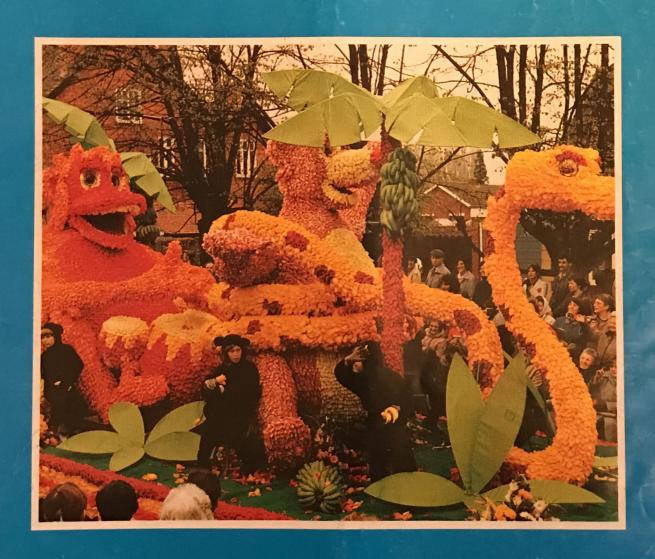


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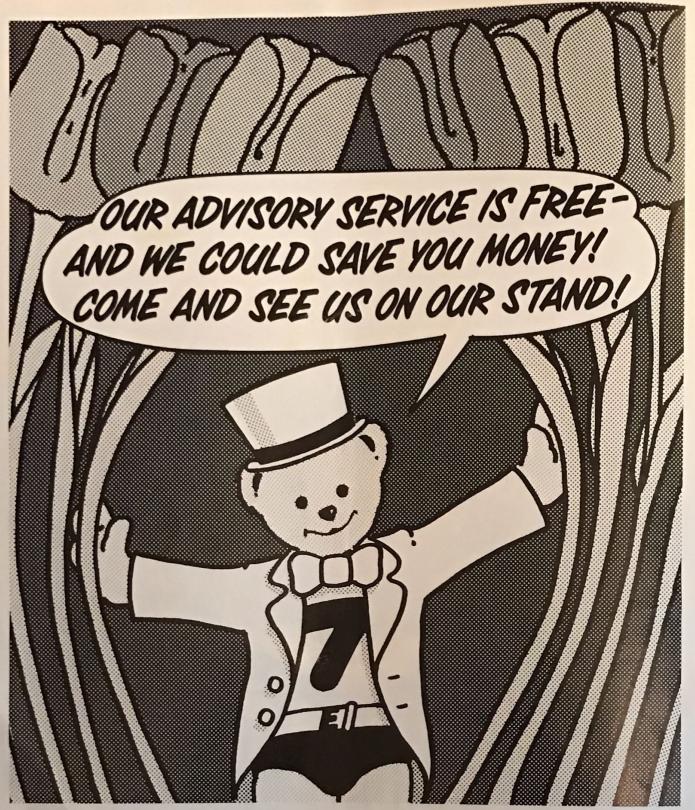


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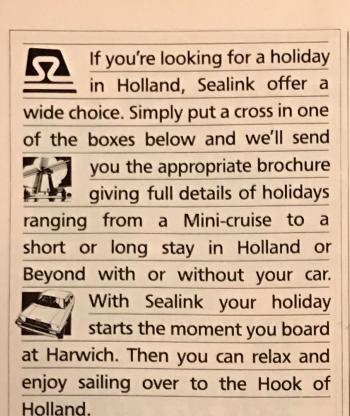




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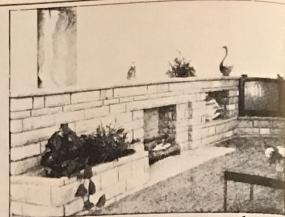
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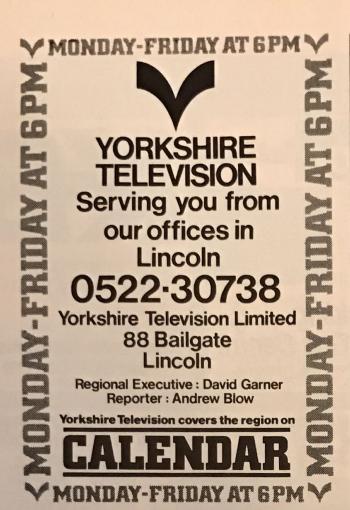


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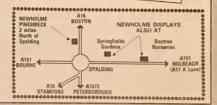
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# Funtime is Flower Parade theme 1986

WELCOME to the 1986 Spalding Flower Parade.

Funtime is the theme for the 15 floats in this year's parade — and we hope it really will be a Funtime, a happy and enjoyable time for you and your family.

This official Tulip Time magazine and programme is intended to help your enjoyment.

It's in two parts. The first section (up to the Flower Parade order of parade in the centre pages) is about the Flower Parade. The second is about Springfields Gardens, open from Easter to the end of September.

Here's a page-by-page guide to the information you need to make sure you miss none of the fun:

- Flower Parade (Saturday May 3) route page 26, timetable page 27, international entertainment page 29, order of parade pages 30/31.
- Float and Rural Industries Exhibition (Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, May 3 to 6, 9am to 7pm daily) page 28.
- Springfields Gardens Bank Holiday Bonanza, Country Fair, bands, show dance group and other entertainment page 28.

A shuttle bus service runs between the Float Exhibition and Springfields Gardens throughout the Flower Parade week-end.

But there's still more to see including a host of beautiful church flower festivals. Details — page 24.

FRONT COVER: Two of the magnificent floats in last year's Flower Parade, when the theme was film titles. Top picture — Dumbo. Big picture — Jungle Book. (Colour pictures by Spring Photographic, Springfields, Spalding).

BACK COVER: HM The Queen Mother, who accepted an invitation to visit Springfields Gardens on Thursday April 17, during the Gardens' 21st anniversary season. Below—Springfields glory. (Colour picture by Spring Photographic, Springfields, Spalding).

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### Helen Drake Miss Tulipland 1985

TULIPLAND to Tasmania is a long hop - but just like her Elizabethan seafaring namesake, Helen Drake is the adventurous sort.

Helen (19) of Lutton, near Long Sutton, is laying aside her tiara and gown as the 1985 Miss Tulipland and will soon be into jeans, stout boots and maybe a cork-trimmed Aussie hat.

A bank clerk and the daughter of a nurseryman, Helen is off to Australia's vast offshore island on Operation Raleigh, the youth adventure training scheme, to work on biological and scientific projects.

Helen, a Queen's Guide, has always been fascinated by Tulip Time and entered the Miss Tulipland contest as soon as she was 18 and eligible.

Now, looking back on the packed year - the Tulip Ball, the pinnacle of leading the Flower Parade and a \*Cheques/PO payable to Lincs Free Press | year as the district's VIP at

innumerable flower festivals, galas, sporting, civic and charity events she says she's enjoyed every minute.

