

SUN HILL'S DARKEST DAY

At the start of 2002 a dangerous undercurrent of right-wing extremism was sweeping through the Sun Hill area. There was talk of marches and, alarmed by recent arson attacks on the predominantly Asian Jasmine Allen Estate, DS Vik Singh was prepared for a full-blooded race war. So he was less than impressed by Superintendent Chandler's policy of low-level policing to deal with the threat. Taking matters into his own hands, Singh recklessly set out to provoke a confrontation with a known racist, Simpson, which ended with Singh battering Simpson in a pub toilet before being

dragged off by black DC Danny Glaze. Although a hospitalised Simpson had no intention of pressing charges, he warned Singh and Glaze that he had other ways of making them pay. Another racial attack — this time a petrol bomb launched at a supermarket — brought about an altercation with a gang of skinheads whose number included Ian Burrows, one of Simpson's less erudite thugs. Completely out of control, Singh taunted Burrows and was hit by a brick with a note reading 'Black Coppers Go Home'. Glaze warned Singh that his actions were putting everyone at risk, but the blinkered

Singh insisted that his attack on Simpson was in no way linked to the escalation of violence. He began to think again when he received a parcel containing a bloodied police bear in a cardboard coffin, with the words 'You Next' on it. And later that day he had a narrow escape when a fire-bomb was hurled at the area car from a

TOP LEFT: Des Taviner on an undercover mission to destroy the counterfeit note he inadvertently donated to Conway's collection.

BELOW: The devastating explosion and fire caused by the petrol bomb.

