

## Assaults on boys proved

# Sex case Pc guilty

Sex case policeman John Edward Bates has been found guilty of indecently assaulting eleven young boys.

The jury at Nottingham Crown Court took more than ten hours to reach its verdict on the 15 charges facing the former Spalding scoutmaster.

Sentence was due to be passed yesterday morning.

Bates (35) of 75C Pinchbeck Road, Spalding, had denied 11 offences of indecent assault and four of a more serious nature involving boys.

The nine-man, three-woman jury were unanimous in finding him guilty on three indecency charges. Bates was found guilty of indecent assault by majority verdicts of 10-2 on three counts, and by 11-1 on five counts.

### MAJORITY

Bates was cleared on two charges of committing serious sexual offences with a boy. On one count, he was instead found guilty by a 10-2 majority of attempting to commit the offence. He was found guilty on a

### NEWSFLASH:

Bates was sent to jail for four years.

similar charge by a verdict of 11-1. The jury could not reach a majority decision on the fourth offence so the Judge, Mr Justice Park, discharged them from having to arrive at a verdict.

Summing-up in the trial of the former Spalding Parish Church choir member began on Monday and continued until Wednesday morning, when the jury was sent out.

During the trial, Bates was labelled a "Jekyll and Hyde" character by the prosecution — a pillar of society on the one hand, on the other someone who preyed on young boys while they were in his charge.

Each of the eleven boys referred to in the charges — which date back to 1975 — stood in the witness box and told how Bates had interfered with them at his flat, on scouting trips or on holidays. One youth, a choirboy, told how in 1977 he met Bates when the constable moved to a flat at 3 Gore Lane, Spalding. Bates joined the St Mary and St Nicolas church choir and became friendly with the boy, who was then 15.

Mr Desmond Fennell, OC, prosecuting, told the court that after choir practice on a Friday night, sex sessions

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### Sudden death

The sudden death of 59-year-old Mr Arthur Harrison Bradshaw, of 2 Colbeach Lane, Surfleet, at his home on Wednesday morning has been reported to the District Coroner, Mr John Bowser.



## POLICE END MUSICAL INTERLUDE...

Buskers Dave Rorrison (left) and Midge Strutt brought music to the streets of Spalding on Tuesday with their guitar and flute double act.

But the show in Hall Place lasted only one hour — until a policeman moved them along.

Midge (18), a student from Leicester, and Dave (22), an unemployed dance teacher from Leeds, met a few days ago while strawberry picking at Wigtoft.

Soon they decided to "busk" together and set off to play in the streets of Boston, Sleaford and Spalding. Midge said: "We were planning to come back to Spalding but I don't think we will now because the police moved us on."

### BEGGING

"The police have allowed us to play in Boston and Sleaford but at Spalding they made us move on and told us we were begging."

But Dave stressed they were not doing it for the money. He said: "We do it because we enjoy it."

The duo play rock and pop songs and find they are getting a wide audience stopping to listen.

"Mothers pushing prams and old ladies stop and listen and they seem to enjoy it from the comments we are getting," said Midge.

Chief Inspector Sid Tomlinson, head of Spalding police said the buskers were moved on because they were causing an obstruction and busking was "tantamount to begging."

### Driving penalty

David Richard Barnsdale (19), of 7 High Street, Donington, was fined £60 with a three penalty points endorsement by Boston magistrates on Wednesday for driving without due care and attention.

He admitted the offence which occurred on April 20.

## Technology centre for Spalding?

Spalding could have its own Information Technology Centre by next Easter.

Lincolnshire has become the national pace-setter in the development of such centres with two already set up at Lincoln and Grantham.

Another five, including the one at Spalding, are now planned following discussions between the county education department, the department of trade and industry and the Manpower Services Commission.

Information Technology Centres are designed to provide training for young people in high technology.

Spalding's Centre would be on the lines of a 15-20 place "satellite" to the main one at Boston.

County education chief, Mr Fred Rickard said: "It would be intended to establish the new centres on the basis of partnerships between the county council, the appropriate District Council and the private sector of industry or commerce."

## No licence

Linda Amanda Austen, of Grove Lodge, Donington Road, Swineshead was fined £20 by Boston magistrates on Wednesday for using a vehicle without an excise licence. She admitted the offence and was ordered to pay back duty of £20.

## Weather

Sunny periods and dry apart from the risk of an isolated shower. Winds light, mainly to south westerly. Max temp 22-25C (72-77F), min 12-15C (54-59F).

