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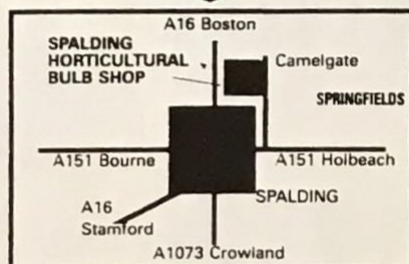
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Up, up and away for parade

WELCOME to the 36th Spalding Flower Parade! This year's theme is Mother Earth - an apt title for this area which thrives on flower and food manufacturing and distribution.

This is a particularly exciting year for us because there are plans for the future of Springfields, which could attract even more visitors to Spalding - see pages 37-41.

We are also delighted to welcome Tesco to the flower parade this year - as overall sponsor and with a float in the parade.

It will be a joint Tesco/Save the Children float, because the organisation has been adopted by Tesco as its main charity for the year.

As it is Save the Children's 75th birthday this year, the float should be pretty spectacular!

Centrepiece of the float will be a magnificent hot air balloon, featuring a map of the world and carrying the Quizkids, two popular children's magazine characters called Simon and Bee, and their friend, Streetwise the Mouse.

The Quizkids have been adopted by Tesco to mark the link-up, and will be featuring on a number of special fund-raising products to be sold in Tesco stores.

Tesco staff will also be hard at work, raising funds for Save the Children, and the Tesco Charity Trust will add 20 per cent to

whatever the staff raise.

Save the Children is the UK's largest international children's charity and now has around 100 projects in the UK, on which it spends one third of its voluntary income - £15.6m last year.

But the parade of floats on Saturday, May 7 isn't the only entertainment.

For the second year, South Holland Spring Festival committee has put together a programme of entertainment, both before and during the parade weekend. (See pages 21-28).

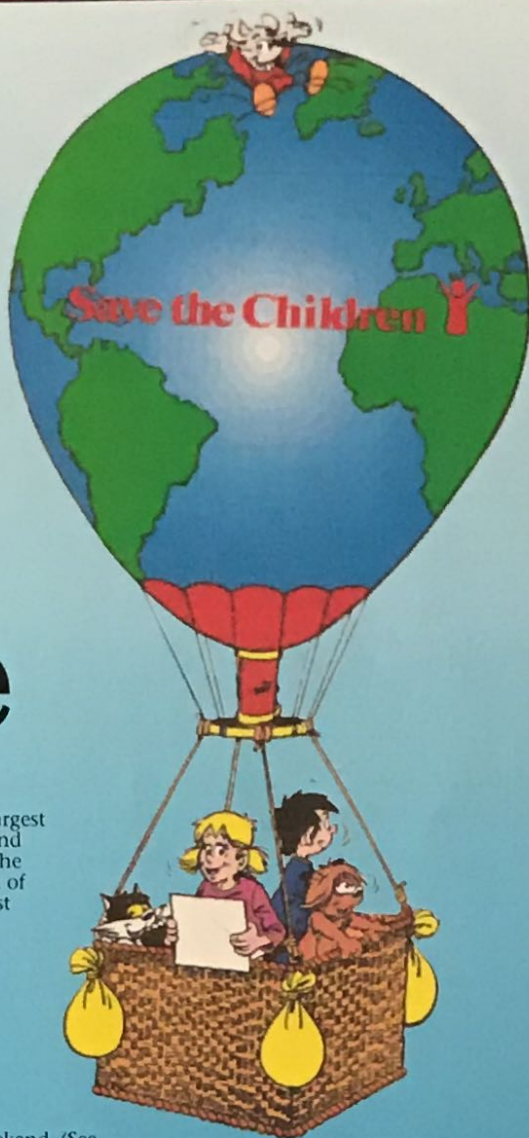
Take time to discover the floral delights on display at the church festivals in the town and throughout the district.

Spend time at the festival site, the Sir Halley Stewart Field in Winfrey Avenue, Spalding - where there is entertainment for all the family on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 7, 8 and 9 (see pages 4, 5 and 6). The floats will also be on display at the festival site once the flower parade is over.

Springfields Gardens (a short trip by shuttle bus all day on Saturday, May 7 from the town centre) adds a new dimension to the parade weekend. (Pages 29-42).

Enjoy your day - and come again!

● **IN THE PICTURE:** Spalding Flower Parade lifts off with the help of popular children's magazine characters Quizkids and friends!



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SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1PM

SPALDING Flower Parade will leave the festival site, Sir Halley Stewart Field, Winfrey Avenue, Spalding, at 1pm on Saturday, May 7.

For their safety spectators are advised not to block the road on the route.

This is the 19th parade appearance for comedy band Romsey Old Cadets (secretary Mr S White).

Famous for their musicianship, costumes and crazy routines, they get a great welcome every time.

Parade organisers will unleash them at 12 noon - to allow them to roll round the route in their usual madcap style, and with their own idea of time. You have been warned!

Street entertainers following on will include the Michelin vintage open-topped bus, followed by Morris dancers and the public address vehicle with those vital details on the parade's progress.

1 Police Horses.

By kind permission of the Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire.

2 Chairman, Spalding Flower Parade.

Mr Brian Drury. Range Rover courtesy of Parkside Motors Ltd of Kirton.

3 Flower Queen 1994.

Entered by South Holland District Council, the leading float conveys the South Holland Flower Queen and her deputy, the girls chosen to represent the district throughout the year. Attendants have been chosen from six local secondary schools.

4 Romford British Legion Boys' Band.

Secretary Mrs J Clapham

5 Up, up and away

Entered by Tesco plc. It's up, up and away for Save the Children, which will be joining with Tesco to provide this

spectacular float, centrepiece of which is a magnificent hot air balloon. In this, Save the Children's 75th birthday year, the organisation has been adopted by Tesco as its main charity.

6 Neptune's Delight.

Entered by Olau (UK) Ltd, the Sheerness based ferry company who sail daily to Vlissingen in Holland with two of the largest ferry ships operating in the EEC.

7 Northampton Pipe Band.

Secretary Mr R A Dossett.

8 Breakdown vehicle - just in case!

9 Midland Bank Listen to the Needs of the Environment.

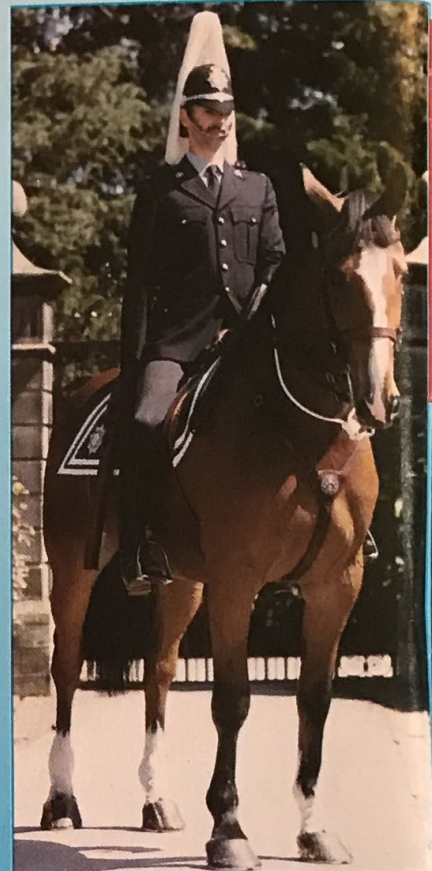
Entered by Midland Bank plc

10 Down in the Jungle.

Entered by Lingarden Ltd, the locally based horticultural co-operative celebrates their 30th anniversary this year. To mark this occasion they have invested £0.5 million in extending their prepack flower operation. Imported and, more importantly, locally grown flowers are made up into bouquets and supplied to most of the main supermarkets. Although better known for their attractive range of prepacked bulbs, flower bouquets are a natural extension to their product range.

11 Melodians Steel Band from London.

Sponsored by Express Newspapers, this popular group makes a welcome



return, bringing a ray of sunshine to Lincolnshire.

12 Spring Jewels in the Crown of Nature.

Entered by E Four Sales, New Covent Garden Market, London. One of the country's leading wholesalers of flowers, especially Lincolnshire grown.

SPALDING Flower Parade Committee expresses sincere thanks to: Lincolnshire Constabulary for their close co-operation; Swan Street Motors, R C Edmondson and Whitaker's Ltd, of Spalding for the loan of breakdown vehicles; Gee Tee Bulbs Co, for generous assistance in providing storage; Spalding Bulb and Produce Auction directors and staff; Lin-Pac for generous supply of materials; South Holland District Council and staff; Spalding and District Flower Lovers' Club; Burden's for loan of equipment; St John Ambulance; Lincolnshire Free Press and

Spalding Guardian Fine Arts Ltd, for Photographic, for Transport, Swineshead Peterborough for p Stibington for the (Spalding) Ltd for the

Thanks too to all to ensure the success

1994

TWO magnificent police horses are taking part in this year's flower parade.

The horses, from Nottinghamshire Constabulary's mounted section, are normally on duties involving football matches, keeping order in Nottingham city centre at weekends and evenings, preventing violence at hunt meetings, searches of open countryside for missing people, providing high profile patrols in areas with a high crime rate and participating in ceremonial occasions.

The Nottinghamshire force is the only one in the region to have a mounted section and it is the first time they have taken part in the parade - a refreshing change for both horses and officers.

13 Food from the Countryside.

Entered by National Farmers' Union. This year's float makes a clear association with farming in the form of a combine. Cereals are grown extensively in Lincolnshire. Flowers and vegetables used to decorate the float also emphasise the county's major contribution to UK horticulture.

14 Miss Jersey Battle of Flowers.

Miss Joanna Smith riding in a landau supplied by Mr G Boswell of Clay Lake, Spalding, PE12 6BL.

15 Breakdown vehicle - just in case!

16 Thirteenth City of Coventry Scout Marching Band.

Director Mr R H Nowell. This is the band's 29th appearance in the parade.

17 Young Farmers on Parade.

Entered by Spalding and District Young Farmers' Club. Their annual float is designed and built by members.

es van Driel, float designer; generous use of buildings; Spring loan of transparencies; Geoff Gilbert; Central Trailer Rentco of; ding semi trailers; J Bradshaw Ltd, n of electric trucks; R C Edmondson pan of Ford cars and vans.

er companies and individuals who help of Spalding Flower Parade.



▲ THOSE old favourites Romsey Old Cadets are making their 19th visit to Spalding Flower Parade this year - and are sure to get their usual warm reception, in recognition of their musicianship, costumes and wacky routines! Apart from taking part in the parade, they are at Springfields Country Fair at 12 noon on Sunday, May 8.

The Young Farmers' catering centre on the festival site at the Sir Halley Stewart Field specialises in good country food. Proceeds to local charities and club funds.

18 Protecting Our Wildlife

Entered by Broadgate Builders (Spalding) Ltd. Finding a snug nest is far easier for humans than hedgehogs, for humans need look no further than Broadgate Homes who can offer them a wide choice of property from two and three-bedroomed bungalows and two, three, four and five-bedroomed houses. For further details telephone 0406 380532.

19 Long Sutton and District Veteran Cycle Club.

Secretary Miss N A Wellband. The club's 34th Flower Parade appearance.

20 Miss Lincolnshire Free Press and Spalding Guardian 1994.

Racheal Uffindell in an open topped decorated car.

21 Derby Serenaders Showband.

Musical Director Mr M F Ward. Sponsored by East Midlands Electricity plc.

22 From Farm to Fork.

Entered by Lincolnshire Training and Enterprise Council. 1994 has been designated as the year of the Lincolnshire Food Industry by the Lincolnshire TEC and our float highlights our involvement with this important local industry.

To see examples of our work with local industry and schools please visit our stand in the Sir Halley Stewart Field.

23 Nature's Best.

Entered by the Flowers and Plants

Association, New Covent Garden, London. The association celebrates ten years of promoting cut flowers and plants. Its aim is to encourage people to be more confident over buying flowers and plants and to understand how best to look after them.

24 Life in the Freezer.

Entered by Geo Adams and Son Ltd. The chilly environment, as depicted on our float, is as essential for polar bears and penguins as it is for the range of quality products offered by Geo Adam and Sons.

Come and visit us at our stand at the festival site, Sir Halley Stewart Field, where you can sample and buy our famous and unique pies, pasties, sausages, cooked meats and Lincolnshire specialities.

25 Melton Mowbray Tally-Ho Band.

Secretary Mr A G E Cragg. Sponsored by local churches.

26 The Circus Comes to Town.

Entered by Turner's Turkeys, one of the major UK turkey producers. Export sales account for 50 per cent of their production, mainly into the European market, with the other 50 per cent being sold into the UK market to major turkey processors who supply the high street retail trade.

