine after climbing Britain's three highest peaks for charity.

The group suffered blisters, muscle pain and sleep deprivation as they attempted to walk and climb to the top of Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon, in just 24 hours.

They completed the feat, which included a 9,700 feet ascent, 22 miles of walking and 500 miles driving, with 27 minutes to spare.

Around £4,000 was raised for Marie Curie Cancer Care, with other money going to the chief constable's charity and a scout group.

Inspector John Lees said: "It was a gruelling challenge, which pushed everybody's physical and mental strengths to the limit.

"But there was a good team spirit, and plenty of support and encouragement along the way.

"I think by the end of the walk everybody realised they had achieved something special."



● PEAK FITNESS: This intrepid team from D Division raised over £4,000 for various charities after climbing Britain's three highest peaks

Policing for you

THERE are times when you could be forgiven for thinking you do a thankless job...but it's always nice to be appreciated as these comments from members of the public show.

Thorough and professional

"A BIG thank you to Sgt Bola, DC Underwood and DC Satterley, after I was burgled. As a result of their prompt actions they were able to recover all the stolen items. One offender has been arrested and charged. These officers gave me a very thorough and professional service."

Fantastic ambassador

"PC Jeanette Stasjuk took time to speak to a group of residents from my street in Mapperley Park, to update us on local crime trends, home security, police and community initiatives and her role as beat manager. She is a fantastic ambassador for Nottinghamshire Police. Her talk was informative, relevant, comprehensive and easy to understand."

Outstanding help

"I WOULD like to thank the officers, one of whom was PC Lee Cattell, who responded when I had my satnav stolen from my vehicle in Nottingham. The treatment and way the officers helped me was outstanding, very pleasant to deal with."

Credit to the force

"I CANNOT say thank you enough. The police were absolutely fantastic. I would particularly like to thank PC Andrew Cullen for his time, tact and understanding. He's a credit to the police force and to himself."

Great asset

"I CAN'T say enough about how much PC Karl Bloch is appreciated at schools in Top Valley. Nothing is too much trouble for him. He is a great asset and ambassador to Nottinghamshire Police."

First class

"CAN I say how impressed I was with the service by staff at Carlton Police Station. Sharon Chambers and Carol Hill offered me every assistance in a prompt, pleasant and efficient manner. Sgt Richard Baker and PC Wayne Bowring were very professional and are first class representatives of your police service."

Beyond the call of duty

"I AM a Senior Lecturer at Nottingham Trent University and have just been to the desk at Central Police Station to collect one of my student's assignments. The student lives in Sussex and had missed the last post in order to meet the submission deadline. She therefore drove the long journey up to Nottingham to deliver her assignment by hand. On finding the University closed, and with no visible post box, she handed her work into the police station for my collection. "It was given to me straight away by the young officer staffing the reception desk, who much to my surprise knew exactly what I was talking about. This has to be service above and beyond the call of duty! Had Nottinghamshire Police refused to take the assignment, this student would have had her mark 'capped' at 40 per cent for late submission. I would like to thank Notts Police, and particularly the efficiency of the officer staffing the desk, on behalf of Nottingham Trent University and the student concerned."

Partnership approach saves valuable time

REASSURANCE from a safer neighbourhood team in Nottingham helped resolve an issue with nuisance calls that had been wasting hours of time for operational staff.

Basford and Hyson Green LAC Inspector Gurmit Kaur (right) explains: "During 2007 the force received at least 580 calls from a woman in my area which wasted the time of control room staff.

"When officers attended her address they were concerned about her welfare and believed she suffered from mental health problems. Her home had large amounts of furniture, materials and paper posing a fire risk.

"I obtained information about the woman and contacted her neighbours, social services and the fire service. By analysing information we were able to identify the cause of her calls. She was a lonely lady, who wanted attention and someone to talk to. She had befriended control room staff



over the years and felt that she was helping us by reporting incidents. Unfortunately the reports were found to be false."

After consultation between agencies, the fire service installed smoke alarms at the property and the woman was visited by social services.