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John Edward Bates

## New tower but water supply still a trickle

A new £350,000 water tower at Gedney has so far failed to improve the water supply at Long Sutton and Sutton Bridge.

Now Anglian Water is to give the highest priority to boosting the present supply to consumers in the area.

The trouble is an inability to get enough water to the towers to meet demand.

The emergency measures under consideration include the construction of a new link main from Moulton, and the supply of additional water from the neighbouring Cambridge water division.

Mr Ian Ramsden, general manager of the Peterborough water division, revealing the emergency measures, said on Wednesday that the present level of service to the two villages was "unacceptable." He was giving the situation

the highest possible priority, he said, but it would take time to find a solution as a lot of money was involved.

Had the tower not been built, he pointed out, the situation would be much worse.

Mr Ramsden explained that with so many demands on capital, phase one had covered the construction of the tower and phase two would ensure more water for the area.

### PUMPS

Mr Ramsden said that he was also considering putting pumps in at the Moulton end of the present main to pump more water through to the tower pending the laying of a bigger pipeline.

There was no shortage of water in the division and not likely to be even if there was a drought.

But people have been asked at Long Sutton and Sutton Bridge not to use garden hoses whilst the present situation remains.

One Sutton Bridge housewife said that she was still having difficulty with the supply which was not sufficient to fill her washer.

Another householder complained that they had been told that when the water tower was built it would end their problems.

But after one day of summer weather they were being asked not to use garden hoses, he said.

The supply was to bad that it was impossible for him to use his electric shower or gas boiler.

He had heard that the tower filled with water overnight but was soon empty in the morning.

# PERSONAL NOTICES

be prepared before they appear in either the Linshire Free Press or the Spalding Guardian.  
An obituary notice is included in the classified section for your convenience.

## Engagement



**GREEN - THOMPSON**  
Mr and Mrs K Green, 100 St Thomas Road, Spalding have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their youngest daughter

**ANDREW to SUSAN**  
youngest daughter of Mr Thompson of Spalding Common and the late Mrs Thompson



**TOAL - SHORT**  
Mr and Mrs Toal are delighted to announce the engagement of  
**BRIGID to ANDREW**  
Best wishes for the future.

## Ruby Wedding



**EDGINGTON TOM & CHERRY**  
Love and best wishes Mum and Dad on your Ruby Wedding, July 17, 1983.  
FROM JENNY, RICHARD, JOHN, HEATHER and GRANDCHILDREN

## Diamond Wedding



**NEEP**  
Congratulations and best wishes Mum and Dad on your Diamond Wedding anniversary July 14, all our love

**DORIS & BILL**  
**NEEP**  
**ETHEL and ALBERT**  
With all our love on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary on July 14  
FROM PATRICIA, RICHARD  
and your Great Grandchildren  
**CHRISTOPHER and RACHEL**  
GOD BLESS YOU BOTH

## Deaths

**BARRETT Fernley Hamlock Derek (Bubs)** of 17 Hospital Drive, Long Sutton, on July 12, 1983, aged 61 years. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Long Sutton on Monday, July 18 at 11 am. Flowers to Walton's Chapel of Rest by 9.30 am please.

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**CHAMBERS** On July 12, peacefully at her home, 37 West End, Langtoft, after a long illness bravely borne, Mrs Edith May Chambers, nee Hargrave, aged 63 years beloved wife of Ned, mother of Molly and Ann, grandmother of Tina, Robert, Steven and Paul. Funeral service Market Deeping parish church, 11.30 am, Monday, July 18, 1983 followed by cremation at Peterborough Crematorium.

**FEENEY John Edward**, of The Sycamores, Saltney Gate, Saracens Head, dearly loved husband of Katharina, and dear father of Patrick, and Chris, passed away on Tuesday, July 12, 1983, aged 60 years. Funeral service to be held at the Roman Catholic Church, Holbeach on Saturday, July 16 at 10.30 am followed by cremation at Whaploade cemetery.

**KETTLEWELL Elsie May**, of 15 Bourne Road, Spalding, passed peacefully away in the Johnson Hospital on Sunday, July 10, aged 87 years. Funeral service at Boston Crematorium today, Friday, July 15 at 11 am. Family flowers only please.

**MATTHEWS Ernest** of 8 Hampton Close, Spalding in the Johnson Hospital on July 12, 1983, aged 72 years. Funeral service at Boston Crematorium on Friday, July 15 at 1 pm. No flowers by request please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research - Wilson, 40 Winesor, Spalding.