"It changed me. I'm more confident, and can stand up and speak in front of anyone now.

'I'd encourage all girls to have a go. It really is a chance of a lifetime.'

Helen is just the kind of get-up-and-go girl the contest organisers (South Holland District Council) encourage to enter for the Miss Tulipland title.

The lucky winner and her deputy gain cash prizes of £250 and £125 respectively, plus their parade day dresses, and an outdoor outfit to help with the busy year ahead. So, thank you, Helen for all

you've done in a very busy year and good luck on Operation Raleigh!

# New technology for '86 floats

VISITORS to Spalding on Friday, May 2, can go to the Bulb Sheds in Winfrey Avenue after 2pm and see hundreds of hands busily pinning the tulip heads on to the floats.

A visit is the best way to appreciate something of the skills which go into float-making — and the modest cost of entry is only 50p, with children free.

It takes 1,000 tulip heads to cover each square yard of floats, and with every curve and crevice this takes an average 2½ hours to cover.

Preparation for this year's parade began soon after the last show, when designer Kees van Driel was given the "Funtime" theme chosen by the growers' flower parade committee.

Float sponsors then make their choice from colour wash drawings such as those shown on our 'Order of Parade' pages, and Kees then hands over working tulip colour-coded drawings to another very important member of the team, black-smith Geoff Dodd.

Geoff is an ironwork genius. He blows up the drawings in size 25 times, makes a rough template of each enlarged shape by projecting the image, and then follows the designs in metal, safe enough to take the float riders, but delicate and airy in order to recreate Kees fantasy characters.

Since the parade began 28 years ago special straw has been imported from Holland to cover the ironwork and make a firm surface on which to pin the tulip heads.

This year, because of the now prohibitive price of this straw, new technology has taken over. A polyethylene foam, normally used for packing, has replaced the straw.

Strawing expert Pete Bell has to cut and shape the new material, only 4mm thick, as before, but now it is fixed to the ironwork with adhesive instead of straw ties.

Flower Parade organiser Peter Atkinson said: "There will be pluses in some ways with this modern method. We'll use shorter pins and it will be easier to put in the heads, so there won't be so many sore thumbs!"

BELOW: Like white ghosts wrapped in their foam foundation, the floats await the day when hundreds of decorators will bring them to colourful life. Pete Bell, who puts on the foundation, is holding a piece of the new material. He's pictured with blacksmith Geoff Dodd, creator of the "bones" of each float.



ABOVE: Pete Bell, using the new foam covering on a portion of the Halifax Building Society float.



# Flower Lovers celebrate their 25th anniversary

RIGHT — we know how to grow the tulips, and fix on the millions of heads.

But the final touches which turn designer Kees van Driel's drawings into little miracles of floral fantasy are the 200 or so flower arrangements used each year.

Members of Spalding and District Flower Lovers' Club wait in the wings on pre-parade day, ready to move in with imagination and skilled fingers, once the last tulip head is pushed into place.

This year is the club's 25th anniversary and to celebrate the Flower Lovers' have their own float

in the show.

Club chairman Sue Cooper—she'll be on duty at Springfields on Parade Day as a special policewoman—revealed that the float will be "a bit different, a sort of sputnik with 20 arms, each one with an arrangement based on the four seasons."

The arrangers are allowed five each of bloom carnations, stocks, spray chrysanthemums and iris, three spray carnations and four bunches of tulips for each float arrangement — they collect all their foliage from Springfields.

Members have adopted Hoven-

den House (the local Cheshire Home at Fleet) and held weekend floral spectaculars there.

Over the years the club has raised over £3,500 for local and national charities

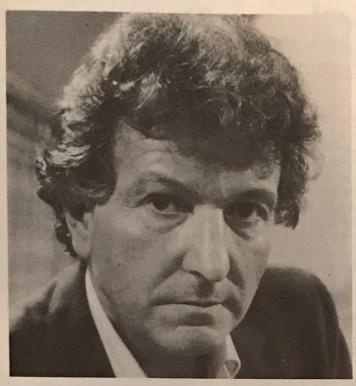
Early May, it's the flower parade and the flower festivals, late May two members will be showing their skills at the Chelsea Flower Show.

It's all part of a 25th anniversary year which also includes decorating the ballroom at Sandringham House for a charity event; the Lincolnshire Show, and Lincoln Cathedral Festival.



● Always ready to improve their skills — Enid Barnett (vice-chairman), Sue Cooper (chairman), Roz King (committee member) and Lucy Sanders (vice-president) had professional arranger Harry Gordon as guest at their Harvest-time meeting.

# Yorkshire TV celebrities



### KEITH BARRON

YORKSHIRE-BORN Keith Barron is coming to Spalding on Saturday, May 3 to ride in the Flower Parade and meet his fans on the Yorkshire TV stand at the Float and Rural Industries Exhibition, Sir Halley Stewart Field.

Look out for Keith at the front of the parade in a magnificent Rolls Royce owned and driven by farmer Mr J. W. E. Banks, veteran of many Monte Carlo car rallies

The actor, who gives his hobby as "walking my beagle George", has been delighting Yorkshire TV audiences as David in "Duty Free", the comedy series about two very different couples from Britain on the Spanish packaged holiday scene.

Now that series is over, his many fans will be glad to look forward to "Room at the Bottom", another situation comedy written by Carla Lane and also

starring James Bolam.

Keith, 50 this year, is married to stage designer Mary Pickard. Their son Jamie, 19, has also chosen a stage career.

The family now live in Cornwall and have opened a restaurant near St. Ives.

### Miss YTV

ASHLIE JAYNE DICKENS was chosen "Miss Yorkshire Television 1985" at Yorkshire Television's Leeds Studios on Tuesday, 22 October, and the 45-minute Grand Final was screened in the YTV region on the following Friday night. Fifteen girls, all chosen by evening and weekly newspapers throughout the region, took part. Ashlie, 19, of North Anston, near Sheffield, South Yorkshire, has now begun a year of widely-ranging public engagements, during which she will represent YTV at upwards of 100 events throughout the region, besides a 10-day visit to the 50th Missile Regiment, Royal Artillery, in Germany. A student at Leeds University, where she is studying for a BA Honours Degree in Geography, Ashlie lives in Quarry Lane, North Anston. As "Miss YTV", Ashlie won a £1,500 cash prize besides a crown, sash, keepsake medallion and a rosebowl and she has a £55-a-month dress allowance and free use of a car during her reign. Lancashire-born, petite, blue-eyed blonde Ashlie has lived in Yorkshire for about 10 years



# Tulip Time festivals in town and village ...

SOUTH Lincolnshire churches — magnificent medieval edifices or the smallest chapel — pay a leading part in Tulip Time.

