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# Our biggest parade for years

As the new Chairman of the Spalding Flower Parade Committee it gives me great pleasure to welcome visitors to South Lincolnshire at Tulip Time to see our magnificent displays of flowers both in the Flower Parade and Springfields Gardens.

This is our 26th parade and the biggest we have staged for many years. The designs of the floats reflect the theme "Heritage" for which Britain is renowned.

I do hope you will enjoy your visit to Britain's tulip town and retain happy memories of your day. May I recommend to you the Halley Stewart Exhibition of floats and the Springfields Gardens who rely on your support and a visit will help to ensure their future success. Don't forget accompanied children are admitted free of charge.

Finally a word of thanks to all the sponsors of the floats, the



South Holland District Council, the Police, St John Ambulance Brigade and to the many organisations and firms, voluntary groups and individuals who by their efforts have provided another marvellous spectacle.

**ROGER TAYLOR**

Chairman, Spalding Flower Parade

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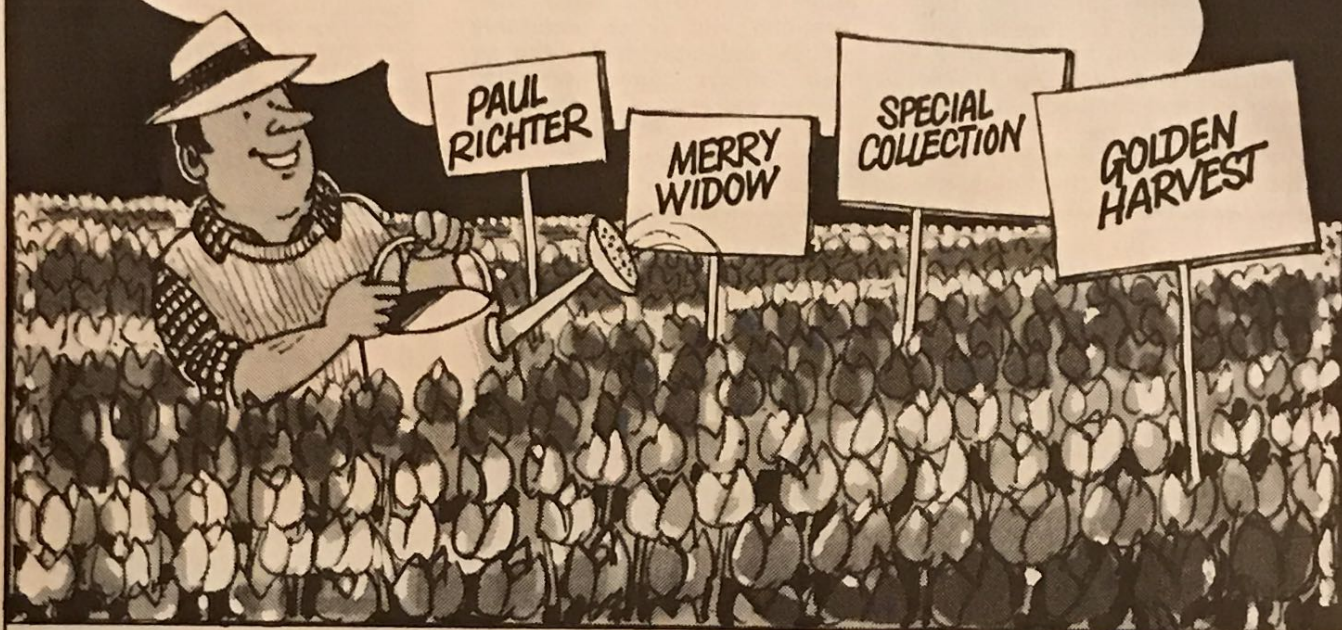
The advertisement features a collection of Adams Pork Products on a red and white checkered background. In the center are two large, round pork pies with golden-brown crusts and labels that read "adams PORK PIE LINCOLNSHIRE". To the left is a package of "adams LINCOLNSHIRE PORK SAUSAGES". In the foreground, there are several large, golden-brown potatoes and sliced tomatoes. The Adams logo, featuring a red shield with a white 'A' and the name "Geo Adams", is in the bottom left corner. The text "adams PORK PIES LINCOLNSHIRE" is also visible in the top right corner.

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# Parade beats a big drum for Britain



Traditional Lincolnshire pork products by Geo Adams and Sons are part of Spalding's heritage and the company has been a keen supporter of the Flower Parade for many years.

**Spalding Flower Parade will take place on Saturday, May 5, 1984, departing from the Halley Stewart Field in Winfrey Avenue at 1.30pm.**

1984 is a year which has been made sinister by George Orwell's prophesies of forty years ago.

But no "Big Brother" will be watching as we welcome you to make merry at our 26th Flower Parade — unless it's an avuncular policeman joining in the fun. This year we're beating the drum for beautiful Britain, for along with the British Tourist Authority we've chosen "Heritage" as our theme for the year.

There is the heritage of the earth — bulb growing in South Holland began about a hundred years ago — and the heritage of our country's institutions, and they have both provided a fertile field for the imagination of our float designer, Kees van Driel.

Look out for St George and the Dragon, Robin Hood, Britannia ruling the waves, John Bull, and Toad, Badger and Mole from Wind in the Willows, Stephenson's Rocket

and other examples of our rich — and sometimes dotty — national characters.

This is the biggest parade for five years, with 18 magnificent floats, including several new sponsors. The British Sugar Corporation, East Midlands Electricity, the Ancient Order of Foresters, Newholme Garden Centre from Pinchbeck, the Liverpool International Garden Festival and Spalding Parish Church are all newcomers getting over their message the floral way.

The "Merrie England" spirit will be helped along by medieval jesters and knights on horseback, stepping out in the parade by permission of Belvoir Castle, in company with Morris dancers and vintage cyclists — don't forget the bike is a British invention.

And as for the Romsey Old Cadets, the musical comics who clown their way round the 4½-mile route each year, goodness knows how they will interpret the "Heritage" theme. But we're betting it will be a toss up between Ancient Brits, covered in woad, or the kind of Sherwood Forest folk who would have caused Robin Hood to take off for the nearest town!

Here's wishing you a merry time in Spalding. We're pleased to welcome you to our great Spring festival.

# FLOWER PARADE ROUTE



**TIMINGS**

Wondering where to watch the show? Here are the times (approximate only) when the parade will reach the various vantage points on the 4½ mile route.

King's Road/Pinchbeck Road, 1.35; Market Place, 1.45; High Bridge 2pm; Churchgate/Love Lane 2.15; Halmergate/Queen's Road corner 2.25; Queen's Road/Holbeach Road corner 2.30; Holbeach Road/Camelgate 2.40; Springfields Gardens (where the parade makes a circuit of the arena) 3pm; Roman Bank 3.20; West Elloe Bridge 3.25; West Elloe Avenue/ Pinchbeck Road 3.40; Return to Halley Stewart Field 4pm to 4.30.

The floats remain on exhibition in the field.

The distance from town centre to Springfields is about 1¼ miles (this map is not to scale).

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Parade starts 1.30 at Halley Stewart Field, May 5, 1984, returning at about 4.30

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# ORDER OF PARADE, 1984

Spalding Flower Parade will leave the Sir Halley Stewart Field, Winfrey Avenue, at 1.30pm on Saturday May 5th. For their own safety spectators round the route are advised not to encroach on the roadway.

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

**2 DERBY SERENADERS SHOW BAND.**  
Manager Mr A. Gilbert.

**3 MISS TULIPLAND 1984**  
Entered by South Holland District Council, the leading float depicts Tuliptime and carries Miss Tulipland and her Deputy. These two charming young ladies have been chosen to represent South Holland during Tuliptime and the following twelve months. The six delightful young ladies all around the float have been chosen from the six local secondary schools.

**4 ENGLAND — HOME OF THE GARDEN**  
Entered by the English Tourist Board and the International Garden Festival Liverpool '84. The English Tourist Board is celebrating England's garden heritage in 1984 with the world's premier horticultural event — the International Garden Festival in Liverpool.