Control room staff were then instructed to be firm but polite and establish quickly if she was at risk or if a crime had been committed.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team of Pc Mark Tindall, PCSO Simon Morris and CPO Kieran Flanagan were asked to make regular contact with the woman.

Inspector Kaur said: "On a weekly basis, I monitored the effectiveness of the partnership strategy in resolving this problem. As soon as the engagement commenced with the SNT the volume of calls dropped.

"There have only been 12 calls between January and the end of March 2008.

"This approach is now an option for other LACs to consider using to address nuisance callers in their area."

New customer service tests are in the pipeline

M Y S T E R Y customers will be visiting stations across the force again later this year.

It follows on from the success of volunteers testing customer service quality at front counters.

That exercise saw St Ann's come out on top with a five-star rating.

Wendy Jones, principal research officer, said: "The next round of tests will look to build on the lessons learned from the first

experience with a new set of real-life questions and scenarios.

"We can now ask our volunteers to test service in a particular area, all of which will help the force to better understand what really think about the quality of service they receive."

Mystery shopping started out in the United States early in the 20th century but it wasn't until the 1940s a company first used the term and began using it to evaluate

customer service. Several police forces now make regular use of mystery customers to help them better understand the quality of service they are delivering.

The testing of front counters saw one in three volunteers rate their satisfaction with service as ten out ten. Three stations achieved the highest five-star rating with another eight given four stars. The top five were: St Ann's, Stapleford, Ollerton, Kirkby in Ashfield and Carlton.

Arm yourself with the facts

A HANDY pocket-sized booklet giving the true picture about crime in Nottinghamshire is now being distributed across the force.

The ten-page publication, packed with facts and figures, has been produced using the most up to date



crime data. It has been put together to show officers and staff the

progress Nottinghamshire has made in reducing crime.

And it is ideal for use as a reference guide to help you share the information in it with the public.

Copies are available now from corporate communications on ext 2080.

How we 'reassure' the public



THIS month, Force Times shines the spotlight on the phrase 'and reassure' in the Policing for You vision statement.

Assistant Chief Constable Ian Ackerley says: "This means providing a police service that the public can have confidence will protect them when they need it.

"It is a service they can believe in and that makes them feel confident that the police understand the issues they face and have the capability to deal with them."

Suggestions are a good idea

SUGGESTION boxes have been put in schools, libraries and community centres, in an effort to encourage people to tell police what they want officers to do. Twenty boxes, paid for by the Home Office, have been put up across Bulwell.

Inspector Chris Davies, LAC for Bulwell, said: "It is important we use as many ways to communicate with people living in our areas as possible, and the suggestion boxes offer a simple but effective solution."

If the boxes are a success they could be rolled out across the county.



● **STICK UP:** PC John Speeden puts up posters and a suggestion box in Bulwell library

Save the Planet from your desk or on the beat

GLOBAL warming, climate change, green issues...like it or not, the environment is now high on everyone's agenda.

We are all being told to play a part in helping the Planet, whether it's by conserving energy or walking instead of driving.

Most of us are now used to recycling at home but how much do we think about 'green issues' when we are work?

And, more importantly, how can each of us do something to

help while doing our job?

A working party was set up last summer to look at ways the force can become more 'environmentally aware.'

The Waste Management Working Group brings together expertise and facts about environmental issues and champions waste reduction and recycling across the force through a network of divisional groups.

It is still in its infancy but some of the things being looked at include:

- Provision of recycling facilities across the force

- A draft tender for general waste including recycling

- The introduction of battery towers to recycle all batteries.

- The design of buildings to provide better use of energy

- A communication campaign with assistance from organisations such as the Carbon Trust

Everyone can affect the workplace and help the force reduce waste.

All it takes is to switch off a light, turn off a dripping tap or print items in a responsible manner.



Nives 'reins' supreme

GARDA officer Nives Caplice thanks Trojan the horse for helping her get through an intensive four-week training course held in Nottinghamshire.

The force has a good reputation for training police riders and attracted officers from Scotland, Ireland and South Yorkshire to the intermediate equestrian course.