Every year visitors flock by the thousands to the major festivals, dramatic

in their use of flowers and accessories to portray a theme.

But they do not forget the simpler displays and the invitation to come and marvel at the recurring miracle of the loveliness of spring flowers.

So there's food for the spirit everywhere — and for the stomach too — as many church halls offer good home-cooked Lincolnshire food for booked parties, or those who just drop-in.

Here are brief details of the main festivals.

### Tulip Time music

MUSIC leads the way in town entertainment over Flower Parade weekend and the many visitors who stay awhile will get a warm welcome at every event.

Thursday, May 1 — Marilyn Baker, blind pianist and singer in Gospel Concert, South Holland Centre,

7.30pm.

Friday, May 2 — Spalding Royal British Legion Band in family concert, South Holland Centre, 8pm.

Parade Saturday, May 3 — Spalding Folk Club barn dance with The Old Parrot Band, South Holland Centre, 7.30pm-11.30pm.

Parade Saturday — May 3 D. J. Promotions Disco, South Holland

Centre, 8pm-12pm.

Parade Saturday, May 3 — Melodies for You, South Lincolnshire United Chorale at St. John's Church, Spalding 8pm.

Tuby Fair — a parade week favourite — will be on site in the Cattle Market, Swan Street from Fri-

day, May 2-5.

On Parade Day look out for the Peterborough Morris Men and Cross Key Club dancers who will entertain along the route before the show.

Fairground organs are sited at High Bridge Queen's Road, Commercial Road, and New Road and outside the Town Hall, The Vista, HMS Illustrious and a "Role of the Royal Navy" trailer will be welcoming visitors from Friday to Monday, May 2-5.

Out of town, May 2-5, 10am-6pm each day, visit the large model engineering, vintage car, and fairground exhibits exhibition at Rutland Cottage, Whaplode St. Catherine.

● South Holland District Council makes a big commitment to Tulip Time, by organising the Miss Tulip, contest, and providing dancers, fairground music, and other displays, along with a tulip mosaic contest for town and villages.

The Tourist Information Centre In Ayscoughfee Gardens (the public park in Churchgate) provides a free leaflet "Rural Rides and Church Festivals" and help with overnight accommodation addresses.

The council decorates the town centre overall with flags and provides the floral street characters, hanging baskets and decorations on the river at High Bridge among many other activities.

- Spalding Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Nicolas. The Vista. May 1-6 10am-8pm. Special church service, Sunday May 4, 6.30pm.
- Spalding Broad Street Methodist Church. May 1-6 10am-9pm.
- Spalding United Reformed Church, Pinchbeck Road. April 25-May 6. 10am-6pm.
- Spalding St. Norbert Roman Catholic Church, Henrietta Street. May 3-4. Visit the grotto, known as the "Lourdes of England". Other times, first ring Spalding 2056.
- Spalding St. Paul's Church (near Springfields). May 1-6 10am-9pm.

FLOWER festivals at villages on the A151, east of Spalding, include:

• Moulton Parish Church: April 24-May 6.

Holbeach Parish Church: April 26-May 6.

● Fleet Parish Church: May 2-May 11.

• Fleet Baptist Church: May 2-6.

Long Sutton Parish Church: April 24-May 5.

FLOWER festivals north of Spalding include:

• Pinchbeck Parish Church: April 28-May 7.

Surfleet Parish Church: May 1-6.

• Gosberton Parish Church: April 26-May 6.

Donington Parish Church: May 2-5.

MOULTON Chapel (B1375 Cowbit to Moulton road): Decorated church and chapel, Village flower parade, May 4, 2.30pm.

# Unique honour for St Mary's, Long Sutton

ST. MARY'S, Long Sutton, the church with the spire described as "the highest, finest and oldest in the country" is this year's holder of the Worshipful Company of Gardeners' Trophy, awarded annually for outstanding services to Tulip Time.

St. Mary's is the first "out of town" church to be honoured and it is a fine example of the beautiful mediaeval churches of Lincolnshire which delight visitors with their flower festivals each year.

This year the theme is Myths and Legends, which gives plenty of scope for the imagination and skill of the churchworkers, real experts

after 20 years of festivals.

It's a busy time: This festival runs from April 24 to May 5, 10am to 8pm, and there are trips up the tower to see the internal timber construction of the famous lead spire, built about AD 1200.

A tiny monk's cell in the church will be open, and the sale of produce, needlework and cakes

attracts many visitors.

Catering for visitors is a most important part of many churches activities at this time and coach parties and casual callers alike are welcome all day to sample the good Lincolnshire fare available.

"It's amazing the number of people who come and where they come from, you really discover how small the world is", said the Vicar, the Rev Oliver Folkard.

Among the centuries of treasures in the church is a new one - a bust of the world famous operatic tenor Alfred Piccaver, born in Long

The small market town is also connected with King John, who is thought to have crossed the Wash using a local guide about 1205, and one possible site for the later loss of his jewels in the Wash, is

somewhere between Long Sutton and Walpole Cross Keys. Another notorious character, highwayman Dick Turpin, hanged at York in 1739, lived at Long Sutton for a while according to the Dictionary of National Biography.

Long Sutton Church and its famous spire

# Parade week-end: full programme

THE Flower Parade (route and timings Pages 26/27) is the centrepiece of Flower Parade week-end in Spalding. But there's much, much more to see — at the Halley Stewart Field in the town centre, and at Springfields Gardens. Both locations are shown on the map on Page 26. Here are the programmes for the week-end.

### At Halley Stewart Field —

CENTREPIECE at the Exhibition of Floats and Rural Industries at the Sir Halley Stewart Field, Winfrey Avenue, are the floats themselves — 15 in the 1986 Flower Parade.

But there is much more to see and enjoy at the Exhibition held in the local football stadium, opposite the bus station and close to the railway station.

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The exhibition is open from 9am-7pm from Parade Day, Saturday, May 3, to Tuesday, May 6, (charges £1 per day, except for Sunday, May 4 when it is £1.50).

At all times accompanied children under 16 are free of charge.

A shuttle bus service runs between the Float Exhibition (pick-up point, New Road) and Springfields Gardens throughout the weekend.

Entertainment times at the Float Exhibition are as follows:

Parade Saturday, May 3 — The floats

move out of the Halley Stewart Field from 1pm-1.30pm.

2pm — The Heanor Lions marching band entertains on the field while the floats are away.

3pm — Further entertainment by Silver Spoon Dancers (Country and Western Group).

Sunday, May 4 — From 2pm onwards, Spalding Parish Church Day School Orchestra entertains.

Monday, May 5 — From 4pm, City of Nottingham Drum and Trumpet Corps, marching and counter marching with majorettes.

Country lunches and snacks, country crafts (spinners and weavers), books, pictures, plants, pork products, Tulip Time photographs — all can be found in the exhibition marquees open to visitors throughout the four days.

