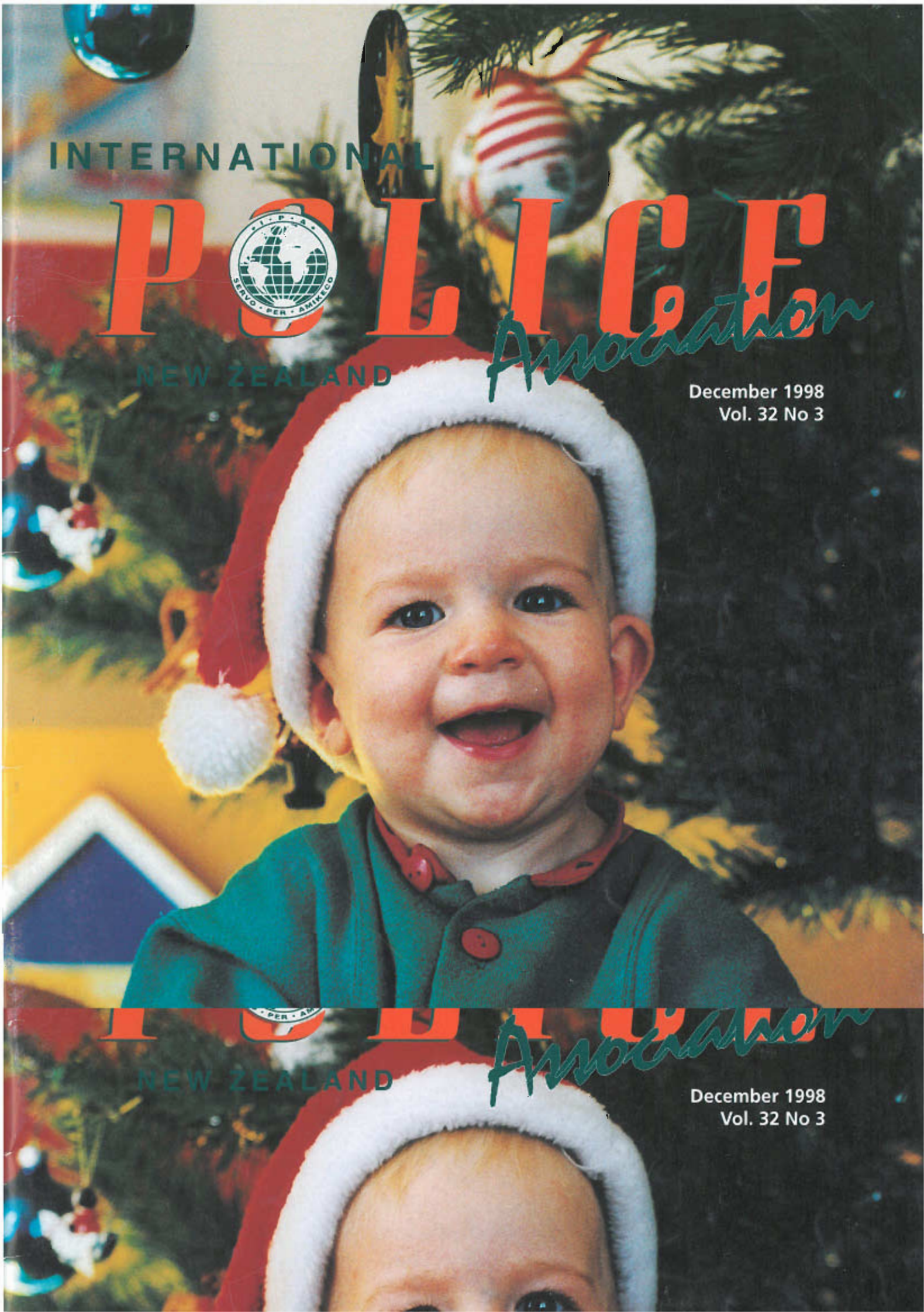

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From The Assistant Editor To You

Editor Elaine and her husband Bob are at present enjoying a well-earned break in Australia. During their time away they will experience a real highlight –a rail trip between Sydney and Perth on the Indian-Pacific train. We wish them both a very happy time away, including being able to indulge themselves in their love of Wagner's operas in South Australia.

During my involvement with the IPA Journal over the last 15 years since 1983, this is the first time I have written the Editorial, so I hope it is a reasonable effort, Elaine. It has been a rewarding experience for me to be able to help with the publications throughout these years, and a lot of long-lasting friendships have resulted from it.

During early October I was fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right time, so to speak. My wife Marie and I had arranged a trip to the United States to see out daughter in Virginia and our son and his growing family in California. We were due to leave to return to New Zealand on the 2nd of October. However, it transpired that the Permanent Executive Bureau of the IPA had decided to hold a Journal Editorial Seminar at Gimborn in Germany from 2 to 4 October. It was possible to change the departure date from Los Angeles, and to get to Gimborn to represent our Section at the seminar, which was attended by representatives from 15 Sections.

A lot of very useful information about how the various Sections approach the production of their journals was shared at the meeting, which was facilitated by Howard Johnston, a professional English magazine editor, and addressed by Madame Claude Wolf, the editor of a weekly magazine in Luxembourg. One thing that emerged very clearly from the meeting was the high regard in which our journal is held by members of other Sections world-wide. This is certainly an incentive to strive to maintain the standard we have achieved.

I returned to New Zealand via Hong Kong, where Annie Wan and John Ling (with his 12 year-old son Simon) from the local Section were overwhelming with their hospitality, showing me around the city, the New Territories and the harbour. It was a really great once-in-a-lifetime experience, and showed once again the true spirit and value of our world-wide organisation.

But, returning to the New Zealand journal, I must mention the work of Nancy Beauregard for her constant endeavours in keeping our Internet Home Page and links to our sites updated. Thank you, Nancy, for your ongoing work on our behalf.

This is the Christmas issue of the journal, which means the IPA members will be able to look forward to a break themselves, together with their families. The Editorial team and the regular contributors wish everyone a joyous, sharing, time, which allows a return, refreshed, to reality in 1999.

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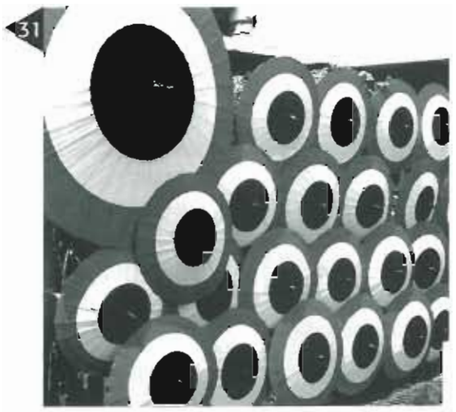





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From The President's Desk

On the eve of our departure for Europe to attend the IEC meeting in Greece, I have been looking back over the last two-and-a-half years and reflecting on the success of the organization in New Zealand.



We were lucky to have Sherwood Young attend the international editors' seminar in Gimborn and without doubt he represented our Section well. Jim McCarthy, the President of Region 1 represented us in Canberra at the Australian Annual General Meeting which has kept our combined interests with Australia alive and well. Maarten Kleintjes represented our section at the 750 year celebrations of the Hague in the Netherlands and appears to have really been an asset there. In Greece Brett Leask will be joining me as an observer which will give two representatives at the international meeting. We have the unusual situation that this year we have four applicants to attend the International Youth Gathering in Canada and the final selection is not going to be easy for the selection committee. Without doubt our Section is held in high regard for the calibre of young person we have been sending to the international gatherings and once again I have no doubt that the young ones who are finally selected will be a credit to our Section.

Sadly, Elaine and Ace O'Hara have both advised that they will not be seeking re-election for their positions of Editor and Travel Secretary. Since I have been involved in IPA the O'Haras have been there and have worked extremely hard for the Section both in New Zealand and overseas. When I went to my first international meeting it seemed to me that everyone in IPA international had met or stayed at the O'Haras'. I express my sincere thanks for the sterling work they have carried out for our organisation.

For Elaine, the Editor's job has been very difficult and with the problems of multimedia marketing, the exact size of our magazine has not been able to be determined and so she has to use the universal "rule of thumb" to make sure that the magazine looks right. As part of our future we will be increasing the fees after Christmas to bring our organisation into the real world. By that I mean that we need to live within our fixed income without dipping into assets which have been faithfully set aside each year. We do not want to rely on the income generated by the magazine to keep our organization viable.

Our future looks good with new members joining and new members coming up through the committee structure. At a time when organisations are having membership problems we still seem to be holding our own, despite the fact that we are purging our membership lists of un-financial members. So, look towards the elections and become involved in the management structure of our organisaion, I am sure that in doing so you will find more of those benefits that we have all experienced through IPA.

All the best for the festive season on behalf of my wife, Christine, and myself,
John Coomber.



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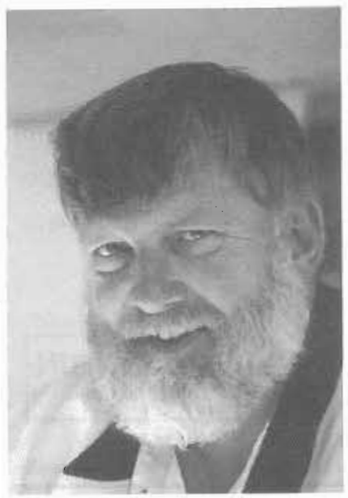
From The Secretary General's Desk

It was with sadness that I learnt of the death of Trevor Belcher in Levin last week. I, along with many Police members first really developed a great friendship with this man when he was one of the more interesting members of the Armed Constabulary Re-enactment Society.



He has contributed to the IPA magazine on a number of occasions and has been a great friend to the Police and to the Police Museum. Our members involved with the Friends of the Police Museum may not realise it but the late Doctor Michael Hoare, Trevor and myself were the group that spent a great number of hours at work on the Constitution and Rules for the Friends of the Police Museum which largely have remained unchanged to this day. He also was the living mannequin standing in the new Police Museum when Dame Catherine Tizard visited and commented on how lifelike the mannequins looked and when the mannequin agreed she gave a shout which brought her bodyguard running from another point in the room, much to everyone's amusement. I certainly have a great number of fond memories of Trevor.

The tri-annual general election nominations have to be in the hands of the Secretary General by 31 December 1998. If you have been nominated you will receive an acknowledgment form to say that your nomination has been received. Lawrie Philpott has been appointed the returning officer with Glenys Walker assisting him. A sign of a healthy organisation is when we receive multiple nominations for all of the positions and I would urge you if you are interested in standing to send in a nomination.

You will see after Christmas that there is an increase in your dues. This has been brought about by the organisation not being able to live within its means and we have relied on the revenue from the journal to subsidise our general day-to-day activities. I believe that it is a number of years since we had an increase and it was with reluctance that the Annual General Meeting voted an increase in dues.

All the Regions have worked hard and we are finally sorting out our membership list. If you received this magazine and there is a wrong or partly wrong address for you, immediately fill our the change of address slip so that we can amend the records. For all of those who have assisted us over the address list, thank you very much for your efforts.

With Christmas upon us I take the opportunity to wish you all the very best for the festive season.

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From the Acting Assistant Secretary-General

Firstly a thank you to those who have updated their addresses over the past couple of months, and to those in the Regions who have assisted.

The number of Journal returns was about half that of the June edition - an improvement.

For those who haven't found it; included in this Journal is a form for you to notify your change of address. Please use it; a number have notified the Credit Union of their new addresses but did not let us know. The Credit Union do not pass this information on to us. Yes, I know – another jolly form to fill out! However, as I have said before, if we cannot reach members then they lose interest – not a situation that is ideal.

I have had a number of requests for replacement Identity Cards. The change of address form in this Journal has been modified and contains a request for such a card. In these days of "user pays", of course there is a cost – the sum of $5.00. Please send this amount with the application, along with a passport-sized photo of yourself. This card needs to be produced to obtain any privileges from I.P.A. world-wide.

On the subject of IPA identity cards – it has been found overseas that some have produced fake, but very authentic looking, cards. None have been seen in this area, and I hope they don't appear.

Membership of our organisation is a worry at the moment; but isn't it so in any such organisation? The best form of promotion is by members telling their friends about it. If you have any questions, your local committee are only too willing to help. If you have ideas as to what I.P.A. could do for you, tell them; any input is always welcome and appreciated. (The odd pat on the back makes the hard work worthwhile).

Enough of this waffle, with Christmas (wot another one?) almost upon us, I hope that you have an enjoyable time and that next year is not as bad as the last one.

Arthur Mahan

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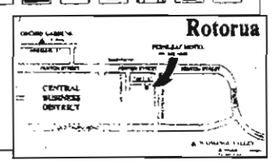

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Dear Elaine,
At our AGM held at Central Police Station, Wellington on the 22nd September 1998, members present spoke very highly of the standard and presentation of the September issue of the I.P.A. Journal.

Members stated that they found it very interesting and informative and commented on the high standard of publication. I was asked to write to you extending the appreciation of Region 4 for all your time and efforts.

Congratulations to all concerned. Well done. We all look forward to the next issue of the Journal.

Regards to you and Ace. See you in October.

Glenys Walker.
Secretary. Region 4.

Dear Ken,
Just a quick note to to thank you for the somewhat rushed assistance that preceded my trip to New Zealand a few weeks ago.

I was phoned at home before we left by Paul Visser of Christchurch to confirm travel arrangements. Paul then met Carol and me at the Airport, took care of our baggage and drove us into Christchurch where both he and his wife Leigh (a Customs Officer) work. We had the opportunity for a brief look around the City before Leigh knocked off for the day and took us to their home – a 20 acre farmlet about 30 minutes out of town. Bed & brekky was provided for two days along with a little sightseeing before we headed off in a hire car (prearranged for us by Paul).

Leigh & Paul were friendly, gracious and generous hosts – inviting us to return and stay with them on our return leg, before departing for home.

Without going into a day by day acconnt – we travelled to Cromwell (near Queenstown) where I had booked a house from the NZ Police Benevolent & Welfare Fnnd. The house was excellent – as I believe are the others that they have available in various locations.

We stayed with the Vissers again, thanks to their kind invitation, on the return leg of our journey.

It would be difficult to find enough ways to express our pleasure at having met Leigh & Paul and to acknowledge their friendly generosity and the way it added to onr holiday. Please be assured that the I.P.A. in New Zealand was wonderfully represented by this couple and Carol and I now can only hope that we will have the opportunity to repay their kindness.

Yours in friendship

Ken Cocks

European Language

Author: Harry Kerridge, Dudley College
Submitted by Mr Ron Shields

The European union commissioners have announced that agreement has been reached to adopt English as the preferred language for European communications, rather than German, which was the other possibility.

As part of the negotiations, her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a five-year phased plan for what will be known as EuroEnglish (Euro for short).

- In the first year, "s" will be used instead of the soft "c". Sertainly, sivil servants will reseive this news with joy.
- Also, the hard "c" will be replaced with "k". Not only will this klear up konfusion, but keyboards kan have one letter less.
- There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year, when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced by "f". This will make words like "fotograf" 20 per sent shorter.
- In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible.
- Governments will enkorage the removal of double letters, which have always ben a deterent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horible mes of silent "e"s in the languag is disgrasful, and they would go.
- By the fourth year, peopl wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" by "z" and "w" by "v".
- During ze fifz year, ze unesesary "o" kan be droped from vords kontaining "ou", and similar changes vud of kors be aplied to ozer kombinationss of leters.
- After zis fifz yer, ve vil hav a reli sensibl riten styl. Zer vil be no more trubls or difikultis and evirvun vil find it ezi tu nnderstand ech ozer.
- Ze drem vil finali kum tru.