27 The Village Pond.

Entered by Geest plc. Geest leads the UK market in the sourcing and supply of fresh produce and is a major producer of chilled convenience foods for multiples.

They actively promote environmental awareness and support local environmental projects.

28 Breakdown vehicle - just in case!



SATURDAY MAY 7, SUNDAY
MAY 8 AND MONDAY MAY 9

Fun and flowers at festival site

THE fun begins here! Visit Spalding's festival site - the Sir Halley Stewart Playing Field - to enjoy a fabulous mixture of floral displays and entertainment.

The festival site, in Winfrey Avenue/King's Road, (see parade route on page 20 and 'float show'), is open over flower parade weekend, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 7, 8 and 9, with continuous attractions from 9am to 7pm daily.

There will be flowers galore on the static display of floats which will be on the festival site all weekend - except during the parade between 1-4.30pm on Saturday.

But there will also be attractions to entertain all the family, from music and a dog display to a ferret roadshow!

There will be sponsors' exhibits, trade exhibits, craft displays, Punch and Judy Shows, a display by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, a fascinating exhibition by the Museum of Lincolnshire Life (see page 6) and refreshments.

Admission to the festival site is £2 for adults and senior citizens on Saturday and Monday; £3 on Sunday; accompanied children under 16 free all three days.

**FESTIVAL SITE,
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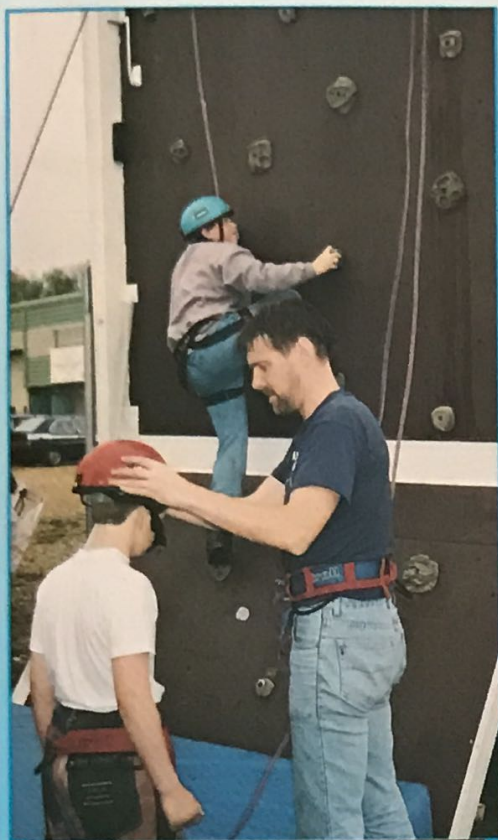
◀ THE Express Roadshow is visiting the festival site on Saturday and Sunday, May 7 and 8, bringing a fun-filled show of family entertainment.

A show presenter, DJ and two dancers/assistants will soon have the audience joining in games, quizzes, dance and song routines - and will be giving away a few free prizes!



▲ FLOWER parade organisers have got a real crowd-puller with this attraction - the Ferret Road Show! The man behind the roadshow is zoologist, author, writer and broadcaster James McKay who has had over 20 years' experience of ferrets and ferreting.

The roadshow presents entertaining and educational talks, illustrated with living animals; the opportunity for the public to handle ferrets; and informative static displays. See the roadshow on the festival site on Sunday and Monday, May 8 and 9.



WE hope you've come to Spalding Flower Parade ready for action - because we have a climbing wall for you to tackle! The Duke of Edinburgh Award is bringing the climbing wall to the festival site to advertise and raise money for the scheme. A trailer, which will be on the site on Saturday and Sunday, May 7 and 8, contains a push-button laser disc information point, shows videos on a large screen and that challenging wall!



Top dogs in Spalding

ONE of the best dog display teams in Europe is coming to the festival site!

The Essex Dog Display Team is performing on Sunday and Monday, May 8 and 9.

The team works with many different breeds of dogs, most of which have been rescued. They include German Shepherd dogs to the scruffy mongrel. The condition, fitness and obvious enjoyment of the dogs speaks for itself.

The dogs are trained to a very high standard by the 16 team members, presenting a display which appeals to all the family.

See the dogs go through

spectacular exercises.

They will negotiate at full speed a 100 feet long by nine feet high ramp, ablaze with fire hoops.

There are specialized retrievers, comedy sequences and much much more.

❑ **ELECTRONIC** game specialist Nintendo has got together with Renault and VIP Exhibitions to launch a roadshow tour of the UK - and will be visiting Spalding Festival Site.

The Nintendo Challenger has 18 TV screens with Nintendo games machines. The eight metre-wide stage area can take 50 players at a time.



SPALDING Royal British Legion Band will be delighting the crowds at the festival site with a concert on Sunday, May 8.

The band has become well-known for its professional approach, especially on the concert platform.

Hear them perform from 12 noon.



Plush Palaces of Pleasure...

PLUSH Palaces of Pleasure is the wonderful title of an exhibition being staged at the festival site in Spalding over flower parade weekend.

Many of us have cinema memories, either connected with the buildings, the films or the entertainment.

The early silent movies, the first talkies, the crowded auditoriums - they're just some of the popular images in many people's minds.

The Museum of Lincolnshire Life is staging an exhibition

on the history of the cinema in Lincolnshire at the festival site, Sir Halley Stewart Field, Winfrey Avenue/King's Road, Spalding, on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 7, 8 and 9.

See the exhibition and remember hot and occasionally smelly auditoriums (see the cinema scent sprayer in one of the display cases!), the stars of the silver screen, the queues, the newsreels, food and drink, a date with a special person, the national anthem ...all those things that made cinemas places

of occasion.

The museum's assistant curator Andrew Davies has researched and collated the exhibition which will be presented by curator Rodney Cousins, who is always interested to see old photographs of Lincolnshire.

Details of other festival attractions are on pages 4 and 5.

IN THE PICTURE: Plush palaces of pleasure from all over Lincolnshire will be featured in the exhibition, including Kings Cinema Theatre at Gainsborough (right).



LEFT: GILL Ball - still enjoying her sewing. (K226/13)



▲ THE velvet robe Gill made worn by a flower queen from the past on official duties. (K226/32)

GILL'S DRESSES FIT FOR A QUEEN

HOLBEACH seamstress Gill Ball makes dresses fit for a queen - and has fitted out one or two in her time!

They're South Holland's floral queens of course, the sort that regularly grace our hospitals, old people's homes and fetes with their presence.

But it's the flower queens of over 30 years ago that Gill particularly likes to see in old photographs, because the chances are it's her work that has gone

into creating the perfect fit.

Gill spent some years working at the former F W Hansons department store in Spalding, where she worked her way up from the hand sewing machines, to treadle machines before reaching the dizzy heights of the electric machines and being in charge of the workroom.

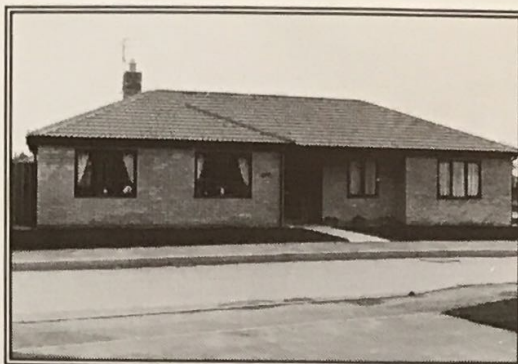
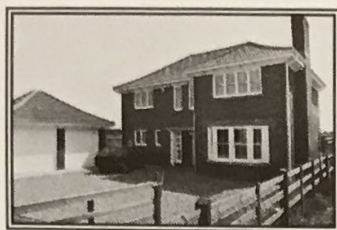
It was Gill who created a dark blue velvet robe for the flower queen in about 1958, which was used by many flower

queens before being discarded.

Gill says: "The queen's was usually a wedding dress and her attendants wore bridesmaids dresses which were altered by we girls in the workroom.

"We always looked forward to them coming in. Then, when the dresses were all pressed and complete we had the excitement of carrying them to the White Hart Hotel ready for the crowning ceremony."

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Oompah, oompah!

THEN the bands came marching by! Bands bring music, entertainment and a sense of occasion to Spalding Flower Parade each year.

Here are a selection of bands taking part in this year's parade.

❑ **PICTURED RIGHT:** New this year is the German Oompah Band, or Die Apfeltizers, who will be playing on the top of a Michelin bus!

Formed in 1992, the group has proved popular playing locally and are available to perform at German evenings involving party games or to provide background music in traditional German style.

Most of the musicians are also members of the Royal British Legion Band in Spalding.

Book them with Steve Ingham on 0406 424482. (KC296/3)

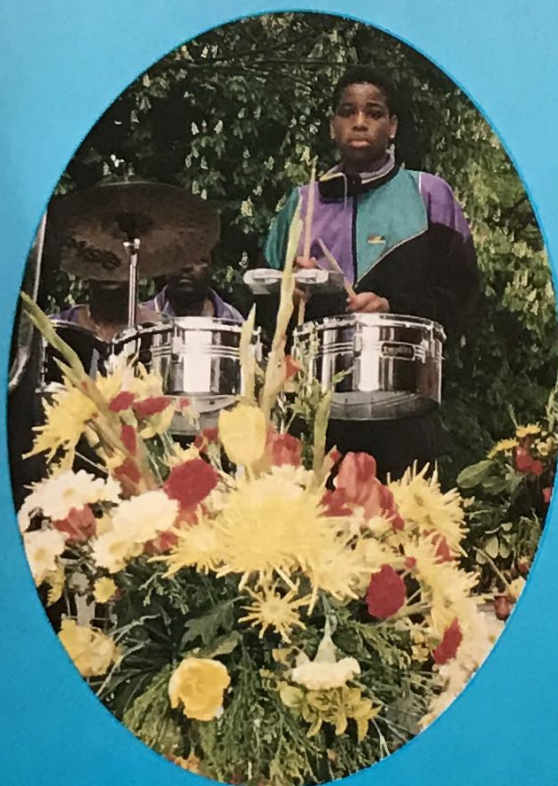


❑ **ABOVE:** The Derby Serenaders Showband has been visiting Spalding Flower Parade since the early 70s - although it has been going since 1936!

Since then it has won more than 350 prizes with its precision marching and excellent repertoire of music.

❑ **LEFT:** The ever-popular Melodians Steel Orchestra (UK) is visiting Spalding again this year.

Formed in 1987, the orchestra has provided opportunities for young people from varied social and racial backgrounds to develop music skills, techniques and a wide repertoire, including classical, modern, calypso, pop and jazz compositions.





Please don't rain on our parade!

CHAIRMAN WELCOMES SPALDING VISITORS

ONCE again it is my pleasure and honour to welcome you to the 36th Spalding Flower Parade.

I sincerely hope that the weather is kind to us as this is the main ingredient to lift our spirits and make a good parade into a really super parade.

Picking the right date has never been easy because the date of the parade has to be fixed a year in advance.

An early or late spring makes life very difficult.

As you can well imagine, the five or six weeks prior to the parade is a nail-biting time for me.

I can only hope we have got it right again this year.

I cannot speak too highly of our float sponsors who have stuck with us during the difficult times that the business world has been

through this last few years.

To say 'thank you' to them seems very inadequate.

Without our float sponsors there would be no Flower Parade.

This year the float decorating will be on view the two afternoons and evenings prior to the parade with a band, bar and refreshments available on the Friday night (May 6).

Please make sure you visit Springfields Gardens and the festival site in Winfrey Avenue where the floats are on show after the parade on Saturday May 7 and on Sunday May 8 and Monday May 9.

The money from these two events helps directly to



▲ BRIAN DRURY keeps in touch by radio on flower parade day to make sure the parade flows smoothly.

ensure the future of the parade as this is our only source of revenue.

I shall lead the parade in a Range Rover as usual.

I look forward to seeing

you all again and hope that you all have a really lovely day.

