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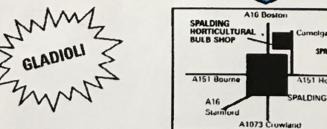
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All change







Our visitors will notice a few changes to this year's parade but they are all explained in detail in this programme.

There's a new route (see page 4), new festival site where the parade starts and finishes (see pages 13-19) and a new start time - 2pm.

This year, for the first time, there is also a collection - so be prepared to show **Parade** vour

appreciation. But our 37th parade - on Saturday, May 6 still contains all those special ingredients that has made it so popular with visitors over the years!

This year the organisers have chosen World of Books as the parade theme coinciding rather nicely with Thomas the Tank Engine's 50th anniversary!

Thomas fans old and young will enjoy Broadgate Builders' Thomas the Tank Engine float in the parade.

And there are a few other book favourites to look out for in the parade - such as Alice in Wonderland and Beatrix Potter.

☐ We have a super children's competition (see page 11) with a chance to win Thomas the Tank Engine and other books.

The flower-covered floats are a wonderful spectacle which can't fail to delight even when rain does occasionally dampen

The floats are the big attraction - but we also

have an exciting line up of entertainment for visitors (see pages 13, 21, 24, 25, 26) at Springfields' World of Flowers (a short trip by shuttle bus from Spalding

of Books

theme is

World

☐ The focus for entertainment this year is SPRINGFIELDS GARDENS

entertainment.

☐ This year's PARADE is on Saturday, May 6 and there will be entertainment right through the holiday weekend, including Monday, May 8.

☐ Once again South Holland Spring Festival committee has put together a varied programme of entertainment both before and during the parade weekend (pages 27-37).

☐ And of course the churches in Spalding and throughout the district are decorated in flowers by

"Tulip Time" by one of our churches, Moulton Parish Church, has been recognised with an award this year (see page 26).

where visitors can enjoy the float display (apart from when they are on parade between 2-5pm on Saturday), the gardens and a varied programme of

once again a stunning sight, tireless volunteers. In fact the contribution to

Take time to explore all that South Holland has to

Collection for first time this year - so please show your appreciation!

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Order of Spalding Flower Parade '95

SPALDING Flower Parade will leave its new home at Springfields Gardens, Camelgate, Spalding, at the new time of 2pm on Saturday, May 6, and travel on its new clockwise route around the town. It is expected back at Springfields at around 5pm.

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

At around 1pm the Old Romsey Cadets celebrating their 20th year in the parade, will leave Springfields to entertain the crowds in their mad-cap style.

The Michelin bus with the Die Apfeltizers Oompah Band will follow, together with the public address system giving out 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 1995.

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 Thirteenth City of Coventry Scout Marching Band

Director Mr R H Newell. 30th appearance in the parade. Sponsored by the Spalding and District churches.

5 The World of Peter Rabbit (Beatrix Potter © Frederick Warne and Co)

Entered by Lingarden Ltd, a regular in the flower parade, who are best known for their colourful bulb prepacks in many of the large multiple outlets. In addition, they are the leading UK suppliers of cut flowers to the multiples and are now able to offer a next day delivery service of bouquets direct to private households, hospitals, etc. IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY - SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2PM

6 Entered by Geest Plc

The Geest name might be famous for bananas but in fact, it is also the UK's largest supplier of salads and fresh chilled foods such as pasta, bread, dips and soups. The Geest float celebrates the launch of Necta; the unique fresh peeled and cored pineapple which, due to revolutionary new packaging, arrives in this country as sweet and ripe as the day it was picked.



▲ DISTINCTIVE in their attractive, hunting-style uniform, the Melton Mowbray Tally Ho Band entertains the crowds with their colourful marching displays and concert work.

Formed in 1936, the band has always tried to help local and national charities as much as possible.

7 Derby Serenaders Band.

Musical Director Mr M F Ward.

8 Breakdown vehicle - just in case!

9 Miss Jersey Battle of Flowers.

Miss Sandra Neves riding in a landau supplied by Mr G Boswell of Clay Lake, Spalding.

10 Young Farmers on Parade.

Entered by Spalding and District Young Farmers' Club. Their annual float is totally designed and built by members. The Young Farmers' catering is on the arena at Springfields Gardens where they provide good country food. All proceeds go to local charities and club funds.