Off the Wire

News and Views from the Regions

Northland



The beautiful harbour-side town of Opononi was the venue of one of the formal dinners held recently in Northland.

A special presentation was one of the dinner's highlights, with Maurie Loveridge being recognised for 30 years' combined service in both the police and transport.

An ex-MOT man, Maurie is the acting O/C at Kaikohe, and received a mounted baton with the police and traffic badges on a board.

MP John Carter was the guest speaker and gave a very humorous talk (no doubt poking fun at his politician buddies).

A special feature of the venue, the Opononi Hotel, is that it is owned by a former police officer, Ian Leigh-Mackenzie, and his wife Susan.

Some may remember him from Whangarei, Takapuna and Auckland Central. If you're ever up there, he'll happily give any serving or retired police personnel a discount.

Having mentioned Kaikohe, there have been several staff changes there.

John Fitzgerald has gone to Katikati as O/C; Grant Sene, a former sergeant in Auckland is now in Kaikohe while Carla Humphreys and her partner Kent (both constables) have gone to Auckland.

IPA member, Constable Paul Scobie is very excited about his job at the moment. Now doing traffic duties, he says he'll soon be getting a patrol motorbike.

He's been getting his leathers ready and although it's been seven years since he drove one of the old MOT BMW's, he says "it's like riding a bike, you don't forget." (?*!)

Kaitaia sub-district's formal dinner was at the Beachcomber Restaurant and attended by all the staff and newly appointed, rural controller Inspector Paul Carpenter.

The guest speaker was one of the local undertakers, Anthony Kiely, who was great value -- "It was great food and we had a good time – into the wee hours for some," said Shane Godinet of Houhora.

Several members have moved on from Kaitaia. Among them, Darren Gray and Louise Morete who have gone to Gore;' Peter Rankine to Whakatane; Jared Thomas to Mangonui; Steve Lamb to motorways, Auckland.

In Kaitaia, there are still some gaps in the force there and personnel are just hanging out for applicants to fill positions. There are also two police houses available for the successful applicants.

Ellis Wood of Whangarei, a former police officer in the United Kingdom, is expecting a visit from a former colleague in January.

When Ellis and his wife Jean settled in New Zealand, his friend from Nottingham promised a visit down-under some time – 30 years later, he's coming.

Their daughter and son-in-law and grandchildren are also coming at Christmas from Manchester.

From Whangarei, Jazz Heperi has returned from his second trip overseas to Europe.

From Bream Bay, Marnie Worth, returned from a jaunt in the USA for seven weeks with her partner Glen.

Coming up on January 30 and 31 is an IPA get-together at the Whangarei Gliding Club, organised by Peter Mulhare.

The Whangarei Section of IPA had a day out at the club's airfield at Whakapara last year and members are keen to repeat the experience.

(See more in separate article).

Hear about the member who took his work 4WD up the hill, got out to open the gate, only to see the vehicle rolling away? Seems the brakes were on but not strong enough to defy gravity.

The vehicle was later hauled out of a hedge -- in fact the hedge was taken to with rather large scissors for, shall we say, extrication of the vehicle. A delicate operation no doubt – and a delicate matter but hey, we all have days like that.

Last but not least, it's a wonder I've managed to get this column out at all since it's been nothing but drama in our household lately.

We were expecting our baby on November 7 but I went into early labour and was flown by helicopter to National Women's Hospital on 16 August.

Four days later, Gabriella Ma'ine (which means little girl in Cook Island) arrived at 28 weeks gestation, yes, 12 weeks early.

She was in Neonatal Intensive Care for two weeks at NWH then was transferred by aeroplane (a Chieftain for you plane buffs) to Whangarei's Special Care Baby Unit.

It has been a very long haul for all our family but after two months of hospitals, we are finally home altogether as a family.

She was born a healthy weight 1665 grams (3 pounds, 11 ounces) and is doing well having reached 7 pounds by her due date. Fortunately, she had a fairly stress-free time, compared to what could have been.

All I can say is thanks to everyone for their support and what a marvellous job neonatal nurses and doctors do. To me, they are the guardian angels of these wee and sometimes, very sick babies.

Anne and Tony Picketts in Waipu are gearing up for the annual Highland Games happening on January 1. They usually get a few police heavyweights (or is that heavyweight police?) coming in competing in tossing the baton, I mean, the caber.

They've had a few visits from Gus Lindstrom, a former Det. Sgt in Whangarei. Heard it was Brian Kidd's 60th or 70th (one of the big 0's) birthday recently. Hope it was a good one.

May Seager

Auckland



Hi to you all

I now have time to write this piece after watching the Final of the NPC, where Otago showed New Zealand how to play great Rugby.

Auckland has been busy as usual. We've just held our AGM and had a reasonably good turnout. Unfortunately, no one would take my place on the Committee or in writing this Report, so I'm back at it. Region Chairman Jim McCarthy brought his daughter Hayley who gave an interesting talk about her experience at the International Youth Gathering, hosted by Luxembourg and Germany at IBZ Gimborn.

On 5 October our Region hosted a tour-party of 36 from the Long Island region to a social evening at the Police Club, Waitakere Police Headquarters. The group, led by Hank and Jo Klein comprised IPA members Regions 2, 5 and 15 (USA). Dave Young (the police museum curator), volunteered his services as barman and later showed the group through the police museum display, which has been relocated adjacent to the bar and dining area. Congratulations Dave on this display which the visitors found of great interest. Presentations of patches, banners and a plaque were exchanged. The visitors presented the museum with a Chicago Police tunic from the late Tom Clinton for display.

Max and Anne-Marie Tunnicliffe hosted Vincent and Celine Polinchock from Orlando, Florida and Ace acted as guide for a two day tour of Auckland's attractions.

John and Judy Pegler played host to Dirk and Miep Van der Schaaf from Holland. Garry and Carole Johnson from South Australia, and their two boys took advantage of $99 (Aust) United fares to spend a week in New Zealand and were booked into Police Holiday Homes at Rotorua, Taupo, and Paihia. Jim and Marion Nisbet from Scotland will be hosted by Anne and Tony Picketts in Northland and Greg and Mona McManus will look after them in Auckland.

Vic and Pat Young enjoyed their stint as resident caretakers of the N.Z. Police Trust Complex at Whangaparaoa, relieving Keith Allison. They tell me this life could "grow on you".

Jim McCarthy has just returned from representing the NZ IPA section at the Australian IPA AGM in Canberra, and presented an interesting report on how the Australian's do it.

For those who didn't know, Don Blayney has bid farewell to the Police after many years of service. He informs me that he will still be remaining a member of IPA.

I am organising a fund-raising event for the Child Cancer Foundation being held on the 14th of November in Howick, where I'll be leading the charge to have my head shaved for the cause. We have had a very good response from local business and the staff at the Howick station are right behind it.

With the coming of the summer months I expect we will be seeing an influx of visitors from overseas. Already I have received queries from the USA to host a member and his wife from the CHP in January.

Tim and Bronwyn Radcliffe have returned from their three months overseas and had a thoroughly great time. They met up with IPA colleagues in Paris and Berlin and really enjoyed their hospitality. They also say that getting on the Internet through "Hotmail" was excellent and they could keep updated with the news from home and at the same time keep family and friends informed of how their trip was going. They found access at Internet Cafes fairly easy to find and at a reasonable price of about $5 - $7 per hour Bronwyn informs me that you can write quite a bit in an hour. *(See "Computers" page – Ed)*

This year's Christmas party is being held on the 22nd November at the Fullers Vineyards. Hopefully we will see a large turnout that Sunday.

I am still looking for informants throughout Auckland to help me with my column, so please if you hear any juicy news please contact me at Howick or on e-mail (scotty.m@ihug.co.nz)

Well that's all for now; have a safe and fun Christmas.

Scotty

Taranaki



The skiing and tramping trip went off well for those who made it. Ross' organisation ensured that it all went smoothly for the rest of us.

On 22nd September, 25 Taranaki members and friends attended a dinner and movie evening at the local cinema complex in New Plymouth. The majority went to see the film "Horse Whisperer", then returned to "Flicks" cafe for deserts and coffee.

The next event planned (for Region 3) is the Mokau River cruise which will be on 13th December. Clarrie Newman has kindly offered transport from New Plymouth for those attending. The bus will be leaving the Police Station in New Plymouth at 11am, and it is intended to stop at one of the beaches for a picnic lunch. There are still a few places left but you will need to advise Carole very soon if you wish to be on this trip. The cruise is on an historic boat, the "Cygnet" which used to operate on the river providing transport some 45 years ago before there were roads into the area. It has been carefully and lovingly restored by the present owners.

The trip planned on Chaddy's Charters Lifeboat has been postponed until the summer. Other events planned include a horse trek, and mountain biking.

We welcome Tony Brownrig and Joan Jones from New Plymouth as new members. Also Bob Gordon (a retired dog handler) from Waverly as an associate member. It is with regret that we record the resignation of Robin Barrand (Napier).

As we are headed into the festive season, may everyone enjoy yourselves, it is compulsory. A certain personality in Region 3 has decreed that it will be so. IPA might never be the same again!

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Wellington



In accordance with the new Constitution, we had our Annual General Meeting (the second for 1998!) at Wellington Central Police Station on 22 September. Under the circumstances there was a good attendance and we gained a new committee member, Bill Beck but were sorry to lose Valerie Redshaw.

Preparations have started to host next year's National A.G.M. on 17 April. We would like to see you all in attendance. More details next journal.

There are quite a few members behind in their subscriptions so their names will go forward to the Secretary General for his action.

Several of our members are, or have been, overseas. Bruce Hutton and Clint Libby to Australia, Roger Carson to Europe and Sherwood Young to U.S.A. and Germany.

We have been suffering from lack of overseas visitors, so there have been few social functions. We had a Saturday night dinner at C.I.T. Chefs' Training Centre at Trentham with a good number of members and spouses in attendance.

On 17 October we had an enjoyable dinner at Mungavin Blues Restaurant. It was good to see so many "out of towners". Special guests were Dirk and Miep Van der Schaaf who are touring New Zealand from Holland.

Paul Brennan has joined us from New Plymouth via Papua New Guinea to take up residence on the Kapiti Coast and toil at P.N.H.Q. so he is learning what city traffic problems and Paremata roundabout really mean. We have lost Phil Wright who reckons that the Marlborough Sounds don't have traffic problems, speed cameras and the fish don't answer back with weird explanations.

The Friends of the Police Museum had their A.G.M. on 6 September and two of our members were elected to the top positions - Trevor Morley to President and Sherwood Young to Vice President.

The weather was beautiful for the annual Memorial Service at the College. Inspector Annadale read out the names of the four serving members who had died during the year, including our member, Ray Hunt. As usual, our former Secretary General, Lawrie Philpott read out the names of retired members who had passed away. This year the list contained 33 names including John King, aged 98.

Region 4 member Ron Lockyer died at Lower Hutt, 13/10/98. He will be sadly missed as he and his wife Pauline were great supporters of the IPA.

I am submitting this report in the absence of Clint Libby.

Glenys Walker

Transquips

Court Stenographer Transquips - Exerpts from "Disorder In The Court"

Q. Do you recall approximately the time that you examined the body of Mr. Edgington at the Rose Chapel?

A. It was in the evening. The autopsy started about 8:30 p.m.

Q. And Mr. Edgington was dead at that time, is that correct?

A. No, you dumb asshole. He was sitting up there on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy.

Nelson



Hello from Sunny Nelson.

Not a lot of news this time. I think the wet and windy weather has kept everybody pretty much indoors. Had a few Social Occasions up in the club worth noting however, one being the Award Night. This is the second formal award night we have had and is proving very successful. I personally think it's great to formally recognise staff getting their long service medals and other meritorious awards.

We have had lots of new members transferring to Nelson; far too many to mention individually, but a warm welcome to the districts to all new members and their families.

Congratulations to Dave and Lisa Colville who got married on Friday 23rd October. Lisa is the telephonist and Dave is a constable ex-Upper Hutt. Lisa looked lovely and Dave was very dapper in a tartan waistcoat. Lanna Remnant, our Prosecutions clerk, piped them down the aisle in her kilt and sporran etc (it is amazing what hidden talents some of our staff have). It was a lovely wedding, saddened by the death of Dave's dad Ian (Jock) Colville who passed away during the night.

Tracey Ball, one of our watch house assistants here in Nelson, and her husband Daryl, just spent three weeks in California with another couple. They visited Los Angeles, Las Vegas, San Francisco and Honolulu on the way home. Tracey had a great time shopping in the market places and Mexico but found the department stores and food pretty expensive.

Not much to add – maybe when the weather warms up...

Pen

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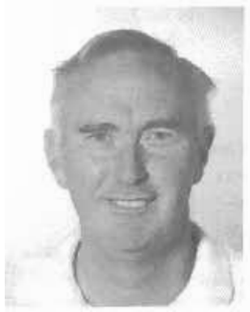


Hello from the nearly winterless South. Did you know that Dunedin got 28% of July average rainfall this year? Compare that with the Coromandel with about 275%!!! And you think it is wet and cold down South.

Can Doug Graham, with his great negotiations, get Maui to return, and turn the islands around for a while. The West Coast has had consistent rain for seven months, which is of course, most unusual.

Upon reading the latest issue of the journal, I rushed to the dictionary. Erudite? Mois? A teacher told me the only thing I passed at school was water. I never really understood what he meant.

I read WAF's article on "Shakedown Cruise" All I can say Wally, is "Ya should've bought Kiwi, mate". Stick with the yacht; you built it and it never caused you the hassle you had on our third Island. The concept of spending winters in Aussie is certainly not silly.

Thanks to "young" Anne Picketts for her article on computers. When I have mastered these articles, I might venture overseas on the Internet. That is if I can remember what it is I am meant to do.

We hosted the Nesbits from Scotland and enjoyed their company. I think that Jim was inclined to think that Scotland IPA Week was better than Bournemouth for IPA, and I wondered why. Could it be that he was Scottish? He will certainly be a good contact for those going to the Scottish Week in 2000.

Would you believe that on my recent trip to Aussie, I met my 80 year old aunt at Melbourne (from Greymouth) on her first ever overseas trip. I was told by a taxi driver in Darwin that an old neighbour from the Coast had died, and found that Canterbury had thrashed Auckland in NPC by a Christchurch Judge at Brisbane Airport. Who said it was a small world?

The silly season is nigh and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year from IPA members in Region 5. May all your troubles be little ones. Roll on 1999. See you then.

Blue

Otago



Region Six has been quiet again, with no known visitors.

New member, Karen Smith has been overseas to Europe and the Commonwealth Games representing New Zealand in her sport of Hockey.

Region Six is on the Internet, with Arthur Mahan, our Secretary/Treasurer and Associate Secretary General coming on line first at arthurm@es.co.nz. I then, as Chairman/Region Editor/NEB Delegate came on line in early July at sierranz@es.co.nz.

I spread the word via e-mail to a list of IPA members around the world which was handed out at the AGM at Hamilton in April and received e-mail within a few days from others who had picked up my e-mail address. (Won/lost to Australia something/something on that day). One contact was from David Clark, the President of Region 24 United States who was thinking of coming to New Zealand.