Brian Drury

Council float now fit for a flower queen

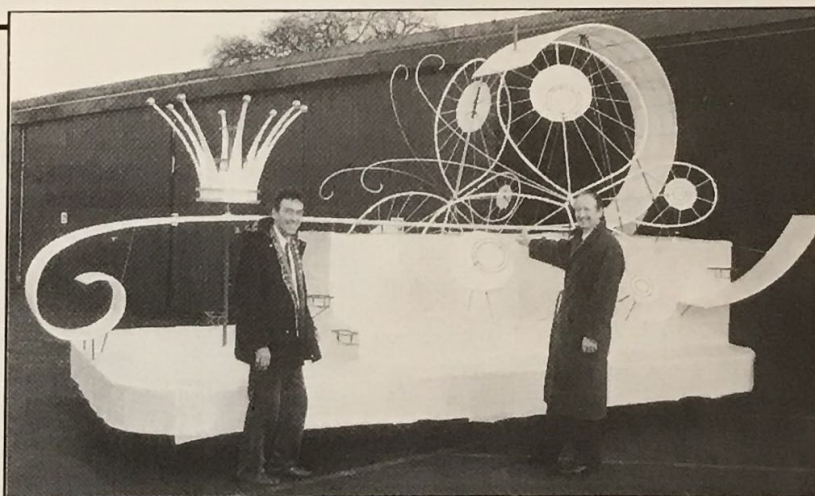
LOOK out for South Holland Council's float in the parade, when it will be carrying the flower queen and her attendants - and a blaze of colourful butterflies.

A new float has been designed for the council this year as their last one was five years old.

The council's contract manager (parks) Peter Moore said: "It's the longest we have ever kept one."

"They do deteriorate and they are not designed or built to last that long."

"We had been gradually changing the old one, trying to modify it to make it look different. It did look past its best."



▲ PETER Moore (left) and the council's leisure and marketing manager Dr Douglas Gyte make willing stand-ins for South Holland's flower queen and her attendants - if not quite such attractive ones!

The council is to spend £7,500 on its float this year and Mr Moore says the council should end up with something

which is "fairly spectacular". He hopes the new float will be a "fitting tribute to the flower queen".

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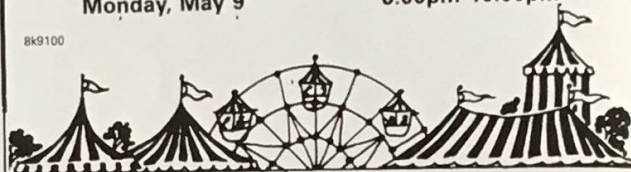
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So that's how it's done!



▲ NAKED steel is transformed into dazzling float designs for Spalding Flower Parade by Geoff Dodd.

Where would Flower Parade be without Robin?

ROBIN Chappell makes a very important contribution to Spalding Flower Parade - two to three million of them, in fact!

Robin, who runs Poplars Farm in Spalding in partnership with his brother David, supplies about 70 per cent of the tulip heads used to decorate the floats each year.

To him, they're a by-product of the bulb industry because the flower head has to be removed for the following year's bulb production.

To us, they are a wonderful spectacle on the magnificent floats, a glorious display of the flowers that were once seen in tulip fields all over

South Holland.

He said: "Where we used to machine-head them, we get labour in and do it by hand for the parade."

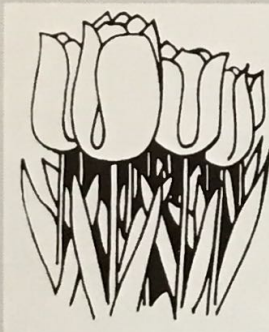
"We are still growing about 20 acres of tulips, and that's enough to put a parade on."

"We struggle sometimes for certain colours because they are early and gone before the time comes."

"That's the biggest trouble, getting the colours."

"We are more into daffodils than tulips and for the last two or three years we have

exported about 800,000 blooms to Holland and Germany for the Easter period."



Tulip heads used for floats a by-product of the bulb industry

IT TAKES 13 to 14 miles of steel to make the floats for a big parade, more than 2,000 metres of foam and at least a hundred gallons of glue.

It also takes a craftsman's eye to interpret drawings sent from float designer Kees Van Driel in Australia to produce the flowing lines which end up as the magnificent shapes thousands of visitors see on parade day.

That eye belongs to blacksmith Geoff Dodd, who hesitates to admit he has developed an artist's eye over the many years he has been building the floats.

He says simply: "I am a craftsman, not an artist. It needs a bit of an eye, but it's largely experience."

"We are building floats now that even after I had been doing it for ten-12 years I couldn't have attempted. It's just experience."

"Often, things don't look quite right. A real artist would know why and what to do. I only get one go at it."

Kees comes to South Lincolnshire at the beginning of November, bringing with him float designs he has drawn up

for the various companies taking part in the parade.

Geoff, who has worked for Kees and his father before him for 35 years now, says: "We understand each other. He knows what I can do and, generally speaking, I know what he wants."

The designs, once approved, are translated into working drawings and Geoff then works from full-scale transparencies projected on to the wall in his workshop, creating parts of the design before the float is welded together.

Geoff, blacksmith like his father and grandfather before him, says his greatest satisfaction this year was in creating the 12 feet high, 18 feet long octopus on the Olau float.

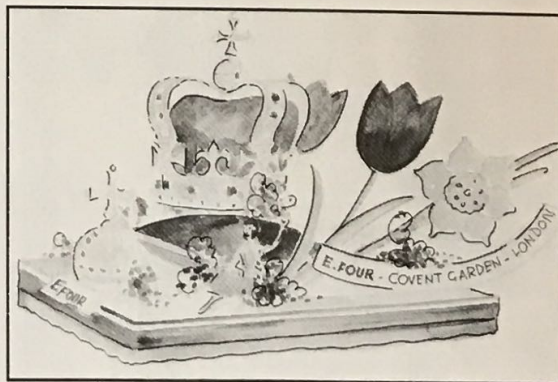
The metal is covered in polyethylene foam by Mick Pratt.

Mick is also involved with the floats when they have been decorated in flower heads, when he makes sure each one carries the sponsor's name.

Geoff is unsentimental about the finished floats, and says much of his work ends up as a lorry-load of rubbish.

They do save one or two parts which will be used again, but he says there is no room to store them all.

The last stage in the float-building process is when flower heads are pinned on - and visitors have a chance to watch that work in progress. See page 13.



▲ ONE of Kees Van Driel's float designs.

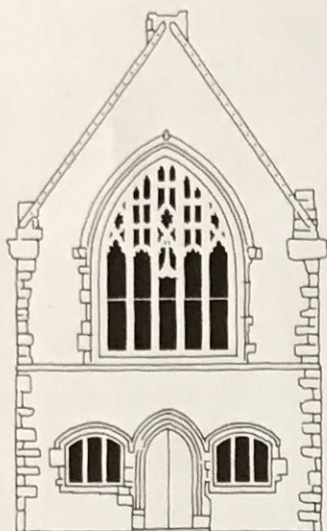
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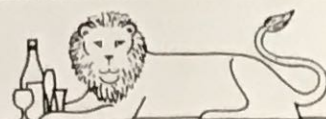
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Music while they work

THE stirring sounds of trumpets, horns, tubas and trombones will accompany the last-minute flower decorating that takes place in Spalding before the big day!

The float decoration takes place in Spalding Bulb and Produce Auction in Winfrey Avenue, in an atmosphere of excited anticipation and frantic activity!

Flower parade organisers are building on the success of last year, when visitors were invited to watch these last-minute preparations, by opening the bulb auction to the public once again.

This year, the bulb auction is open to the public on both Thursday May 5 (2-9pm) and Friday May 6 (10am to 10pm) so visitors can watch the army of workers busily pinning on flower heads to the spectacular floats.

Members of Spalding and District Flower Lovers Club create most of the floral arrangements which add a finishing touch to the floats.

You can enter into the spirit of the preparations at the bulb auction for a small fee - adults £1, children free.

And on Friday evening,



▲ **SCARLET and Green Concert Brass members:** back (from left) Maureen Male, Geoff Cooper, Sue Cooper, Emma Cooper, Rebecca Christmas. Front - George Wallace, Ron Carter, Arthur Male.

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They have performed at fetes, church services, garden parties

and concerts, playing a wide repertoire of music.

There will also be fast food and a bar on the Friday evening.

SEE ARMY OF WORKERS PINNING FLOWER HEADS ON FLOATS

Thursday May 5 (2pm to 9pm)

Friday May 6 (10am to 10pm)

Where to park, where to eat, where to shop

SOUTH Holland Council has produced a Spalding town map in a booklet containing other useful information, available from Tourist Information (0775) 725468, at Ayscoughfee Hall, Churchgate, Spalding.

The booklet lists attractions, town centre car parks, gift shops and places to eat.

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● For information about church flower festivals' catering, see Spring Festival programme this publication, pages 21-28.

TAKE PARADE MEMORIES HOME

YOU can take memories of Spalding Flower Parade 1994 home - on video!

Both the flower parade and Spalding's Springfields Gardens appear on the video, England's Floral County, which is available from Springfields Gardens, Spalding, at £11.99 (£12.99 by post).

South Lincolnshire past and present

features on a video called *Seems Like Yesterday* which has clips of old films from the first half of this century, collected by Lincolnshire and Humberside Film Archive.

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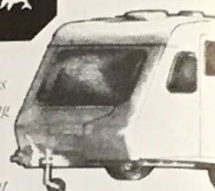
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● **RIGHT:** Here's a memory this cheeky lad will remember for a long time. He borrowed a friendly policeman's helmet for this shot at last year's Flower Parade.



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Tesco is also sponsoring two competitions about childhood and offering some marvellous prizes to the lucky winners and runners up.

Children should have no trouble taking part, because we know they love colouring and all they have to do is send us a picture of **WHAT MAKES CHILDREN SMILE?**

But we think adults are going to enjoy their competition every bit as much, because most of us like to reminisce, to talk about **CHILDHOOD MEMORIES.**

All we want adults to do is to write a short story - no more than 400 words - entitled

Memories of Childhood.

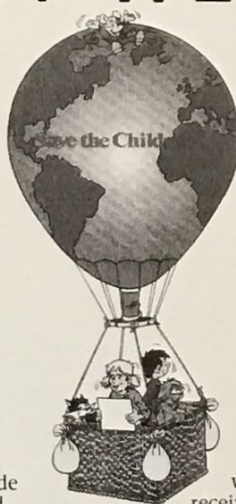
We would like to print the winning entry in one of our newspapers, the Lincolnshire Free Press or Spalding Guardian.

You may like to send us old photographs with your story and we would love to see them, but if you do, please make sure you include a stamped, addressed envelope so that we can return them safely to you.

● The children's colouring competition is open to youngsters in three age groups - up to five; six to eight; and nine to 12.

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The winners in both groups will receive £50 of gift vouchers from Tesco; 2nd place £25 of gift vouchers; 3rd place £10 of gift vouchers. All six winning story-writers will also receive a bouquet of flowers.

YOUR entries need to be with us by Friday, June 3, and you should address them to: **CHILDHOOD Competition, Lincolnshire Free Press and Spalding Guardian, Priory House, The Crescent, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 1AB.**

Make sure you send a completed entry form (below) with your work.

□ If anyone would like to make a donation to Save the Children, include cheques or postal orders made payable to Save the Children with your competition entry and we will make sure they are forwarded. Or you can send donations direct to Save the Children at 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8RD. (Save the Children is a registered charity.)

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Give queen Joanna a wave as she floats by

SOUTH Holland is famed for the beauty of its flowers, its floral parade and its gorgeous flower queens!

South Holland Flower Queen 1994 is no exception.

She is 18-year-old **Joanna Green**, judged queen of the district at a ceremony held in Spalding back in February.

To help Joanna in her many official duties throughout her year in office are deputy flower queen Penny Cooper and Miss Spalding Guardian and Lincolnshire Free Press Racheal Uffindell.

The queen and her deputy will ride on South Holland Council's float on parade day, the highlight of their year, so give them a big cheer and a wave as they pass by.

Brown-haired and brown-eyed Joanna, who lives in Spalding, is a student on a business and finance course, and would like to work in personnel or accountancy when she leaves college in June.

Joanna plays clarinet and enjoys aerobics and swimming - and is engaged to be married to a lifeguard at Peterborough!

□ Deputy flower queen Penny Cooper (19) lives in Spalding and is a student on a hair and beauty course. The animal-loving blue-eyed blonde is a strict vegan, refusing to use make-up products tested on animals as part of her philosophy.

□ Miss Spalding Guardian and Lincolnshire Free Press Racheal Uffindell (21) works in Spalding as a hairdresser and lives in the town with her fiancé and his three children.

She has a rather unusual hobby for a woman - boxing - which she started after her fiancé took it up. Let's hope the two of them don't come to blows!

Look out for green-eyed blonde Racheal in an open-topped decorated car on Flower Parade day!

The trio will be in great demand right the way



LEFT: A FLOWER queen as pretty as the flowers she admires, Joanna Green. Give her a wave on flower parade day.

BELOW LEFT: South Holland beauties (from left) - flower queen Joanna Green, deputy flower queen Penny Cooper and Miss Spalding Guardian and Lincolnshire Free Press Racheal Uffindell.

through their busy year.