**5 ROMFORD ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BOYS' BAND AND CORPS OF DRUMS**  
Secretary, Mrs J. Clapham.

**6 GARDENING — THE GREAT BRITISH TRADITION**  
Entered by Lingarden Ltd., Weston, Nr Spalding. Lingarden is a grower-owned co-operative which, since its formation almost twenty years ago, has become the largest bulb growing organisation in the world. Bulbs and flowers are grown on over 100 member farms totalling some 2,500 acres.

**7 HERITAGE FROM HALIFAX**  
Entered by the Halifax Building Society. It's rather surprising isn't it that the world's No. 1 building society should have its headquarters tucked away in the West Yorkshire countryside? But this is our heritage. We were formed in 1853 by a small group of thrifty Yorkshiremen, as they supped ale in the Old Cock Inn in Halifax.

Naturally, we are delighted to bring some of our heritage to you by way of a float highlighting all that's beautiful about the countryside.

**8 HASLAND DRUM CORPS**  
Secretary Mr C. Johnson.

**9 CELEBRATING 700 YEARS**

Entered by the Spalding Parish Church. In 1284 the monks of the Priory which once stood in the centre of our town built a splendid church for the people of Spalding. In this "Heritage" year, a special anniversary for St Mary and St Nicolas Church, let's join together to celebrate 700 years of Christian Heritage here.

**10 CHUFFING BILLY**  
Entered by Spalding and District Young Farmers Club. Visits to police stations and telephone exchanges, talks on fire protection and home brewing, and carol singing for charity are just a few of the activities enjoyed by Spalding Young Farmers. Members construct and decorate their own float and provide refreshments for the thousands of visitors to the Sir Halley Stewart Field.

**11 BREAKDOWN VEHICLE**  
Just in case . . .

**12 CITY OF NOTTINGHAM DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS**  
Commanding Officer Mr A. Parker.

**13 "THE LAND . . . OUR HERITAGE"**  
Entered by Holland (Lincs) County Branch of the National Farmers' Union. In South Lincolnshire we are engaged in a continuous harvesting process, potatoes, cereals, sugar beet, vegetables, flowers in-doors and out, and the weather plays in important part in this crop production. On the float you can see a pictorial representation of the sun which smiles on our efforts and produces the sort of harvest which rejoices the heart.

**14 BRITANNIA RULES THE WAVES**  
Entered by Midland Bank plc.

**15 LONG SUTTON AND DISTRICT VETERAN CYCLE CLUB**  
Secretary Mrs D. E. Ellis.

**16 EASTWOOD ARCADIAN BAND**  
Secretary Mr M. Machin.

**17 AHEAD OF THE FIELD**  
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**18 MARCHING AND CONCERT BAND OF BRAINTREE**  
Band manager Mr J. Miller.

**19 "SUPERTE'D'S PICNIC"**  
Entered by the East Midlands Electricity Board, SuperTed is the cuddly bear used by the Board in publicity material and the float shows him and his friends enjoying a picnic. The teddy bear and the electricity supply industry have both recently celebrated their centenary and have demonstrated through their respective roles that they are now clearly part of our heritage.

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

**21 SUNSHINE IS YOUR HERITAGE**  
Entered by Newholme Garden Centre, Pinchbeck. Newholme have on display one of the best selections in the country. Baco Garden Room — Eden Continental — Crittall Highlight — Hall Silverline — Sun — Marley — Wessex — Capability Brown — are just some of the most modern conservatories that Newholme can fit your home. See also our show at Springfields.

**22 THE HERITAGE OF THE TRAIN**  
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**23 BREAKDOWN VEHICLE**  
Just in case . . .

**24 ROMSEY OLD CADETS ASSOCIATION**  
Secretary Mr M. Tubb. Famous for their outrageous costumes and comedy routines. See them again on Sunday May 6th, at noon, Springfields Gardens.

**25 JOHN BULL**  
Entered by Groom Bros. Ltd., Spalding, Mail order retailers to Britain's gardeners, specialising in high class tulip, daffodil, hyacinth and lily bulbs etc. See our advertisements on page 48 for details on how to order for your 1985 Spring display of flowers.

**26 ELY CITY MILITARY BAND**  
Secretary Mr M. J. Fletcher.

**27 A ENGLISHMAN'S HOME IS HIS CASTLE**  
Entered by the Geest Organisation. As with so many homes in Britain, this one is decorated inside and out with Geest houseplants, Geest bulbs and Geest shrubs. But Geest also supply millions of the bananas, apples, oranges and other fruits and vegetables which we all eat, and the Geest national distribution fleet makes certain it is all as fresh as can be.

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**29 THE BAND OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS**

**30 150th ANNIVERSARY**  
Entered by Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society. The Foresters, one of Britain's largest branch Friendly Societies, which has more than 200,000 members in the U.K. They were established in its present form in 1834, and provide sickness and death benefits, endowment and other assurances, and many other facilities. The A.O.F. does much other benevolent work.

**31 OUR HERITAGE — LINCOLNSHIRE PORK PIES**

Entered by Geo. Adams Group of Companies. A warm welcome to you all to Spalding which in addition to presenting the Tulip Festival is also the home of George Adams who are famous for their Lincolnshire range of Sausage and Pie products. In addition to our factory here in Spalding we have two other factories in nearby Ruskington and Frampton. Our float this year "OUR HERITAGE — LINCOLNSHIRE PORK PIES" is particularly important to us as we approach 75 years in existence as a producer of QUALITY LINCOLNSHIRE products.

**32 MELTON MOWBRAY TALLY HO'S BAND**  
Secretary Mr A. Cragg. Sponsored by Leeds Permanent Building Society.

**33 GEORGE AND DRAGON**  
Entered by the Leeds Permanent Building Society. The Leeds' is the 4th largest building society in the country. With assets of £5,000m and over 460 branches throughout the country. 1984 will be the 5th time that 'the Leeds' has entered the Parade.



## **Official honour for the backroom boys . . .**

These are the men behind the big show, the local bulb growers and other professionals who serve on the Flower Parade Committee.

Every year the committee has to make an "act of faith", a forward financial commitment of £75,000 to £100,000, without any way of knowing how the weather on Parade Day will affect the show's only sources of revenue — from admission charges to the float exhibition, from float sponsors and the sale of this Tulip Time official guide.

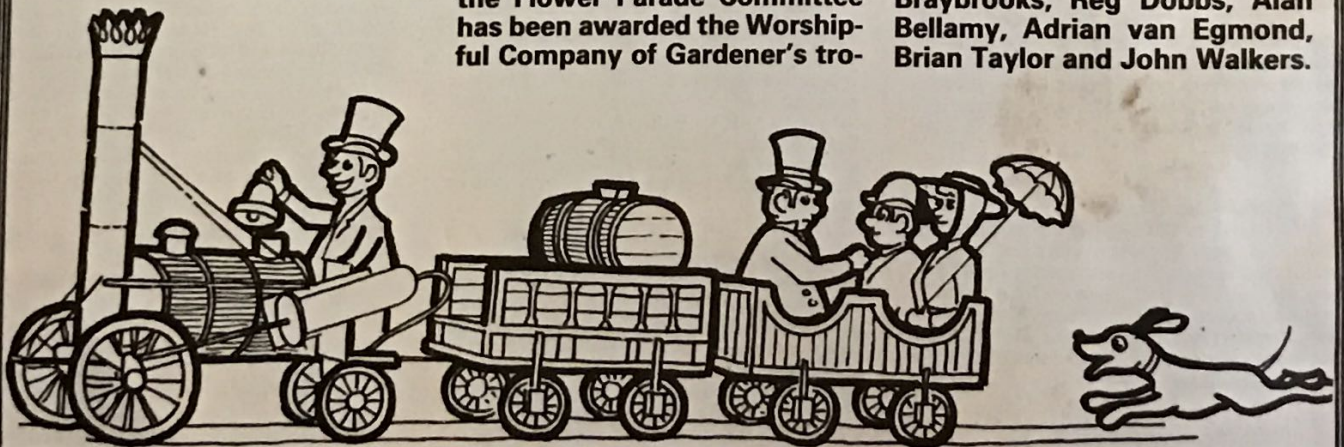
This year, to mark its vital role, since the first £1,000 event in 1959 to today's great parade, the Flower Parade Committee has been awarded the Worshipful Company of Gardener's tro-

phy for outstanding services to Tulip Time.