After several messages backwards and forwards, I received the word he was coming to New Zealand on a cruise ship, the Niew Amsterdam, which is to come to Port Chalmers on 12 January 1999, and he has arranged to take the Cruise Boat trip on the Taieri Gorge Railway where David and his wife, Pamela will meet me while travelling on the carriage I will be working as a volunteer host. 600 passengers are being carried on the Taieri Gorge Railway on that day, which is stretching the resources of the Railway, so 300 travel to Middlemarch, and disembark, while the other 300 will take the return trip to Port Chalmers. David and Pamela are planning a more extensive trip of New Zealand in the year 2000.

Until next time,
that's about all from the Deep South.

Trevor

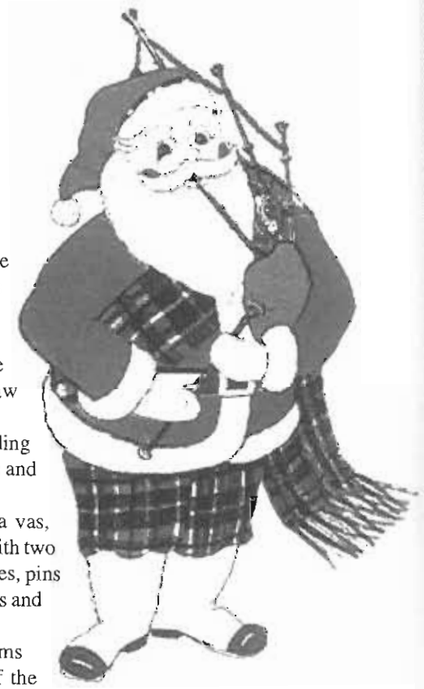
Transquips *Court Stenographer Transquips - Exerpts from "Disorder In The Court"*

Q. ...any suggestions as to what prevented this from being a murder trial instead of an attempted murder trial?

A. The victim lived.

Hobbies Desk

By Tony Picketts



Greetings All!

Over the past few weeks I have been hearing of (and seeing) IPA members with rather unusual hobbies and I hope to get comments and photographs from these people in due course.

One member who comes to mind is our very own Secretary General - film star for a night! It seems that we are not the only people who don't regularly watch TV3, but happened to be 'flicking' through channels (all three of them) when rows upon rows of police helmets caught my eye. And who was it being interviewed about this great collection of police helmets??

The request form published in the September journal has led to some positive feed back. Thank you to those who responded early. You will find another form with this issue. Please fill in and post back to me as soon as possible.

Before going on to my request section, a reminder that you *must* supply proof of IPA membership if you wish to have your name passed on to other members. You can do this by photocopying your IPA membership card (both sides) and posting or faxing to me, or as an E-mail attachment. (Addresses and numbers at the end of this article).



Requests:

Dave 'DJ' Smith, 4/64 Rawhiti Road, One Tree Hill, Auckland, New Zealand, collects patches and badges from the USA, Australia and UK, and is interested in new style jersey patches from the UK. Dave also enjoys corresponding with fellow Law Enforcement Officers.

Bruce Carr, 32 Heatherlea Heights, Feilding 5600, NZ, collects police patches, badges and pins world wide.

Marjan Madjar, Volaka 31, 4224 Gorenja vas, Slovenija , is a traffic policeman married with two sons; 42 years of age. He collects all badges, pins Special police cap badges and police badges and pins.

Martin Buurke, Spantenzetter 28, 9611 ms Sappemeer, Holland is a new member of the IPA and is wanting to exchange police patches, hats and pins. Martin's E-mail address is: martin.buurke@wxs.nl

Geoff Scott of 15 Gilwell Street, Christchurch 8009, NZ wishes to make contact with people collecting police Patches, especially Pipe Band patches or monograms.

Bill Wickstead, 34, Sheriff Place, Alfriston, Manukau, Auckland 1750, NZ, would like to make contact with IPA members in other countries. He is interested in Computing, Martial Arts - principally Aikado, languages, electronic organs and keyboards.

Jan & Hilde Theys, Orangemolenstraat 36, 2300 Turnhout, Belgium, are both serving Police and IPA members. Jan collects police hats. His collection so far contains hats from England, Holland, France, Austria, Germany, Turkey, Greece, Scotland, Poland, Spain and Italy. (He doesn't have a NZ hat - yet!). He also collects police patches, badges, IPA flags (banners), and t-shirts. Jan writes well in English. He is also interested in penpal contact with IPA members.

Francisco Diaz Bosque, C/- Alamo 45, 30860 Pto. De Mazarron, Murcia Spain, is an IPA member and serving police officer in the Murcia South/East portion of Spain, Costa Blanca coast. His interest is in collecting police patches and badges. He writes in English but with difficulty, through a friend.

Manuel Martinex Carbonell, Leon, 14-20D, 03610 Petrer, Alicante, Spain, is an IPA member and serving police officer with the Elda in the Alicante Region of Spain. He collects patches, badges, metal police logos, and police flags (banners). He writes in reasonable English.

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IPA members who are radio amateurs may like to know that the IPA weekly international "get together" starts at 5.00am NZ standard time and 6.00am daylight saving time. If there are any radio amateurs interested in the IPA world wide net, they can contact Ron Bonnington at the call book address.

Collectors who have Internet access may like to have a look at: http://www.webscope.com/patches/interpat.htm You will find links to many international police patch collectors - from Australian Aboriginal Cherbourg Community Police to USSR - KGB. Unfortunately, there's no sign of a New Zealand Patch - perhaps one of you netting patch collectors can E-mail Michael at patches@webscope.com and arrange to have that put right :(! This site is part of a www 'ring' which links it to many other sites where you will find contact with patch collectors.

http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/2867/list.htm will take you to just about everything there is in the way of patches. Enjoy!

My apologies if you had problems finding the IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) site. The correct one should have been http://www.iam.org.uk/links/ Whatever you wanted to know about motoring will be in links to that site. You must be a member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists to be able to subscribe to their Newsgroup.

Talking of the IAM, I wonder how many of you are members. The system of advanced driving applies to all drivers be it on 2, 4 or more wheels, manual or automatic. The road test to become an advanced driver can take up to TWO hours. I'm a firm believer in the Institute and believe it is important for every motorist to do the course. It certainly changes one's application and attitude towards driving. Check out their web sites or contact me for more information. I gather that the Essex Advanced Motorcyclists Group site address http://esewww.essex.ac.uk/~tim/IAM/eamg.html which was given in the last issue was also difficult to access. I have to admit that since receiving notice of that, I also had difficulty in accessing the site, however, I did a 'search' on Essex Motorcyclists and came up with that very same address.

Concerning the web sites listed in the last issue, most of you familiar with the Internet would have realised that the IPA Home address contained a minor misprint - it should be http://www.igrin.co.nz/~ipa/ Be sure to place this in your signatures when making any E-mail contact with IPA members.

Are there any hobbyist bee keepers amongst our readers? If so, I personally would be keen to make contact. If you're into bees, check out: http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Beekeeping/weblinks.htm You'll find everything there is to know about bee-keeping.

British members are having "time out" it seems - no requests for New Zealand contacts.

If members have need to contact anyone in Denmark, you can do so through http://home8.inet.tele.dk/ipafrbg An interesting site but quite heavy in graphics, so be prepared to wait.

That's about it for now. Good lnck with all your hobbies. I'd appreciate some feedback and information on successes and failures.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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A Shakedown Cruise With A Difference (Part three)

By Wally Brown

The first 180 km are sweet, but then the mountain just before Lakeland Downs. Loose metal it may be, but the roughest road I've ever been over in my life. Rocks, washouts, boulders 2 m across with about 200 mm above the surface.

No room to turn, so slowly we go down, another test for Isuzu and Winnebago. I'm fooled by sealed road at the bottom, so continue on. Stop at a roadhouse, check, "Yes the road ahead is good, loose metal, maybe a bit corrugated, but no problem." No problem for 4 x 4's at 90 km, but not so for four and a half tonnes. Once again try it at 10-20 km, then 30 km.

They claim to grade the road twice a year, but I don't believe them, another Aussie joke. Well, we've come this far, no point in turning back. Another mistake. Cooktown was nice, I even look at land prices there, but doubt that they will ever seal the road. No sales today! We've got to go back over that road. Another 'shake down'. Actually, taking the bit between the teeth so to speak and driving over it at about 70 km wasn't so bad. I'm learning.

Thursday 3rd October. Doesn't time fly when you are having fun! After two nights at Bingil Bay, 0530 on the road again. The main road is good, turn on cruise control, one guess! # # ! # ! Oh well, we can't say that was money well spent. Turn on the radio. On, volume up - off! Turn on, volume up - off. NO! # # #, this can't be happening to me! Our top-of-the-line Pioneer sound system on the blink. Look at the windscreen and notice the stone crack of a couple of days ago is now spreading right across it. What else? Try the radio again and find that if I'm very gentle with it, it responds, maybe I was a bit agitated before. To cap it off I've now got gout in my right big toe. Ideal for a truck without cruise control. Never mind, Townsville for breakfast, we'll sort it out there.

When rolling up our big beautiful awning the day before there was an ominous noise, something broken there as well. Townsville is a big city, there won't be a problem, will there?

As we enter from the north I spot a large caravan and camper sales yard. I'm looking for someone to sort out the awning mate. Any guidance. "Sure, just around the corner." Directions given I pull into the yard of Northland Caravans, there's various campervans in the yard, a repair workshop with more in it next door. Just the place! Can you help me with the awning please? "That's an A & E awning isn't it?" asked Bert Bobeldyk. Yes. "Sorry can't help you there. You'll have to go and see Richard Gofton, R.A. Caravans." I'm getting used to this, take his directions to the A & E firm on the other side of town, then where to get the windscreen repaired.

At Windscreen O'Brien's, Gary Bromham, Branch Manager, is most helpful. I mistakenly advise him that the builders, Winnebago in Sydney will have to be contacted to get a new one. I'm standing there when he does so. Asks them to fax him with availability and delivery a.s.a.p. When I ask about getting it from Sydney airfreight, he advises that it will cost A$550 and the insurance won't cover that, so I do a hasty backwards step and ask, will he arrange for it to be trucked to Brisbane, let me know whereabouts I must go to get it, as I intend to be there Monday? Certainly! I believe in miracles.

Now round the corner to get the awning fixed.

Hobble across the road, ask for Richard, "Yes, that's me". I've an A&E awning that somehow has broken and flapping against the side of the truck, will you fix it please? "Sorry mate, got no spares. I might be able to get some here Monday if we are lucky". It's Thursday, I'm not lucky. Well, will you at least have a look at it, and jerry it up with some wire or something, just to get me down to Brisbane? "No. I've tried that before. Doesn't work!" At this he turns and walks away from me. I stumble back to the van, gout isn't the only thing giving me hell. Start up and drive on. A very wise lady sitting beside me in the van, doesn't say anything, when I relate what assistance he offered.

A few miles down the road the banging gets louder. Anne looks outside, and seeing the awning support poles now banging against the side, reaches out and tries holding them. I'm in no mood to stop or clamber up on the roof to fix it, drive on, telling Anne to let the whole bloody awning drop off. I've had enough. She still wants me to stop, so reluctantly I do. A roll of black tape, and as I secure it, I see that it is a pin that's sheared!

Stop at the 'True Value' Hardware in Ayr, one 4 inch nail please and a punch. No it's got to be a box! I didn't expect anything else, so why worry? Spend the night at Bowen, so we can use the phone. With a box of nails and a punch we are on our way. At a fuel stop shortly after I check the tyres once more, as by now I'm a bit paranoid following this series of good luck we've had. Still 65-70 psi, so maybe the advice was correct?

I don't hear from Gary at O'Briens Thursday, but that evening speaking to our son, he tells us that he believes the agents are Windscreens O'Brien. Before leaving Bowen, I phone Gary, only to be told he is off work sick. No, his 2 I/C doesn't know anything about it. I relate the previous day's conversation, and ask him to check his own computer and complete the arrangements to move it, so it awaits me in Brisbane. He will.

Call at the friendly service station owner at Carmila, who on our way north, told us to buy Firestone following our first blowout. Next stop Clairview, right on the beach, a fantastic rest area. It's so nice after a shower and a beer that we decide to stay another day.

As the sun rose Saturday and got hotter, well, better try to fix that bloody awning. Sheer simplicity. 10 minutes cut one of the nails, fit it, a couple of turns for tension, it will last for years, if you don't mind the rust stain. On past performance, can't get enthusiastic about shopping for a piece of 4 mm stainless steel, might leave that to be supplied from NZ. The weather was wonderful. Just as well Australians didn't have anything to do with that!

Sunday; have to keep going, as there's a windscreen waiting in Brisbane. A firm has been contacted to fix the cruise control. As can be seen, I'm still a dreamer. I ask Anne if she can point out where we had our first blowout. It must have been a death wish. Only a few kilometres south, Bang! Our second. I'm not speeding, the tyres were checked only the day before, and again it is the inside left dual wheel. Oh well, it only takes a few minutes this time and we're off again.

Rockhampton is big, population 65.000, there can't be any difficulty getting a tube. I've carried the spare case from Mackay all this distance just in case so, no worries.

Silly me. No-one, but no-one, in Rockhampton has a tube. Call at a BP service station that has a huge tyre bay adjacent. Can they help? A phone call to the owner in Yeppoon 43 km back. Yes, he has a tube, if I care to take a case from his stock in Rockhampton, he'll fit it and the tube etc. I'm dubious about Goodyear tyres by now, who wouldn't be? I check out the tyres he has in stock. Made in Japan. Mmmm! Out with the vernier calliper, only 6 mm of tread. Check ours, 7 mm. As he wanted A$75 for the case, and the round trip was 80+ km, flag it. There must be a way!

Stop for fuel, as running back and forth around town, we're now a bit low. Another truckie foolishly asks if I'm having a good day? He's told! "You only need a tube? It'll cost you." Whatever mate, I'm not too keen ou travelling on without a spare with these Goodyear tyres. Once again I'm treated to an Aussie's view of Goodyear tyres. Unprintable. "Get yourself a carton of XXXX, and follow me". I get two cartons! Ten minutes later I have a tube, and a quarter of an hour later we're on our way again.

Meantime our son Garth has taken it upon himself to phone Windscreens O'Brien in Sydney, and ask them to move it. They can't/won't, as their computer says none in stock, the only one is in transit.

Monday; Check with Gary Townsville's manager. Nothing has been done. It's a holiday in NSW today. Yes, he will get onto the manager in Brisbane and get him to phone me. The windscreen will be moved to Brisbane to await me tomorrow! See, I still believe in fairies.

We stop for a break in Gympie, and true paranoia is with us, now both Anne and I are checking the tyres each time we stop. Again the inner left rear dual is hot as hell. We leave it a quarter of an hour, then check it, It's 95 psi, while all the rest are 70. Don't know what to do, so take a punt, and drop the pressure of this inner left to 75, and drive on slowly.

Tuesday; We'd stayed the night at a rest area at Nambour, to be within striking range of Brisbane.

It's on the road early, it's only 100 km and we have plenty of time, so drive slowly hoping for a service station. You guessed it, another bang. We have an appointment with Ze'ev of Car Technics at Motorama Toyota in Ipswich, so let's hope we don't have another. Surprise Surprise! No he doesn't intend to fix the cruise control, merely confirm for Nigel that it is kaput. It is ! More phone calls to Sydney, Nigel, what does he intend to do? He'll call me back, the supplier is in Melbourne, and he will negotiate with them. Great, I leave Australia to return to NZ on Saturday. Never mind, he says that Auto Trimming Services in Southport will be contacted and they will do the repair! It remains to be seen. Why have I become so cynical?