▲ MISS Jersey Battle of Flowers, Joanna Smith.
(Photo: Peter Trenchard).
You can see Joanna in the parade travelling in a
landau supplied by Mr G Boswell, of Spalding.

Meet another flower queen called Joanna

COME rain or shine on parade day, four beautiful young women will add sunshine to proceedings!

They are South Holland Flower Queen Joanna Green and her two attendants - and Miss Jersey Battle of Flowers.

In what is becoming a strong link between Jersey and Spalding, which both have long traditions of floral parades, 19-year-old Joanna Smith will join the colourful procession.

It will be one of the last events in her reign before a new Miss Jersey Battle is crowned in June ready for the 96th Jersey Battle of Flowers which takes place on Thursday, August 11.

Joanna will be well-used to appearing in public, both because of her busy season as Miss Jersey Battle, and because she has a natural talent for acting and singing and takes part in local amateur dramatic shows run on her

beautiful island.

When she appears in Spalding, she will be taking a break from a three-year arts course in London.

She will travel in the parade in a landau supplied by Mr G Boswell, of Spalding.

South Holland Flower Queen Joanna Green and her deputy Penny Cooper will ride on the leading float in the parade.

Riding with them will be attendants from six local secondary schools.

Miss Lincolnshire Free Press and Spalding Guardian Racheal Uffindell will ride in an open-topped decorated car.

□ Last summer Caroline Anning, South Holland Flower Queen 1993, went to Jersey to take part in the 95th Battle of Flowers.

She joined their parade in an open topped car.

Her trip was made possible thanks to sponsorship by South Holland Council.

Inspiration for flower parade came from Francis

WITHOUT Francis Hanson there might never have been a Spalding Flower Parade!

Which is part of the reason that this year he will receive the Worshipful Company of Gardeners' Trophy.

Awarded every year since 1956, the trophy is presented in recognition of "an outstanding contribution to Tulip Time".

The Master of the Worshipful Company of Gardeners will present the trophy at a civic lunch at Spalding's South Holland Centre on parade day.

Mr Hanson, who lives in Spalding, was chairman of the Tulip Time Committee, as it was called, in 1956 when the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester visited South Holland.

That year he visited Holland and returned to Spalding thinking "something must be done to get away from the decorated hearse which the

First parade of six floats was in 1958

Tulip Queen travelled in".

That was the turning point towards the parade as we know it today, with the first parade of six floats in 1958.

Mr Hanson, a former grower, said: "From then, it has grown and I have been involved in it both on the horticultural side and from the Tulip Time committee side.

"I have seen a lot of changes over the years. It's been progress all the way really.

"It was me who started the flower parade and I was one of the founder members of Springfields, but I am the only one of the original founder members still active.

"We decided we needed to make a show garden for visitors so Springfields was developed."



FRANCIS Hanson, winner of the Worshipful Company of Gardeners' Trophy.



You don't HAVE to be mad...

"I THINK you have to be of a mind to be a bit eccentric" says secretary of Long Sutton and District Veteran Cycle Club Nicola Wellband of its members.

It has to be the understatement of the year, when you consider that many of them take their ancient bikes to places like the Cotswolds - and most of their machines have no gears and no brakes!

But the veteran cyclists have endeared themselves to flower parade visitors over the years, not just with their enchanting period costumes and cycles from yesteryear, but with the antics of the Penny Farthing riders, the children who take part and the sense of fun they bring with them.

Nicola has only been riding in parades for the past ten years, although cycling goes back a long way in her family.

One of her four bikes is a 1920s A B Popular made in Spalding by Beale's Cycling Co, owned by a great uncle of her father, Anthony Beale-Wellband.

Her great great grandfather won a cycling competition in Spalding in 1880 on a Penny Farthing!

The club has been going since 1957 and its membership has grown to about 100, including two founder members, Randolph Churchill and Bridget Ellis.

Their aims are to collect, restore, preserve and ride veteran (pre-1914) and vintage (to 1930) cycles, although Nicola says they are becoming harder and harder to find - so if you still have granny's bike in the shed, contact Nicola on 0775 723941.

The flower parade is the highlight of their year and Nicola expects as many as 60 riders to be entertaining the crowds this year - so give them a big cheer when they pass by!

It will be the club's 34th appearance in Spalding Flower Parade.

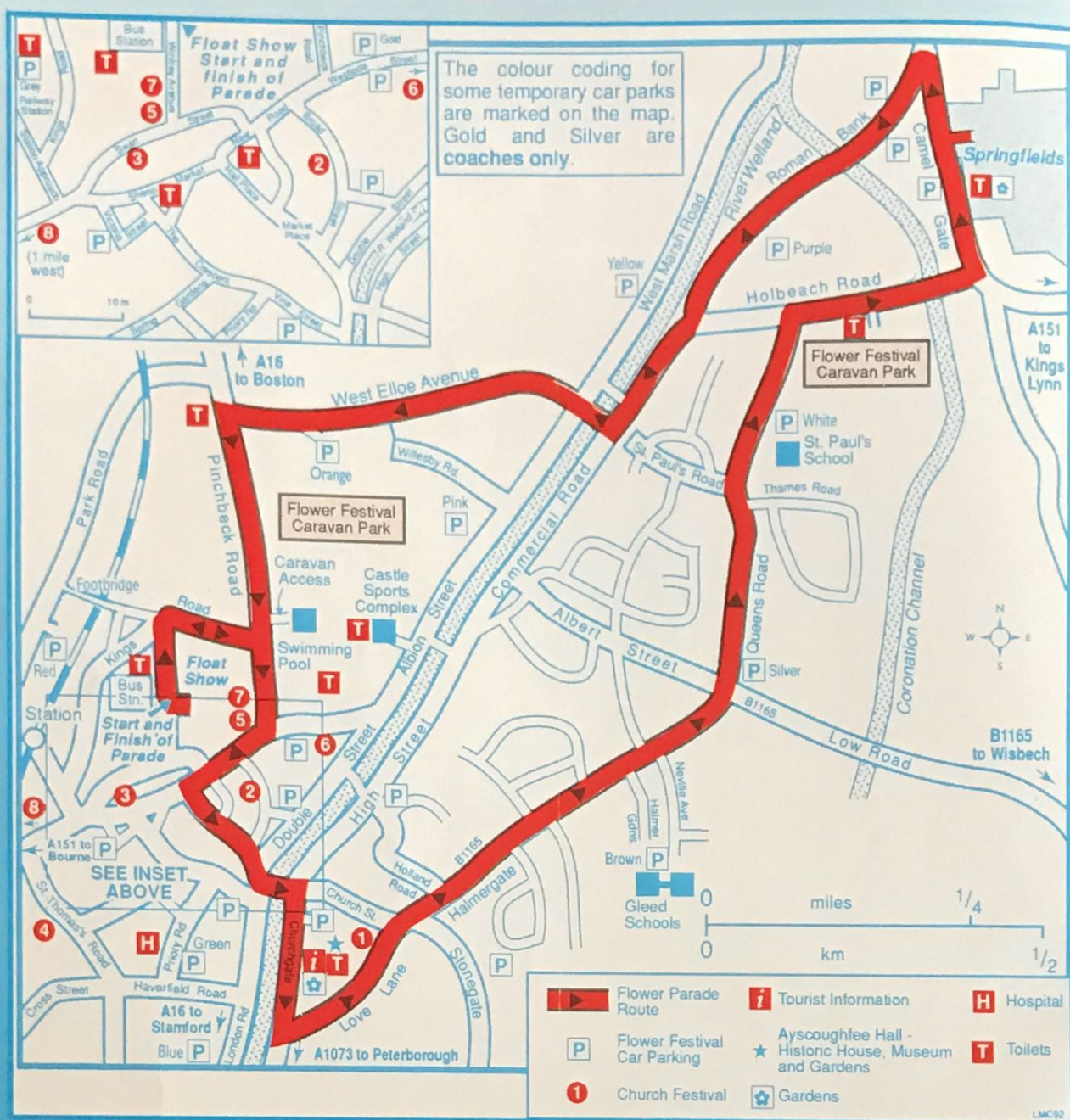
IN THE PICTURES:

TOP: VETERAN cyclists compete with enthusiastic crowds for space along Spalding Flower Parade route.

RIGHT: COLIN Hilliam delights the crowds on his Penny Farthing.



Wot no brakes?



Tips to make the day go smoothly

IF THIS is your first visit to Spalding Flower Parade - and parade organiser Peter Atkinson estimates that up to half of visitors each year are newcomers - here are some tips that may help your day go smoothly.

- Toilets are clearly shown on the map.
- Spalding's Johnson Hospital is in Priory Road, but St John Ambulance personnel will be on duty throughout the town.
- Look out for catering facilities at churches hosting flower festivals (see Spring Festival programme pages 21-28).

□ The parade starts from the festival site, the Sir Halley Stewart Field in Winfrey Avenue (see map) at 1pm. Wherever you choose to watch the parade, be there early!

Approximate parade times: King's Road/Pinchbeck Road 1.05pm; New Road/Hall Place 1.10pm; Market Place 1.15pm; High Bridge 1.30pm; Churchgate/Love Lane 1.45pm; Halmergate/Queens Road 1.55pm; Holbeach Road/Camelgate 2.10pm; Springfields Gardens 2.30pm; Roman Bank 2.50pm; West Elloe Avenue/Pinchbeck Road 3.10pm; return to festival site 3.30 to 4pm.

The floats are at the festival site in Winfrey Avenue (9am to 7pm) until Monday, May 9.

- Look out for signs for shuttle buses to Springfields Gardens running all weekend.
- Car parking: main parking places are on the map; farm and industrial land is also used on parade day.
- Camping and caravanning: district council sites and others (see map).
- Central bus park: Winfrey Avenue, opposite the festival site.
- Traffic systems: On parade day roads are re-opened as soon as possible. Sunday, May 8: if necessary, a signed, police-directed system takes in festival site, Springfields Gardens and town centre.

Map: Douglas Gyte, South Holland Council.

South Holland



Spring Festival 1994

It's Spring Festival time!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30 -
MONDAY, MAY 9, 1994**

South Holland Spring Festival is a series of events - some new - some of long standing - designed to entertain and involve visitors and residents, young and old. The Spring Festival's unique

centre-piece is the internationally renowned Spalding Flower Parade on Saturday, May 7, with its two festival sites at Sir Halley Stewart Field in Spalding town centre (Winfrey Avenue/King's Road) and at Springfields Gardens, Camelgate, Spalding. Around this centre-piece, South

Holland Spring Festival Association - established in 1992 as an umbrella organisation to co-ordinate and promote events staged by many other organisations - has put together a varied and exciting programme of activities and has built upon the success of the 1993 Festival.

We hope you will enjoy the Festival - we hope you will join in, and we hope you will encourage others to do the same.

● IF YOU require further information on any tourist or entertainment activity, please contact - South Holland District Council, Tourist Information

Office, Ayscoughfee Hall, Church Gate, Spalding, telephone Spalding 725468.

OPENING HOURS ARE:
Monday - Thursday 9am - 5pm,
Friday 9am - 4.30pm, Saturday
10am to 5pm, Sunday/Bank
Holidays 11am - 5pm

□ IF YOU wish to become involved in the festival, have a suggestion for next year's events or would like to promote your business or organisation please contact: Anthony Howling, Chairman South Holland Spring Festival Association, c/o 13 Crown Drive, Spalding, telephone 0775 760284

What's on: Spring Festival timetable

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

WELCOME TO THE FESTIVAL

A peal of bells will sound the start of the 1994 Festival. Churches and Chapels throughout South Holland will welcome visitors and residents with a festival bell ringing.

BLACKDYKE MILLS BAND

Organised by Spalding Royal British Legion Band. St Mary and St Nicolas Parish Church, Spalding, is the venue for this concert by one of the world's finest concert bands, sponsored by Lincoln Co-Operative Society who are celebrating their 150th anniversary.

SPRINGFIELDS GARDENS, SPALDING

Twenty-five acres of gardens ablaze with spring flowers. Camelgate, Spalding (off A151 Holbeach Road), 10am-6pm. Admission: adults £2.50, OAP £2.30, accompanied children free.

CIVIC SOCIETY AWARDS

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BOLD/BBS TULIP TANDEM MARATHON

Blind and sighted cyclists partner each other in this 26 mile 385 yard 13th annual tandem ride. Entries are expected from throughout the world. Starting at 11.30 from Baytree Nurseries, Weston, the route will include Weston, Weston Hills, Moulton Chapel, Holbeach St Johns

and Whaplode St Catherine.

SOUTH HOLLAND FLOWER FESTIVALS COACH TOUR

See the beautiful decorated churches of South Holland with spring flower displays. For more details and bookings contact Ayscoughfee Hall, Spalding (Spalding (0775) 725468).

CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVALS

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ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK EXHIBITION

Holbeach and Spalding Libraries. An exhibition for adult learners' week by the Adult Education Centre. Free.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

Ayscoughfee Gardens, Spalding. Spalding Photographic Society present their annual exhibition in the Geest Gallery. Exhibition open from April 1 to 30 daily.

BUTTERFLY AND FALCONRY PARK, LONG SUTTON

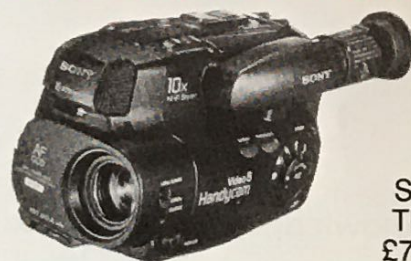
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Hedgehog Roadshow and Dulux Dog - Have your photograph taken with the Dulux dog - small donation to charity is all that is asked. **Art demonstrations** - local artists will be painting all day. Commissions available. Baytree admission free (charge for Owl Museum £1.80 adults, £1.30 OAP and children), free parking, daily 9.30-5.30.

FESTIVAL STREET ANIMALS

Colourful street animals,

decorated with flowers on display throughout Spalding town.

SPALDING COMMUNITY HEART HEALTH PROGRAMME

Working with local people to promote health in line with local and national priorities. For more information contact Karen Sweeney, Community Health Facilitator, (0775 761161).

SUNDAY, MAY 1

CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVALS

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TRADITIONAL MAY FAIR

Ayscoughfee Gardens, Spalding. Recreating the traditional fairs held in the gardens during the last century. FOCUS - Spalding's charity fundraisers - have put together a programme of events with Morris Dancing and the Scarlet and Green Brass Band, both sponsored by the Lincoln Co-operative Society Ltd,

together with a treasure hunt, teddy bears' picnic and 'the Stocks'! Admission free, 11am - 5pm.

FENLAND FARMING FROM THE PAST

The Museum of Entertainment, Whaplode St Catherine, will allow visitors to see a festival display of farming bygones at work. Many pieces not normally on show. Admission free 1pm-6pm. Museum of Entertainment, open throughout the festival 1-5pm (normal charge).

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Refuge - display of exotic pets, all rescued by the refuge. **Gosberton Preservation Society** - largest collection of enthusiasts at one venue for this festival display of stationary engines. **Garden News Expert** - Bernard Lavery will be on site with expert advice on his giant vegetables and planting methods. **Custom Cars** - special display for the enthusiasts of custom built and vintage cars together with American built vehicles. **Art Demonstrations** - local artists will be painting on site. Commissions available. Baytree admission free (normal charge for Owl Museum £1.80 adults, £1.30 OAP and children), free parking, open daily 9.30-5.30.

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

Ayscoughfee Hall, Spalding. Spalding Arts and Crafts Society present an exhibition of works by local artists. Many items depicting local life and scenes. Geest Gallery, Ayscoughfee Hall, 10am - 5pm daily during May. Admission free.

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Colourful street animals, decorated with flowers on display throughout Spalding town.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, MAY 2

IT'S A SCHOOLS' KNOCKOUT

A sporting challenge to the secondary school pupils of South

Holland with this open air event at the Castle Sports Complex, Pinchbeck Road, Spalding. Schools from Spalding, Long Sutton, Holbeach, Donington and Crowland will compete this afternoon. Charity stalls, sideshows and refreshments. Gates open 1pm, games 2pm.

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Admission free.

HOLBEACH - THE EXPANDING PARISH

Guided tour. Discover the fascinating history of one of England's largest parishes. Blue Badge Guide, Ernie Hall, gives you a chance to discover the Fens. Depart Spalding bus station 10am, Holbeach public library 10.30am; return Holbeach 5pm, Spalding 5.30. Price £5; booking at Ayscoughfee Hall, Spalding (0775) 725468.

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BAYTREE NURSERIES, WESTON

Tulip gardens - visit the specially created beautiful tulip gardens. **Bygones Museum** - a collection of old horticultural and domestic equipment. **Children's Pet Show** -

Cats, dogs, rabbits, birds, exotic pets - all in competition today. Expert judging including Geoff Capes. Bring your pets along from 9.30am, judging 11am. Prize ceremony 4pm. **Patio and container gardening** - a patio and gardening weekend in the festival marquee. Displays by the Cacti Society. Expert advice. **Exotic Pet Refuge** - display of exotic pets, all rescued by the refuge. **Festival Treasure Hunt** - keeping the children amused while you browse, and watch out for the clowns! **Owl Centre** - visit the Baytree Owl Centre with 48 owls. Festival talk and flying display at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. **Young Green Fingers** - join the national junior gardener of the year competition. Sponsored by Kindergarden Plants. Age groups 5-16 years. Entry forms and special plants available at Baytree. **Art Demonstrations** - well known local artists will be painting on site all day, commissions available. Baytree admission free (normal charge for Owl Museum £1.80 adults, £1.30 OAP and children), free car parking, open daily 9.30-5.30.

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TUESDAY, MAY 3

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SCHOOLS IN CONCERT

For the first time for a number of years the four Spalding secondary schools - Glead Girls' Grant Maintained School, Sir John Glead Boys' School, Spalding Grammar School, Spalding High School - are to join forces for a concert to be staged as part of the town's Spring Festival. The entertainment will include an orchestra, a joint string orchestra, two concert bands and combined choirs. The event, which is being sponsored by the Lincolnshire Free Press and Spalding Guardian, will be staged tonight and tomorrow at South Holland Centre, Spalding (7.30). Tickets £2 (students free) are on sale at the Lincolnshire Free Press office in The Crescent, and from members of the four schools towards the end of March.

ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK EXHIBITION

Holbeach and Spalding Libraries - an exhibition of adult learners' week by the Adult Education Centre. Working craft demonstrations today at Spalding library. Free.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVALS

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LIVE MUSIC

Spalding Town Centre public house and hotel The Red Lion enters the spirit of the festival again with live music events. Tonight it's Steve Jinski, acoustic guitar - folk and country 8.30.

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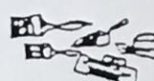
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THURSDAY, MAY 5

FLOAT DECORATION

Spalding Flower Parade, Bulb Auction Hall, Winfrey Avenue, Spalding. See the parade begin to take shape with the decorating of each float with flower heads. 2pm-9pm, refreshments, bar, £1 adults, children free. (See page 13)

SHOP WINDOW DISPLAY COMPETITION

Organised by FOCUS - Spalding's charity fundraisers - with Spalding Chamber of Commerce and Industry and South Holland Tourist Information. Judging takes place today. Entries to Anthony Howling, Spalding 760284.

LIVE MUSIC

Red Lion, Spalding. Big Man Clayton, blues, boogie woogie 8.30.

MEDIEVAL SEABANDS, SPALDING TO GEDNEY

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ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK EXHIBITION

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ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

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BUTTERFLY AND FALCONRY PARK, LONG SUTTON

See Tuesday

SURFLEET ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION AND SALE

Local artists will display watercolours, pottery, dried flower arrangements, tapestry etc. Working craft displays daily. Blacksmith's Buildings, The Crown Hotel, Surfleet 10.30-5.30, admission free.

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FLOAT DECORATING

See the floats for Saturday's parade get the finishing touches. Bulb Auction Halls, Winfrey Avenue, Spalding. Scarlet and Green Concert Band playing. Refreshments, bar, £1, children free, 10am-10pm.

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LIVE MUSIC

The Red Lion, Spalding. Outdoor event with The City Stompers 7pm.

MOSAIC AND SCULPTURE COMPETITION

Brightly coloured mosaics and sculptures feature in this annual competition organised by FOCUS - Spalding charity fundraisers. Clubs, churches, youth groups, businesses

and individuals will compete for the FOCUS Challenge Shield. Judging today. Entries to Anthony Howling on Spalding 760284.

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SURFLEET ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION AND SALE

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IN SEARCH OF KING JOHN'S JEWELS COACH TOUR

Blue Badge Guide tour of church and flower festival and market day at Long Sutton, and the area of the Wash where King John reputedly

lost his jewels! Depart Spalding bus station 12.30, Holbeach Chequers Inn 12.45; arrive Long Sutton Conservative Club 1pm; depart Long Sutton Conservative Club 2pm; return Long Sutton 5pm, Holbeach 5.15 and Spalding 5.30. Price £4, booking at Ayscoughfee Hall, Spalding (Spalding 725468).

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BAND (SPALDING)

Annual festival concert at South Holland Centre, Spalding (7.30).

BUTTERFLY AND FALCONRY PARK, LONG SUTTON

See Wednesday.

GRAND MASTER CHESS CHALLENGE

Spalding Chess Club and Raymond Mays Motors present the Festival Chess Challenge with Grand Master Jim Plaskett at the Smedley Social Club, Sir Halley Stewart Field, Winfrey Avenue, Spalding (7-11pm). Everyone welcome - prizes. Contact Francis Bowers on Holbeach (0406) 370166.

BAYTREE NURSERIES, WESTON

Tulip Gardens, Bygone Museum, Schools Art and Crafts Exhibition - Baytree Art and Craft Competition. Entries are on display today and prizes include plants and trees to start a school conservation garden. □ To page 27.

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Spring Festival 1994

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Exhibition by local artists. Mosaic/Sculpture Making - Come today and help us decorate our mosaics and sculptures with flower heads - you could be in the winning team for the FOCUS mosaic and sculpture competition which is judged on Friday. **Festival Treasure Hunt** - keep the children amused and watch out for the clowns! **Owl Centre** - 48 owls. Festival talk and flying display 11am, 1pm and 3pm. **Young Green Fingers** - join the national junior gardener of the year competition. Sponsored by Kindergarden Plants. Age groups 5-16 years. Entry forms available at Baytree. Baytree admission see Wednesday.

HOUSE AND BUSINESS DECORATING COMPETITION
See Thursday

SATURDAY, MAY 7

SPALDING FLOWER PARADE
Unique and internationally renowned procession of flower-decorated floats through the streets of Spalding. Parade leaves Winfrey Avenue, Spalding, at 1pm. Route see page 20.

INFORMATION PEOPLE

Spalding 18+ Want to know the best place to see the parade? Details of other festival events? These questions and many more will be answered by Spalding 18+ Group. Information points (sponsored by local businesses) at Winfrey Avenue, Market Place, Springfields, Pinchbeck Road, together with 'roving' information people in the town.

CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVALS

Festivals open today - Spalding Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicolas; Spalding United Reformed Church; Spalding Parish Church of St Paul's; Fleet Parish Church; St Peter and St Paul's, Gosberton; Holbeach Parish Church; St Mary's Parish Church, Long Sutton; Moulton Parish Church; Moulton Chapel Church and Chapel; St Laurence Church, Surfleet; St Mary's Church, Pinchbeck; Broad Street Methodist Church, Spalding; West Pinchbeck Parish Church; St John the Baptist Church, Spalding; St Mary and the Holy Rood, Donington; Fleet Baptist Church; Gosberton Methodist Church; St Norbert Roman Catholic Church, Spalding. (Page 28).

ALTERNATIVE TULIP BALL

Terry Mann band and Pete Marks at Springfields Restaurant (8pm). Tickets £5 available from Pete on Spalding 725997.

FESTIVAL CAR BOOT SALE

Holbeach and District Round Table, Hortico Site, Halmegate, Spalding (silver car park). Cars must be on site by 9.30 and remain until 3pm. Sale starts 10am, pitches £5 per car, book on Holbeach 422953.

GROW IN PRAISE

A Christian celebration of praise and worship organised by members

of local churches. South Holland Centre, Spalding, free, 8pm (doors open 7.30).

SPRINGFIELDS COUNTRY FAIR WEEKEND

Twenty five acres of gardens, Camelgate, Spalding. Country fair events include entertainment, trade stalls, displays, crafts etc, 10am to 6pm (parade passes through Springfields 2.15pm). Admission adults £3.50, OAPs £3, accompanied children free. See pages 31-32.

SPALDING FLOWER FESTIVAL

Sir Halley Stewart Field, Spalding. Attractions include floats on display (floats leave the arena from 12.30 to parade around Spalding, returning approx 4pm). Entertainments include craft fair, trade stands etc, 9am to 7pm. Admission £2, children free. See pages 4-5

PARADE DAY BANDS

Salvation Army Band - Westside Street/Pinchbeck Road junction, Spalding; British Legion Band, Market Place, Spalding.