Committee chairman Roger Taylor will receive it, on behalf of members, at the district council's civic luncheon held on Parade Day at the South Holland Centre.

Flower Parade Committee members pictured are: front row, from left: Peter Atkinson (Parade organiser), Roger Taylor (chairman), Kees van Driel (parade designer). Back row: Jim Benton, Gordon Cummins, Bertie Wray, Douglas Braybrooks, Dick Hill, Brian Drury.

Other members are: Len Braybrooks, Reg Dobbs, Alan Bellamy, Adrian van Egmond, Brian Taylor and John Walkers.





Here it is! — the idea they're all raving about!

# The Smocket

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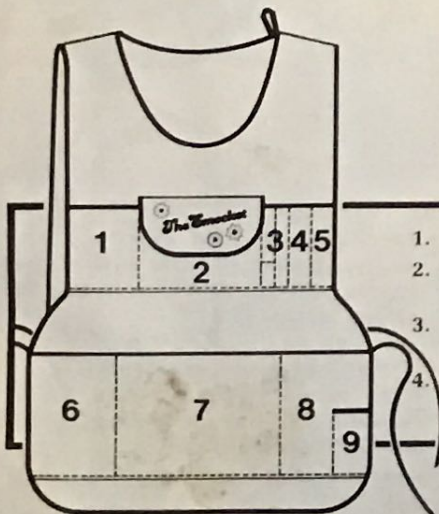
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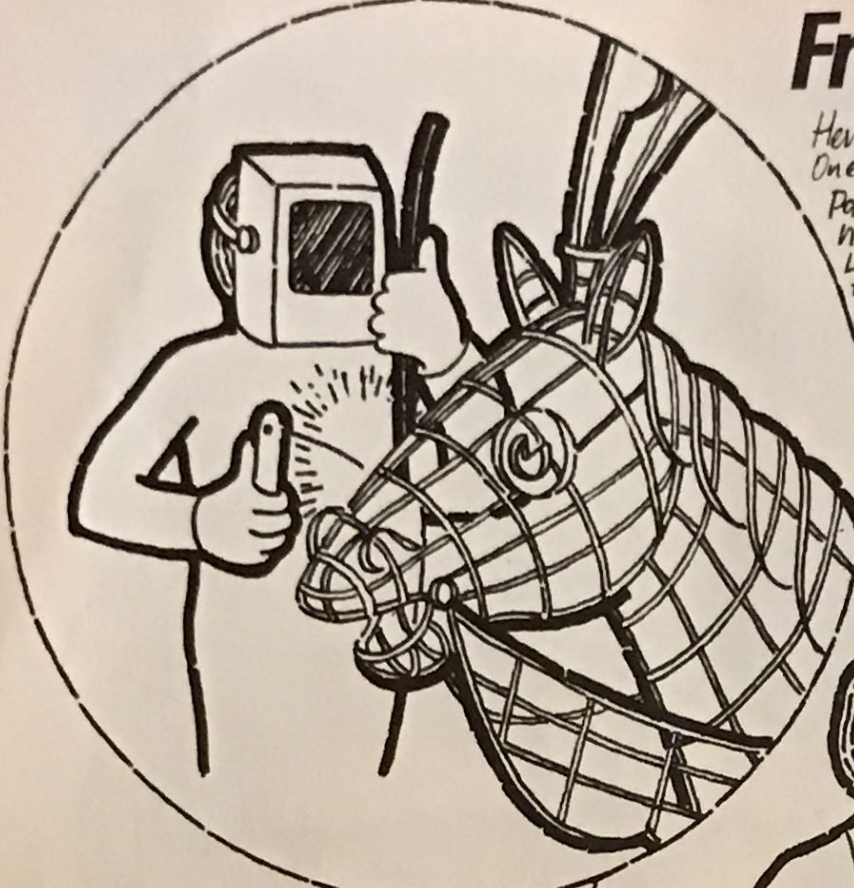
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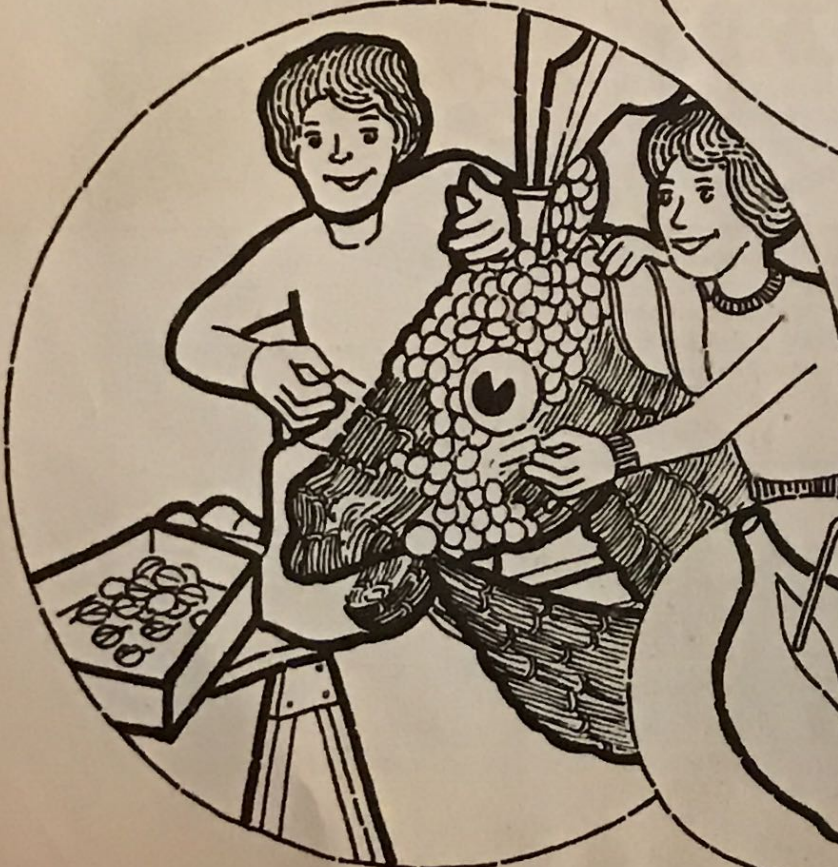
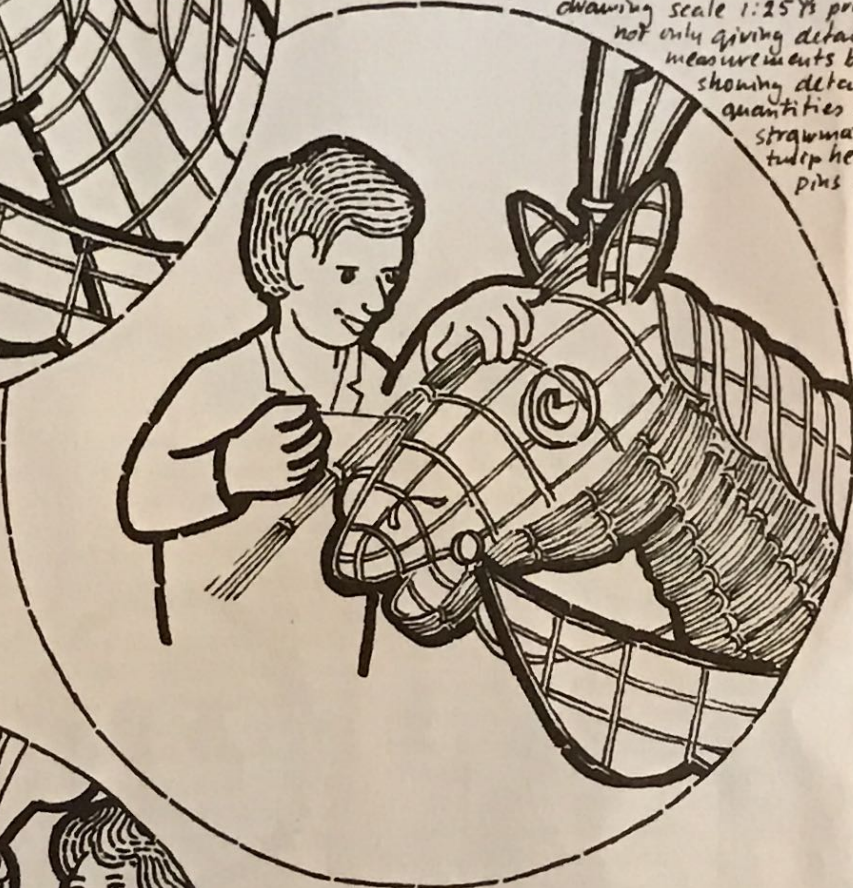
# From the designer.