It is the next stage along after joining a mounted section and officers have to show greater riding ability and be able to assess a horse's abilities.

Acting Sergeant Pete Daynes, from the mounted section, said: "Not every force has qualified trainers to teach to intermediate level but we do. The distances candidates travelled proves how good Notts' reputation is. It also brings money into the force."

Everyone on the course passed, including Acting Sgt Daynes.

It was also tutor Sgt Lesley Taylor's final course before she retired.

Take cash away from criminals

POSTERS challenging officers to Grab a Grand are now on display in custody suites, briefing rooms and parade rooms throughout the force.

Detective Superintendent Steve Lowe from the Force Crime Directorate said: "We want to stop criminals enjoying the benefits of their unlawful activities.

"Amounts of £1000 or more can be seized by police officers under Section 294 of POCA if it is suspected that the money is from crime or is to be used in crime.

"In all cases, but particularly those where the amount is less than £1000, you should remember to use your powers under PACE which allow you to seize the cash if you believe that the cash itself is evidence of an offence."

After seizing an amount of cash, officers should contact the Asset Confiscation Unit within 24 hours.

Last month the Home Office gave almost £42,000 to the force, using a pot of money recovered from criminals since January.

For more information about cash seizures look on the Intranet.

Classified Advertisements

FREE adverts will be accepted for the next issue of Force Times from serving officers and staff of Nottinghamshire Police.

Email your advert to editor@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

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For sale

FOUR-bedroom semi detached house in Newark, close to town centre in quiet area. Small back garden with mooring rights on the River Trent. £160,000. Contact 07954335601

WEDDING dresses, brand new and very modern, various styles, sizes 10/14 in ivory and size 16/20 in bronze/gold. All can be altered to be made bigger or smaller - £200 each.

Four chocolate brown with ivory sash bridesmaid dresses (worn) size 10, 2 x size 12/14, one size 16. Four matching girls ivory bridesmaid dresses (worn) with chocolate sash, two aged 3/5, one aged 7/8 and one aged 10/12, all very modern. £200 each. Contact Rebecca 01773 862131.

THREE-bedroom traditional semi detached house in Jacksdale close to J27 M1. GCH, UPVC double glazing, luxury kitchen, refitted bathroom, off road parking. Can be viewed on www.rightmove.co.uk. £149,950. Contact Louise Foster Ext 3636 or 07876 741420

FOUR-bed detached house in Church Close, Arnold/Daybrook border. Full details through www.rightmove.co.uk. £224,950 but this is negotiable. Please contact Danny Watts. FCD (Homicide Unit) on Ext 1931 or via e-mail.

ROOF bars to suit Honda Accord or similar vehicle. The brackets fix to the inside of the door frames. £30ono. Call Jane Parker on 07843 874133.

2004 Renault Espace, 2L Turbo

Expression. 32000 miles, tax October 2008 & MoT. April 2009. Electric sunroof and climate control, electronic parking brake, six cd auto changer, seven seats. £8500 ono. Tel 07809549877.

FORD Mondeo ST24 X-reg, metallic silver, six cd auto changer, AC, EW, EM, traction control, heated front screen, 16" alloys, sports suspension, FSH, T&T'd, 71k, fantastic condition £2450. Contact Richard Stanhope on 07525 194514

CANE conservatory furniture, settee and two chairs, plus footstool and three glass tables vgc £150 ono. Extendable dining table in yew with six chairs, matching TV cabinet, hi fi cabinet, nest of tables and glass corner unit. All vgc £150 ono. Contact PC 1689 Dave Silverwood on 07753 447044 or by email

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BRADCOT Classic 900 caravan awning in wine and grey. Steel flexible frame, curtains. Excellent condition. £250. Contact Ross Davis 07944411547

HONDA Civic Type R, 2004 '54' plate, 31k miles, FSH, A/C, cosmic grey, tax and mot. Car still has Honda warranty and breakdown cover until Feb 09. Excellent condition, can be seen at HQ at any time. Contact John Meanwell on internal email or 07988 261 928. £9995

To let

HOLIDAY house in South of France. Sleeps six to eight. Charming wine village 40 minutes from Mediterranean. See www.estagel.co.uk or call Luke Norman (Sutton Rota One) on 07949369378.