TUBY'S FUN FAIR

Winfrey Avenue, Spalding

SURFLEET ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION AND SALE

See Thursday

HUMAN CHESS GAME

A spectacle produced by Spalding Chess Club at Ayscoughfee Hall, Churchgate lawns, from 10am. 32 human pieces all in detail costume.

BUTTERFLY AND FALCONRY PARK, LONG SUTTON

See Wednesday

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

Royal Naval trailer and exhibition and local information point, Churchgate, Spalding.

SHOP WINDOW DISPLAY COMPETITION

Entries in the FOCUS window display competition will be on show today. Can you spot the winners?

BAYTREE NURSERIES, WESTON

Tulip gardens. Bygones Museum. Schools Art and Crafts Exhibition - All local schools were asked to enter the Baytree Art and Craft Competition. Entries on display today and prizes will be awarded. Exhibition by local artists. **Baytree Bus Service** - A special service will operate today between Baytree, Springfields and Spalding Centre. Buses departing Baytree at 10 mins to every hour (service may be curtailed during parade). 50p single. **Festival Treasure Hunt** - keep the children amused while you browse, and watch out for the clowns! **Owl Centre** - 48 owls. Festival talk and flying display at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. **Young Green Fingers** - join the national junior gardener of the year competition. Sponsored by Kindergarden Plants. Age groups 5-16 years. Entry forms and special plants available at Baytree. **Art Demonstrations** - well known artists will be painting on site, commissions available. Baytree

admission free (normal charge for Owl Museum £1.80 adults, £1.30 OAP and children), free car parking, open daily 9.30-5.30.

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

See Friday

ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK EXHIBITION

See Friday

HOUSE AND BUSINESS DECORATING COMPETITION

Lincoln Co-operative Society sponsor this competition which is organised by FOCUS - Spalding's charity fundraisers. Residents and businesses are encouraged to decorate their property with flags, bunting, flowers etc. Prizes of £50, £30 and £10 vouchers. Judging over parade weekend. To enter call Anthony Howling, Spalding (0775) 760284.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

INFORMATION PEOPLE

Want to know where to see the famous church flower festivals? Details of other festival events? Where can you get a cup of tea? These questions will be swiftly answered by local experts Spalding 18+ Group. There are many 'roving' information people in the town today. Information points are sponsored by local businesses.

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MUSIC

The Red Lion Hotel, Spalding. The Motivators - blues, rock, 60s and 70s, 8.30pm.

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SPALDING FLOWER FESTIVAL

Sir Halley Stewart Field, Spalding.

Floats on display, entertainment, band concert, craft fair, trade stands and Duke of Edinburgh's Award Show trailer - try the climbing wall. 9am - 7pm. Adults £3, children free. See pages 4, 5.

TUBY'S FUN FAIR

Winfrey Avenue, Spalding

CIVIC SOCIETY AWARDS

Spalding and District Civic Society Awards for building achievement will be made during the Festival.

BAYTREE NURSERIES, WESTON

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ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

See Tuesday

MOULTON CHAPEL FLOWER PARADE

Village parade of decorated floats, cars and lorries. Local arts and crafts display, refreshments, sideshows. Parade 3pm.

FESTIVAL STREET ANIMALS

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CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVALS - Page 28



CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVALS

A CASCADE of colour and a feast for the eye. The annual church flower festivals play an important part in the Spring Festival and many visitors return year after year to marvel at the breathtaking displays.

Many churches complement the flower festivals with refreshments and gift stalls.

SPALDING TOWN CENTRE:

Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicolas: Flower thanksgiving festival Saturday, April 30 to Monday, May 9 inclusive. The church is centrally situated and is open each day until 8pm. Booked meals and refreshments available in the Church Hall. Contact The Parish Office, The Parsonage, Church Street, Spalding (0775 722772).

Broad Street Methodist Church: Flower Festival Thursday, May 5 to Tuesday, May 10. Parties catered for throughout the year by arrangement. No bookings on parade day, we serve breakfast from 8am thereafter our famous cafeteria. Enquiries: Mrs E R Chappell, Fensgate Road, West Pinchbeck (0775 640381).

Spalding Baptist Church, Swan Street: will cater for parties booked in advance for lunches and teas. For details contact Mrs O Podd, 5 Somerby Close, Moulton, Spalding (0406 370657). No catering on Sundays and only casual catering on parade Saturday.

St Norbert's Catholic Church, St Thomas's Road: decorated church, Lourdes Grotto, Saturday May 7, cafeteria facilities, coach/car park. Holy mass Vigil (Saturday) 4.45pm. Sunday 8am and 10.30am. Enquiries 0775 722056.

Spalding United Reformed Church, Pinchbeck Road: Decorated Church, Friday, April 29 to Monday, May 9. Cafeteria daily, 10am-6pm. Catering for booked parties during the flower festival and throughout the year. Contact Mrs A Waltham, 96 West Elloe Avenue, Spalding (0775 766128 or 725537).

Friends Meeting House, Double Street/Westlode Street: salad meals,

home baking, open all day Saturday, May 7. Toilets. Telephone 0775 725153/722638.

SPALDING OUTSKIRTS:

Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Hawthorn Bank: Decorated church Friday, May 6 to Monday, May 9 inclusive. Teas, sandwiches, etc, served each day in the church hall. Contact the Rev K Almond 0775 722816. From town centre take A151 (Bourne), go over railway line and take immediate left into St John's Road to the church (one mile).

Parish Church of St Paul's, Holbeach Road (near Springfields): Flower festival Friday, April 29 to Monday, May 9. Refreshments throughout. Toilets and car park. Enquiries to Rev P Winn 0775 722802.

Flower festivals in villages east of Spalding:

Fleet Baptist Church: Friday, May 6 to Monday, May 9 (10am to 8pm). Cups of tea and light refreshments if ordered. Contact Mrs W Robbs, Camberwell, 60 Fleet Road, Fleet, 0406 24677.

Fleet Parish Church: Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 8. Exhibitions, refreshments, tea, coffee, stalls, toilets, coaches welcome.

Holbeach Parish Church: Saturday, April 30 to Sunday, May 8. Toilets, parking. Enquiries: Canon Peter Hill, 0406 422185.

Holbeach Methodist Church: meals available from Thursday, April 14. Booked parties welcome. Parking, toilets. Enquiries Mrs V M Egar, 16 East Elloe Avenue, Holbeach, 0406 422903.

St Mary's Parish Church, Long Sutton: Thursday, April 28 to Sunday, May 8, open daily 10am to 8pm. Refreshments including lunches and teas served daily 10am to 6pm. Produce and craft stalls. Coach parties welcome. Good parking, enquiries and bookings to Brian Ford, 149 Spring Gardens, Long Sutton, 0406 364889 to Stan Pybus 0406 364233.

Moulton Parish Church Flower Fiesta: Saturday, April 30 to Monday, May 9, inclusive. Booked coach parties for luncheons, high tea, afternoon tea. Tea by the village green for casual visitors or coaches. Plants, china and craft stalls. Mrs M Fowler, 48 Church Lane, Moulton, Spalding, 0406 370791.

Moulton Chapel decorated Church and Chapel: from Sunday, April 24. Village parade, Sunday, May 8 (3pm) led by Northampton Pipe Band, Majorettes, fancy dress, floats, vintage cars, stalls, children's amusements (swingboats, castle of

fun). Coaches welcome. Free Parking. Light refreshments available.

FLOWER FESTIVALS NORTH OF SPALDING:

West Pinchbeck Parish Church: Thursday, May 5 to Tuesday, May 10. Refreshments, gifts and produce. Toilets. Enquiries Mrs H Gotobed 0775 750536.

Pinchbeck St Mary's Parish Church: (A16 Spalding 1.5 miles, Boston 14 miles). Welcome to the festival of flowers in this beautiful 13th century church from Sunday, May 1 to Tuesday, May 10. Meals and snacks available every day in our modern hall from 10.30. Coach parties welcome, please book. Detailed brochure from Mrs P Lunn, 35 Independence Drive, Pinchbeck, 0775 725889.

Surfleet Parish Church: Ancient church with famous leaning tower on A16. From Friday, April 29. Toilets, food, local produce and cakes. Coaches welcome. Details, Mrs R Scrivener, 84 Station Road, Surfleet, 0775 680636/680356.

St Mary and the Holy Rood, Donington: theme, Country Gardens. Friday, May 6 to Monday, May 9. Birthplace of Captain Matthew Flinders RN, Great Explorer of Australian continent. Church visited regularly by many Australians. Derbyshire well dressing. Party bookings for ham salad lunches and teas. Contact Jane Stanley, 45 Town Dam Lane, Donington, 0775 821515 or 820448. Buffet meals all day, every day.

Gosberton Methodist Church, Salem Street: flower festival Friday May 6 to Monday, May 9 (10am - 7pm). Refreshments and stalls.

Gosberton St Peter and St Paul: Saturday, April 30 to Sunday, May 8. Open daily 10.30 to 6pm. "Celebrations" depicted in flowers at the 12th century church. Craft stalls, refreshments available, coaches welcome, booking forms from Mrs E Chapman, 22 Bowgate, Gosberton, 0775 840386 or Rev T Williamson 0775 840694.

NON FLOWER FESTIVALS:

St John Ambulance, headquarters rear of 7 Pinchbeck Road, Spalding: Near start and finish of parade and exhibition of floats. Catering Saturday, May 7 (9am-6pm), Sunday, May 8 (9am-5pm). Salad meals, sandwiches, cakes, pastries, tea, coffee. Moderate charges. No bookings. Toilet for customers.

Cowbit Village Hall: stalls and refreshments Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 7, 8 and 9. Coaches welcome. Hall and kitchen facilities suitable for seminars and club meetings. Tel 0406 380496.

Crowland Abbey: Sunday, May 8 and Monday, May 9 meals and food available at the Abbey Institute. Crowland Abbey flower festival from Friday August 26 to Monday, August 29 inclusive.

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If you like flowers, you'll love Springfields - and be as excited as we are about the facelift planned for its future.

A World of Flowers is the bold vision for Springfields - see pages 37, 39 and 41 of this publication for full details.

In the meantime, Springfields is serving up a double dose of entertainment for its visitors over Flower Parade weekend.

Quite apart from the natural attraction of the gardens, Springfields hosts its Country Fair Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, May 7 and 8, with a bumper package of entertainment for all the family.

Highlight of the weekend is the visit on Saturday of the parade of colourful, flower-covered floats.

But don't miss the static bird display or the top carnival band contest, an exciting display of marching bands on Sunday (2.30pm).

There is also children's entertainment, crafts, trade stands, crowd entertainers, catering and a bar.

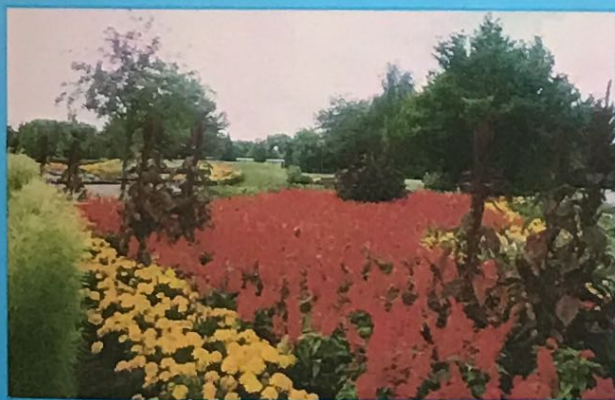
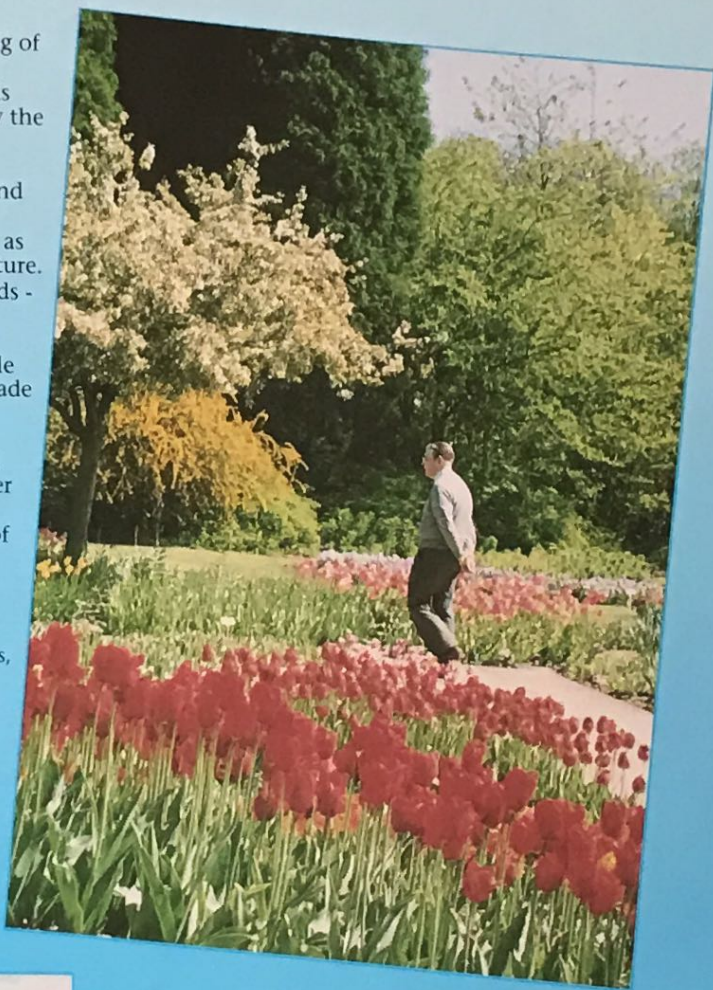
Organisers say there will be continuous attractions from 10am to 6pm daily.

