

Mega safety drive



Test drive: Sergeant Mike Jacka and P-c Simon Mills with Ian Jewson, left, Reg Bamard and Mark Benniman, who helped devise the computer programme

WEST police are discouraging potential "joyriders" by using a high-tech programme to show youngsters how to drive safely.

Young motorists are invited to choose the right options to steer their way through highway hazards on a computer screen.

The computer package was specially filmed in Gloucestershire by the county police video unit with offi-

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cers playing the part of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

It has been put together by Sergeant Mike Jacka, a former traffic officer now based at Cheltenham police control room and P-c Simon Mills, of Chipping Campden.

The computer programme, which will be available to

youth groups, is aimed at youngsters aged from 17 to 19 and was developed by students at Gloucestershire College and Art and Technology.

Skills

Three years ago the two officers launched a pre-driver training course for under-17s to teach youngsters basic theory and practical driving

Yesterday P-c Mills said that teenagers who used the computer programme would be advised by police officers and on how well they had done.

"We want to instill some good driving habits in young people before they get any bad habits," he said.

Any group of young drivers wanting to take advantage of the computer programme can contact P-c



Landlord Bruce Sedgwick

By George, it's time to for a bit of patriotism

PATRIOTIC publican Bruce Sedgwick is saluting St George today in a bid to bring England's patron saint back into popular culture.

He feels St Patrick and St Andrew should not be the only symbolic figureheads to be celebrated in Britain.

Throughout today's St George's day the King Edward VII pub in Longlevens, Gloucester, is displaying a St George's flag and customers will be tucking into good old bangers and mash.

Mr Sedgwick, who originates from Middlesbrough, said: "These days St Patrick is better known in Gloucester than St George."

"It's time people here remembered their heritage, at least for a day."

Holiday hopes hit a hitch

MULTI-million pound plans for a huge holiday complex at disused