Acacia Tyre Services is covered in Goodyear advertising in Ipswich, so guess I might just as well vent my spleeu. Great. Frank Smith says he's not a tied dealer, yes he will supply Firestone. We inspect the tyre, and I now ask that he replace the lot, three new tyres, tube etc, and fitting. His offer is excellent, so with new tyres on the front, only a supposed 10 ply Goodyear left, two very much happier people drive down to Surfers.

Wednesday; Kelvin the manager of Windscreen O'Brien in Brisbane actually does phone me. Yes there is one windscreen and it's shown in the computer as in transit. Will phone me back to say whether the windscreen is mine. He does, it isn't. Apparently there is a tinted one in stock, do I want that? I tell him that it would have to be two tinted ones. Who is going to pay? Phone the insurance co. No they won't pay for two, they will do some checking around.

Thursday; when speaking to Kelvin of O'Brien's I ask if I can have a clear one made. "No. The glass is no longer imported into Australia. I would have to wait for some to be imported, and then it would cost over A$2000 for one piece." I can't believe this. I thought the glass was plain and the tint was achieved by placing different coloured plastic between the two sheets of glass when they made the window. I check with the opposition, Novas. Same story, but although it is illegal they will arrange for the other, passenger side window to be tinted the same as the replacement. No-one will ever know, I hope! The first outfit to try and help me.

I phone the insurers. Go for it, so I do! One guess where the window has to come from. That's right, Windscreen O'Briens. Never mind, it's now 1530 hours, and maybe with luck it will be there

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A Shakedown Cruise continued from previous page

the following day, or certainly by Saturday. Check with Auto Trimming Services in Southport, no they haven't heard anything. Advise them of my difficulty, and that the vehicle will only be in Surfers for another week, before returning to Cairns.

Friday; you guessed it again. It wasn't. The friendly Novas man rings back to say that the big firm with the advertising "We guarantee 24-hour replacement of windscreens" still couldn't get the tinted windscreen from Sydney before the following Monday. (Am I a cynic for thinking they wouldn't?)

While I was out, the not-so-well organised manager in Brisbane phoned. I guess they wanted to know why I was now dealing with Novas. After twelve days of being messed about by his company, I was too fed up to ring him back. I realise I should have.

As a Shake Down Trip, I guess it was, but I thought that the vehicle was what would get the shake down, not its occupants. We now have a better appreciation of what the slogan 'Well made Australia' means. The weather was great, but Aussies can't take credit for that. As I step from the plane at Auckland after another dry Qantas flight, why do I want to emulate the Pope?

Footnote: Yes the new windscreen was fitted on the Monday. If it was tinted, it couldn't be detected. The other window wasn't tinted. On Friday the 18th October the cruise control fault was rectified.

Our son, a true gold and green, upset by my raving, contacted Goodyear, and on the 25th October Chris Matich phoned us. I was out. He will receive a copy of this.

The question remains; Who decided 8 ply light truck tyres were suitable for this vehicle with this loading? Goodyear? Isuzu? Winnebago? Why wasn't the manufacturer's recommended tyre pressure plate repositioned on the new vehicle? In any event what tyres would it have related to?

At this time, January 1997, neither Winnebago nor Goodyear have had the courtesy to acknowledge receipt of correspondence from me.

Beware of Fake Police ID

Police all over the world are becoming increasingly security conscious, and on the 12th October 1997 in Kiev, Ukraine police seized a forged identity card indicating that the holder, Henry G. Zingerman, a U.S. Citizen, was a member of the IPA U.S. Section. It had to happen sooner or later. The International goodwill generated through our organisation is becoming more widely sought after, and impostors are more than ever likely to try to harness this goodwill by the use of fake ID cards. If there is one out there, there are bound to be many more, and so IPA members whether serving or retired are warned to be vigilant in future. Any such cards seized should be forwarded to the International Secretary General, I.A.C. 1 Fox Rd. West Bridgford, Nottingham. NG2 6AJ England, with details of the circumstances leading to the seizure. There is only one genuine IPA ID card which has each year's dues stamp attached. This is a global system issued to IPA members in every member country. Accept no other IPA ID as genuine proof of membership.

Interpol Fake Badges

Recently it came to notice in U.S.A. that an authentic looking 75th Anniversary Interpol badge and identification card could be purchased from a Florida corporation for $150 (U.S.) During the local police inquiry into this situation it came to light that Interpol agency has no police officers per se, and does not issue identification cards. Interpol is in fact an international organisation of police agencies numbering 177 nations. These are known as member bureau's. They have agreed to share information to track criminals, fraud schemes and terrorists across international boundaries. Each member nation assigns members of its police organisation to interpol inquiries and information of interest is shared and co-ordinated through the Interpol network.

Various states in the U.S.A have strict badge laws, and in the state of Florida, the "wearing, displaying, selling, transferring or giving away of not only authorised badges, but anything else that could deceive a reasonable person" is punishable as a first degree misdemeanour. This carries a maximum of one years' imprisonment and/or $1000 fine. There is an exemption for bona fide law enforcement officers, and badges which are permanently displayed in an appropriate case in a legitimate collection. Other states have similar sanctions, but the badge laws in New York state are so strict that legitimate insignia collectors conventions are no longer held in that state. Collecting badges, insignia, and police memorabilia is big business in the U.S.A.

Clearly there are dangers of authentic looking badges and ID cards falling into the wrong hands and being used by villains for nefarious purposes. Police and ex-police members need to be vigilant to detect the improper use or possession of such items.

(This item was condensed from material published in the Summer 1998 issue of the U.S. National Reporter. Any such suspect badges or ID cards seized in New Zealand should be reported immediately to Police National Headquarters for action by Interpol bureau staff.)

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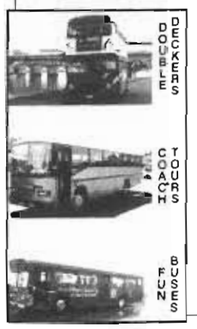

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Surviving a Lethal-Threat

- The Aftermath

In addition to the risks and dangers associated with operational policing there is the additional consequence of surviving a lethal-threat. For the vast majority of police officers, a fatal shooting incident is an event that they will never forget. In many instances, the consequences of surviving the lethal encounter will negatively effect them, and their family, for the rest of their lives.



In a recent Canadian study, eighteen police officers who had been involved in a fatal police shooting indicated that they had, to some degree, been subject to the physiological, psychological, physical and emotional factors associated with critical incident stress. The most commonly cited physiological factors experienced by these officers included perception of time, visual and auditory distortions. As the incident unfolded, individual officers noted that their deadly force encounter appeared to occur in slow motion. Often their vision was focused upon the perceived threat with minimal awareness of the events taking place around them. Finally, when shots were fired, they were generally heard as muffled sounds, even though the officers were not wearing ear protection devices.

We stopped the car and got out. A couple of seconds later a shot rang out. My focus was on the threat. I fired three rounds off at the silhouette and hit the target, one fatal at the head. It was like a scene in a bad movie. It all happened in slow motion. I just knew I got him . . . it all happened in less than ten seconds. (Cnst) "X" was lucky not to be killed."

In addition to perception distortions, the majority of these police officers stated that they experienced a loss of fine motor co-ordination upon conclusion of their deadly encounter. Typically their hands would begin to shake or their legs would go into uncontrollable spasms.

After the fatal shooting incident concluded, the majority of officers who were interviewed stated that they faced a wide variety of psychological and physical effects associated with critical incident stress. The physical effects included a loss in appetite, sleeping pattern changes and a marked decrease in their sex drive resulting in an absence of sexual relations with their spouse or partner. One officer stated, "My sex life went down the tube, forget about that." Another police officer reported:

"Your mind says 'You can't cope with this.' Sleep? I'd wake up every night for several months. I would never re-live the incident but my mind would focus on the incident."

The psychological effects reported included depression, guilt, nightmares, flashbacks, a heightened sense of danger and fear. One of the officers related the flashbacks as a "video going on in your head that you can't control; it just keeps playing the video over and over and over again and you've got no control to turn it off." Another officer explained the after effects of the shooting as:

"I dream a lot, now years after the incident. Sometimes they're daytime flashbacks, while I'm working. Every time I pass the exact spot on the freeway where I heard the news report of the [fatal] shooting incident [while I was heading home], I think about it."

One officer reported an overwhelming and uncontrollable emotional state that caused him to suddenly weep and cry for days on end. The officer stated that he felt "fine" after the fatal shooting incident until some six months later:

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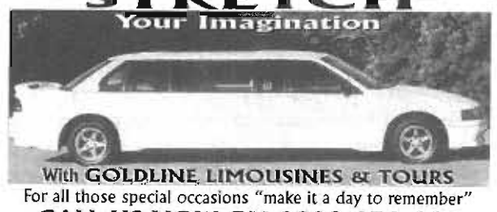

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"I thought everything was O.K., it [the shooting] didn't bother me, I was tough. Then suddenly while I was out shopping with my wife and kids I had to park the car in the shopping centre. I had this urge to cry, I couldn't control it. Once I started I couldn't stop. My wife had to drive us home. It [weeping] lasted for days."

Another police officer stated that, for several months, he possessed an overriding fear of being alone.

"You really need somebody after an incident like this. The worst feeling is like losing control. I followed my wife around like a puppy dog. A couple of days after the shooting I went to have a bath. I remember it was the first time that I had been alone since the incident. I got into the bath tub; I was alone and then suddenly I began to be overwhelmed with fear. I can't describe how scared I was. I jumped out of the bath within a few minutes; I had to find my wife! I couldn't be alone; I couldn't cope and felt I was losing control."

The media was cited by most of the police officers as one of the greatest sources of stress immediately after their fatal shooting incidents. This was a consequence of the continual coverage that surrounded many of the fatal shooting incidents. Particularly painful was the speculation and supposition taken by many journalists who were impatient regarding the release of the official police investigation. These journalists would often produce media articles that were written in a negative manner towards the actions of the shooting officer or of the police agency that employed him.

Police agencies will not traditionally divulge the outcome of their investigation until the entire file has been reviewed by independent Crown counsel regarding the possibility of criminal charges. Typically, the specific details of a police shooting and the subsequent police investigation are first publicly revealed during a Coroner's inquest. It is only upon the conclusion of this painstaking and tedious procedure that the media obtains the full story regarding the fatal police shooting.

Unfortunately, many of the interviewed police officers gave accounts of media distortions and inaccurate journalism occurring during the waiting period of the Crown review and the Coroner's inquest. These officers stated that the negative slant portrayed in many of the media articles served to further intensify their emotional and psychological state in regards to the fatal shooting incident.

"The media; I've never had a problem with what we did. We're the good guys and out here to help the public and did a good thing, what we're suppose to do, and now we're getting f. . ked. I couldn't watch the t.v. or read the papers; [they were] obvious examples of distortion."

The vast majority of media interest would subside upon conclusion of the Coroner's inquest. Several of the officers interviewed added that the Coroner's inquest served as a pivotal point in their coming to terms with the shooting incident. Until the inquest, there was a degree of uncertainty regarding the investigative findings of the shooting, regardless of how confident they were in their actions.

Only upon the conclusion of this public disclosure were many of the officers able to get on with life and leave the tragedy of the shooting incident behind them. Even years after the fatal shooting incident had taken place, all of the officers reported that they considered it a significant event in their life, one that they will never forget. In this regard, one police officer stated:

"This guy is not gonna f. . k-up my life forever. It's completely up to me; whether I cope with this and get on with life. I'm sure I drank too much several times. I think about it every day. If you're gonna give up then its gonna get to you."

Occasionally, the peers of the officers who were involved in fatal shootings were reported to add to the already stressful situation. In several instances, it was reported that the peers did not treat their colleagues in the same manner as before the shooting incident. The perception was that often these peers would isolate or ignore the officer. In other cases, the perception was that the peers would provide inappropriate gestures of support. For example, one officer reported that immediately after his fatal shooting he was given a mug full of rum and then asked to provide an official statement. It was reported that some individuals would make jokes or comments that were particularly hurtful and inappropriate. One officer stated that after the shooting incident his peers would frequently remark, "How are you doing killer?" Two other police officers reported:

You'd be having a normal conversation and someone would make a stupid ass remark [regarding the shooting]. They'd have a teudency to use black humour. It may be made with good intentions but can be annoying as hell. Wrong thing to say!"

It was a difficult thing to lead into or be asked about. I remember one guy, a locker room comment, 'How's it going killer?' I thought what a stupid thing to say!"

Post-Shooting Effects And Deadly Force

In the months and years after a fatal shooting incident occurred, many of the police officers who were interviewed reported a variety of personal life changes. These officers directly attributed these changes to their fatal shooting. The police officers who faced a lethal-threat, but were able to resolve the incident without using deadly force, did not report these same post-shooting effects.

Several of the police officers who were involved in a fatal shooting reported marital or relationship breakdowns shortly after the incident. Often these individuals stated that their relationship with their significant other was "O.K.", prior to the shooting. However, when faced with the pressures and stresses that accompanied a fatal shooting, the relationship often crumbled. One officer stated "I went through two marriages after the shooting incident". Another officer reported, "My marriage ended within a year or two after the shooting. I became distant from my wife and I didn't talk about the shooting incident with her." However there was an equal number of police officers who spoke highly of their spouses or significant others; intimate relationships that served to support the police officer during a time of personal crisis.

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Often these established relationships were strengthened as a result of the shooting incident.

Unfortunately, several of the officers stated that their spouse, significant other or their children personally suffered as a result of their shooting incident. The police officer's fatal shooting frequently became a "family crisis". One officer stated: " My wife needed help [psychological] after what happened to me." Another officer reported: "Not too many people know this, but as a direct result of my [fatal] shooting, my wife developed an eating disorder. We both know it was in response to me killing the guy. Even though it's been years since the shooting she still suffers with the disorder and a few other things"

In addition to changes in personal relationships, several of the officers interviewed indicated that they became heavy substance abusers shortly after the fatal shooting incident. In conjunction with the substance abuse some of these individuals reported that they became "burned-out". These officers would deliberately work long hours and apply for stressful assignments as a means of coping with their traumatic experience. This was also explained as a means of showing to their peers that "they were O.K." as they had survived the shooting. In addition, management would be able to see that they could return to even tougher assignments, without any noticeable effect.

In these stressful positions it was also easier to identify and "fit in" with their peers. In many instances, the peers within these assignments were described as "heavy drinkers". In addition, several of these individuals had also gone through a divorce. One officer stated he could easily identify with his team members as eight of the officers, within the small section, had also been divorced. However, in hindsight, the officer stated that his new assignment actually perpetuated his stressful lifestyle.

Further personal changes in lifestyle that were directly attributed to the fatal shooting incident, included a change in diet. One officer reported that as a result of the shooting he became a vegetarian.

"Thou shall not kill really means thou shall not murder. I stopped eating meat and never went back to it for over ten years. Now I may have the occasional small bit of meat. It's hard to explain why, I don't know exactly why"

In summary, this study also revealed that the eighteen police officers who were involved in a fatal shooting all reported various degrees of physiological, psychological, emotional and physical effects that they attribute directly to the shooting. Significantly, these symptoms were also present in the two officers who did not pull the trigger but were present when their partner fired the fatal shot. One of these two individuals was so adversely affected by the shooting that he has since left the job. Also noteworthy is that, in the majority of these cases, the individuals involved did not receive any positive public recognition from their police agency regarding the shooting.