Heritage '84 is the theme of this year's parade. One could easily say that the Spalding Flower Parade has itself become a unique part of our National Heritage, established by the growers of Lincolnshire. By visiting the float exhibition on the Sir Halley Stewart Field your contribution makes it possible to maintain this unique event for thousands of visitors. Behind the scenes a team of people work all year round to ensure Parade second to none. This starts with the creation of a collection of designs based on a chosen theme. Float entrants are approached and after selecting their choice a working

drawing scale 1:25 is produced not only giving details measurements but showing details quantities of straw mats tulip heads pins etc



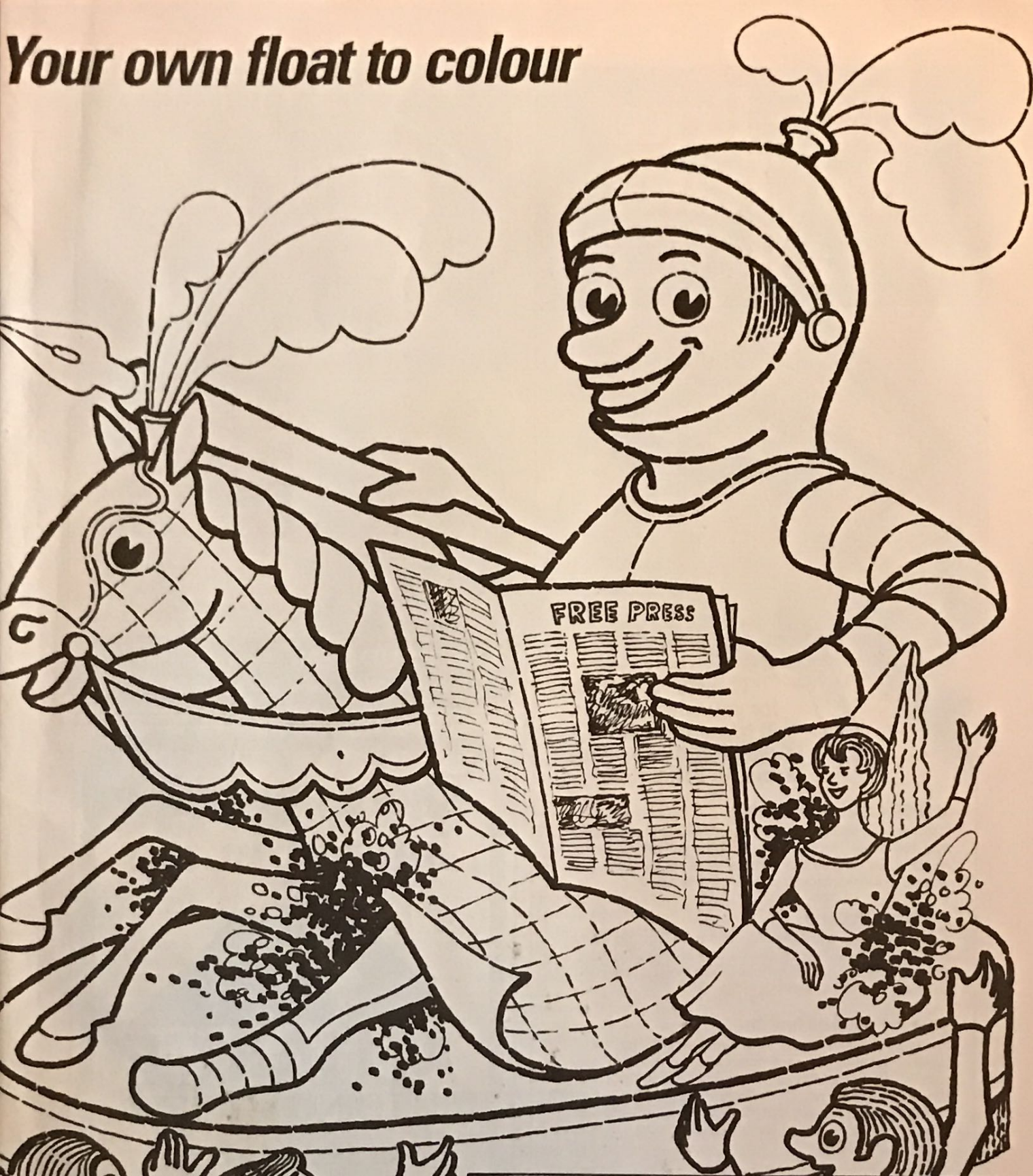
Geoff Dodd the Parade "blacksmith" turns the designs into large structures of iron skillfully in line but also road worthy and safe for the "pretty girls" sitting on the floats. Pete Bell follows Geoff Dodd by covering the open structure of iron with a layer of straw to form the base on which the tulip heads are fastened with a pin.



The art is to preserve the delicate shapes. With the specially imported roman staple (see drawing in small circle) each individual tulip head is fastened upside down (like a roofslate) to the pattern required. 1000 heads per sq. yrd. are needed which on average takes 2½ hours to complete. Hundreds of people work nonstop for 2 days before Parade Day to transform the base into a floral delight. The Spalding Flower Lovers Club finally moves in to add the final artistic touch. The Parade is ready to face the public, press and film cameras. Heritage on Parade, we are proud to be part of it.

Kees  
VAN DRIEL

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## Colourful floats — and lots more to see

Visitors in the know flock to the Halley Stewart Field in Winfrey Avenue, Spalding on Flower Parade Day to join the many hundreds who pay a modest £1 entrance fee (accompanied children under 16 are free) for a unique vantage point from which to see the show.

For there is a great deal to see on site from 10.30 onwards when the floats move in, and the bands begin to arrive.

But the float exhibition is an exciting place to visit throughout the four days they are on view — this year the organisers are expecting the usual thousands of Parade Sunday and also large crowds on the Monday, which is Spring Bank Holiday.

Spinners and weavers, a potter, Lincolnshire pork products, plants and leather goods, old-fashioned sweet "fairings", country lunches and snacks provided by local Young Farmers' Clubs, all will be available on site. Along with informative stands manned by float exhibitors, the district council's tourist office and the Lincolnshire Free Press and Spalding Guardian.

On Parade Day a marching band entertains while the floats are out on the parade route and the famous NatWest Jazz

Band will be playing for charity on Parade Sunday.

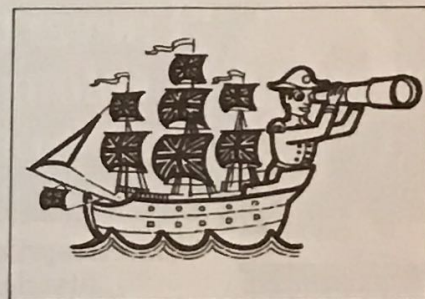
Admission to the Exhibition costs £1.50 on Sunday, £1 on Monday (OAP's 80p). On Tuesday, traditionally "pensioner's day", admission costs 60p for the over 60's, 70p for adults. Accompanied children are free throughout the four days.

And if your visit to Spalding is later in the week, from Wednesday, May 9, the floats (still worth looking at) will be parked on the arena at Springfields Gardens.

## To entertain you ...

A folk song and Morris Dancing group in Ayscoughfee Gardens, a fun castle and boys' brigade band near Springfields, fairground organs at two town sites, a girl's band in West Elloe Avenue, and the Royal Navy display of "HMS Broadsword" opposite the Town Hall — these are some of the attractions organised by South Holland District Council for Parade Day entertainment.