The giant Geest Industries is selling produce from home and abroad by

popular request this year, and Geo Adams and Sons pork products will again be favourites with thousands of visitors.

Information stands sponsored by the float exhibitors, advice and literature about holidays from South Holland District Council's tulip time and tourism office, and a chance to order the parade issues of the Lincolnshire Free Press/Spalding Guardian — all are available on site.

Visitors can rest awhile in the field grandstand, St. John Ambulance are on duty to cope with any mishaps, and a public address system is there for information and to re-unite lost kids with their parents.

On Saturday and Sunday, Miss Yorkshire TV will be welcoming visitors at the TV station's own stand, and Radio Lincolnshire plan programmes from the Exhibition throughout the weekend.

### At Springfields Gardens —

SPRINGFIELDS Flower Parade weekend programme is set in 25 acres of landscaped gardens with over one million blooms during Springtime. Woodland walks, lake, maze, indoor gardens, shops, garden centre, restaurant, 300 seater cafeteria — and, this weekend, so much more.

SPECIAL EVENTS MAY 3-5, 1986 A Spring Bank Holiday Bonanza

Saturday, May 3: (10am-6pm) Springfields Country Fair on the Arena, five acres of stalls and entertainment, music and flowers all the way. Special country crafts for sale.

1.30pm and 2.30pm — Wellingborough Redwell Marching Band, plus Spalding Drum and Trumpet Corps.

3pm — Spalding Flower Parade circuits the Arena.

Sunday, May 4 — Country Fair, 10am-6pm.

12 noon — Romsey Old Cadets, the parades favourite comedy marching band, performing through gardens to main lawn.

12.45-1.30pm — Silver Spoon Square Dance (150 couples — why not join in?)

1.30pm-4.30pm — Six of the top East Midlands marching bands competing for Springfields Trophy (arena).

2pm (main lawn). Two top attractions from Holland, the Flora Band and show-dance group, The Fantasy Girls.

Spring Bank Holiday Monday, May 5: Country Fair, 10am to 6pm.

1pm and 3pm. City of Nottingham Band, crack precision drilling and musicianship.



RESPLENDENT in their red tunics and plumed hats, the Flora-Band from Rynsburg, Holland — certain to be one of the highlights of the 1986 Flower Parade.

### Music and fantasy

STAR visitors to the 1986 Flower Parade are Flora-Band, from Rynsburg, in Holland, and the sparkling Fantasy Girls from the Dutch capital Den-Haag.

Flora-Band, with more than 50 musicians, started in 1968 and have played in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, and Sicily. Next year the band goes on a six-day visit to Norway.

The Flora-Band has won the Tulip Time Festival in Holland. With the band are the Fantasy Girls
— 31 delightful girls who have charmed
audiences in Germany, France, Italy,
Belgium, Sicily and Malta.

Their leaders are Mr and Mrs Blokpoel.

Flora-Band and the Fantasy Girls are especially welcome at Spalding Flower Parade, bringing top-class music, marching and dancing with a truly international flavour.



SEALINK British Ferries, operating the Harwich-Hook Ferry Line, have sponsored the Flora-Band and Fantasy Girls' visit to Spalding Flower Parade. In addition to luxury ferry travel, Sealink offer inclusive holidays featured in their 1986 "Holland and Beyond" brochure.



THE Fantasy Girls - another Flower Parade 1986 attraction, this time from the Dutch capital Den-Haag





SOME of designer Kees Van Driel's skete

### SPALDING FLOW

SPALDING Flower Parade will leave the Sir Halley Stewart Field, Winfrey Avenue by 1.30pm on Saturday, May 3. For their own safety spectators round the route are advised not to block the roadway.

1 BELVOIR CASTLE JOUSTERS.
Entered by Belvoir Castle, Grantham.

2 ROMSEY OLD CADETS ASSOCIATION Secretary Mr M. Tubb. Famous for their outrageous costumes and comedy routines. See them again on Sunday, May 4, in Spring-fields Gardens.

3 MISS TULIPLAND 1986
Entered by South Holland District Council, the leading float conveys Miss Tulipland and her deputy — the two local lassies chosen to represent the district during Tulip Time and the year ahead. The six attendants have been chosen from the six local secondary schools.

4 FUN, FRIENDSHIP, AND FLOWERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
Entered by Spalding and District Flower Lovers' Club to mark their 25th anniversary. With nearly 200 members the club stages many flower displays, raises money for charity and has provided most of the flower arrangements for today's parade — as they have done every year since formation.

5 DERBY SERENADERS SHOWBAND Manager Mr A. Gilbert.

TOM AND JERRY

Entered by Halifax Building Society. Tom and Jerry are always getting themselves into scrapes, which usually end with the little mouse escaping from his feline arch-rival just in time. Jerry's only refuge is a hole in the skirting board not really secure from the inquisitive paws of Tom. Now, if he took out a mortgage with Halifax, the world's leading building society, Jerry could buy a little place of his own where he would be as safe as houses

7 HASLAND DRUM CORPS Secretary Mrs J. Lee.

SFLYING HIGH
Entered by CIS PILKINGTON. What makes CIS windows the best? With over 20 years' experience and more than 50 offices and showrooms, CIS doors and windows are made and fitted with expert care. Top quality products backed by Pilkington Group, by a unique double warranty, the G.G.F., AWA and BSI Kitemark.

**9 GEEST GOLDEN JUBILEE**Geest Industries Ltd, founded in 1936, have blossomed over 50 years to become one of Britain's largest private companies. The celebration jubilee float shows how the company has grown since its beginnings in flower bulbs horticulture to a worldwide involvement in bananas, fresh fruit and vegetables.

10 Secretary Mrs M. J. Fletcher.

11 GARDENING IS FUN
Entered by Lingarden Ltd, Weston, near
Spalding. Lingarden is a grower-owned cooperative which, since its formation 21 years
ago, has become the largest bulb growing
organisation in the world. Bulbs and flowers
are grown on over 100 member farms totalling
2,500 acres.

12 LONG SUTTON AND DISTRICT VETERAN CYCLE CLUB
Secretary Mrs. D. E. Ellis. This is the 26th appearance of the club in the parade. Well

13 BREAKDOWN VEHICLE

14 FLORA BAND FROM RYNSBURG, HOLLAND, PLUS THE FANTASY GIRLS.

This is the first appearance of a Dutch band in the Parade. Formed in 1968, they have played in many European countries and won a gold medal last year in the 10th World Music Contest in Holland. The Fantasy Girls — "25 charming ladies" — are a show and dance group, also very popular in Europe.

15 FUN AND FOOD FROM LINCOLN-

Entered by the Geo. Adams group of companies. Their message is "A warm welcome to you all to Spalding which, as well as presenting





es for the 1986 Flower Parade floats

## ER PARADE, 1986

the Tulip Festival, is also home to Geo. Adams, famous for their Lincolnshire range of pork pies and sausages. As well as our factory here in Spalding, we have two others in nearby Ruskington and Frampton."