All of the officers who were interviewed for the study advised that they were exonerated for their actions in dealing with the lethal-threat. The officers also stated that they were not charged, nor did they face a disciplinary action as a result of their shooting incident. The police officers involved in the fatal shootings were quick to add that in addition, as a result of the Coroner's inquest, their actions were vindicated within a public forum.

In many instances, the media had insinuated police "wrongdoings" reporting that criminal, disciplinary or civil actions were imminent against the police officers involved. However, the police officers interviewed denied any formal repercussions as a result of their shooting incident. Unfortunately, most of these individuals reported personal upheaval and tragedy that they continue to carry with them, several years after the shooting incident. These are consequences that the media failed to report but are nevertheless very real and profound to the officers involved and their families.

As this study has demonstrated, police training must address the significant issue of stress management. Police officers often experience enormous psychological, physical and emotional stresses during a lethal-threat. In many instances these stressors continue to effect the officer long after the lethal-threat has been resolved. Police personnel who are trained to reduce the effects of stress, when facing a life-threatening situation, may be able to seek alternatives to deadly force.

Finally, police officers who have been involved in a fatal shooting often require psychological counselling and support, if they are to become productive members once again. Importantly, the families of police officers who have been involved in a shooting incident additionally need to be included within this process. These individuals may also be "survivors" of a lethal-threat, requiring similar counselling and support if they are to maintain their relationship with their police partner or significant other.

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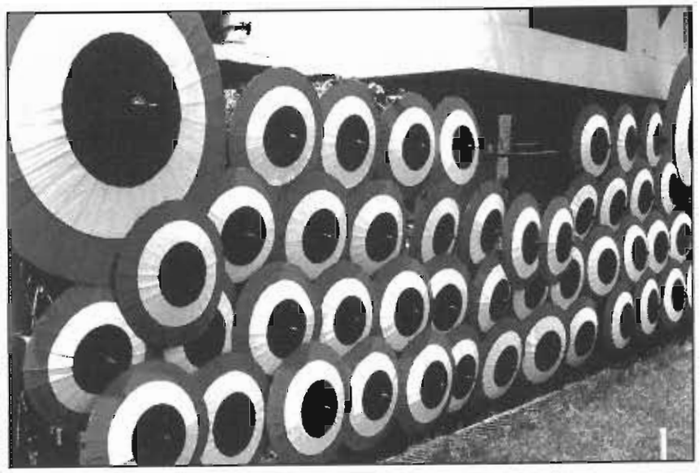

By Ross Pinkham,
Associate Secretary for
Asian Countries

In the north of Thailand is an ancient city - Chiang Mai. It was first settled in the late 13th century and over the next 700 years has been the centre of many wars and disputes. Those wars and disputes, however, have not detracted from its history but enhanced the fascination of the city and the surrounding province.



Chiang Mai, once the capital of Thailand, is situated 700 km north-west of the current capital, Bangkok. The completion of the railway line to the northern provinces of Thailand in the early 1920s linked the central portion of Thailand with the previously untapped northern tourist mecca. Foreigners soon discovered that the north of Thailand was a great place for shopping and recreation. Things haven't changed in the past 80 years.

Chiang Mai is an important centre for hand-crafted pottery, weaving, umbrellas, silverware, and woodcarving. If you visit art and craft shops anywhere in Thailand today, chances are at least someone working in the shop is from the Chiang Mai area. If not, some of the goods will be from there. It is these crafts that have made Chiang Mai famous -today more tourists head to the north than to the beautiful beaches of the south. The fascination is the high quality accommodation, food and shopping, the cool nights, the international feel about the city and the friendliness of the people.

To learn some of the Thai language is a bonus and short courses at the American Language School - both for the international visitor and the local Thais - to brush up on their English - flourish in the ever expanding tourism market.

Top places to visit: Doi Suthep, over 1600 metres high, perched above the city, the north of Thailand's most famous temple. Over 600 years old - check out the great collection of gold adorning this temple; Doi Inthanon - the highest peak in Thailand, only 100kms from Chiang Mai. An adventure that even the most unfit of climbers survive. Over 8500 feet this mountain seems a mammoth task, but the road leads to within 300 feet of the top and the path from the car park is the envy of many aspiring Hillarys; and the never ending San Kamphaeng Road factory shopping area. Adorned with factory shops selling teak, furniture, silverware, jade, Thai silk and cotton - and near the end of the road a world-renown umbrella factory at Baw Sang. It is here that the locals make the umbrellas - right in front of your eyes - threading bamboo ribs with cotton and covered with oiled rice paper. On a recent visit one whole wall of the factory was festooned with umbrellas depicting the national colours. It is the hand painting of the umbrellas that attracts the tourist. They are able to cash in on the skills of these artists - their purses, camera cases and tee-shirts usually end up with a design created among the many varieties of umbrellas. Tigers, butterflies, elephants and flowers - just a short list of the choices available.

Make Chiang Mai part of your Thai holiday.

Ross, Viv and Sarah (14) are in Thailand for three years. Ross is the Police Liaison Officer at the New Zealand Embassy in Bangkok, and is the eighth liaison officer since the post opened 20 years ago. Previous Liaison Officers include Brion Duncan, Allan Galbraith, Phil Berryman, Kevin Schwass, Barry Hunter, Mike Crawford and Kevin Kalff. Living in Thailand will be quite an experience and with Sarah at the New International School of Thailand, she will have an exciting time.

IPA Youth Gathering

32nd Annual IPA Youth Gathering 1998 – Gimborn, Germany

By Hayley McCarthy



The International Police Association has always been a big part of my life. My parents have hosted people from countries such as Australia, England, Singapore, the United States and Canada, in our home.

On the other side of the coin, we stayed with many IPA members in America whilst on a three month holiday in the United States in 1990.

My father is heavily involved in regional IPA being the Region One Chairman. He was also involved in the organisation of the Youth Gathering that was held here in New Zealand in 1995, and the IPA Friendship week two years later.

After having quite a bit to do with the Youth Gathering that was here in New Zealand through hosting two of the participants (who I still keep in contact with and managed to catch up with in England on the second part of my journey earlier this year) and attending the welcoming and farewell functions held in Auckland, I have long wanted to be a participant in one of the Youth Gatherings. But due to college and tertiary educational commitments, I was never able to go. Until this year. Having finished my education, my only obstacle was getting time off work.

After much reading about the trip and what it entailed, I put together my CV and submitted it to the Auckland Regional Committee for consideration. After some deliberation, I got the nod that I had been accepted and my CV was forwarded to the New Zealand section committee for their consideration. They also agreed that it would be good for me to go, and it was all on from there.

I searched on the internet for information about the Youth Gathering, and ended up finding out all I needed to know on the German IPA website. After reading all about the trip, I couldn't wait to go. The German section of IPA had actually joined forces with the Luxembourg section to organise the youth gathering, with a four day tour of Luxembourg included in our programme.

After getting the programme, it was time to organise flights, travel insurance etc. for the trip. The Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch sections of IPA all made very generous contributions to my expenses, which were greatly appreciated. Without their donations, I probably wouldn't have been able to go, as their funding supplemented the already generous grant made to me by the NEB.

The six months before my departure date flew by and the next thing I knew, it was July 27th. Departure day. I flew Singapore Airlines (great airline by the way, highly recommended) to Frankfurt, where I arrived at 5.45am and was met by an airport police officer who is also heavily involved in IPA, and my host family for my time in Frankfurt. I was shown around Frankfurt that day and stayed in a "pension" which seemed to me to resemble a Bed and Breakfast type place. On Monday morning, I was taken back to the airport, where we were to meet Anna Henwood, the Australian participant who I had been writing to before I left New Zealand. She had spent four weeks in Italy before flying to Germany. After meeting her, we were driven to Gimborn by my host family. It was a two-and-a-half hour drive from Frankfurt to Gimborn on the autobahn. This is when I first noticed the differences between life in New Zealand and life in Germany! Every second car was a BMW, Porsche or Mercedes and there is no speed limit on the autobahns, so cars were flying past us (and we were doing 110kph) at close to 180kph!! Added to which, they are on the wrong side of the road!!! Up until then, I thought that the German people were quite reserved, until I saw them haring up the autobahn at what seemed to be ridiculous speeds. But having said that, they are probably the safest drivers I have ever seen, always indicating, they keep right, and are very courteous, something that people living in Auckland would very rarely see.

After getting lost once, we made it to Gimborn, and that was a shock in itself, but a nice shock, if there is such a thing. For a country that has one of the largest memberships of IPA, 28 IPA holiday homes and a conference centre for the sole use of the IPA, I was expecting us to be in a town. But no. Gimborn is a village, with a total population of 38, a church, a pub, the castle and its associated buildings and a community hall. And that was it. But it turned out to be the perfect place for us to be. The castle was stunning, the grounds were beautiful, and there was no hustle and bustle. It was very relaxing, and very quiet. We were shown to our rooms (all ensuite), and then taken to the welcoming function where we introduced ourselves, were given the programme and told everything that we needed to know. There was a total of 57 participants from 32 different countries including Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, Spain, Cyprus, Italy, Bosnia, Lithuania, France, Poland, Hungary, Russia, Greece, Slovenia, USA, Ireland, Belgium, Germany and Austria, just to name a few. By the end of that, it was time for dinner, to meet the group informally and sleep for some of us who had come from the other side of the world!

We spent the next day hearing about and exploring Gimborn. The countryside around Gimborn is very much like New Zealand, but there are lots of little differences, for example, the "bush" around the area isn't what I would define as "bush", it was more like forest. In the days that followed we visited Remsheid, Solingen, Wuppertal, the Burg Castle, a brown coal mine and Luxembourg, where we had four days sightseeing. We went for a cruise on the Mosel River, Einbach, the EEC centre in Luxembourg, Trier, and the last few days of the trip we spent in Gimborn. Needless to say, we visited many police stations, met many IPA people, and were made to feel so welcome by everyone we met.

Anna (AUS) and I had to leave Gimborn a day before everyone else as we were the only two flying out of Frankfurt. And wasn't that an adventure!! Anna and I were taken to the train station about 15 minutes from Gimborn, given a pep talk as to what we were to do, and sent on our way. That was all fine, until we got to Cologne where we were to change trains. We went to get off at what we thought was Cologne Central Station, but it wasn't. Anyway, I got off the train, put my bags on the platform only to turn around and see Anna struggling to get her bags off the train and the doors of the train closing. The train moved off, leaving Anna on the train and me standing on the platform. It was my worst nightmare. Being lost, well not exactly lost, I knew where I had to be, but "stuck" in a foreign country where they don't speak English, being in the wrong place, and my travelling partner off to who knows where!! Anyway, after running to the information desk, trying to use all the German that I knew to find out how to get where I was supposed to be, and hoping that Anna wasn't coming back to find me. Eventually I made it to Cologne Central Station. But that posed another problem. Where was Anna??!! For those of you who have been there, you know how big the station is, and I didn't have the first idea where to look for her. But being policeman's daughters I guess Anna and I thought alike and we both headed for the information and booking place, and when I got there, Anna was standing at the door waiting for me. Disaster was averted, and we carried on the trip to Frankfurt having just had a great learning experience.

We were met by the family that had looked after me on my arrival in Germany, put up in a hotel near the railway station, and we were taken to the monthly Frankfurt region IPA dinner. Anna flew back to Australia early the next morning and I flew to London later that afternoon.

It was a great trip, we saw quite a bit in the two weeks we were there, but really only scratched the surface of what there is to see in Germany. I made many friends from many countries who I hope to visit in the future. Some of the people I met are coming out to New Zealand next Christmas so that they are here to "see in" the new millennium. It will be great to see them again after becoming like a family whilst in Germany. Living together, 24 hours a day seven days a week for a bit over two weeks, we ended up knowing everything about each other. It was a great experience, and I recommend it to anyone who is thinking about going. It is the experience of a life-time, and I have memories that I am always going to carry with me.

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Travel requests have tailed off a little in the past year. Maybe because the New Zealand dollar has dropped against the other major currencies. Despite the drop however air travel remains cheaper now than it has ever been, and an overseas trip is within the grasp of the most modest income. The lower dollar means you have to save for a little longer, that's all.

Long Island IPA Group Tour

On October 5th Auckland hosted a tour group of 36 mostly IPA members from Long Island, New York and there were members from US IPA Regions two, five and fifteen in the party. This group had nine days in New Zealand visiting Auckland, Waitomo, Rotorua, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Christchurch, followed by eight days in Australia visiting Brisbane, Cairns, The Barrier Reef, and Sydney (Opera House and Darling Harbour) before flying home.

World Police and Fire Games

Stockholm, the beautiful capital city of Sweden is playing host to the World Police and Fire Games between 16th and 24th July 1999. The games will be under the patronage of His Majesty King Carl XVI, and the Host City offers a real "smorgasbord" of experiences. There are 68 sports programmed including some "new" ones like Boules/Petanque, Muster, Floorball, Angling (fresh and salt), Pocket Billiards, and S.W.A.T. teams.
The W.P.&F. Games were first held in 1985 in San Jose when there were 5000 competitors in 42 sports. Since then they have been held every two years in San Diego (87) Vancouver (89) Memphis (91) Colorado Springs (93) Melbourne (95) Calgary (97) so this will be the European premier of these games in Europe.
For more information, write to:
Stockholm World Police and Fire Games 1999 AB
P.O. Box 19551, S-104 32
Stockholm, SWEDEN.
Or visit their e-mail site: information@1999.swpfg.se
Or the web site: www.1999.swpfg.se

BOURNEMOUTH 2000 Jubilee World Congress and Scottish IPA Clan Gathering.

We are still waiting for the final programme and costing for the Bournemouth 2000 World Congress, and this is expected to be announced at the next IEC Meeting held at Athens (31st October to 5th November 1998). Our delegate John Coomber will no doubt bring back these details which will be passed on to all those who have registered interest in this event.
The Scottish Clan Gathering programme and costing (£550 stg. based on two persons sharing a room) has been out for some time and sent to all who registered interest. Deposits of £50 stg must be sent to Mr. Edward Spears, 18 Elderslie Drive, Wallacetown, Falkirk, FK2 ODN, Scotland. U.K. and booking forms are available from the National Travel Secretary. To date we have had close to 40 NZ IPA members indicate interest, and you had better be quick because the programme is limited to 450 people and interest has been indicated from fourteen other IPA member Sections. Don't winge if you miss out because we started promoting these events back in 1994.

NEW ADDRESS FOR THE ASSOCIATE SECRETARY FOR ASIAN COUNTRIES.

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(A 40c stamp is sufficient, and his mail is sent on by courier bag once a week. He is happy to continue as associate secretary for Asian countries.
NOTE: Only Hong Kong and Japan have IPA Section status. He is in e-mail contact with the Editor, but does not wish to have his e-mail published.