Round and about town, visitors will find posters featuring other entertainments available in parade week. These



include: **May 3:** Spalding Folk Club, Maurice and the Miners (folk band), White Lion, Spalding, 8pm. Admission £1.

**May 4:** Stamford Brass Band, Family concert, South Holland Centre, 7.30. £1.50. £1. RSPCA Tulip Time disco, South Holland Centre, 8pm.

**Out of town:** Exhibition of Circus and Fairground Art, vintage lamps and models, May 5-7 at Mechanical Music Museum, Rutland Cottage, Whaplode St Catherine, 10am-6pm.

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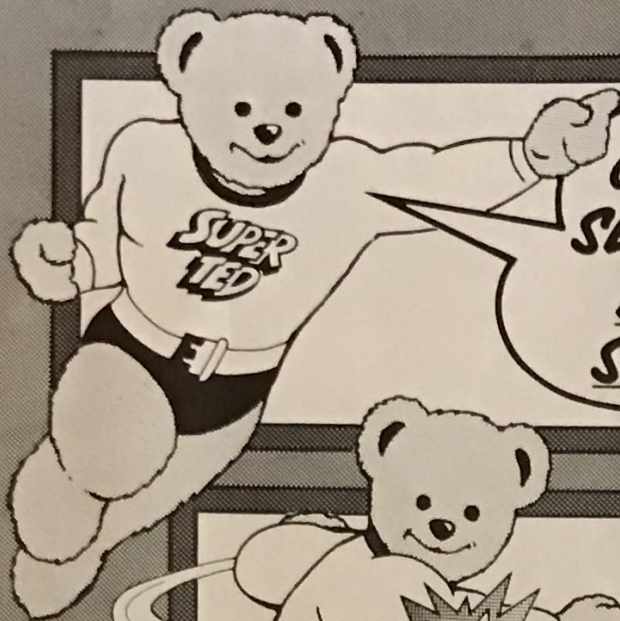
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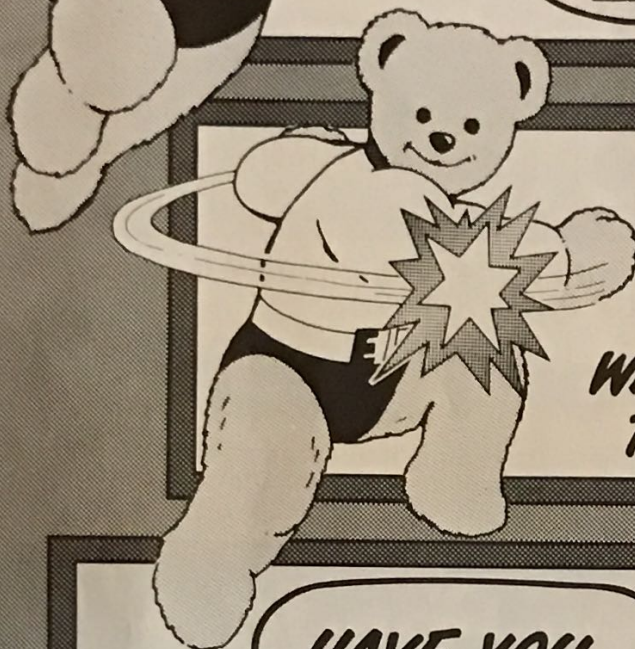
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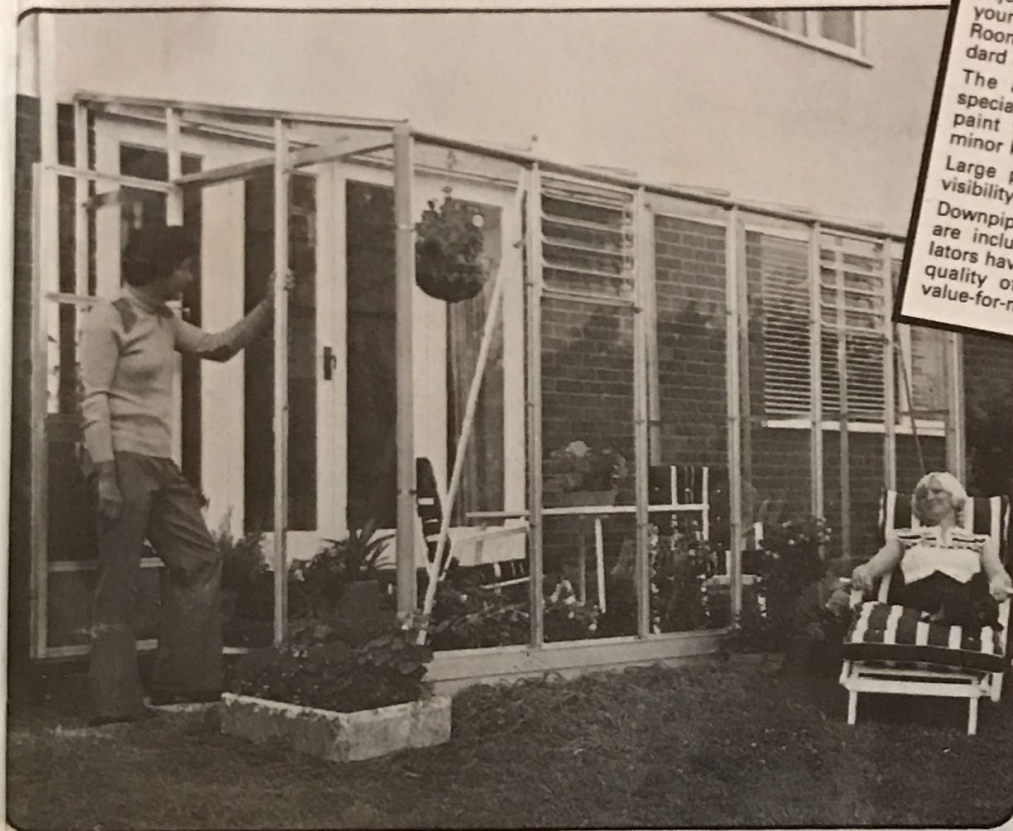
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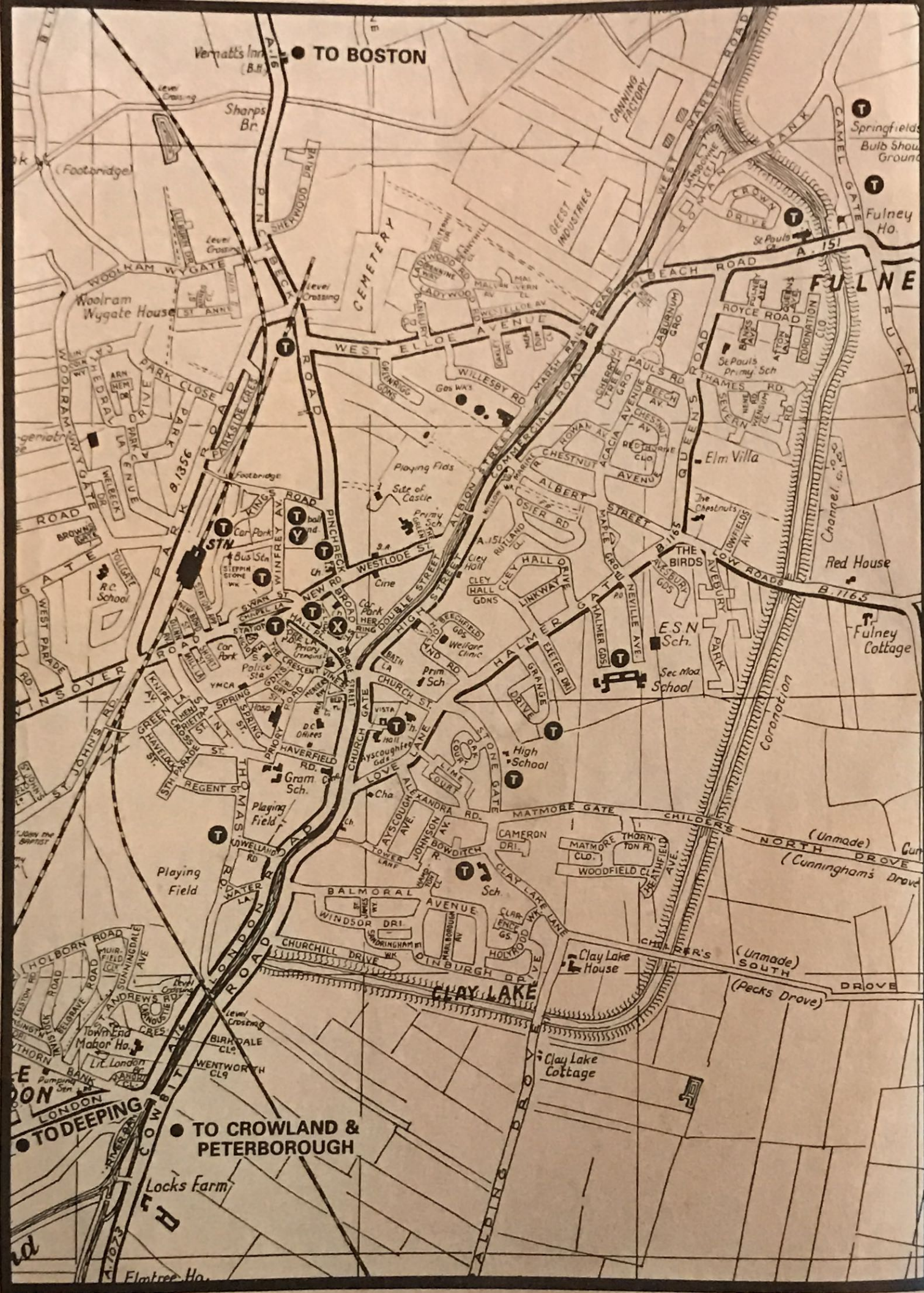
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# SPALDING STREET MAP GUIDE