11 Vintage Jazz by The Original Eastside Stompers

Manager Mr Ernie Hodgson. Sponsored by Express Newspapers. Electric towing tug provided by J Bradshaw Ltd of Stibbington.

12 Long Sutton and District Veteran Cycle Club.

Secretary Miss N A Wellband. Again, congratulations on your 35th Flower Parade appearance.

13 The Electronic Book

Entered by the Lincolnshire University Project Spalding Support Group. A unique feature of the University College for Lincolnshire opening in October 1996 is the Access Network. This state-of-the-art technology will provide electronic access to the university from all the main centres in the county. In Spalding the support group is looking at both how the academic programme relates to the community and providing support in fundraising.

14 Thomas the Tank Engine

Entered by Broadgate Builders (Spalding) Ltd. Thomas is really looking forward to the Spalding Flower Parade. He can't wait to say "Hello" to everyone while he's travelling around the town and he especially wants to meet all his friends at Broadgate Homes. He knows they build the finest selection of houses and bungalows in Lincolnshire. For further details about Broadgate telephone 01775 711637.

Flower parade special

The Lincolnshire Free Press for Tuesday, May 9 will carry a souvenir supplement about the 1995 Spalding Flower Parade. Order your copy now by taking this coupon to your newsagent or by sending it with your remittance to the address below.

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Order of parade

15 Melton Mowbray Tally-Ho Band. Secretary Mr A G E Cragg.

16 World of Nursery Rhymes Entered by Turners Turkeys

Entered by Turners Turkeys, one of the major UK turkey producers. Export sales account for 40 per cent of their production, mainly into the European market, with the other 60 per cent being sold into the UK to major turkey processors who supply the high street retail trade.

17 Breakdown Vehicle

17a Charity Collection Vehicle - Rotary Club of South Holland

18 Make Room for Flowers and Plants

Entered by the Flowers & Plants Association, New Covent Garden, London. The Association encourages the public to buy more flowers and plants by keeping people informed about the wide range of products available and advising on how to care

for them properly, so as to make them last longer.

19 Miss Lincolnshire Free Press and Spalding Guardian 1995.

Amanda Smith in an open topped decorated car.

20 Blue Eagles Drum and Bugle Corps from Essex

First time appearance for this band formed 30 years ago. Winners of the British Drum Corps Championship and British Youth Band Championship in '89, '90, '91 and '92.

21 My Little Gardening Book

Entered by Springfields Gardens. Now in its 29th year the garden features the most comprehensive UK display of tulips and daffodils. Set in 30 acres of woodlands, lawns, together with patio cafe, shop, toilets, this venue is open daily April to September. Visit this weekend - see the flowers and enjoy the entertainment.

22 Farmers' Glory by A G Street

This year's float makes a clear association with farming in the region in the form of a tractor carrying a vegetable box. We are celebrating the diversity and goodness of greens. The crisp cabbage, the creamy cauliflower - endlessly adaptable and ideal partners for the fresh salads and fruits from the British countryside.

23 Bookworm

Entered by Lincolnshire County Council Library Services. Lincolnshire offers 52 libraries, mobile services and many other opportunities for personal and community education, information, recreation and leisure. Step into a Lincolnshire library and turn over a new leaf. Membership is free.

24 Food, Glorious Food Entered by Lincolnshire Training and





On their bikes for 35th time!

MAKING their 35th appearance in Spalding Flower Parade are members of Long Sutton and District Veteran Cycle Club!

The "eccentric" cycle enthusiasts (the word used by one of its members!) will pedal

Enterprise Council. Lincolnshire TEC, together with local food companies and the Spalding Grammar School Big Band, is having a 'Dickens of a good time' with this year's float and its cookery book theme. The TEC's aim is to foster the economic prosperity of Lincolnshire. We achieve this by working in partnership with other organisations - our recipe for success!

25 Flower World

Entered by E Four Sales, New Covent Garden Market, London. One of the country's leading wholesalers of flowers especially Lincolnshire grown. round the route, with ready smiles and looking charming in their period costumes.

Flower parade regulars particularly enjoy the antics of the Penny Farthing riders! Give them a big cheer as they pass by.