Admission prices are £3.50 adults, £3 senior citizens and accompanied children free.

The gardens are in Camelgate, Spalding - and there are frequent buses available to take people there from points in the town centre.

● **RIGHT:** Breathe in the beauty of spring in Springfields Gardens.

● **BELOW:** Springfields in summer.



BOLD VISION FOR SPRINGFIELDS
See pages 37, 39 and 41

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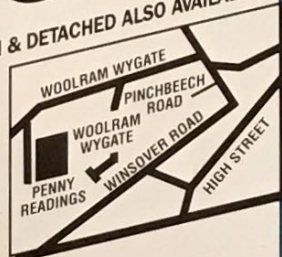
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▲ JOHN Harper - ready to perform knife-edge manoeuvres during his solo flying display at the Springfields Country Fair on Saturday May 7.

Don't miss Springfields' Country Fair

**SATURDAY MAY 7 AND
SUNDAY MAY 8 (10am-6pm)**

YOUR weekend in Spalding will not be complete without a visit to Springfields' Country Fair!

The fair is on Saturday and Sunday, May 7 and 8, with a sparkling programme of entertainment for the whole family.

Most important visitor of the weekend is the parade of colourful floats which will pass through Springfields at about 2.15pm on Saturday, giving people in the gardens a superb view of the impressive floral decorations.

The country fair is in the new exhibition centre and the arena. There are crafts, trade stands, a static bird display, an exciting display of marching bands (2.30pm Sunday) and much, much more.

ADMISSION: country fair weekend - Saturday and Sunday, adults £3.50, senior citizens £3, accompanied children free. Admission to the garden on Monday, when there will still be some entertainment, is adults £2.50, senior citizens £2.30, accompanied children free.

● A SPECTACULAR solo flying display will thrill the crowds on Saturday, May 7.

The Daily and Sunday Express will present Britain's top solo aerobatic display - the Extra 300 flown by John Harper.

He will demonstrate amazing skill - watch out for his unique knife-edge manoeuvres!

The single-seat Extra, operated by Firebird Aerobatics Ltd, is purpose built for aerobatics.

It has a roll-rate of 270 degrees a second and during the display its speed will range from 250mph to ...backwards!

See John perform at the Country Fair on Saturday only.

● IDEAL weather for Flower Parade day is sunshine and a cooling breeze to keep our visitors comfortable.

But a group of ballooning enthusiasts are hoping for good visibility, good cloud base and light winds for the big day!

For it's then they are bringing colourful hot air balloons to the Country Fair - and ballooning relies totally on the weather!

J E Page Limited and Andromeda Marketing are bringing one balloon which will be tethered at Springfields Gardens' arena, to promote the two companies and offer flights to company guests.

Another company, Breckland Balloons, will also be bringing a colourful balloon, the same size as the Page one - 77,000 cu ft capacity - and will be offering tethered five-minute flights to about 20 metres.

The company is also hoping (weather permitting) to offer a champagne flight to six people later in the day.

Proprietor and pilot Robert Keron is bringing a second, much bigger, passenger balloon. It's 100ft high, with a capacity of 120,000 cu ft. All being well, the big balloon will make a flight of about an hour either from the site or from Peterborough - between 6-7pm, ending with a glass of champagne!

Flights are £105 per person pre-booked or £95 on the day. See Robert at the site for more information.

See page 32 for full country fair timetable.

BELOW: THE colourful J and E Page balloon that will be tethered at

Springfields' Country Fair on Parade Day.





Country Fair: What's on?

SPRINGFIELDS COUNTRY FAIR PROGRAMME:

SATURDAY MAY 7:

10am to 2pm - Spalding Marching Ambassadors and the Wellingborough Redwell Band;

1-2pm - Daily Express solo flying display;

2.15-3.45pm (approx) - Spalding Flower Parade enters the gardens.

Throughout the day:

J and E Page will have a hot air balloon tethered and, if weather permits, will fly from Springfields in the evening;

Star of TV's *It Ain't 'Alf* Hot Mum Don Estelle will be entertaining visitors;

Static bird display, craft fair (indoors), trade stands and children's entertainment.

SUNDAY MAY 8:

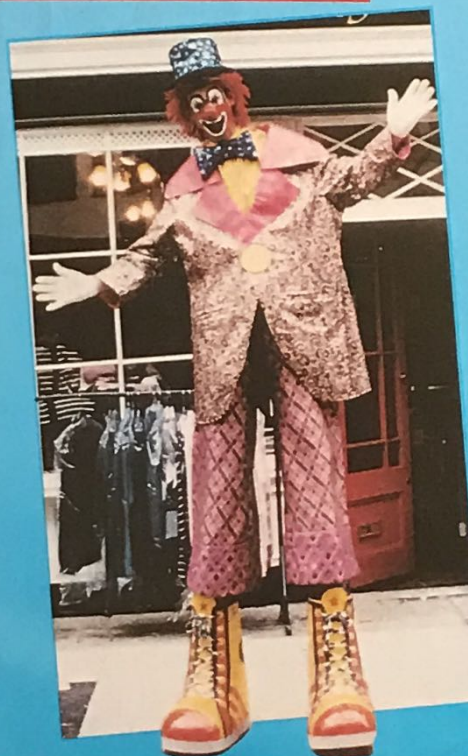
12 noon - Romsey Old Cadets will be entertaining the crowds with their popular comedy routine; 2.30pm - Top carnival band contest.

Throughout the day:

Children's entertainment, Boot's the Clown, Don Estelle, trade stands, craft fair (indoors).



▲ SPALDING Marching Ambassadors is made up of youngsters from two units who joined together to appear at parades and other functions. Their full title is 1st Spalding Girls' Brigade and 3rd Spalding Boys' Brigade Marching Ambassadors of the United Reformed Church, Spalding! A bit of a mouthful, but they are doing very well in many competitions. See them perform at the Country Fair on Saturday, May 7 only.



▲ WELLINGBOROUGH Redwell Band celebrated their 40th anniversary last year - by retaining their league title undefeated. The band, formed in 1953, wear military-style, colourful uniform and have their own original style of intricate marching and counter-marching movements. See them at the Country Fair on Saturday, May 7.

● LEFT: BOOTS the clown is at Springfields' Country Fair on Sunday, May 8. You can't miss him - he's nine feet tall on his stilts, and likes to wear dazzling suits and huge boots!

● RIGHT: DON Estelle - Lofty from *It Ain't 'Alf* Hot Mum - is entertaining at the Country Fair on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 7, 8 and 9.



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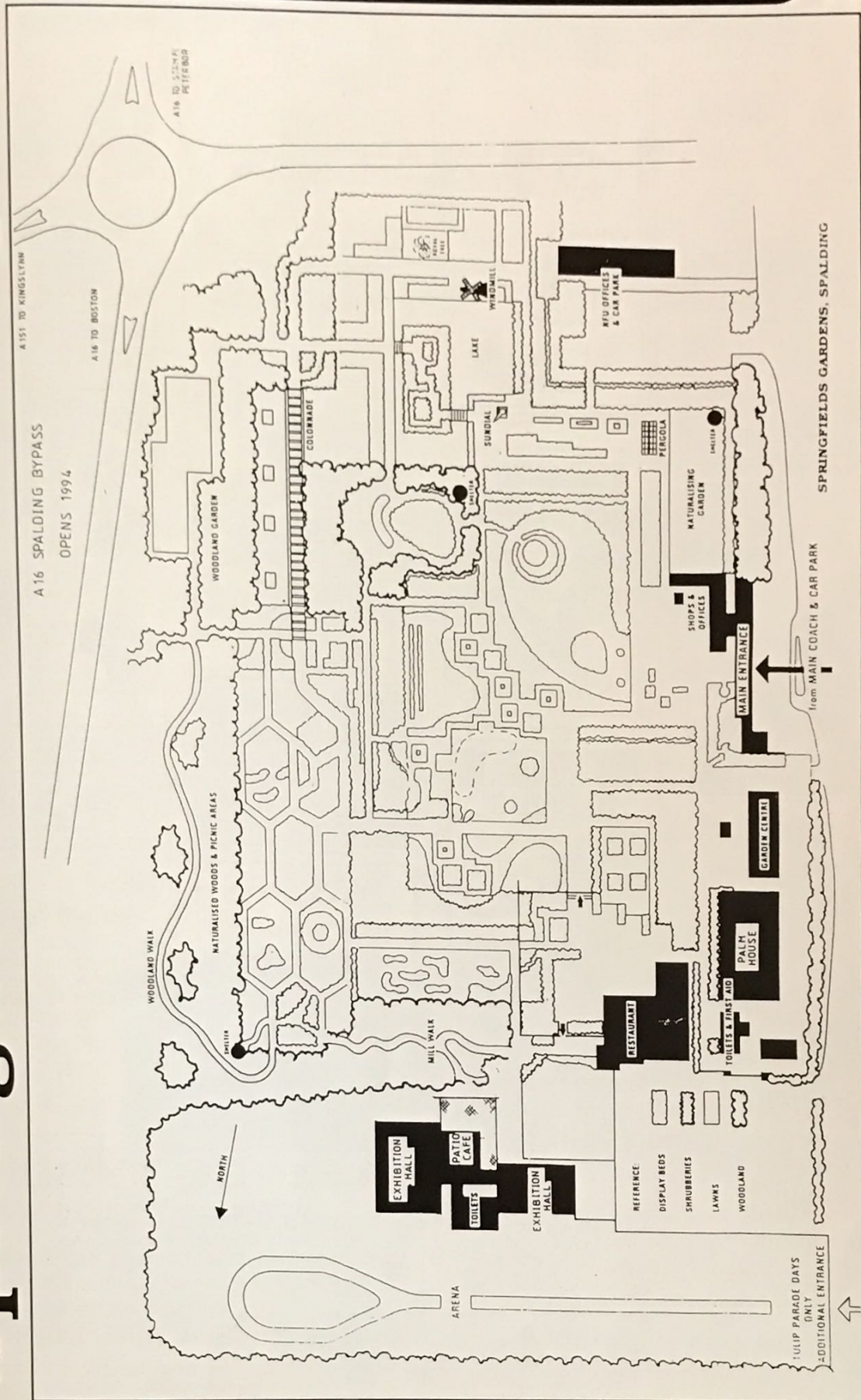
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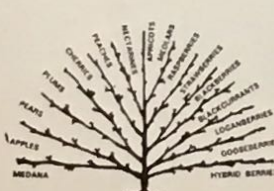
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Thousands of visitors have enjoyed the large, attractive gardens over the years.

Built originally in 1966 as a showpiece for the bulb-growing area of South Holland, the gardens are the largest in the area - 25 acres - and probably the only one of its type in the country.

The transformation now proposed would change the gardens into a new family concept park, with broader interests to attract lots more families and other visitors!

The exciting plan is linked to a proposal for a new Tesco superstore on part of the Camelgate site.

If the superstore gets the go-ahead, £1.5m from the deal will be invested in World of Flowers.

The new gardens would include:

- display gardens
- a boating lake
- play and picnic areas
- themed areas, such as the history of British garden design or examples of different gardens for different locations.
- More trees and shrubs would be planted between the park and the proposed store.

Springfields general manager Peter Atkinson and Springfields Council, which manages the gardens and organises the Flower Parade each year, feels Tesco is an ideal partner because the superstore chain buys much of its meat, vegetables and chilled foods from South Holland.