A map of the Flower Parade route appears on page 6. Opposite is a more detailed map to help visitors find their way about on foot. It concentrates on the central areas of town and Springfields is situated just over 1½ miles from the centre at the top right of the map.

Key: **X** = Market Place    **Y** = Float Exhibition    **T** = Toilets.

**TOILET FACILITIES:** As you can see there are plenty of toilets. As well as the usual public facilities, many extra loos, such as at schools and church halls, plus mobile units set up by the South Holland District Council are provided for visitors.

**CAR PARKING:** Finding somewhere for the huge number of coaches and cars arriving in Spalding is a mammoth problem. But over the years we've become experts, and there is adequate hard standing for the heavier buses and space for many thousands of cars. School grounds and industrial sites are used and farmers also help out by offering space in fields on the outskirts of town. Camping and caravan facilities are available at three district council sites, and others in the town, so many visitors now stay several days in Spalding and district.

For drivers new to the area, parking can be a bit of a problem and they (and their passengers) are asked to take careful note of exactly where the vehicles are left — so that there is no panic after the parade. Each major car and coachpark is clearly signposted. The central bus park is in Winfrey Avenue close by the float exhibition field where the parade starts and ends. Other major bus parks are at Springfields (top right of map) and on the big Geest Industries complex in West March Road, by West Elloe bridge.

**TRAFFIC SYSTEMS:** On Parade Day, May 5, roads are re-opened to traffic as soon as possible after the parade passes by. On Sunday, May 7, a one-way system operates in a clockwise direction round the town's main thoroughfares, taking in the float exhibition, Springfields and the town centre.

**TOURIST BUS SERVICES:** A town bus service which carries passengers between the float exhibition in the town centre and Springfields Gardens will operate all day Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6.

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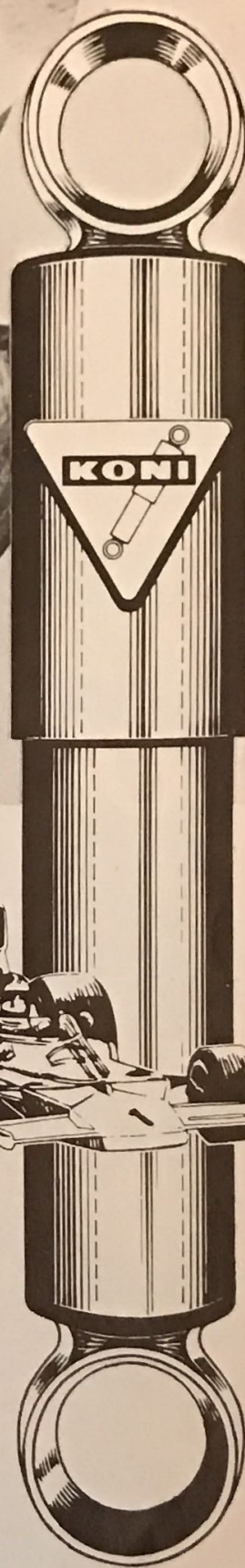


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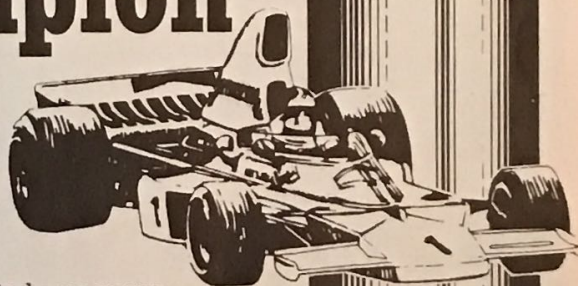
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As our visitors know, each year many local churches burst fourth in bloom and bring out treasures to illustrate the themes of their flower festivals. Each and every one is worth a visit.

## FESTIVALS ROUND-UP

Below are brief details of the main events though most churches throughout South Holland "dress up" for the occasion, especially those where the church ladies offer excellent home-catering in the church hall.

**Spalding Broad Street Methodist Church:** May 4-8. Open 10am-9pm.

**Spalding United Reformed Church:** April 21-May 8. Open 10am onwards.

**St Paul's Church, Fulney** (near Springfield): May 3-8.

Flower festivals at villages on the A151, east of the town, include:

**Moulton Parish Church:** April 28-May 8. Teas by the village green. Plant, china, and cake stalls.

**Holbeach Parish Church:** April 28-May 6.

**Fleet Parish Church:** May 4-9.  
**Fleet Baptist Church:** May 4-9. Open 10am-9pm.

**Long Sutton St Mary's Parish church:** April 26-May 6. Oldest timber spire in England.

Notable festivals north of Spalding include:

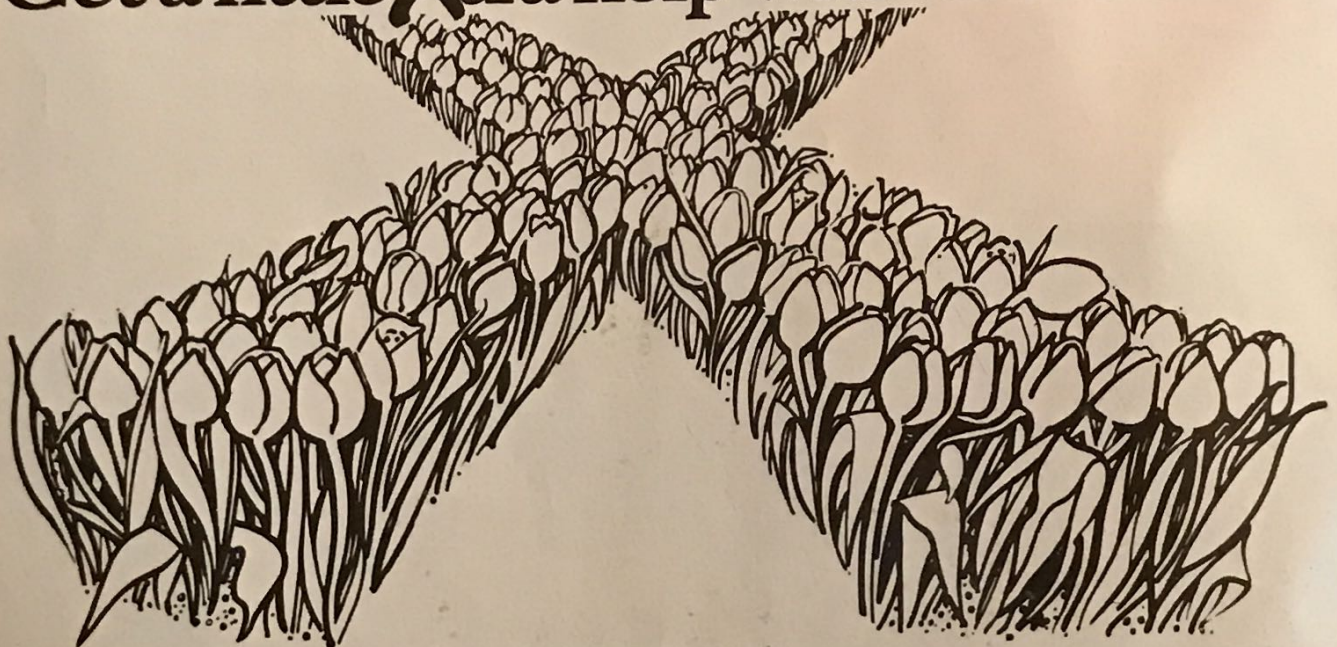
**Pinchbeck St Mary's Parish Church:** April 28-May 7. Viewing from 100ft tower.