16 PUSSY CAT, PUSSY CAT...
Entered by Baytree Garden Centre and Newholme. Visit them after the parade and see all that is best in plants, garden requisites, garden sheds, greenhouses. (Baytree at Weston; Newholme on the A17, Pinchbeck).

17 ROMFORD BRITISH LEGION BOYS' BAND AND CORPS OF DRUMS Secretary Mrs J. Clapham.

18 HAVE FUN WITH GUIDELINES
Division. British Telecom is one of the largest businesses in Britain today. Its principal activity is providing connections between 29 million telephones serving 20 million customers. Satellite, microwave radio and cable links have made possible instant, worldwide communication from every part of the UK — and as part of their modernisation plan, British Telecom are up-dating the telecommunications network using optical fibres.

19 Entered by Spalding and District Young Farmers' Club. Visits to police stations and telephone exchanges, talks on fire protection and home brewing, carol singing for charity—just a few of the activities enjoyed by members who at this time of year devote all their energies to constructing and decorating their

own float, as well as providing refreshments for thousands of visitors to the float exhibition.

20 THIRTEENTH CITY OF COVENTRY SCOUT MARCHING BAND Bandmaster Mr R. H. Nowell.

21 MUSIC FROM THE LISTENING BANK Entered by the Midland Bank plc.

22 BREAKDOWNN VEHICLE Just in case ...

23 MARCHING AND CONCERT BAND OF BRAINTREE
Band manager Mr J. Miller.

24 HAPPY DAYS
Entered by D. W. Jarvis, one of the region's largest providers of labour for horticulture and agriculture. Many of the staff help to place the tulip heads on the parade floats.

25 GREAT! BRITISH FOOD 'N'
Entered by the National Farmers' Union.
Here in Lincolnshire farmers and growers can

say without doubt that agriculture is Britain's great industry. For British agriculture and horticulture combine to form our second largest primary industry after North Sea oil extraction. Food and Flowers can also be fun. Both riders on our float, Victoria Smith and Jayne Priestley, come from farming families and would certainly agree with this sentiment.

26 EASTWOOD ARCADIANS BAND Secretary Mrs M. Machin. Sponsored by British Sugar.

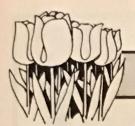
27 THE SS SILVER SPOON
Entered by British Sugar, this majestic ship will be seen gliding through the Spalding streets carrying its cargo of fun. Silver Spoon sugar is produced in 13 British Sugar factories in East Anglia and the West Midlands from beet grown on 12,000 farms. For nearly a century British Sugar (which has a Spalding factory) has kept up with technological advances in field and factory to become one of Europe's leading sugar producers.

28 SUPER TED COMES TO TOWN WITH THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH East Midlands Electricity have adopted the circus for Funtime, with their Super Ted as host and ringmaster for the Greatest Show on Earth. Built around Economy 7, EMEB's super show for comfort and warmth gives you far more for your "MONERGY". The advantages electricity brings to modern living are shown in the Big Top stand and the new EMEB shop in Hall Place, Spalding.



SPRINGFIELDS GARDENS, Spalding, in all their Springtime colour and glory. A sight unmatched anywhere in Britain. Not that Springfields' colour departs with the tulips and daffodils. Nowadays Springfields' Spring is followed by the magnificent displays of Springfields in summer, because the Gardens remain open to the end of September. (Colour pictures by Spring Photographic, Springfields, Spalding).





# Glories of Spring and Summer

SPRINGFIELDS—one of Britain's premier show gardens—welcomes you in its 21st anniversary year.

Come and visit spring and summer. The gardens are open from 10am-6pm daily (including Sundays) from March 28 September 30.

Parties are welcome, with a 15 per cent reduction for pre-booked and pre-paid groups of 30 or more.

There are special rates for schools and evening parties by arrangement. Ring Spalding 4843 for details.

Parking is ample and free, except for Parade weekend when cars are £1, coaches £5

Broadwalks make Springfields ideal for handicapped visitors, and some wheelchairs are available free of charge.

Admission charges, adults £1.20 (except for special events). Accompanied children under 16 free of charge.

### SPECIAL EVENTS '86

Flower Parade Weekend Country Fair — Saturday, Sunday, Monday, May 3, 4, 5.

Gardeners' Show — Sunday July 13. Gardening experts conduct Springfields walks, featuring the garden's first flush of roses.

Gardeners' Show — Surday, August 17. To coincide with the brilliant bedding display of 150,000 plants.

Fourth annual Vintage and Classic Vehicle rally — Sunday, July 27. Hundreds of tractors, cars, commercial vehicles, motor cycles and vehicle parade.

Charges for these special events are £1.50 adults, accompanied children under 16 FREE.

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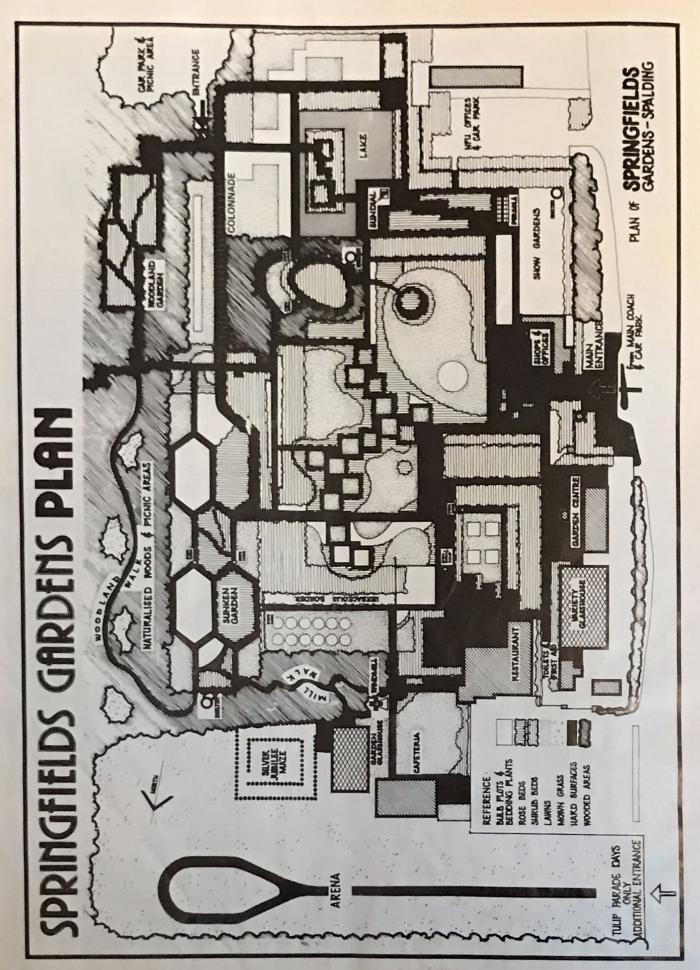
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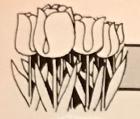
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# Gardens walk of spectacle and surprises

HERE you are at Springfields Gardens. Now what's the best route to take in the full impact of the floral and other attractions laid before you on the 25-acre

Using the Gardens plan opposite, our

suggestion is this:

Once inside the main entrance, turn right — not forgetting to look at Tulipan, the turbanned figure sculpted in 1972 to mark the 400th anniversary of the introduction of the first tulip from Turkey to Europe.