**NEWMAN Ernest William**. Passed away at Pilgrim Hospital on July 11, 1983, aged 93. Much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Friday, July 15, 12.30 pm at Boston Crematorium.

**SMITH Eric Howard (Jim)**, aged 76 years, passed peacefully away at the Johnson Hospital on July 12, 1983, aged 72 years. Funeral service at Boston Crematorium on Friday, July 15 at 1 pm. No flowers by request please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research - Wilson, 40 Winesor, Spalding.

**TEMPLE Cicely Eleanor**, beloved wife of Allen D. Temple of Yoden Lodge, 44 Fleet Road, Holbeach, passed away on July 11, 1983, aged 78 years. Funeral service at Holbeach Parish Church today, Friday, July 15 at 11 am followed by cremation at Boston. Family flowers only by request please. Donations if desired to Canon Evans for Holbeach Hospital Comfort Fund.

**THWAITES Vincent**, of 18 Ladywood Road, Spalding, in the Johnson Hospital, Boston, on July 9, 1983, aged 61 years. Funeral service at Boston Crematorium on Monday, July 18 at 11 am. No flowers by request please.

**WOODHOUSE Leonard** Stephen, of 2 Albert Avenue, Gedney, on July 12, 1983, aged 71 years. Funeral service at Boston Crematorium on Friday, July 15 at 10 am. No flowers by request, donations if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o Trustee Savings Bank, Long Sutton.

**REYNOLDS Jack (John)**, of The Rectory, Surfleet, died peacefully at Bank House, Gosberton, July 13, 1983. Much loved dad of Morris, Molly and Betty, grandfather of Sheila, David and Ann, great-grandfather of Kieron. Funeral service at Surfleet Church, Tuesday, July 19 at 2 pm. Flowers to Clubleys Chapel of Rest, St Johns Road, Spalding.

## Acknowledgments

**EDWARDS** Mrs Mabel Edwards and family of the late Mr Albert Austin Edwards would like to thank all friends and neighbours for the messages of sympathy and flowers. Also to thank family doctor for his help and advice, and thanks for Jossie (Warden) for all her help. Also Mr Walton and Son for the excellent funeral arrangements. Please accept this as the only but sincere acknowledgment.

## In Memoriam

**CHAPMAN Joan**. In memory of Joan, died July 17, 1982. An empty room, a vacant chair. Wishing you were sitting there. To see your face, To see you smile, Missed by Morris and Edna.

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## Sex case guilty

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were held at Bates' flat for almost a year.  
Several of the boys told the court how they were shown pornographic films, magazines and playing cards by Bates.

On one occasion, Bates, wearing police uniform and driving a Panda car, called at the home of an 11-year-old scout and indecently assaulted him.  
But Bates was found out after the father of one of the boys heard rumours that indecent assaults had been made by the scoutmaster on some of his young charges.

The father and another parent confronted Bates at his Pinchbeck Road flat one Sunday night after evensong with the accusation: "You have been mucking about sexually with our boys."  
Bates denied touching any of the youths, and was said to be "staggered and amazed" by the claims.

But later, when spoken to by Det Chief Supt Ray Moyes and Det Chief Insp Bob Warner, Bates said he had fallen in love with one of the young scouts.  
The two senior officers, who saw Bates at his flat, told the court that he had admitted indecently assaulting three of the boys, but denied more serious offences.

The officers said Bates told them he did not want to drag the boys through the courts and realised that he would have to go to prison for the indecency offences.  
But in July last year - about five weeks after he was first seen by the police - Bates had never admitted to indecent assault.

He then claimed the police had conspired against him.

## In Memoriam

**DZUHN Mildred**. OZUHN who you will always be someone special in our memory. Mum and sister Olive.

**DEANS Anthony**. In loving memory of a dear brother-in-law and uncle, died July 15, 1980, aged 35 years. It's not the words, they are but few. It's the beautiful memories we have of you.

God bless June, Shod, Nichola and Tanya. XXXX  
**SKILLINGTON Ethel and Walter**. In loving memory of a dear sister and brother-in-law who passed away: Ethel, July 16, 1979 and Walter, February 10, 1979.

Not just today, but every day. Loved and missed in every way.  
From Edna and Fred.

## Birthday Memories

**WAITE Susan**. Birthday memories of a dear friend, July 10.

Just a memory true and tender. Just to show we still remember.  
Brenda, Joe, Paul and Gary.