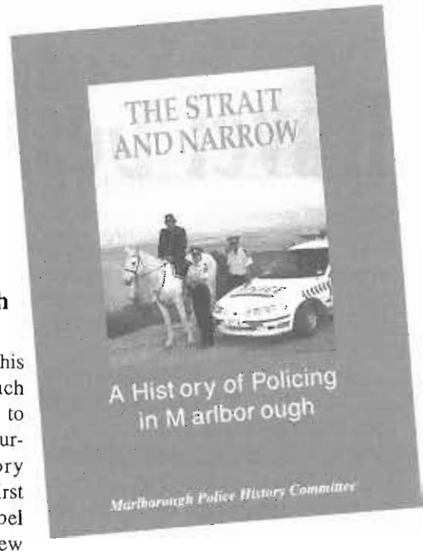
World Wide Membership Figures (As at 31.12.97)

Argentina	500	Hungary	3500	Poland	4500
Aruba	40	Iceland	470	Portugal	4665
Australia	1717	Ireland	5700	Romania	1650
Austria	32372	Israel	18000	Russia	2500
Barbados	200	Italy	16050	San Marino	190
Belgium	11900	Japan	150	Seychelles	150
Brazil	260	Kenya	850	Slovakia	280
Bulgaria	250	Latvia	280	Slovenia	4000
Canada	1445	Lesotho	250	South Africa	5300
Cyprus	1880	Lithuania	1219	Spain	7000
Czech Republic	765	Luxembourg	1100	Sri Lanka	250
Denmark	8000	Malta	80	Surinam	400
Estonia	152	Manritins	160	Swaziland	200
Finland	4050	Mexico	70	Sweden	6945
France	10000	Monaco	250	Switzerland	11089
Gabon	admission June '97	Netherlands	9700	Ukraine	admission June '97
Germany	56580	Netherlands Antilles	150	USA	9023
Gibraltar	220	New Zealand	1300	Zimbabwe	200
Great Britain	14270	Nigeria	176		
Greece	10100	Norway	2220	**Total**	
Hong Kong	900	Peru	1050	**Membership**	**276,668**

Book Reviews

Reviewed by Ivo Davey





The Strait and Narrow

A History of Policing in Marlborough

I forget the name of the victim, but I recall his killer's surprise "It is a wonder how much blood the old man had in him", or words to that effect. So it may be paraphrased as a surprise to find how much story and history Marlborough has. And despite the unfortunate first contacts with Europeans, December 1642, Abel Tasman in the Heemskirk, who had a watering crew killed by Maori in Golden Bay, and Cook, 1770, who recorded cannibalism.

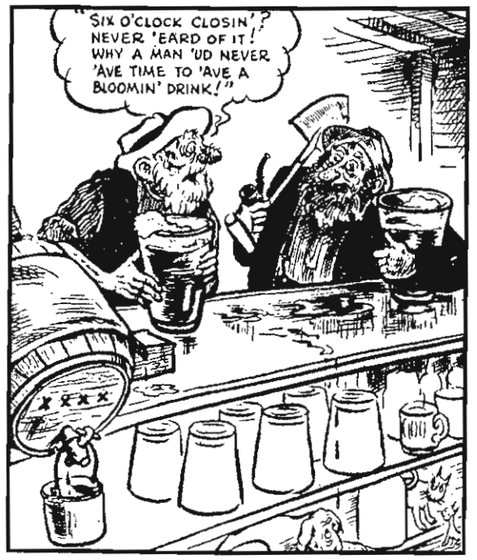
Since then, there has been plenty of mayhem and the volume closes (in time) with an arrest for the murders of Olivia Hope and Ben Smart. But there were many other happier times that are also recorded.

For most of us, Marlborough has happy memories, beauty and pleasure. History for many will be the Tophouse Hotel, the still visible track of the old gold road and the crumbling earth houses with their wild roses a memorial to the Wairau Affray of 150-odd years ago. More recent history is the success of the grape.

Grapes came long after the first whaling stations were established but it was there that rum and whiskey and brandy and gin were drunk in huge amounts and led to much lawlessness that called for policing.

A whaling captain, John Blenkinsopp, fooled Te Raupuraha and Te Rangihaeata into selling the Wairau Plain for an 18-pound carronade from his ship. Wben he found what he had signed, Te Rauparaha 'went spare' and tore up the Deed and threw the carronade on to the shore of Guard's Bay. One might suggest that Blenkinsopp was a supremely courageous man to mess these two fighting chiefs about, but perhaps he did not know their reputations.

Marlborough's story in many ways encapsulates the essence of all New Zealand Police history. Except perhaps, that the experience has been considerably concentrated. Where else can boast bushrangers and a barefaced attempt at a takedown of two of the greatest Maori fighting chiefs as simply a couple of examples of many.



'6 o'clock closing ends ...'

The Burgess gang comprised four infamous immigrants from Australia who considered there were easier ways of getting gold than by sweating it with a shovel and pick. Bushranging, which seemed safe to the bushrangers in the sparsely policed diggings seemed much preferable. But things went wrong for the gang who were arrested and three were hanged, while the fourth was deported to England.

While the bare bones of the story are few, it is told in more detail in Young's book, Guilty on the Gallows.

As I wrote, this volume is virtually a summary of all historical policing in New Zealand but more intensely concentrated than some other districts. And yet the old principles of solving crime are still true:

In the postscript to Operation Tam, Detective Inspector Rob Pope is quoted as saying "the arrest" (of Scott Watson) was the result of hard slog and 'back to basics policing', with intensive investigation over the five and a half month period." Not a great deal has changed in some ways.

Two items culled from the statistics of the case are enough; 'Statements taken, 3500; Police job sheets, 1950'.

Of all the district histories I have read so far, I think this is the most readable of all. Who said a committee can't write a book? This book is proof that the Marlborough Police History Committee can write a very good, readable book, and thank you all very much for the pleasure.

Guilty on the Gallows

By Sherwood Young,

(Grantham House, $34.95).

Murder, whether real or fictional, highly skilled or gruesome has its special attraction to both readers and writers. Sherwood Young has worked over well-ploughed ground to present this account of 20 capital crimes of New Zealand in which the perpetrator paid on the scaffold.

And Young points out that New Zealand is one of a minority of countries in which capital punishment has been abolished. After a particularly horrendous murder debate rises anew, and he leaves the question open whether or not, after 41 years free of hanging, it will return to New Zealand.

Don't mistake me that this is just a rehash of old cases. From the first case discussed, William Jarvey, 1865, to the last, Walter Bolton, 1957, the evidence has been revisited and to a great extent re-analysed. It is worth pointing out that Young's Police career began in 1961, four years after the last execution that he describes – and there have been none since then. Young has been able to go over tbese cases again without the prejudice and self advertisement that has so marked the memoirs of some famous Police pathologists in particular.



Back Cover:
Cover illustrations to this book are part of the exhibit of the Gunn case, in 1920, in the New Zealand Police Museum, Porirua. For the benefit of the less squeamish, it can be noted that the rope in the exhibit is the actual rope that was used for the execution.

As well as being a book about murderers and their murders, it is also a book about the Police, especially the detectives of the day, judges and juries and the set of public thinking towards punishment rather than prevention. But that argument still goes on.

"In 26 cases of murder between 1920 and 1935, thirteen men were executed, ten were reprieved, and three found to be insane. Of the 22 people sentenced to death between the restoration of the death penalty in 1950 and late 1957, eight were executed, and fourteen were reprieved. There are 84 verified executions for murder and one for treason between 1840 and 1957.

"Only a few of those executed in New Zealand went to their deaths acknowledging their crime", writes Young. "Of those included in this book, only Richard Burgess, Charles Dyer, Edward Te Whiu and, surprisingly, Harvey Allwood could be described as having finally faced up to their responsibilities. Winiata, Frederick Eggers and Dennis Gunn had some sort of explanation for their involvement, while the others maintained they were innocent, avoided the issue or had nothing to say."



The William Bayly case is one of the classics where patience and detailed search were rewarded. For the first time, the sciences that make up 'Forensics' were brought fully into action successfully. The verdict was argued vehemently throughout the country for years, many considering Bayly had been convicted by his association with an earlier case. Bayly's cowshed yielded crucial evidence. The mud visible in the yard and surrounding paddock show the difficulty the Police faced in searching for and discovering evidence.
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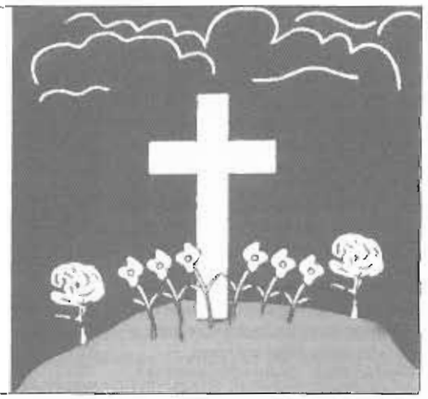



The Auckland scaffold on the corner of Queen Street and Victoria Street West. Later, the scaffold was moved inside the gaol, the move being deplored in some circles as reducing the deterrent effect of punishment by making it less public. Auckland City Libraries, New Zealand.

Young has brought us the atmosphere of a number of the executions, the hangmen, the gaolers, the witnesses and the last minutes of those on the scaffold. He hopes that this more rounded picture and the dispassionate analysis of cases will tell the story of capital punishment in New Zealand and then, when New Zealanders argue for and against it, they will have a better idea of the subject than they would have had.

Without denigrating the author's hopes, I feel there have been other books written that would be more helpful in that regard, but as a social document that records the changes in the life of a young nation as measured by its homicides, this book is the first choice.

Although the author has tried hard to keep his personal opinions out of this book they have at times sneaked in, usually by a single word or short phrase. It is very difficult, almost impossible to prevent this intrusion; it is a fault that professional journalists are always wary of in their own writing. Very likely, most readers will not notice these intrusions, but they should have been picked up by the publisher's editor.

Earlier, I mentioned that this book covers "well-ploughed ground". That is true of most of the cases discussed for many have been written over many times in the past, from feature articles to books. Nevertheless, Young has done his homework thoroughly in going back to the original records and to virtually every case has brought fresh material of value in reassessing it.

It is always a good test of a book that it reads better the second time round. Guilty on the Gallows passes this test and stands subsequent dipping into. It is a book well done and one that badly needed doing for reasons the author discusses in his Introduction.

Christmas treats

When Father Christmas paid me a visit
He brought some treats to me
A lovely Teddy Bear Calendar
And a packet of Irish Coffee Bikkies

When I looked further at what he brought
Sure, a great sight I did see
There was a big bowl of Jelly Beans
And a bottle of Irish Whiskey

I said to him, will you have a tot?
Say's he, I'd rather stay alive
I have a lot of ground to cover
So I never drink and drive

I then waved him on his way
As he drove off with his four Reindeer
Said he, "Have a Merry Christmas,
And a Good and Happy New Year"

Said the good Wife with a smile
Father Christmas was good to you
And just to give you a perfect day
I've made you a pot of Irish Stew
Best Wishes from Paddy

And this from Leppy Leprechaun...
A Merry Christmas to you all
And a happy new year too
May your days be filled with happiness
And may all your dreams come true
Best Regards from Leppy

Computers

Christmas On The Keyboard!

By Anne Picketts

This article is intended to be coated with snow and tinkling with sleigh bells. I'll try to lace it with good cheer.



First of all - Christmas! How about a mass posting of virtual Christmas cards from your electronic address book, or maybe you'd like to design and make your own cards? There are several Internet sites for you to look at. Try these for starters:

http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Acres/1170/christmas.html - Christmas stories, links to many other Christmas sites including http://www.santaclause.com/ You'll find everything to do with Christmas - graphics to use in making your own cards etc. A right mouse click will let you save any of these graphics. Can't find what you want? Follow the web ring1 through.

http:/www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/xmascards/ Some lovely virtual Christmas Cards designed by the children at Botanic Primary School, Belfast and Hollybush Primary School in Derry. http://www.agfaphoto.com/events/xmas97/index.html also have electronic cards. The latter is a similar site to the Belfast one. Both have easy to follow instructions -and they work. I tested them out on myself while preparing this article.

Like everything else on the web, the Christmas topic is endless. One of the most comprehensive sites I found was http://freeman.sob.tulane.edu/webfest/xmas.htm - This is Christmas on the web! This site will tell you everything you needed to know (and a lot that you didn't need to know) about Christmas, from the E-mail 'write to Santa' service at the North Pole to a Christmas movie list (I'm sure that list covers every movie that was ever made with the word Christmas in the title!) and to making Christmas Bock (is that something akin to Guinness??). Back at the home page, click on Christmas Tunes and you get 'All-new Christmas music and Christmas songs direct from Austin in Texas. Still on the virtual Christmas subject, have a look at http://www.lysator.liu.se/~zap/xmas/ and download the animated Xmas greeting at the bottom of the page - you'll love it!

If you're travelling over Christmas and New Year and think of someone you missed from your card list, call into the nearest Cyber Cafe or Cyber Centre and send your greetings from there. I understand most ISPs have a facility now which allows you to collect and send E-mail from anywhere in the world using your usual address. If yours doesn't, make use of the free address facilities on the Internet, such as Hotmail, (hotmail.com). You can do this without using your Internet Service Provider - simply by calling into a Cyber Cafe or Centre (or Public Library) anywhere in the world and log into a free mail service.

Writing an article on computers for a magazine such as ours is quite a challenge. It must be informative for those still coming to terms with their home pc, and still be interesting for readers who classify themselves as computer literate. If nothing else, my request for topics of interest proved my point that no two people are at the same level of computer literacy or interest.

Whatever your level of computer skills, if you class yourselves in the "wanting to learn more bracket", have a look at http://www.studyweb.com/ Forget about going out to night school classes to learn about computers - you need only know how to place the above URL in your browser. Whatever you wanted to know about anything will be found on this site. If it's just computers you want to learn about, click on the free on-line dictionary of computing. At the top of each page is a place for keying in your subject. Click on the hypertext words to take you further into the explanations. A very useful and educational site. Learn at your own pace and in your own time.



Quite a few suggestions came in after my request for topics for discussion. Unfortunately, some will have to be put aside until the next issue, but "suggested browsing" on IPA and other Police sites should keep you relatively busy over the Christmas hols.

PA: http://www.ipa-iac.org/ - International Police Association's International Administration site. http://www.cylink.com.cy/ipa.fam.cy/ is the official site of Famagusta Region, Cyprus Section, IPA. Unlike some sites, this one is very clear, uncluttered, informative and easy to read. Clicking the green bullet on the left hand side of the IPA logo allows you to leave a message for that Region's President. The right hand bullet takes you to the history and information page. The down side of this site is the lack of links to other IPA sites. http://www.ipwg.com/index.html will take you to a very up to date site (with sound) on the 1999 International Police Winter Games. Everything is there - entry forms, Events Schedules etc.

http://209.204.240.16/ is the Police Dog Home Page with information on (among other things) the International Police K9 Conference. A nice well laid out page. Try the Screen Saver. It's quite a large file (1709k) and will take about 20 minutes to download but if you're into K9s, this one is good. It's very easy to install - 2 clicks of the mouse. Don't try it if you're short on memory.

POLICE: http://www.officer.com/ - for the Police Officer's Internet Directory. Very comprehensive, American, but it does have links to everything from a Computer Crime Directory to the Australian Crime Stoppers National site.

http://www.mcs.com/~jra/police/pages/international.html - a well laid out site entitled "The Police Pages" with links to everything from Internet fraud to Government corruption. One site that I did have a problem with was http://www.webscope.com/patches/ It's well done and some pages are well set out and quite clear, but again - if you're short on memory don't try the Memorabilia site. It's very heavy in graphics, needs Netscape 3.0 minimum. Even then, you won't get the full 'story' - the latest versions of IE or Netscape would be best to view this site. There is however, a great list of links and these have been passed on to your Hobby Secretary.

One final word - this time to animal lovers; check out http://www.africam.com This site is the Waterhole Mobile Cam - it is the world's first virtual game reserve. Live images are captured every 30 seconds from cameras located at two waterholes in the Djuma Game Reserve.