26 Derby Midshipman BandFirst appearance in the parade. Previous winners of Springfields Marching Band

27 Alice in Wonderland

competition.

Entered by Midland Bank Plc. Your local bank in the community. We invite you to a world of dreams and imagination with Alice and her friends at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

28 Breakdown vehicle - just in case!

Please give generously...

FTER 36 years Spalding Flower Parade Committee has had some difficulty in financing the parade and a substantial loss was incurred in '94.

Although the floats are sponsored by individual companies and organisations, much of the expenditure, including entertainment, bands, travel costs and feeding, is not recoverable. Many visitors have asked how they could help. This year they are able to do so.

A street collection will take place during the parade. This will be collected by the Rotary Club of South Holland for charity and they pledge to donate 50 per cent to the Spalding Flower Parade funds to ensure its future success.

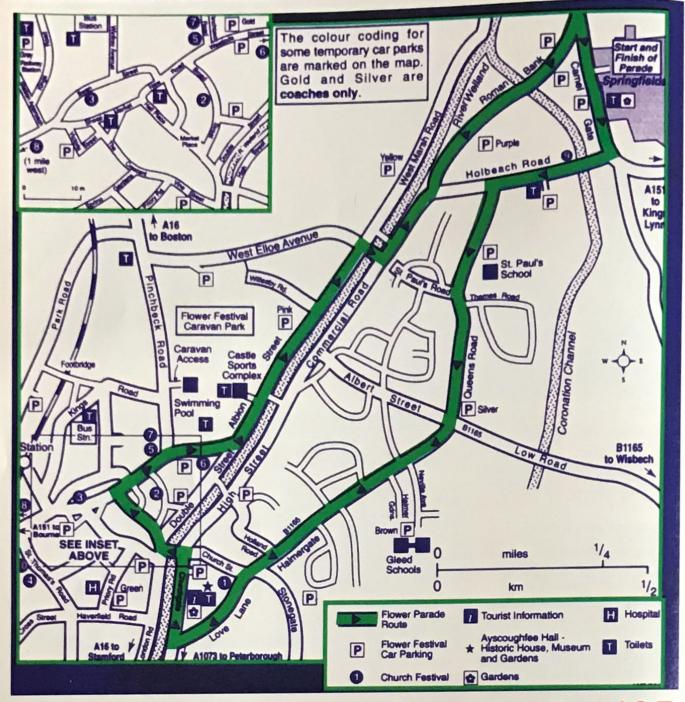
Members of the Rotary Club will collect with the Romsey Old Cadets band prior to the parade and a second collection unit, with collectors, will cover the second half of the parade.

Watch out for the collectors in fancy dress and please give generously for the charities and help secure the future of the parade.

PETER ATKINSON Flower parade organiser



Flower parade route



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Important route changes for '95

T HERE are important changes to Spalding Flower Parade and its route for 1995!

Due to Spalding town centre redevelopment the flower parade route is in the opposite direction this year, ie clockwise, and does NOT pass down Pinchbeck Road or Winfrey Avenue.

The parade starts at 2pm from Springfields Gardens and travels round Spalding on a four-mile route, returning to Springfields at approximately 5pm where the floats will be on display after the parade.

The old Sir Halley Stewart Field site will NOT be used.

□ APPROXIMATE timings for the flower parade are: 2pm - the head of the parade leaves the arena in Springfields Gardens, Camelgate; 2.15pm - NFU Offices, Camelgate; 2.30pm - Holbeach Road; 2.40pm - The Birds Inn, Holbeach Road; 3pm - Cley Hall Drive; 3.10pm -Stonegate; 3.20pm - Love Lane (river end); 3.40pm - High Bridge over River Welland; 3.50pm - junction of New Road/Hall Place; 4.10pm - Albion Street/Double Street junction; 4.15pm -West Elloe Bridge; 4.30pm - return to arena.





● LEFT: King Neptune and creatures of the deep were the contribution in 1994 from Olau. (KC4/12A)

 BELOW: Frogs, ducks and ducklings on Geest's float in 1994 captured the Mother Earth theme. (KC6/34)

Fabulous floral floats



HE 37th annual Spalding flower parade has the theme World of Books.

Floats and marching bands will show the world why the parade is an international event attracting tens of thousands of visitors.