Past the souvenir and photographic shop, on the right are show plots set up in Springfields-style on the mini-scale of many home gardeners.

A pergola feature begins the broadwalk to the sundial and lake. Turn right and traverse the shrub-edged water towards the windmill, not forgetting to look out for the masses of mirror carp, which have grown fat over the years on visitors' titbits.

Pass intimate, unexpected plantings round trees through to the main colonnade, a pergola arched broadwalk, especially beautiful hung over with cle-

It is well worth a diversion to the right through the woodland garden, a wonderful example of how great trees have flourished in the 21 years since Springfields began as an empty flat ploughed field.

The woodland area is a wonderful one in which to listen to birdsong and find the flora and fauna of this part of

Lincolnshire.

The woodland walk continues into a naturalised and picnic area. Returning to the main path, there's an enchanting mix of flowering shrubs and sunken gardens before the path winds back through the silver birches of the Mill Walk before turning right towards the garden glasshouse.

This is a haven, a tranquil spot to rest awhile by the pond and admire the mass bedding displays where varieties change

according to season.

Near the garden glasshouse is the Silver Jubilee maze, set with fast-growing cypresses in 1977. Now 10 feet high, it's a favourite with the children.

During the spring season the nearby cafeteria offers meals and snacks all day, and local artists have paintings for

Not far from the cafeteria is Springfields first class restaurant and bar, open all the year. Parents can sip a drink on the patio while children play the giant board games on the adjoining

Nearby is the St. John first aid station, toilets, and the magnificent variety glasshouse, packed with tulips in spring and a riot of bedding plants and hanging

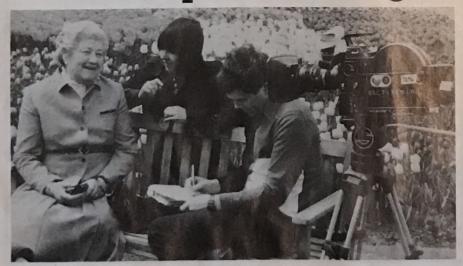
baskets in summer.

Then explore the centre vistas, the long herbaceous border, the central lawns and surrounding beds, packed with bulbs in spring and roses and "bed-

ders' in summer.

We suggest a last call at the Garden
Centre (left of the main entrance) for among the plants horticultural goods, books, and other souvenirs on sale will be much worth buying to remember

### Tulip Time Songs of Pro



SPALDING church life will be featured on BBC 1 on Sunday April 20, in a "Songs of Praise" programme recorded in the Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Nicholas last May.

The programme, well-timed to be an excellent introduction to this year's Tulip Time, contains scenes of the town preparing for its big festival, between interviews with church members of several denominations.

Here, Mrs Gerry van Geest is being interviewed by researcher Elizabeth Gort and presenter Ian Gall in Springfields Gardens.

Mrs van Geest's late husband, Mr Leonard van Geest, was chairman of Springfields Horticultural Society for the first 14 years and a sundial in the gardens marks his service until his death in 1980.



- PARKING: Ample parking for cars and coaches is readily accessible adjacent to Springfields. On Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4, the charge is £1 for cars and £5 for coaches.
- SHOPS: Inside the gardens there are shops selling a variety of garden requisites, photographic and tuck shops and a cut flower kiosk. Don't miss our gift shop featuring country arts and local crafts, now under Springfields management. The shops are open daily until 5.30pm.
- CATERING: There is a modern newly refurbished restaurant with large bar facilities which caters for main meals. Cooked meals and snacks are served in our 300 seater cafeteria (sorry, no advance bookings) during the spring season. Enquiries for restaurant party bookings should be made to Springfields Restaurant, Tel: Saplding (0775) 4405. Attractive tea shop serving tea, coffee and light refreshments is open from July to September.

- GENERAL: We regret that dogs are not allowed in the Gardens.
- WHEELCHAIRS: Springfields Gardens has been planned for the enjoyment of the disabled with wide walks and wheelchairs available free of charge. Spalding St. John Ambulance personnel are on duty throughout the spring season and there is a well equipped first-aid room.
- THE MANAGEMENT reserve the right to close the Gardens, at any time for any period without prior notice of closure and without being responsible for any loss thereby occasioned.
- CLOSING DATE: The Gardens also feature displays of bedding plants, roses and dahlias, according to season, and finally close down for the winter on September 30.

### Springfields Horticultural Society

Springfields Horticultural Society Ltd, the body responsible for organising the annual display in the gardens of Springfields, was formed in 1966 under the sponsorship of the South Holland (Lincolnshire) Horticultural Association, a specialist branch of the Holland (Lincs) County Branch of the National Farmer's Union.

The Society is a registered charity, its principal object being to promote the study and practice of horticulture in all its branches and in particular the cultivation and development of all varieties of flowers grown from bulbs and corms.

Under its constitution, the income of the Society must be expended in carrying out its objects. By organising the annual display in the gardens, the Society enables members of the public to see the wide varieties of bulbs and corms available, and how best they can be used to beautify the small garden. There is in the gardens an information centre where visitors are able to obtain answers to their queries regarding the growing of bulbs and corms.

The Society organises lectures on horticultural topics, and participates in various horticultural exhibitions and shows.

The Society has been working closely with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on experimental programmes concerning bulb diseases and their treatment, and it co-operates with other societies in running trials in the gardens.

Any member of the public is eligible to apply for associate membership of the Society. An annual subscription of £7.50 is payable by Associate Members, who enjoy certain privileges

relative to admission to the gardens,
On production of membership card an associate member and
guest will be entitled to free admission to the following:—

- A. Springfields Horticultural Exhibition
- B. Springfields Spring & Summer Seasons C. Exhibition of Floats & Rural Industries in the Sir Halley Stewart Field
- D. Lectures and displays organised by the Society.

  \* MEMBERS ONLY Free admission (except rose festival,
- July 5/6, 1986) to Royal National Rose Society Gardens at St.
  - N.B. Every member will be entered on our mailing list. Members are welcome to visit Springfields Monday-Friday off season.

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i	ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP
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### How to grow bulbs

TULIPS and daffodils look their best grown in mass, as all spring visitors to Springfields agree.

There's no mystique about growing them, if you use your common sense and follow a few simple rules.