## Thanks

**CONGREGUE Ray**, Edna and family would like to express their sincere and grateful thanks for all cards and gifts received and for the kind support given by friends and relatives during Ray's recent illness.

**VARLEY Mrs K. M.** On behalf of my family and myself we would like to thank Martin's family and everyone concerned in making it a great day for Teresa and Martin on their wedding day, July 8, 1983.

**Mrs EVA RODGERS** wishes to thank all friends for their kind wishes and flowers and thank the doctors and staff on Ward 5A, Pilgrim Hospital.

## Congratulations

**TRACEY PLUMMER**  
Congratulations on attaining your BA Honours Degree in Sociology at Bedford College, University of London.  
Wishing you all the best for your future.

**LOVE FROM MUM, ANNE, WENDY, ALAN, TIMOTHY, BEN and DEREK**

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They say the work at H. Hargrave and Co began as long ago as May but public notices published in the Lincolshire Free Press of July 5 gave people only two weeks to object.

By then work was almost complete and some residents in Brownlow Crescent, a neighbouring housing estate, feel the invitation was too late.

Mrs Mary Hudson, of number 116 said she has no objections to the alterations but that she is annoyed that proper planning committee procedure has not been followed.

"I can't see the point of putting in for planning permission if people are being allowed to go ahead without it," she said.

Mrs Hudson and her husband John are in the process of buying their council house and they feel that if Hargrave are allowed to carry out further alterations, their property might be difficult to sell.

The tenants at numbers 116, 118 and 120 Brownlow Crescent have all sent in objections to the district council about the alterations.

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"I don't want to put them out of business but I do feel that residents ought to be consulted about alterations and extensions that might affect them," said Mrs Merrill.

Mrs Merrill said she objected to large businesses being able to proceed with their plans whilst private developers could not.

Pinchbeck Parish Council agreed at a meeting on July 4 to recommend that the planning committee approve the plans but to express concern at the work being started before permission was granted.

South Holland district Council's planning officer, Mr Brian Smith, said that the only way to stop Hargrave's from continuing with the alterations before completion would have been to serve an enforcement notice.

That would have taken time and the matter would have been discussed by the planning committee before the notice could have been served.

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The company has installed modern machinery and the roof has had to be raised to accommodate it.

## Obituary

**Mrs M. Canham**  
A funeral service for Mrs Mabel Canham, of 131 Broad Lane, Moulton, took place at Marlborough Crematorium, Peterborough on Tuesday.  
Mrs Canham, who had been ill for more than six years, died at Holbeach Hospital on Wednesday week. She was 88.

Daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Beccam, she was born at Albert Street, Spalding, and educated at Westlode School.  
A housewife, she was predeceased by her husband, Mr G. W. Canham and is survived by two daughters; Mrs D. Sparks, of 131 Broad Lane, Moulton, and Mrs Linda Hubbard, of West Marsh G. Canham, of High Street, Spalding.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev David Stratley.  
Mourners were Mr and Mrs J. Sparks, Mr and Mrs G. Canham, Mr and Mrs D. Biggadike, Mr and Mrs J. Karam, Mr J. Sparks, Mr and Mrs N. Canham, Mrs M. Lawson, Mrs D. Bellamy, Mrs M. Carr, Miss J. Green and Miss K. Green.

## Mrs N. M. Clark

Mrs Nellie Maud Clark, of 6 Field Close, Gosberton, has died suddenly, aged 75.  
Mrs Clark, who was born in Quadding Eaudyke, had lived in Gosberton since her marriage to Mr Arthur Clark, who originated from Gosberton Risegate. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs Norma Crosby, who lives in St Albans - Herts; and three grandchildren.

The service was conducted by the Rev Ian Sheppard, of Gosberton, at Boston crematorium on Friday.  
Mourners were: Mr A. Clark, Mr and Mrs R. Crosby, Mr and Mrs D. Crosby, Miss A. Crosby, Mr R. Facey, Mr H. Facey, Mrs F. King, Mr and Mrs K. Bush, Mrs R. Hodge, Mr A. Facey, Mr and Mrs R. Oldfield, Mrs P. Costan, Mr P. Clark, Miss C. Clark, Mrs M. Crosby, Mrs G. O'Connor, Mr M. Belton, Mr N. Trevey, Mr B. Trevey, Mr R. Belton, Miss D. Rowbottom, Mr and Mrs J. Clarke and Miss E. Smith.

Mrs I. Belton, Mr L. K. Trevey and Mr A. Belton were unable to attend.  
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