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£123 plus VAT. This would be delivered the following Monday.

The AA was asked for the price — "that's a little decimal point in the wrong," he said. He had received a new electric fuel pump to a top of the range Ford Sierra for £16. I telephoned Renault Customer Care in Swindon. They confirmed this was the correct price.

I have now had my car fitted with a similar fuel pump, in a local small garage for £38! It seems to me that car companies are only interested in selling new cars and spare parts are vastly over-priced. Next time I will definitely buy a British car where the spares can be bought from any auto accessory shop!

Janet Parry
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● How I wish I had been as wise as Fiona Marsh and not tried to shop at Broadmead (Voice of the West, Jan 10).

The service was almost non-existent. In Debenham's there was one assistant to every cash desk. After being in the queue for 14 minutes I finally gave up.

The last straw for me was at WH Smith. I approached five different assistants for help and each gave me the same reply: "Sorry that's not my department."

Like Fiona, I subsequently made all my purchases simply and painlessly in Chipping Sodbury and Yate.

Edwina Gibbs

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numbers for the recent festive period are 133 injury accidents including three fatalities.

I sincerely believe that enormous efforts and considerable police manpower have proved worthwhile, but your correspon-

● Having read the article 'Guerrilla tactics to clear footpath' (Post, Jan 8), I feel I must respond on behalf of one of the schools using the playing field concerned.

I teach at Fairfield School, Montpellier, which has no sports ground. On three afternoons each week we use the facilities at Stoke Lodge, which are well maintained by the groundstaff, under difficult circumstances.

Although the reason given by Avon County Council for blocking access to the area was to stop motorcyclists using the ground, it was also very useful in

preventing dog owners from allowing their pets to foul the area, which they continued to do despite a number of 'No Dogs' signs around the field.

The field, although owned by the council, is used for sport by both primary and secondary schools. I am sure parents would be appalled to think of their children rolling around in dog excrement during their PE lesson and fail to see why the groundstaff should be responsible for clearing it up, which they do at present.

I am in favour of members of the public using the field, and hope they find our lessons entertaining.

However if they cannot adhere to the no dogs request, they should stay off the field and not endanger the health of the young people who use it.

S COULTON
Fairfield Grammar School, Montpellier, Bristol

stop checks will occur throughout 1990.

R Britton
Chief Superintendent, Operations and Traffic Division, Avon and Somerset Constabulary

○ Bristol City Council's 'get tough and tow

stamp out illegal parking, then it should be even-handed in its approach — or could it be that 'get tough' really means 'get rich'?

ANDREW HILES
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△ Flashback to the Post headline on January 8

● Why did Iris Ford go to Hanover in Germany last year when she obviously feels so much animosity towards the German people? (Voice of the West, January 10).

Could it have been her hostile attitude towards the German lady which provoked the response she received? There is much less hatred of the English people in Germany than there is in England of the Germans. This is something I have experienced — my children were bullied and provoked because they have a German mother. The effect this had on them is still evident today, 30 years later.

I went to Bergen-Belsen just after the war. I wonder, did Iris Ford also go to Dresden, Hamburg (my own home town) or any other of the destroyed German cities and visit the graves of the hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians who were killed by British and American bombs?

Perhaps that would have helped her change her attitude over the joy that the German people now experience at the tumbling down of the Berlin Wall.

I would also like to point out that although the Marshall Plan was greatly

appreciated by the Germans in their devastated country, it was sheer hard work and pride which has put Germany where it is today.

Germans are proud of their country, something that might be a good thing if adopted by the people of this country. Perhaps then England would stop this fall into decline.

There will never be a true brotherhood of man in this world if bigots like Iris Ford and L Hayes advocate hatred towards other nations.

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