The universal rule applies, you get what you pay for, so it's important to choose the best, and buy from a reputable source.

One rule to remember for good flowering is the bigger the bulb the better. Tulips should be at least 10cm in circumference and egg shaped. Double-nosed daffodils are best.

Any well drained soil, the lighter the better, will grow good bulbs. Daffodils should be planted in September but leave tulips until October/November.

Bulbs like to keep their feet dryish. They can't stand water logging. So, if you have heavy land, putting a little sand under the bulbs will add drainage.

However good your soil, some form of organic matter will probably help. Compost leaf mould or peat is best.

Never use fresh manure but garden fertiliser can be used if necessary. Plant with a trowel, seeing there are no air pockets beneath the bulb.

The ideal depth for planting varies with the type of soil. The bulb can go deeper in very light soil which dries out easily than in heavy stiff soil.

A good general rule is to plant at about two to three times the diameter of the bulb — measuring from the top of the bulb to the surface of the earth.

Spacing will vary according to the effect wanted. But though tulips and daffodils look best in mass, remember they do need breathing space.



SPRINGFIELDS Horticultural Exhibition, held each February, is the first breath of spring for the public as well as growers and trade exhibitors from home and abroad. This display was staged in Springfields cafeteria in 1978 — the next year the show's increasing popularity led to the move to a larger, central Spalding location.



Complete the coupon below to ensure you receive details of next year's programme of events. S.A.E. please

For FREE information leaflet — Calendar of displays — Spring & Summer seasons 1987 — posted to your home during December 1986 — complete the details below and post to: SPRINGFIELDS, SPALDING, LINCS. (Tel: 0775 4843)

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fields chairman until his death in 1980, and a sundial in his memory is sited by the lake.

In 1966 the entrance fee was four shillings, half price for children and OAP's. This season, 1986, adults are £1.20 (except for special events) and accompanied children under 16 are free.

So thanks to the support of the horticultural industry which provides much of the plant materials, bulbs, bedding plants and roses, this educational project is still able to offer a non-inflationary deal to garden lovers.

A fine modern restaurant and bar and big exhibition hal-cafeteria has been part of the complex since the beginning.

On April 17 this year Springfields had all the flags out for its most important VIP to date, when that noted flower lover, the Queen Mother was due to stroll round its splendours - a superb accolade for gardens to mark the anniversary year.

Ten years ago in the "Year of the Rose" Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester launched Springfields first summer season when 7,500 new roses were planted.

There was a poignant moment as she paused by the magnolia tree and plaque which commemorated the visit of her elder son, Prince William of Gloucester just a few weeks before his untimely death in a flying accident in May 1972.

His brother, now the Duke of Gloucester, succeeded Prince William as president of the East Midlands Tourist Board, and has also visited Springfields on a tour of the region's leading tourist attractions.

Nothing stands still where natural growth is concerned, and the Springfields management is always

looking ahead.

Peter Atkinson, administrator for the past 10 years, puts it like this: "We're now a major centre for the European and U.K. seed houses of the bedding plant industry and have established a niche which will strengthen our position as one of England's premier show gardens."

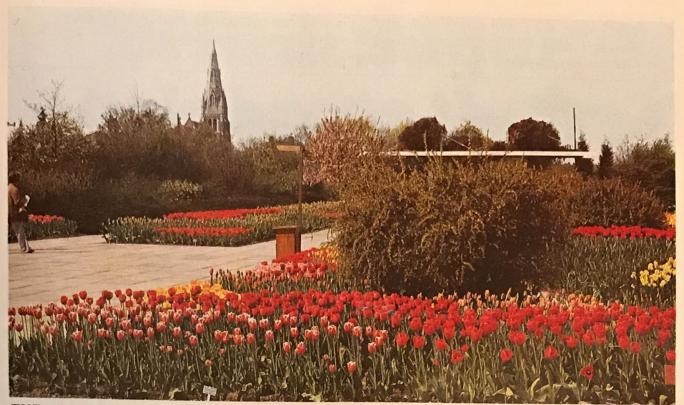


MEMORIES: Springfields and the Flower Parade got a well-timed boost when gardenlar BBC 2 "Gardeners" World" from the gardens three days before the 1978 parade. Here Mr Seabrook is shown (left) with Springfields manager and parade organiser Peter Atkinson before the cameras went 'live'.



MEMORIES: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, visited Springfields in July 1976 to open the garden's first summer season and name a new rose 'English Holiday'. Pictured here (from left) are Springfields manager and flower parade organiser Mr Peter Atkinson, the 1976 Miss Tulipland, Kim Waters, parade designer Mr Kees van Driel, Princess Alice and the late Mr Leonard van Geest, then chairman of Springfields Council.

WE congratulate Springfields Gardens, and all those involved, on 21 years' success and achievement. We know that with everyone's support, that success story will continue.



THE colour, the spectacle of Springfields Gardens in Spring: 25 acres of delightful walks, lawns, flowers, shrubs and woodland. (Colour pictures by Spring Photographic, Springfields, Spalding).



THIS year, the Geest Organisation — loyal and enthusiastic supporter of Spalding Flower Parade and Springfields Gardens — celebrates its Golden Jubilee. We wish Geest a happy jubilee year, and continuing success in the years to come.

# Geest year of celebration

THE 1986 Flower Parade is a special event for Geest, since this year is the Company's Golden Jubilee.

During 50 years Geest has developed from a small horticultural business into the largest fruit and vegetable importer and distributor in Britain.

It is also one of the largest Amaryllis flower bulb producers in Holland and a major flower bulb grower in the UK.

The Company was founded in 1936 at Spalding by two brothers from Holland — John and Leonard van Geest.

Since then, the business has not only grown considerably, but also diversified with interest in garden products, produce importation, trading, shipping, food processing and distribution.

Today, over 4,000 people are employed by Geest in more than 50 locations throughout the UK and Caribbean countries around the world.

The Horticultural Division plays an important role within the Organisation, employing 600 staff — which rises to 1,000 during peak periods.

It operates the largest houseplant nursery in Europe with 22½ acres under glass in a computer controlled environment producing over seven million houseplants each year. From their farms in Cornwall Geest are significant cut flower and flower bulb producers.

The van Geest family has maintained its close associations with the

Organisation.

John van Geest is still with the Company as President. He celebrated his 80th birthday earlier this year

His nephew, Leonard, Chairman and Managing Director of Geest, sees the growth in the Company as a direct result of the professionalism and standards upheld by the Organisation throughout its 50 year development.

Mr Leonard van Geest is optimistic for the future: "We are proud to be in a position to celebrate 50 years as an Organisation and hope to demonstrate the same level of commitment and enthusiasm as the founders during the next phase of the Company's growth."



"JUNGLE Book", the Geest Industries float in last year's Flower Parade, when the theme was Film Titles.