**Gosberton Parish Church:** May 4-11. Arts and Crafts.

**Donington Parish Church:** May 4-7. Village birthplace of Australasian explorer Matthew Flinders.

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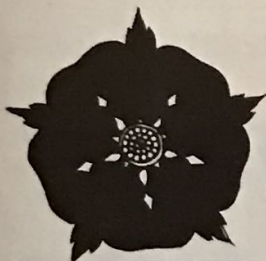
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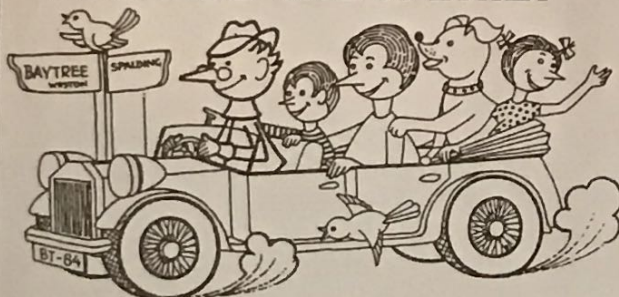
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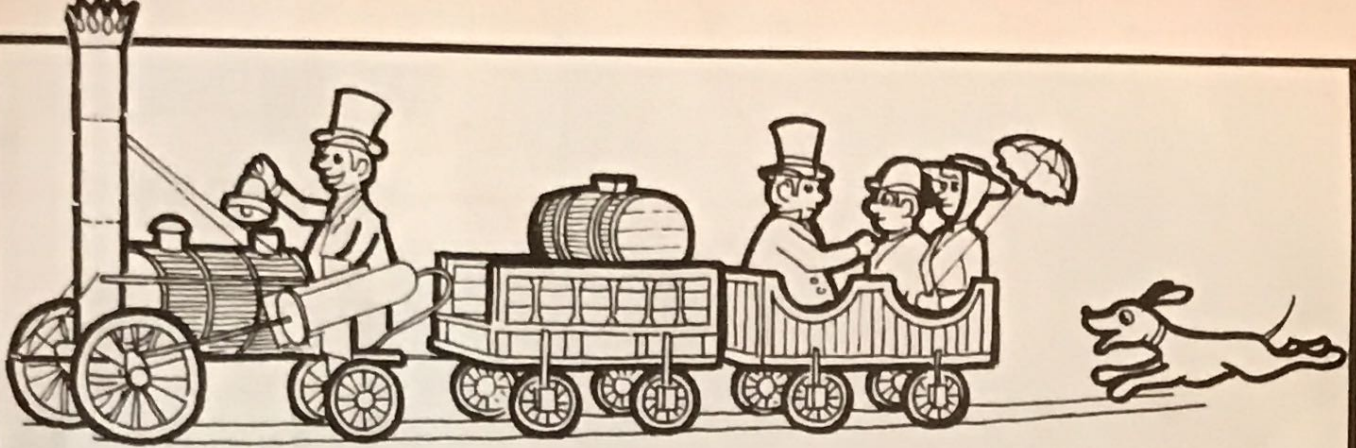


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# WITNESS TO 600 YEARS OF CHANGE



The church of St Mary's, Cowbit, four miles south of Spalding, provides an appropriate backdrop to tulip fields in Heritage '84.

The church, overlooking the fertile Cowbit Wash, is 600 years old this year and has served not only the modern agricultural and horticultural communities but the earlier villagers who relied on wildfowling and fishing and who defied winter floods and frosts to make a living.

Before a new channel was cut for the River Welland, the wash used to flood and often freeze in winter and many people can still remember skating the ten miles from Spalding to Crowland.

It doesn't happen today. Instead as winter gives way to spring one part of Cowbit Wash or another yields crops of beautiful flowers, the heads of which decorate Flower Parade floats like the one below.



# A FOUR-MILE FIESTA...

Spalding Flower Parade covers more than four miles as it meanders through the town delighting the crowds.

Busiest areas are the town centre and Springfields but if you prefer to be a little way away from where the action is it's worth walking to some of the quieter spots on the route.

The Halley Stewart Field is also an ideal place to view the floats and it's open till the Tuesday after the parade.



# Springfields



Work on Springfields was begun in 1964 and the gardens opened to the public in 1966. Since then more than 2,000,000 people have seen the displays.

Designed by Carl van Emplen, an international landscape architect, the gardens were primarily laid out for the display of tulips and daffodils. But in 1975 the Springfields Council (who administer the gardens) in conjunction with the British Association of Rose Breeders planted 7,500 rose bushes to provide a display for a summer season.

There are now 12,000 rose bushes (mainly new varieties) in the garden which are updated each year. To complement the roses there are 150,000 bedding plants planted in June after the bulbous flowers have been lifted which together with the backdrop of flowering trees and shrubs makes Springfields one of Britain's most popular show gardens.

An alpine house was added to the displays last year and the tulip house which is a blaze of colour in the spring, houses geraniums, begonias, petunias and impatiens in the summer.

Springfields is a registered charity and relies on admissions at the gate for its income. The horticultural industry donates most of the bulbs, trees and shrubs but the gardens are labour intensive and much work is carried out during the close season, October to March each year.

Many famous visitors come to the Gardens including Royalty. The BBC television programme 'Gardener's World' has been twice, Peter Seabrook from Pebble Mill and Geoff Smith have each featured in programmes for TV.

Brian Johnston from 'Down Your Way' even had the manager asking for the piece of music 'Tiptoe through the Tulips'.

The Springfields Society which has over 1,000 members (see p49 for details of entry) has a specialised library on bulbous flowers and technical information is available to amateur and professional gardeners. Most flowers, plants and shrubs are labelled and trials are staged from time to time by the Ministry of Agriculture.

An information desk is situated near the main gate for visitors who may have enquiries. Although a show garden for amenity horticulture there is a fine collection of carp in the lake which were introduced in 1966 and have grown into large specimens and create much interest for the visitors.

The heron is an unwelcome visitor to the lake. Other similar pests are the rabbit who burrows into the bulb beds and the pheasant which eats the bulbs.

Pansy flowers are now popular within the gardens and are planted here in October thus flowering throughout the winter and spring.

Children have not been forgotten in planning the garden and to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee in 1977 a maze was planted using Leylandii to give speedy growth. In seven years it has grown to such proportions as to almost lose the most energetic children and it is hoped it will rival in popularity its counterpart at Hampton Court.

Disabled visitors are also catered for with free wheelchairs, toilets and ramps throughout the gardens there visits are made more enjoyable and many charity organisations bring parties each year.

## It's a Bank Holiday bonanza

The Bank Holiday Bonanza means an extra day of fun at colourful Springfields Gardens where staff are geared up to cope with the thousands of additional visitors expected because of the May Day holiday.