The floats, up to 50 feet long, are covered in flower heads and other decorations to celebrate the district's claim to be the centre of the British bulb and flower industry.

On this page are photographs from last year's parade.

 BELOW: Protecting wildlife the Broadgate Builders way. (KC12/35)





So what's new in '95?



 ABOVE: Parade chairman Brian Drury and Peter Atkinson

HERE are important changes to Spalding Flower Parade 1995, on Saturday, May 6.

The most important change is that this year's route is different (see page 4), a change brought about because of town centre redevelopment plans.

The route is now in the opposite direction and does not pass down Pinchbeck Road or Winfrey Avenue.

The parade starts at 2pm - slightly later from Springfields' World of Flowers and returns there at about Spm. The floats will be on display at Springfields Gardens throughout the weekend - apart from parade time.

The old festival site at Sir Halley Stewart Field will not be used, again because of the redevelopment plans.

This year, for the first time, South Holland District Council is underwriting the parade to meet losses if there are any - to a maximum

As part of that agreement, a street collection is to be held to help offset some of the costs of the parade and to help local

Mr Peter Atkinson, general manager of Springfields' World of Flowers, said: Following the losses incurred by the flower parade committee after the 1994 parade,

when it rained on parade day and numbers were down considerably, the flower parade organisers had discussions with South Holland District Council and the upshot is the council agreed to underwrite the Spalding Flower Parade up to £15,000 for 1995, subject to conditions.

"One of those conditions was that a street collection should be held on flower parade day for the benefit of local charities and the organisers to help them defray costs incurred which they couldn't pass on to float sponsors.

"For instance marching bands, entertainment in the parade and a lot of other costs. We have to remember that only 50 per cent of the income for the parade comes from sponsors and the rest has to be gained from the float exhibition which is held on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday

He said bringing the float display entertainment and festival site to Springfields' World of Flowers made it into a one-stop/one price venue for visitors.

• Entry is £5 on Saturday, May 6, Sunday, May 7 and Monday, May 8 accompanied children free.

WHERE to park, where to eat, where to shop

SOUTH Holland Council has produced a

(general manager Springfields World of Flowers and flower parade organiser). Spalding town map in a booklet containing

other useful information, available from Tourist Information (01775 725468) at Ayscoughfee Hall, Churchgate, Spalding.

The booklet lists attractions - newest are the Tropical Forest at Pinchbeck and the Romany Museum at Clay Lake, Spalding - as well as car parks, gift shops and places to eat.

RESTAURANTS listed include: Cley Hall Hotel, High Street; Crystal Inn, Churchgate; Fratelli Ristorante, Double Street; Golden City, The Crescent; Red Lion, Market Place; Shaheen Tandoori, Pinchbeck Road; Springfields, Camelgate; Queensgate Hotel, Westlode Street; Woodlands Hotel, Pinchbeck Road.

PUBS include: Bull Inn, Churchgate; Black Swan, New Road; Birds, Halmergate; Chequers, Swan Street; Lincolnshire Poacher, Double Street; Pied Calf, Sheep Market; Royal Mail Cart, Pinchbeck Road; White Horse Inn, Churchgate.

CAFES, fish and chip restaurants, takeaways: Ayscoughfee Gardens Cafe, Churchgate; Bingol Kebab and Pizza, New Road; Chesters, New Road; Crispy Cod, Winsover Road; Delight Chinese Takeaway, Westlode Street; Nuccios, New Road; Ospreys, The Crescent; Prior's Oven, Sheep Market; Sea Breeze, Sheep Market; Tulips Coffee House, Red Lion Street; Turners Fish Restaurant (Sheddy's), New Road; Wimpy, Market Place; Welland Restaurant (Hills), Market Place.

· For information about church flower festivals' catering, see page 36.

Different route, different time, collection, one-stop/one-price festival site

Let shuttle take the strain...

DON'T worry if you're in Spalding town centre and you have decided you would like to visit Springfields Gardens getting there is easy on the shuttle service.

A bus will be ferrying passengers to Springfields Gardens and back again all day Saturday, May 6, Sunday, May 7 and Monday, May 8 for 50p each

The service, which leaves from the town's bus station in Winfrey Avenue and takes visitors to the gates of Springfields Gardens, will be running continually, except during the parade (approximately 2-5pm on Saturday, May 6).