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## British Sugar celebrate their golden jubilee

ALTHOUGH this year marks British Sugar's Golden Jubilee, sugar making has, in fact, been an integral and important part of Spalding's industrial and agricultural scene since 1925 when the town's sugar factory was opened.

It was built by the Anglo-Scottish Beet Sugar Corporation and it operated autonomously until 1936 when an Act of Parliament brought Spalding and Britain's other independent sugar factories together under the umbrella of the British Sugar Corporation.

Today — after a change of title in 1981 — British Sugar plc monitors the operations of its 13 factories nationwide

from its head office complex at Peterborough, in the heart of the country's major beet growing area.

From Peterborough, the company controls the sales and distribution of Silver Spoon sugar, the largest single grocery brand in the UK — ensuring that more than 60 per cent of Britain's households receive their favourite sugar.

British Sugar's Spalding factory is possibly one of the most efficient and technologically advanced factories in the town. It springs to life during the sugar beet harvesting period — from September to January.

During the production run, known as the 'campaign', more than 80,000 tonnes of sugar and about 44,000 tonnes of Trident Animal Feed — the uniquely nutritious molassed sugar beet feed — is extracted from the local sugar beet crop and worth more than £17 million to the 1,300 farmers who supply it.

In the last 50 years, the British sugar industry has changed beyond all recognition. From those early pioneering days, technological advances on the land and in the factories have placed British Sugar in the forefront of European sugar makers as amongst the most efficient — a position the company is determined to maintain in the future.



• A Spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down — British Sugar chose the much-loved Mary Poppins for their float in last year's 'Filmtime' Flower Parade.

BRITISH SUGAR have long been loyal supporters of Spalding Flower Parade. We wish British Sugar and all their personnel, a happy golden jubilee year — and continuing success in the years to come.

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MANY residents of South Lincolnshire first discovered its pleasures during a Tulip Time visit.

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the property on offer is varied, and still among the cheapest nationwide.

Getting in from the remotest areas may be more difficult with the national decline in rural public transport but the towns and villages are bus-linked, and the wider world is not far away.

The diesel rail link between Spalding and Peterborough gives access to anywhere in Britain. Peterborough to King's Cross is just 55 minutes on the 125 Inter-City trains and we have London commuters who prove it daily

Peterborough itself with the famous Queensgate shopping complex is a cathedral city with contemporary flair 18 miles from Spalding, and historic Stamford, King's Lynn and Norwich are within day trip distance.

But the greatest attraction for today's rich mix of South Lincolnshire residents is still the house prices.

Here are the prices you would pay for four distinct type of properties — compare them with your own district!

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A look in the estate agents' windows or the property pages of the Lincolnshire Free Press spotlights the situation.

Mortgages are readily available. One leading estate and building society agent said: "Subject to survey and status, they should be available within seven days."

Mortgages can be up to a 100 per cent; some societies have increased the two and a half times income standard and can now arrange a mortgage for three times the main annual income plus twice any annual secondary income.

The answer is to shop around and find the building society tailored to your individual need.

As everywhere, bungalows are in great demand, especially by retired couples, and luxury ones within the town can command between £60,000 — £63,000.

One major builder working on a 35 dwelling Spalding development which includes 21 bungalows (£35,000 to £48,000) has three left.

New development continues on sites within walking distance of Spalding town centre — owners enjoy the feel of wide skies and open spaces with town facilities near at hand.

There is a steady demand for 'one-off' architect designed houses, built for individual clients in small "closes", at around £60,000.

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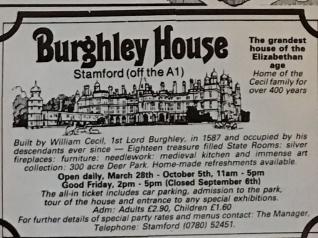
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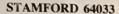
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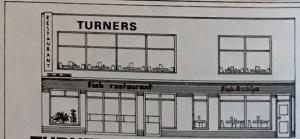
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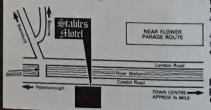
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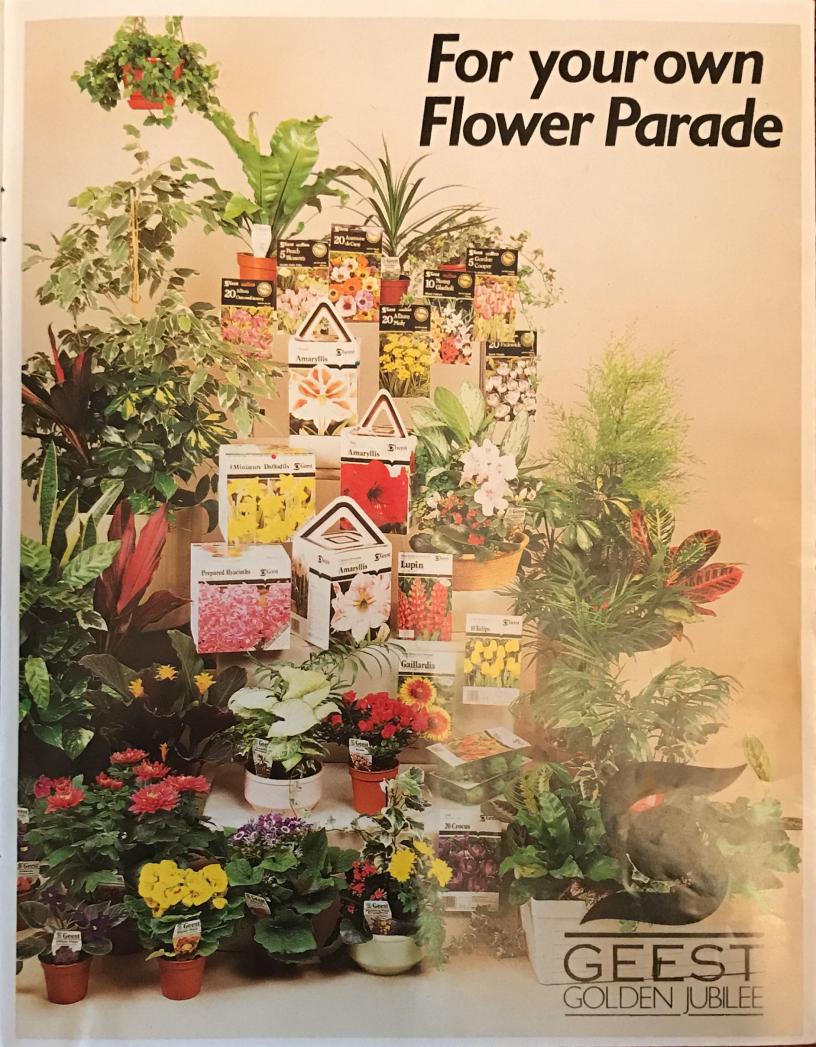
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