Since the gardens opened more than two million visitors have been enthralled by the flower spectacular and thousands more have viewed its charms on television gardening programmes.

But Springfields on Flower Parade weekend is just that little bit special.

Floats and marching bands pass by the gardens on Parade day before travelling round the arena. A seven acre site is transformed for the weekend into a Country Fair. Seventy-five stalls sell a wide variety of produce and other goods. There is a big arts, crafts and antiques display. In short there is something for everybody.

Before the Parade on Saturday, visitors will be entertained by a Marching band and on Sunday those highly talented musical jokers, the Romsey Old Cadets will present their customary "midday cabaret" guaranteed to have everyone in stitches.

### MARCHING BANDS

The annual Marching Bands competition takes place on Sunday afternoon, around 2.30 pm.

But if music isn't your forte then you can stroll around the other attractions which include a special display of vintage tractors from the Gosberton Preservation Society and a marquee houses the Lincolnshire Museum exhibits.

A special note for family parties — accompanied children are admitted free. (Admission details on page 47.)

Springfields Gardens, 1½ miles from Spalding town centre, cover 25 acres so there is plenty of room and plenty to see for all who choose to visit the flowers, woodland walks, restaurant, bar and other on site attractions.





# Springfields



## *In your garden...*

Anyone can grow tulips or daffodils. All you have to do is use your common sense and follow a few simple rules.

First and foremost you have to sort out the bulbs. It's important to choose the best. "Bargains" are not always what they seem so it pays to buy from a reputable source.

One general rule to remember is that for effective flowering the bigger the bulb the better. Tulips should be at least 10 cm in circumference which egg sized and double nosed daffodil bulbs are best.

Where to plant. Any well drained soil, the lighter the better, will grow good bulbs. Plant daffodils in September and tulips in October/November.

One thing that bulbs can't stand is water logging. So, if you are growing on heavy land, a little sand under the bulbs will help drainage.

Some form of organic matter will probably help whatever your soil is like. Compost leaf mould or peat is best.

Fresh manure should never be used but garden fertiliser can be applied if necessary. Plant with a trowel, seeing there are no air pockets beneath the bulb.

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

A good general rule is to plant at about two to three

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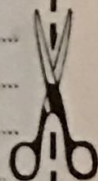
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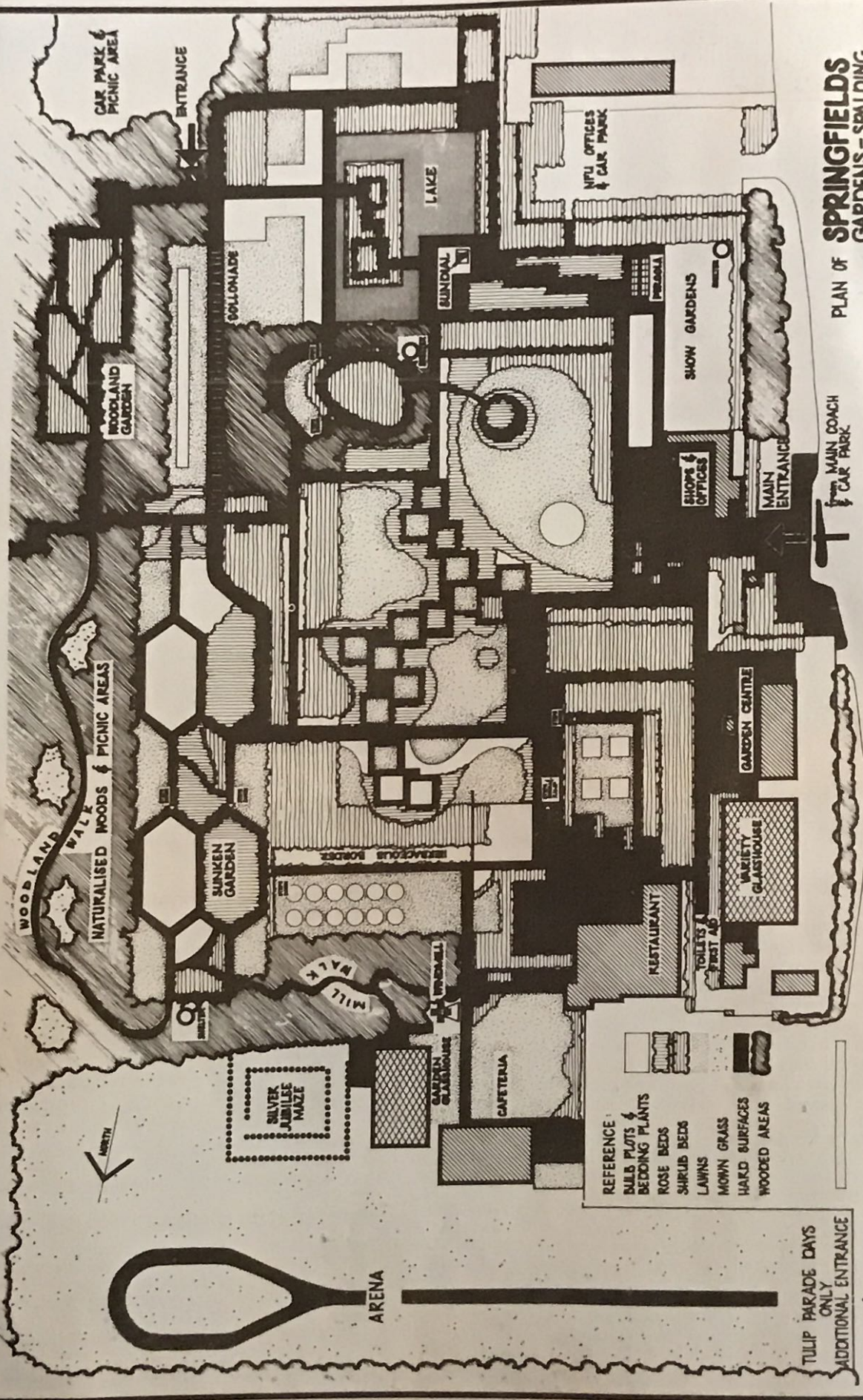
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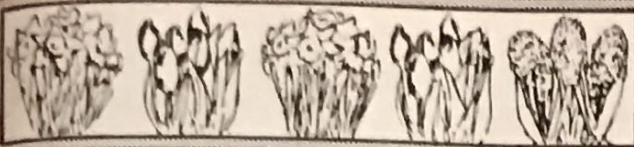
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● **GENERAL:** We regret that dogs are not allowed in the Gardens.

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● **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.

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● **THE MANAGEMENT** reserve the right to close the Gardens at any time for any period without prior notice of any closure and without being responsible for any loss thereby occasioned.

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● **CLOSING DATE.** The gardens also feature displays of bedding plants, roses and dahlias, according to season, and finally close down for the winter in mid-October.

## Springfields Horticultural Society Ltd

The 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 £5.00 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

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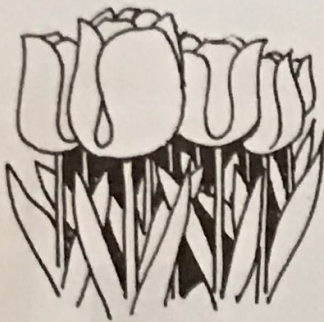
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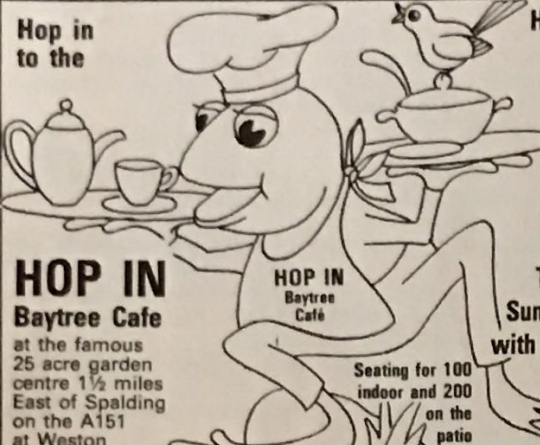
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