Christmas wishes to you all - happy and safe computing.

Anne email: anpicket@igrin.co.nz

STOP PRESS Preliminary IEC 2001 site is up and running. US Section Email/REmNet Coordinator 2001 Core Committee http://www.ipa-usa.org/2001iec.htm

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Congratulations...

to the two winners who were awarded the I.P.A. Behavioural Science Prizes for their wing at the Royal New Zealand College:

...Constable Clare Griffiths, of No. 177 (Brion Duncan) Wing.
Clare will be stationed in North Shore Waitakere.

...Constable Jeni Sue Lupi, of No. 178 (Judith Aitken) Wing.
Jeni will be stationed in Counties-Manukau.

Armed & Ready In The U.S.A.

The following article was submitted by serving officer, Marnie Worth of Bream Bay. Marnie, a constable stationed at Waipu in Northland, recently visited the USA with her partner Glen. No chance of a transfer to the States, she reckons. "They can keep the obvious presence of armoury to themselves."

One of the more unforgettable moments of their trip to the States has to have been their welcome to New York. Fancy a burger? Maybe not after this tale. When the pair visited Burger King, two drugged-up women and a drunk male had an altercation. The restaurant's security guard (yes, they have their own) disappeared then reappeared with two police officers who removed the females, one of whom had picked up a mop to use it on the drunk guy. (Would you like dessert with that?)

Marnie writes:

The seven-week trip started in Los Angeles with a few days at Disneyland. As a future reference for any of you planning on visiting Disneyland – try not to go there during the USA school holiday period. We had to wait up to two hours to get on rides. The only good thing about that was the suntan.

We only had six days around the Los Angeles-San Diego area before flying off to New York. As a result of our day trip to Tijuana, Mexico, we were late returning the rental car and were charged approximately US $50 extra. We took a picture of the Beverly Hills Police Station as we were whizzing past.

The next day, it was back on a plane and off to New York. After a three to four hour plane flight, we had a 40-minute taxi ride that took us to the Port Authority Terminal where we planned on catching a bus up to Buffalo, New York.

With an hour and a half to spare, we wandered around and visited the Port Authority Police Station from which 120 officers work. There was an obvious presence of police in the area and no wonder, with people lying on the footpaths at 5.30pm.

We arrived in Buffalo, New York, after an eight-hour bus ride. This was followed by an hour's drive to a small area called Westfield where we stayed for a couple of weeks.



No, it's not a palace. It's the Beverly Hills Police Station. What a place to be locked up.

I visited the Westfield Police Station and I have to mention the air conditioning in their offices. They also have rifles mounted between the front seats of their patrol vehicles. It was a small station with two holding cells and I managed to obtain some good activity resources for school visits.

We frequented another small town called Fredonia, which was about half an hour north of Buffalo. There, the Chief was nice enough to give me a couple of T-shirts with a picture of the building on them. Of note was that their patrol cars have a grille between the front and back seats. They also had a couple of holding cells for prisoners at their station.

From here we popped over the border to Ontario, Niagara Falls, the Canadian side. The falls were spectacular! There are distinctive differences in the streets and the people when you cross over the border into Canada. From what we saw of Canada, it was clean and the people very friendly.

After returning to Westfield, New York, we went down to Toledo, Ohio. I visited the local police station and swapped another badge. On the subject of swapping badges, if you travel overseas and intend doing this, take more badges than you think you'll need – I ran out of swaps about half way through the trip.

While in Toledo, we travelled an hour to the Cedar Point Amusement Park. This was a day full of roller coaster rides and much more. I have to tell you about one ride called "Power Towers". You sit in seats round the base of the square-pillared tower and are vertically thrust up 260 feet and then after about one second of admiring the view, you drop all the way down to the bottom and again and then in smaller degrees up and down. This was an amazing stomach grinder ride – so good, we did it twice.



Fancy patrolling in a quad in Chicago? It's a wonder Marnie (pictured) didn't show them a few tips as she probably rides one a lot on the farm in Kaiwaka.

Towards the end of our trip, we bussed down to Chicago for a day and one night. Chicago was to me a very artistic city. A large Navy pier runs along the Lake Michigan waterfront where they have outdoor bars, live bands (jazz), a children's museum, rides on ships and yachts around the pier and so on. It was great! I came across a couple of police officers in my travels, one of whom had been directing traffic and the other was patrolling the area on a quad motorcycle. They were kind enough to have a picture taken with me. I also snapped a shot of the Chicago Police boat patrolling the lake.

The next morning, it was a taxi ride to the Chicago Airport. Whilst travelling to the airport, our driver received a phone call from his wife to see if he was all right. A cabbie had just been shot dead in the area. A reminder to us that we were in the USA.

It was on a plane again. This time, back to Los Angeles where we stayed for the remainder of the trip. We visited Venice Beach for a couple of days. There were plenty of activities here with the muscle gym, outdoor basketball courts, tennis courts, restaurants, stores and the beach itself.

Then it was time to head home, a 12-hour flight to Auckland and a 6am spurt of duty-free shopping.

Of all the places we visited, the three favourites for me were San Diego, Ontario (Canada) and Chicago. With one day at home it was back to the grindstone on the Monday.

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Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

A short History

The NZ Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal was first instituted in 1876 when as a real medal, it was Gazetted in the N.Z. Regulations of that year.

The 1919, Police Regulation 327 read:
"A medal for Long Service and Good Conduct may be awarded to every member of the Force who completes fourteen years service, provided that for the last three years of such service, no entry has been made on his defaulter's sheet."

This Regulation has now of course been revoked, but this remains the measure of authority for granting the medal.

The medal remained unchanged from 1876 until 1976, when the Police applied for and received Royal Consent for the medal, by Royal Warrant.

From 1976 the medal has been minted with the Sovereign's head on the front and the former medal emblem on the reverse.

It is made from 99% pure silver and presented with the recipients name, rank, number and date of presentation engraved on the rim. The medal is suspended on a mauve ribbon with deep blue and white stripes.

Each consecutive seven year period of service, a bar is added to the ribbon. This is represented by a star on the medal ribbon, when worn as a broach.

Our medal is the oldest known Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in the Commonwealth.

The fourteen year period of Service in the Police to qualify for the medal is unusual, as there is no precedent for this. One theory is that it was fourteen years from the time the last shot was fired in the N.Z. Wars in 1872 to the first medal being struck in 1887

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Wines for Christmas

Christmas is usually a family occasion when people gather together to share celebratory food and drink. It provides the opportunity (or the excuse) to indulge ourselves and I suspect that after many a Christmas dinner, diners feel just a little discomfort from eating and drinking not wisely but too well.



What wines to choose for a Christmas dinner? Here are a few suggestions, but in making them I stress that regardless of what may be recommended, you should choose whatever wine or wines you feel comfortable with. Choose what suits your palate and your pocket!

Pre-Dinner Drinks

You can never go wrong with "bubbly". If your taste is dry, a nice well-chilled methode traditionelle will hit the spot and get your juices flowing encouraging that sense of conviviality. There is a terrific choice on the market. Perhaps the best value for the $8 or $9 it costs is Penfolds **Hyland**. Montana **Lindauer Special Reserve** costs a little more than the standard at $16 but is worth the extra for the presentation in the bottle and the slight blush of onion skin colour which looks most attractive in the glass. **Angas Brut Rosè** ($11) is also good value. The next step up in price (and quality) is **Corbans Verde** at about $16 and **Amadeus** at $19. Still more expensive is **Deutz Marlborough** or **Daniel Le Brun** at around $28.

Of course if you can afford to, go the whole hog and splurge on a French Champagne. **Lanson Black Label** ($50) or **Verve Clicquot Yellow label** ($70). Note that the difference between these two Champagnes will buy you a **Yellowglen Y**, a fabulous Australian sparkling that is a classic blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir and has all the pungent yeastiness, smooth taste and persistent bead of a genuine French Champagne.

If your taste is to sweeter wines then a Spumante should be your choice. **Bernadino** ($7) or **Bernadino Gold** at $9 is a good choice of the locally produced. **Corbans Aquila** at a similar price is also good. **Italian Santero Spumate** ($9.95) is great value and pleasant fruity wine with lively bubble. Don't neglect **Mateus Rosè** ($9) with its crisp crackle, and attractive squat bottle. Step up in price and quality to **Mondoro** ($15) or **Ricadonna** ($16).

Of course there is no reason why you should confine yourself to bubbly for pre-prandial drinks if you prefer a still wine. The best ones to get your juices running are a crisp Marlborough **Sauvignon Blanc or Riesling**. It doesn't matter which brand you choose as most from this region are fine drinking. If you feel like something with more viscosity and depth then choose a Chardonnay from Hawkes Bay.

With the Meal

Try a chenin blanc with a fish entrèe, or a chilled dry sherry with a soup, and rather than cloak the traditional roast turkey with a hefty Cabernet Sauvignon or Australian Shiraz, why not try one of the Martinborough or South Island **Pinot Noir** wines. They are softer in style less tannic, with a mushroom bouquet and an elegance of balance that will complement the turkey to perfection, especially if it is served with cranberry sauce.

If you have the traditional steamed Christmas pudding and sauce try a local ice wine, **Selaks, Lincoln or Seifried Estate**. All make worthy examples. Serve it slightly chilled to sharpen the taste. If you are serving a fresh fruit salad, try a humble Muller Thurgau and ensure that it is slightly chilled.

It may come as a surprise that my recommendation for the most suitable wine to serve with your Christmas cake and nuts is **Mavrodaphne**, a modestly priced Greek dessert wine made in the Peloponnese hills by Achaia Clauss. It is rich deep red and quite high in alcohol (15%). An alternative recommendation is a **Rutherglen Tokay** or **Liqueur Muscat** from northern Victoria.

Of course if you have started the meal by serving a bubbly there is no reason why you cannot continue to serve it with every course throughout the meal. One of the virtues of bubbly is that it is versatile enough to be drunk on its own or to complement every course. But remember – all bubbly even the sweet spumantes should always be well chilled, and served in cold flutes.

Bon Appetit!

The Almost Police Christmas Party

By Des Hall

The station's social club committee sat in the bar room, deep in thought, planning for the forthcoming children's Christmas party. Already they had struck an ethnically significant reef in the PC ocean. "Fact is," the chair said unhappily, "we might have to scrap the usual Nativity scene. There's been some stuff in the papers about that. Apparently it's culturally offensive to non-Christians. I'm told we're a multi-cultural wossname and must learn to respect the sensitivities of others."



The station's senior constable, a veteran of 100 Not Guiltys and a couple of police brutality complaints, shifted uneasily on his hip-to-toe plaster. "If we can't have a baby Christ in a Nativity cradle who the he—who can we have?" He asked.

"Don't know," said the chair, "but it seems we'll have to get away from the religious thing and go all multi, you know, whatever. Otherwise people will accuse us of imposing our alien cultural – all that stuff..." His voice faded uncertainly.

"What are they grizzling about," somebody asked, "just because Christ wasn't white or Caucasian?"

"I think," the chair said hastily, "we'd better get right off all this. We're in a police station eh." The station's senior woman constable spoke up. She'd been trying to get into the Christmas spirit by doodling little erect Cruise missiles on her clipboard.

"I reckon," she said, "we ought to have a word with the CRAPs officer before we co any further." Six pairs of eyes homed in. There was a moment's stunned silence broken only by a gentile susurration around the table. Some thought it a good way out while others pondered the matter of susurration. The woman constable felt a glow of something within her bosom.

"It's the latest Black Book stuff," she said loftily. "I thought we all had to read them. CRAP. Culturally and Racially Appropriate Policing." She sat back barely concealing a smirk while the chair's sheer curiosity overcame his Black Book block.

"Who," he managed at last, "has that portfolio for Pity's sake?"

"You have," the woman constable said. "I saw the memo when I was opening the mail on early shift."

"Well you've got no goddam business poking around in the mail until I've seen it," the chair nearly shouted. "Anyway I haven't had time to read everything. We'll have to think of something else."

"What about just a Christmas tree?" The statiou's oldest cop suggested. "Everybody can take a harmless tree and the greedy little hounds all know what that's about."

"My nine year old will be at the party," said the chair throwing a meaningful glance at the constable, "and he's just done a school project on why we shouldn't cut the tops off young live trees."

The youngest constable spoke up. "True," he said. "The Greenies are going for this one and having a protest. My uncle's got a store and he's already put the price of his plastic trees up from $19.95 to $49.50. I could get one of those for maybe $30," he added hopefully.

"The club funds could stand that, eh," said the oldest constable.

"No way," said the chair, "we've got to buy the pressies yet and the club's nearly broke. We tried to initiate an ongoing meaningful dialogue but still had to find some koha in a hurry, after the CIB fishing contest mob were caught dipping their rods into non-European territory."

"That's happened before," an anonymous voice murmured.

"Way we're going, we'll just have to settle for Santa Claus and his sack of goodies," somebody else suggested.

"You think that's going to be easy?"

"Why not?"

"I'll tell you why," the chair said bitterly "You have to be so picky picky with the pressies today. Santa in a store last year got hell because he had Noddy and Big Ears dolls in the sack together – I mean in his sack," the chair amended hastily. "The PC lot said it was setting a bad example for the littlies, could have helped them uormalise a bit of the old hooray for HIV stuff going on in there."

"The littlies didn't know what the queer stuff was until that PC lot started to tell them all about it," the senior woman constable said.

At this, the chair threw down his note pad on the table, stood up, and said "Right, that's it! I've had enough. Come children's party day I won't be Father Christmassing again. I'll be in the pub and getting smashed. It's the only way to stay sane." He stormed out leaving behind him an atmosphere heavy with uncertainty. The senior woman constable rose meaningfully to her feet.

"I." She announced, "am going too. I'm going home to start my Christmas decorations. I'm having the street's biggest live tree standing behind the full-treatment candle-lit Nativity scene, with Noddy and Big Ears holding hands by the manger. I hope," she added "all the culturally and ethnically sensitive whingers will drive by and take in the whole cultural and ethnical disaster area and have a bloody awful frustrating Christmas." She picked up her clipboard and headed for the door.

"What about the CRAPs officer," somebody called, "he's not going to like it either." The senior woman constable turned and gave him her warmest smile.

"Got it in one," she said.

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A Statistician's Christmas



1) No known species of reindeer can fly. BUT there are 300,000 species of living organisms yet to be classified, and while most of these are insects and germs, this does not COMPLETELY rule out flying reindeer which only Santa has ever seen.

2) There are 2 billion children (persons under 18) in the world. BUT since Santa doesn't (appear) to handle the Muslim, Hindu, Jewish and Buddhist children, that reduces the workload to 15% of the total – 378 million according to Population Reference Bureau. At an average (census) rate of 3.5 children per household, that's 91.8 million homes. (Assumption: at least one good child/Christian home)

3) Santa has 31 hours of Christmas to work with, thanks to the different time zones and the rotation of the earth, assuming he travels east to west (which would give him the most time, so seems logical). This works out to 822.6 visits per second. This is to say that for each Christian household with good children, Santa has 1/1000th of a second to park, hop out of the sleigh, jump down the chimney, fill the stockings, distribute the remaining presents under the tree, eat whatever snacks have been left, lug his derriere back up the chimney, into the sleigh and on to the next house.



4) Assuming that each of these 91.8 million stops are evenly distributed around the earth (which, of course, we know to be false but will accept, arguendo) we are now talking about .78 miles/household. This equals a total trip of 75-1/2 million miles, not counting stops to do what most of us must do at least once every 31 hours, plus feeding etc.