MANSFIELD two bed maisonette, Larkhall Place Grange Farm, fitted kitchen, bathroom and shower, newly carpeted and decorated. Overlooking a green on a quiet estate. £395 pcm. Contact Mark Higgs 07954 691 758

DOUBLE room in two bedroom apartment in Berry Hill, Mansfield. Off Street Parking available if required. The apartment is close to local amenities and Mansfield Police Station. You would be sharing with

another Police employee and will have use of a large bathroom, a large lounge and a spacious kitchen with washer/dryer and a dishwasher. Rent £300 pcm inclusive of all bills. A small bond will be required. Contact Shelley 07818465985

Miscellaneous

STATIC caravan in Skegness, Shore Caravan Park. Available to let March-Oct. Call Lorraine on 07889141158 or ext 3808.

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Wanted

FRENCH doors, glass single doors or old patio doors needed to build out buildings and greenhouses at community allotments. Contact Ian Beasley on 0115 8400167 or 07929045312

Running

CAMPING in a field was perhaps not the perfect preparation for running a marathon but that didn't stop Andy Bateman.

The detective inspector spent the weekend sleeping in his tent before completing the Dartmoor Discovery ultra marathon.

The 32-mile course runs through undulating moorland. Andy was one of 154 competitors and finished in a time of six hours and two minutes.

He said: "I ran through brilliant sunshine, two hail storms and a torrential downpour. I lost a stone and a half in the preparation. It was a glorious run through picture postcard villages around Dartmoor. We had to avoid wild ponies and wandering sheep along the way."

The event, now in its 10th year, is organised by former world champion ultra marathon runner Phil Hampton.

Andy is hoping to enter again next year and encourage others to do it with him.

Triathlon

GARETH Castledine and Paul Foster were among 1,500 athletes competing in the Stratford 220 – one of the biggest triathlons in the UK.

The two officers had to swim 400m, followed by a 23km bike ride, before finishing with a 5km run.

Gareth finished an impressive 73rd after completing the tough event in 1hr 11mins 52sec while Paul was 311th overall.

The pair raised more than £240 for Cancer Research.



Sailing

A VICTORIOUS force sailing team was crowned national champions for an unprecedented fifth consecutive year at the Police Sport UK Offshore Sailing Championships.

The event, held on The Solent near the Isle of Wight, has been completely dominated by Notts in recent years with the team winning six out of the last seven titles.

Almost 200 sailors from 27 forces across the UK and Ireland took part in the five day event which consisted of nine races in the same 37ft yachts.

For the first time two teams from Notts took part but it was the highly successful A team which again took the honours, winning five of the nine races.

The win surprised skipper Pete Walters who said he hadn't been expecting it.

Pete said: "We were the hosts this year which meant we had to organise the whole event and assist with scoring and so on. That made it a difficult week to concentrate on the racing so I never expected us to win. The skipper of the Met team admitted he'd been hoping the distraction would give them a chance this year but thankfully it wasn't the case."

The B team finished 11th overall, the crew placing well considering its lack of experience.

AN opening stand of 70 between David Fraser-

Cricket

Darling and Chris Miller set Notts on their way to a six wicket win over Staffordshire in the second round of the PSUK cup.

Despite Staffs posting a daunting 251-6 from 45 overs, Notts cruised to a comfortable victory with 15 balls to spare.

Fraser-Darling, who works in the control room at headquarters, top scored with 71 while Nolan McKenzie, the star of the first round win against Durham, was again impressive scoring 68 not out.

Chris Miller, 29, Richard Beaumont, 20,

Jason Caunt, 25, all contributed leaving captain Pete Crawley not out on 17.

Notts now have home advantage in the third round where they face Lancashire later this month.

Team spokesman Derek Pickering said: "Our bowlers took a bit of stick but the boundaries were small and we never felt 252 was insurmountable. And so it proved. It was another great win and we're looking forward to the game against Lancashire."