Have a terrific day!

ONCE again I have the pleasure of welcoming you to Spalding Flower Parade

This one is the 37th and the one with the greatest number of changes. The two major differences are to the route which the parade takes and the point the floats start and finish at, which is Springfields Gardens, where they will be on display for the remainder of the week.

This year the shopping complex development taking place in the Cattle Market area of the town made the use of the Sir Halley Stewart field, which we have used for many years for our float

display, unsuitable, as the parking and access would have been very poor.

I am sure when you see the floats displayed at Springfields Gardens you will agree this is a much more suitable site for them.

The single entrance fee is also a saving for people who have in the past paid to enter both



 LEFT: Brian Drury ensuring everything runs smoothly on parade day.

the Sir Halley Stewart field and Springfields Gardens.

Our new route was designed to take maximum advantage of the new Spalding bypass but, as I write this message in late January, there is a strong possibility that it will not be open by the parade date.

We were told in May last year that it would be in use early in 1995. I can only hope that at least some parts can be used.

I shall lead the parade out of Springfields Gardens at 2pm, returning about

My committee try to cover every eventuality, but the most important one of all - the weather we have to leave to someone else! Let's hope for a lovely, warm, sunny day when the floats look better and we all feel better. See you on May 6.

Brian Drury

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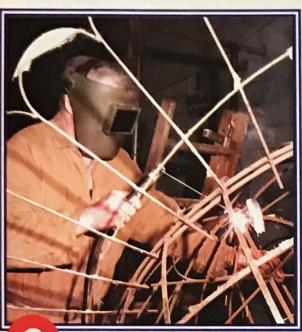
So how's it done?

T ALL begins on a drawing board in Australia of all places!

Kees Van Driel, like his father before him, designs

floats in his Australian home that will match both the theme of the parade - this year's is World of Books - and the float sponsor.

Then blacksmith Geoff Dodd, who has been building floats for 35 years, translates the approved designs into working drawings. (JC367/36)



GEOFF starts creating parts of the float before the whole thing is welded together. It takes 13 to 14 miles of steel to make the floats for a big parade. (JC367/15A)

BLACKSMITH Geoff Dodd, who has been building floats for 35 years, translates the approved designs into working drawings. (JC367/36)

THE floats are then covered by polyethylene foam by Mick Pratt. It takes more than 2,000 metres of foam and at least a hundred gallons of glue! (JC367/17A)



FINALLY, millions of flower heads are pinned onto the floats by an army of willing workers. Among them are Sheila Banham (64) (right) and Gladys Shaw (77) who have been decorating the floats for over 20 years through their connection with Wainfleet NFU.

Sheila says decorating the floats "gets under your skin".

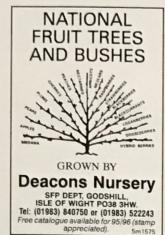
The pair estimate it takes 1,000 tulip heads for each square yard and that they can decorate two square yards in about two hours.

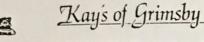
Both look forward to the job, meeting the same people each year and the lovely, friendly atmosphere. (KC1291/8)



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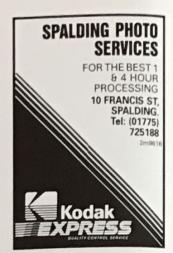
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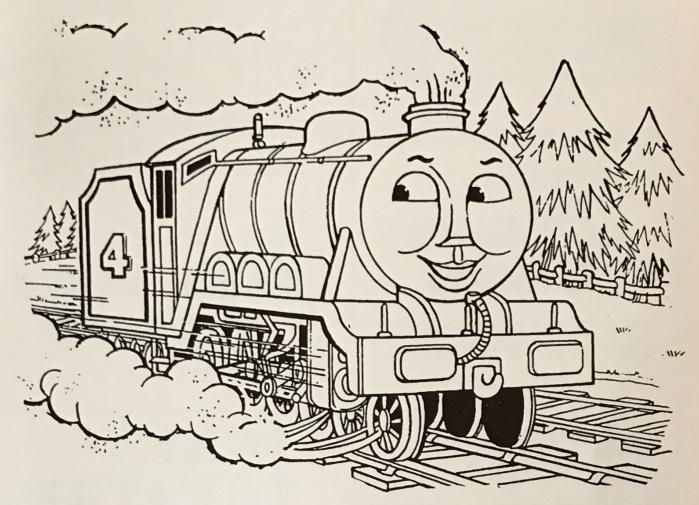


For further information contact Tina McEwan

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WIN book prizes with Thomas The Tank Engine





Thomas the Tank Engine joins parade in his 50th year

HOMAS the Tank Engine is joining Spalding Flower Parade in his 50th anniversary year!