5) This means that Santa's sleight is moving at 650 miles per second, 3,000 times the speed of sound. For purposes of comparison, the fastest man-made vehicle on earth (the Ulysses space probe) moves at a pokey 27.4 miles per second – a conventional reindeer can run (tops) 15 miles per hour.



6) The payload on the sleigh adds another interesting element. Assuming that each child gets a gift weighing no more than 2 pounds (sorry, that means no ponies) the gifts would weigh 321,300 TONS not counting Santa, who is invariably described as overweight. On land, conventional reindeer can pull no more than 300 pounds. Even granting that "flying reindeer" (see point #1) could pull TEN TIMES the normal amount, eight (miniature) would be a sad start. We would need a total of 214,200 reindeer. This increases the payload – not even counting the weight of the sleigh – to 353,430 tons: four times the weight of the Queen Elizabeth II (the ship).



7) 353,000 tons travelling at 650 miles per second creates enormous air resistance – this will heat the reindeer up in the same fashion as the space shuttle's re-entry into the earth's atmosphere. The lead pair of reindeer alone will absorb 14.3 QUINTILLION joules of energy per second, each. In short, they will burst into flame almost instantaneously, exposing the reindeer behind them, and create deafening sonic booms in their wake. The entire team would vaporise within 4.26 thousandths of a second. Santa, meanwhile, will be subjected to centrifugal forces 17,500.06 times greater than gravity. A 250-pound Santa (which seems ludicrously slim) would be pinned to the back of his sleigh by >4,315,015 pounds of force.

In conclusion – If Santa ever DID deliver presents on Christmas Eve, surely he is now dead.

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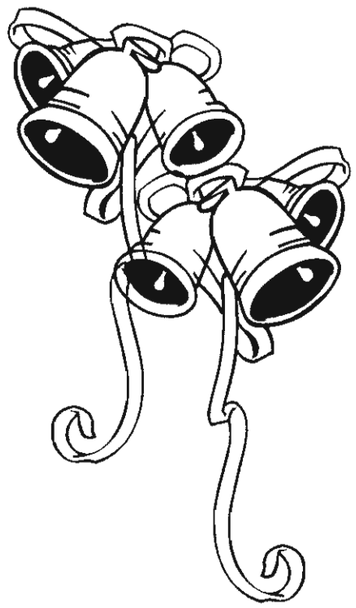

Researched and written by Dave Allen Nielson

For most of us, Christmas time is the highlight of the year. It is the season of hope and happiness, music and memories and peace on earth to people of good will. For the children, it is the time when that annual visitor, Santa Claus, will arrive secretly during the night bringing them the gifts of their choice.



But more important than anything else, it is the birthday of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was born in Bethlehem two thousand years ago. Over the years a great many customs have become associated with Christmas and nowadays almost every aspect of this great festival is steeped in tradition.

The food we eat, the way we decorate our homes, the greetings we exchange are all familiar and for most of us, Christmas would not be the same without them. Have we ever asked ourselves how these customs originated?

If you overdo the eating, drinking and merrymaking, you can partly blame it on the Romans. Long before the birth of Christ, the Romans celebrated a mid winter festival to honour Saturn, their God of Harvests and Prosperity. The early Christians continued to observe this pagan holiday and soon the feast of the birth of Christ and the Saturnalia festivities became fused. In the 4th century, Pope Liberius adopted the 25th of December as the official birthday of Christ, which incidentally was also the last day of Saturnalia celebrations (December 17th to 25th).

Santa Claus, or Father Christmas, who is associated with the giving of gifts, has been figuring in Christmas celebrations in one form or another since the fifteenth century. In some legends, St Nicholas of Myra saved three maidens by providing a gift of dowry money. Then there was Sinte Klaas who filled the shoes of Dutch children on the 6th of December. In Germany, Kriss-Kringle gave gifts to good children as a reward but punished bold or naughty children. There were wizards of various kinds who were featured in Scandinavian and Russian legends, but they all seemed to fuse as Santa Claus with his magic sleigh and wonderful reindeer round the end of the 19th century.

Many forms of decorations are used in our homes to enhance the Christmas festivities, but in the early days, holly, ivy and mistletoe were the only decorations seen in the home. The custom originated as they were considered magical plants because they bore fruit in the dead season (mid winter). As well, the red berry of holly represented the blood of Christ aud clinging ivy was regarded as a symbol of immortality.

The mistletoe had strong pagan associations in Roman lore. Enemy soldiers who met under the mistletoe would put down their weapons and embrace. When used in the homes as a Christmas decoration, kissing under it was popular but rules were, one kiss is allowed for each berry and then the berry has to be removed; so no more berries, no more kisses.

For most people Christmas begins with the sending of Christmas cards to friends and relatives. The first Christmas cards were used by an Englishman Henry Cole. In 1843 Cole found himself embarrassingly far hehind in his Christmas correspondence. He approached a friend, Calcott Horsley to design a card which reflected the sentiments of the season. Horsley's first card depicted a family party with adults holding glasses up in a toast. Another part showed food and clothing being given to the needy. The greeting on it was, "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you." It is believed at least 1000 cards were made. Cole's problem was solved and using the penny postage, answered his correspondence.

Over the centuries the Church tried to purge the Christmas pagan customs. Liturgy masses and dramatic representations of the life of Christ were introduced. These were the forerunners of our Christmas carol and the manger scenes.

The first manger scene or Christmas crib was designed by St Francis of Assisi in 1223. In those days few people could read so St Francis constructed the nativity scene of Christ with a live donkey and ox and life-sized figures of Mary, Joseph and the shepherds all kneeling before the infant Jesus in the crib. The scene was initially portrayed in churches but was soon to be seen in the homes.

To all IPA Members and Friends,
Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas...

Kia-hari koa o te wa Kirihimete	(Maori)
Nollaig faoi shean agus faot mhaise	(Gaelic) Irish
Buon Natale	(Italy)
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Gledelig Jul	(Norway)
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The Wisdom of the Judge

The man in the dock stood impassive
The court was hushed, in silence.
He was sentenced to twelve months in prison,
For assault, for drugs, and for violence.

Then the Judge – for such was his manner,
Leaned forward, to make his point clear,
He looked straight at the young man and asked him,
"And do you know who will suffer most – that year?"

"Oh, no, it's not you – you're in prison.
You've got company, in keeping with your crime.
It's your Father and Mother who will suffer,
With aching hearts, as they serve your time.

I've had nothing to do with your upbringing.
I've never seen you, except in this court.
But I've listened to the charges against you,
And I've listened to the excuses you've brought.

You've got parents and Grandparents who love you,
They gave their all, in the hope you wouldn't fail.
And today – I feel hurt, as a stranger,
Hurting them by sending you to jail.

You say us oldies have polluted the waters,
We've polluted the air, North and South.
We've polluted the sea; there's nothing left for me
And all that garbage that spilled from your mouth.

Well let me tell you, the brains that built our country,
The brains that built our roads and great cities.
They weren't hoodlum critics, or brain-dead drug addicts,
They weren't your kind – that society pities.

The people who really count – decision makers,
The pioneers of this passing generation,
With honesty and pride, they lived and they died
And left us this wonderful nation.

So take a good look at your parents,
And maybe in prison you'll have cause,
To wonder, what sort of world you'll leave your children,
Before condemning this world they left yours.

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From the sideline

What it was, WAS Christmas



By Lawrie Philpott

"Christmas is coming and the geese are getting fat – please put a penny in the old man's hat".

In the early years of this century this little ditty could be heard on the streets prior to each Christmas. The penny has long since disappeared but it was a valuable meal-buying coin for the 'old man' in those days. The 'old man' now goes by different names but what has or is happening to Christmas? The 'old man' knew it as a time of peace, goodwill, and charity to all people and the observance of the birth of Christianity.

There were special religious festivals always with special hymns. This was followed by the traditional dinner, finished off by big helpings of hot pudding with small coins in the ingredients. Rooms were decorated with 'The holly and the ivy' and an occasional sprig of mistletoe under which, if you were caught with a member of the opposite sex, a kiss was obligatory.

The children of the mid '30s could expect at the most a visit from Santa Claus, one small toy or even an orange or packet of sweets. On one of those festive occasions I remember I received a photo album – I still treasure it. On another occasion my sister, with her first holiday pay, bought me a cardboard fold up nativity scene – I still have that too. It was made in Czechoslovakia before such things were outlawed in that country. Perhaps this was one of the early changes to 'Peace on Earth' and the changing face of Christmas.

The war years brought home to most families the significance of the festive season with many being separated for the first time. During my first war-Christmas, three of my family were out of the country. During Christmas 1943 I was on active service on a lonely coastal radar station. December 1944 had me in London where flying bombs were causing so much damage and loss of life. There, you had to have a ticket to be able to enter the church for Midnight Mass and even then you had to queue up in inches of snow on the footpath to finally obtain standing room only. By 1945, with peace restored at last, the Chinese children's choir of Hong Kong was to prove one of the more pleasant highlights of my war service.

From those days things have been on the change. We tried to get back to the style of the old days but for various reasons Christmas seems to be losing its whole meaning. Such tragedies as Tangiwai, the constantly increasing holiday road toll, drownings and death, etc are inclined to put a damper on many family celebrations. Then there are the lonely, some of whom take the ultimate step of ending it all but then thankfully many are 'rescued' by such organisations as 'Room-at-the-Inn'.

Commercialism has really come into its own. Making money seems to be more important than the real meaning of Christmas and now some shops even want to open on that one special day of the year. The competition and the promoting of bigger and better presents has sky-rocketed but the appreciation by the young of this whole set-up has plummeted to the extent that some presents are classed as five day wonders.

The Christmas card, that favourite once per year communication between friends, has expanded into faxes, photocopied histories of the year's events and the card itself which almost always had nativity themes now has almost anything but religious connotations. What then of the next generation? If you don't want to be upset, don't ask the present day child or teenager what Christmas means or even how to spell it. Such things as end-of-year exams, holidays, beach, liquor, visitors will be amongst the answers. For the sports-minded there are tournaments of all summer sports to distract aud plenty of horse race meetings. Banjo Patterson described this some years ago in his poem 'The day before the races at Tangmalangmaloo' which was the answer given by a young Australian to the question: 'When is Christmas Day'?

There is no doubt that the overall idea of Christmas is changing. Did you know, for instance, in our country there are some religions which don't even recognise Christmas and, it seems, they are gaining in strength. Worse still, many people migrating here from eastern countries follow religions that are violently opposed to our old established western styles. Take for instance the casc of an author and even a young boy being sentenced to death for profanity.

So is the season of Christmas doomed to the scrap heap? But no one, of course, no matter what their persuasion, wants to lose those precious public holidays so we must be watchful of any moves to interfere with our traditional holiday season. By now you will be sorting out your Christmas card list (who to delete!) Various people in high places, including our editor and president plus the Queen will be drafting out messages of peace and goodwill, families will be planning holidays, serving members of police will be on edge as to where they will be sent to augment staff at holiday venues, pop stars will bring out money-making albums of parodies on festive season tunes, the more traditional will dust off the Alleluia Chorus, Silent Night, Good King Wenceslaus and of course the red and white uniform will be aired. But let's not forget the underlying and original message of the Christmas spirit – peace, goodwill, family unity.

Gliding On

Northland IPA members could be forgiven for having their heads in the clouds in the New Year. Once again, IPA member Peter Mulhare has organised a function at the Whangarei and Districts Gliding Club for IPA members and their families.

This weekend, planned for January 30 and 31, is a great opportunity for members to see the world from a bird's view at a great price. With the club being situated 18km uorth of Hikurangi on SH1 at Whakapara, they had a wonderful day soaring over the Hikurangi Swamp and nearby hills last time and are keen to repeat the experieuce.

What an eerie experience, flying without power and dependent on the vagaries of the heat stored in the air to create thermals or currents of rising air, to sustain the flight.

"It was a great family day and everyone who attended had a wonderful time. We even had ex-RNZAF personnel who were game enough to try engine-less flight," he said.

To take in more flying time. January's function has been arranged over a whole weekend and for those interested in camping, a camp has been arranged at the airfield on Saturday night.

"Needless to say there will be the usual Saturday night fun and games but under candle and kerosene lamp light!"

DATE:	Saturday, 30 January and Sunday, 31 January 1999. Remember this is Auckland Anniversary Weekend.
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TIME:	Flying will commence at approx. 1000 hrs each day. Weather permitting.
COST:	First flight is $35 and subsequent flights are at club rates, $30 per hour plus $9 per launch.
AIRCRAFT:	The aircraft is a two-seat Schleicher ASK13, the pilot and passenger sit in tandem. All pilots are passenger rated to NZ Association standards and are C category instructors or better.

There will be a barbecue on the Saturday night, so bring your own food and refreshments for a Saturday night of fun at the airfield under the stars. Tents and caravans can be catered for near the hangar. Please bring your own drinking water as there is no suitable water at the field. Baldeez Bar and Bistro is approx. 3km south of the airfield for those not game to rough it with the food.

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I declare that I now apply for Ordinary/Associate* membership of the New Zealand section of the International Police Association and that I agree with the aims and objects of the said Association as laid down in the Constitution and Rules that I shall conform to such rules as may be made by the New Zealand Section of the International Police Association. I will endeavour to further the work of the Association by fulfilling the obligation of membership and regularly subscribe my renewal fee by 1 January each year. $11.25 (including GST) joining fee enclosed. Authority for credit union deduction for payment of annual subscription also enclosed.

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Date ..... Signed .....

Complete form and send to Regional Treasurer (see under Regional Committee) with $11.25 joining fee attached, along with your credit union form for actioning.

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Coming Events

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The Austrian Section celebrate their 40th Anniversary. An invitation is extended to I.P.A. Families to join them in their National Congress at the Europa Hotel, Graz. Registration costs are 3800 Austrian Schillings per person (double) 5360 single. Applications to: IPA Steiermark, Strassgangerstrasse 280 8052 Graz. Austria. Money should be sent to: Raiffeisenbank, Graz, BLZ: 38493, A/c No 10-1080407. A copy of the programme in German is available from the National Travel Secretary.

1999 25th July - 7th August
International Youth Gathering – "Feel the Western Spirit" held in Alberta, Canada.

1999 October
Texas Tour International Friendship Week. No details available at press deadline.

1999
29th I.E.C. Meeting. Minorca, Spain.

2000 29th April - 6th May
I.P.A. Clan Gathering, Scotland, at Dunblane Hotel, Registration £550 Stg.

2000 7 - 13 May
16th JUBILEE WORLD CONGRESS at Bournemouth. Costings are expected to be announced soon (and will probably be similar to the Scottish Friendship Week, above).

NOTE: To date 41 N.Z. IPA members and spouses have indicated interest in attending either the Scottish Clan Gathering, the Jubilee World Congress or both. Travel arrangements for the group are being co-ordinated by the National Travel Secretary.

2000 July ?
International Youth Gathering. San Marino.

2001 4 - 10 September
30th I.E.C. Meeting. Reno, Nevada U.S.A.

2001 July ?
International Youth Gathering. U.K.

2002
31st I.E.C. Meeting. South Africa.

2002
International Youth Gathering. Hungary

2003
International Youth Gathering. Finland.

Advance notice is given of I.Y.C. events so that IPA families with children who may be interested, can plan (and save) well in advance with a view to participating in these very stimulating and educational multinational events.

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