Athletics

THE force running club wants to enter a ladies' team ahead of its next race in Worksop later this month.

There are no female runners in the team but organisers are hoping some will come forward and get involved before the race on 9 July at Worksop College.

Team members tackled a tough course in the third run of the Nottinghamshire AAA summer league at Erewash last month.

Wayne Turner said: "It was a tough hilly course which was rather testing, however there were some excellent times and high placings, with the team going from strength to strength.

"An extra well done goes to Pete Boddy who forgot his trainers but still dragged his poor feet around in a pair of walking shoes."

Finishing positions:

Gareth Castledine	53rd
Simon Travell	63rd
Neil Langham	65th
Jody Leonardi	99th
Wayne Turner	101st
Ben Ian	134th
John Albanese	184th
Alex Harvie	208th
Pete Boddy	223 rd



● **TOP RUNNERS:** Steve Ramwell and Pete Boddy completed the Cader Idris Fell Race in North Wales. More than 200 runners set off on a gruelling 10.5 mile run from the town of Dolgellau to the summit of Cader Idris at 2927 feet.

Sailors cruise to victory



● **SAILING SUCCESS:** The victorious Notts A team (inset, from left to right: Pete Walters, Paul Pilsworth, Ralph Gibson, Andy Diggle, Helen Neaverson, John Neaverson and Rick Priestley and, main picture, in action

Running

Chief reaches end of the line

RETIRING Chief Constable Steve Green completed his epic run to visit all 50 police stations and contact points before his retirement.

The final total has yet to be counted but Mr Green has raised thousands of pounds in memory of PC Christopher McDonald and PC Ged Walker.

"Please remember why I have done this and, when I have gone, never lose sight of their memory," he said, pointing to the memorials for the two officers who died on duty. He ran more than 180 miles to say farewell to officers and staff before his retirement and raise money for COPS – Care of Police Survivors – and the Christopher McDonald Memorial Fund.

Vets face tough test in top flight

Football

NOTTS Vets boss Jeff Gubbins says his players have to be prepared for stiffer opposition next season after their double promotion.

The team walked away with the East Midlands Vets division three title after a 100 per cent record.

They won all ten of their matches, scoring 56 goals and conceding only four. The Vets also won a cup competition, winning another five matches.

Now, they have been elevated to division one where player manager Jeff, a DC in the homicide unit, insists they will come up against better quality opposition.

"Last season was fantastic and the players did remarkably well to go unbeaten. The reward is a double promotion. Because we did so well we have been promoted two divisions higher but it means we have to be ready for a much tougher test," he said.

Last season was a 're-building exercise' for the force's first team who finished a respectable seventh in the Nottinghamshire Senior League.

Jeff and co-manager Dave Raynor, a retired PC, are hoping that will be enough to qualify for next season's Senior Cup competition, which is contested by clubs such as Arnold, Eastwood and Hucknall Town.

"We have been very pleased with the commitment of all the team but we were hampered by the late unavailability of players due to work commitments and injuries to key players at a crucial stage of the season," said Jeff.

Goalkeeper Joe Parlatt was voted Player of the Year at an end of season awards night. Top scorer went to Dan Holloway with 15 goals while James Walker was awarded the manager's Player of the Season trophy for his commitment and versatility.

Vets Player of the Year went to Richard Monk with top goal scorer Nigel Towlson.

Pre-season training starts in early July with players of all ages and ability invited. Dates will be posted on the intranet.

Anyone interested should contact Jeff Gubbins either by email or ext 1336.

The club is also on the lookout for a new club secretary.

Visit the club's website at www.intheteam.com

East Midlands Vets Sect B – Division 3 Final League Table

Team	Played	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Notts Police	10	10	0	0	56	4	52	30
Awsworth Villa	10	6	1	3	28	18	10	19
Wollaton Wands	10	6	0	4	21	14	7	18
Trentside	10	4	0	6	22	20	2	12
Debdale	10	3	1	6	20	25	-5	10
Lady Bay OB	10	0	0	10	6	73	-67	0