The parade theme this year is World of Books and Broadgate Builders (Spalding) Ltd is entering a Thomas float in the parade.

Now Broadgate Builders, together with Christine Hanson of Bookmark in The Crescent, Spalding, are offering children the chance to win not only Thomas books, but reference books for older children too.

The competition is divided into two sections:

- ★ children up to eight who can enter the Thomas colouring competition - DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER;
- ★ children over eight, who should answer the three simple questions.

In the colouring competition, there are

Thomas pop up or 'noisy' books for the first two winners in the three to five age range, and signed copies of Thomas classics for the first two winners in the six to eight age range.

The three winners in the older age group will win The Times Atlas of the World

(£16.99), the Guinness Book of Records (£14.99) and The Top 10 of Everything (£12.99).

Send entries to Jean Hodge, Lincolnshire Free Press, The Crescent, Spalding, Lincolnshire, by Monday, May 22.

Fentry form for children over eight

- 1) Who is the most published author of all time?
- 2) Which UK singer has had the most number one hit singles?
 - 3) What is the capital of Taiwan?

Send your entries to Jean Hodge, Flower Parade Competition, Lincolnshire Free Press, Priory House, The Crescent,

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PRINGFIELDS Gardens, Spalding, is the ONLY festival site for 1995's flower

In previous years the Sir Halley Stewart Field at the corner of Winfrey Avenue and King's Road, Spalding, has also been used.

But due to town centre redevelopment, the focus has been centred on Springfields in Camelgate, Spalding.

Visitors will now pay only to get into Springfields whereas in previous years some visitors paid to get into both Springfields and the Sir Halley Stewart Field

The programme of events at Springfields is:

SATURDAY, May 6

Wellingborough Redwell Band entertains around the arena roadways

☐ 11.15-11.40am - The Blue Eagles Drum and Bugle Corps Band (also in parade)

- ☐ 11.50-12.20pm The Mid Wales Axe Racing Team
- ☐ 12.30-12.55pm Mr Mystery, the man with bionic eyes
- ☐ 1-1.30pm Wellingborough Redwell Band entertains around the arena roadways
- □ 2-5pm flower parade of floats departs the arena for the annual tour of Spalding, returning at approximately 5pm
- □ 3-3.30pm The Mid Wales Axe Racing Team
 - □ 3.40-4.25pm Hypnoworld
- ☐ 4.30-5pm Wellingborough Redwell Band entertains around the arena roadways

PLUS:

 Spalding Marching Ambassadors will be performing periodically throughout the day within the gardens; parade floats will assemble in the arena for final preparations between 10am and 2pm prior to the parade. An ideal opportunity for

not to scale photographs! Giant craft fair; sponsors' exhibits; trade stands; Punch and Judy shows; Lincolnshire Museum exhibition; children's entertainment; Royal Navy static display; Baytree Owl Centre; RNLI model boat show; licensed restaurant and bar; 25acre spring show garden

Camelgate

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SUNDAY, May 7

- □ 11.15-11.40 Battling Cumberland giants show
- ☐ 12noon-12.45pm famous Romsey Old Cadets performing their zany musical marching routine
- □ 1.15-1.40pm Battling Cumberland giants show
- 2.15-4.30pm Springfields Annual Marching Band competition

PLUS:

 Static display of flower floats; giant craft fair; sponsors' exhibits; trade stands; Punch and Judy shows; children's entertainment;

- ★ Meet Mr Mystery the man with bionic eyes
- **★** See Spalding Flower Parade pass through Springfields
- ★ Enjoy a giant craft fair ★ Hear bands
- **★** Watch the battling Cumberland giants show

Lincolnshire Museum exhibition; Royal Navy static display; RNLI model boat show; Baytree Owl Centre; Boots, the stilt walking clown; licensed restaurant and bar; 25-acre spring show garden.