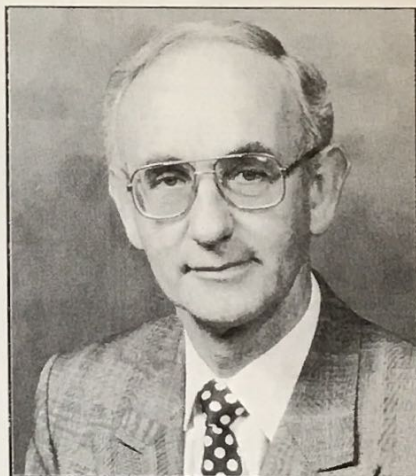
See pages 39 and 41 for more details and pictures of the proposed World of Flowers.



▲ THE END of the grand concourse, with the boating lake and island on the right and a new display pavilion on the left.

● RIGHT: Springfields general manager Peter Atkinson.

● BELOW: The logo adopted for the World of Flowers vision for Springfields Gardens, Spalding.



Display gardens, a boating lake, play and picnic areas, themed areas, a grand concourse

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▲ **SPRINGFIELDS: World of Flowers** - a layout plan of the proposals, showing the redesigned main entrance (A), the Grand Concourse (B), the boating lake in the centre of the picture (C), the picnic and display area (D), the themed gardens and display arena (E), Woodland Walk (F), play and educational facilities (G), arena with ornamental gardens and event enclosures, planned superstore (J), the exhibition hall (K) and the secondary entrance (L).

Springfields of the future?

THEMED gardens, a boating lakeproposals to breathe new life into the beautiful Springfields Gardens!

Springfields: World of Flowers is the vision which could take Spalding's largest garden to the end of the century and beyond, into the 21st century.

The vision would involve the creation of a horticultural attraction aimed at bringing in families as well as amateur gardeners.

Springfields arena would have a number of new enclosures to be used for events throughout the year - especially the annual Flower Festival and Parade.

The arena area would be restructured with planting and be incorporated into the main gardens, with display areas

'World of Flowers would help ensure the future of Spalding Flower Parade'

and walkways.

A grand concourse, a main area for walking through the gardens, would be just inside the new main entrance and provide a link to all the new features, which include:

- ☐ play and educational areas;
- ☐ picnic and eating areas;
- ☐ new buildings, including a display pavilion.

A series of themed enclosures would be situated between the boating lake and the woodland next to the A16 bypass.

Examples of themes might be "the history of British garden design" or examples of different gardens for different locations.

Springfields Council say if the scheme is successful, it would create a valuable asset for the district and the nation.

It would provide continued employment for 100 staff, and help ensure the future of the Flower Parade.

● See page 41 for more pictures of the proposals.

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● RIGHT: A VIEW from just inside the new main entrance. The grand concourse is straight ahead and the footpath to the right winds its way through woodland past the lake and towards the themed gardens.



● LEFT: ONE of the enclosures to be created as part of the arena, to be used for events throughout the year.



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SEE ALTHEA AT WORK

THE lush tropical plants and flowers of South Africa are the inspiration for international flower designer Althea Higham's work.

Althea, from Durban, is leading workshops prior to the Springfield Flower Show and will be demonstrating her skills on Saturday, August 13 at 2.15pm, when she arranges and explains a typical flower design from South Africa in front of a large audience in the demonstration marquee.

Married with two sons, Althea gained her diploma in floristry in 1976.

She owned a flower shop in Durban for five years, which she sold to start a mail order business specialising in floral mechanics and accessories.

Some of her other achievements include: flower arranging demonstrator's diploma 1984; judges certificate with the Natal panel of Floral Art Judges 1987; head of Durban Academy of Floral Art 1990; designed numerous flower festivals; president of the Floral Art Demonstrators Association of Natal; seven-week demonstration/workshop tour of New



▲ INTERNATIONAL flower designer Althea Higham. (Photo courtesy The Flower Arranger)

Zealand 1992; demonstrated at the World Show, Toronto and a demonstration/workshop tour of Zimbabwe 1993.

Althea is a keen competitor and has achieved runner up best on show and first at World Show in Paris in 1989; and first and second prize at South Africa's Exotica Competitions.

IF you liked what you saw at Springfield Gardens, come back again later in the summer!

Springfields Flower Show is to be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14, from 10am to 5pm each day.

Show organisers say: "In the tradition of a flower town, Spalding now boasts another flowery weekend - the seventh Springfield Flower Show.

"The main feature of the show is a nationally renowned flower arranging competition which draws entries from all over the UK and abroad.

"This year, the overall title is World in Action and our competitors will interpret 15 classes with individual titles, such as Life in the Freezer, The Wheel and The Planets.

"Prior to the show, enthusiastic students attend workshops instructed by an invited international flower designer.

"Althea Higham from South Africa will instruct at our 1994 sessions, and in addition, on Saturday, August 13, at 2.15pm, will arrange and explain typical flower designs of South Africa in front of an audience in the demonstration marquee.

"Other attractions at the show include a nursery marquee, crafts and gardening sundries, TV and radio personalities and an opportunity to walk round the 25 acres of Springfield Gardens and begonia show.

"This show is not to be missed, so we look forward to seeing you all in August."

● Admission prices are adults £3.50, OAPs £3 and accompanied children under 14 free - special rates for party bookings.

- For further information please contact Springfield Gardens, Camelgate, Spalding, PE12 6ET; telephone 0775 724843; FAX 0775 711209.

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Apart from the flower and gardening displays and demonstrations, there will be crafts, a display by the Royal National Lifeboat Institute, children's entertainment, a percheron horse display, marching bands, a vintage cycle display (Sunday only), a bird display - and the 25-acre show gardens.

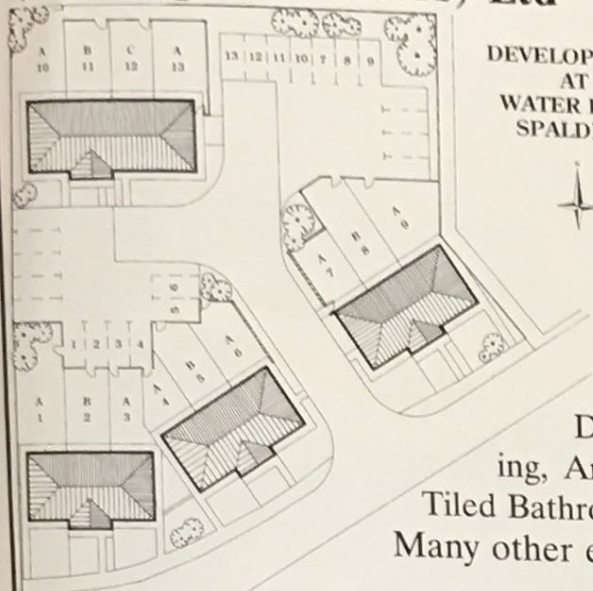
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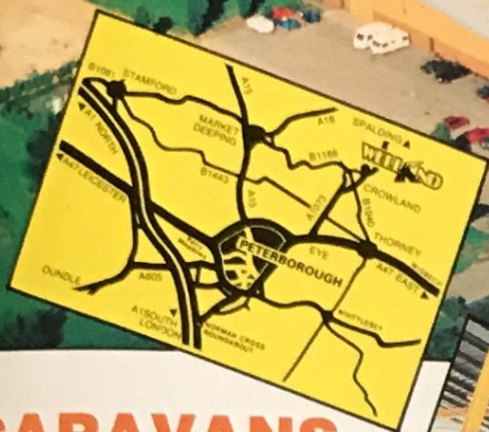
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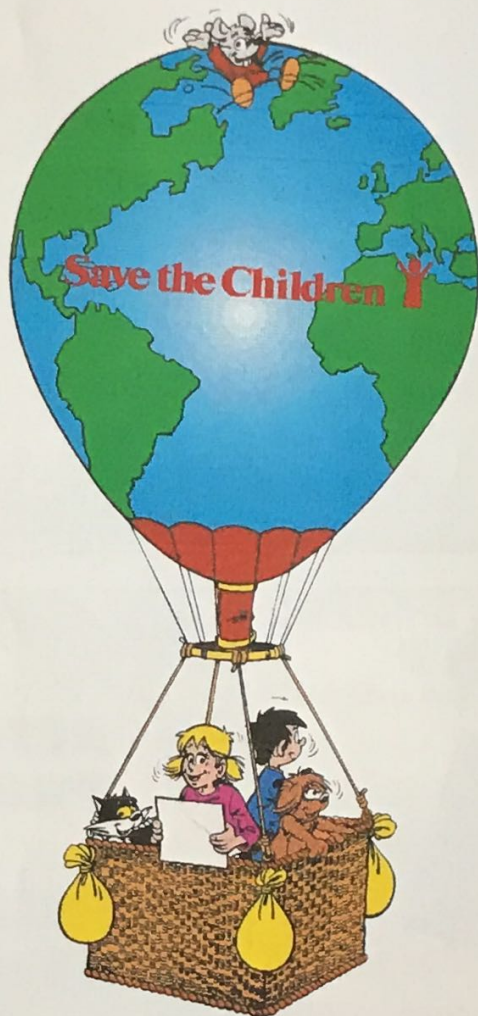
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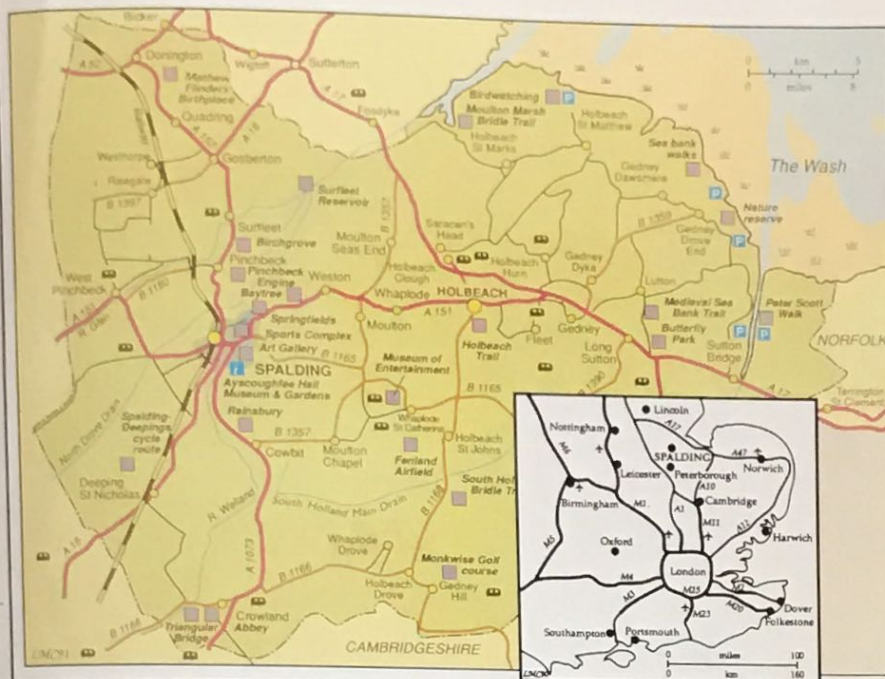


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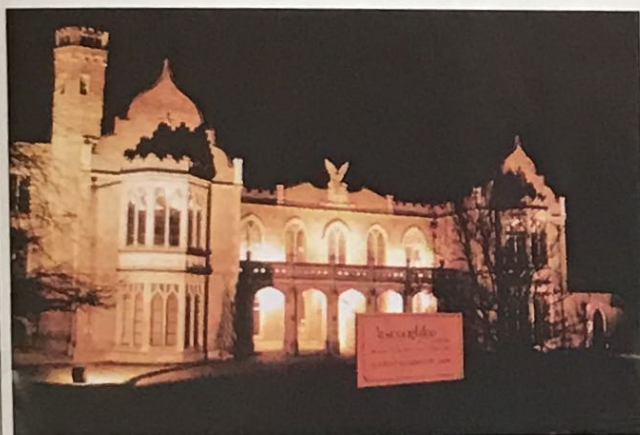
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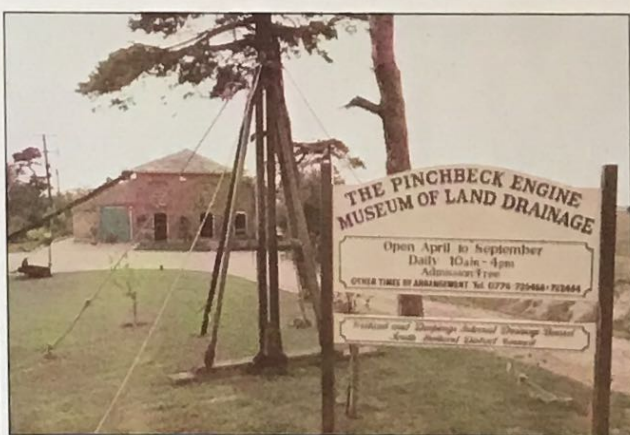
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