INFORMATION

MONDAY, May 8

- 11.30-12noon Rangers of Derby marching band
- 12.15-12.40pm Battling Cumberland giants show
- 1-1.30pm Motorcycle Madmen one of Britain's top motorcycle teams
- 2-2.30pm Rangers of Derby marching band
- 2.45-3.10pm Battling Cumberland giants
- 3.30-4pm Motorcycle Madmen one of Britain's top motorcycle teams
- 4.30-5pm Rangers of Derby marching
- PLUS: TELEVISION PERSONALITY to be announced; static display of floats; giant craft fair; trade stands; sponsors' exhibits; Punch and Judy shows; children's entertainment; Lincolnshire Museum exhibition; Royal Navy static display; RNLI model boat show; Baytree Owl Centre; Boots the stilt walking clown; licensed restaurant and bar; 25-acre spring show garden.
- See pages 21, 24, 25, 26 for festival site highlights.

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German Oompah Band (Die Apfeltizers)

MAKING a return visit to Spalding Flower Parade is the German Oompah Band, or Die Apfeltizers, who will be playing once again on the top of a Michelin bus. The group, which was formed in 1992, has proved popular with

audiences, both at German evenings or when they are providing background music in traditional German style.

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

The Derby Midshipmen Carnival Band

THE French naval dress of the 1800s period is the influence for the uniform worn by the Derby Midshipmen Carnival Band.

The band has entered 24 contests which were run by the Carnival Band Association since 1990, gaining first place in 21 of these contests and second place

in the remaining three.

As well as appearing in Spalding Flower Parade for the first time, the band will be trying to retain their title as champions in the Carnival Band Association contest, which is to be held at Springfields Gardens, Camelgate, Spalding.







.. Bring on the bands

Derby Serenaders Showband

SPALDING Flower Parade visitors have been serenaded by this group since the early 70s!

They are the Derby Serenaders Showband, and they have been on the go since 1936.

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



Spalding Grammar School Big Band

SPALDING Grammar School Big Band better known as SGS Big Band - will be belting out music from the float entered in Spalding Flower Parade by Lincolnshire Training and Enterprise Council.

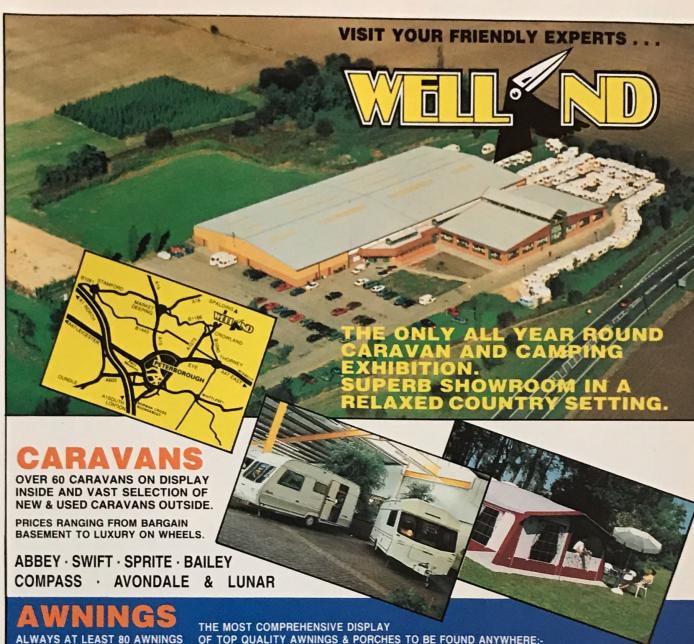
It's made up of members of the school's larger Concert Band, and is based upon the traditional big band line-up.

During its four-year existence, SGS Big Band has built up both a large and varied repertoire and a popular reputation, performing at concerts and providing entertainment for local dances.

Together with the SGS Concert Band it has recently released a professional recording entitled 'Take Two'.

In the summer both bands will undertake their sixth continental tour which this year will be based in Annecy, in the Savoie region of France.





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Bloomin' lovely!

OOKING every bit as beautiful as the flowercovered floats are South Holland Flower Queen Tracey Markham, her deputy Rachael Murray and Miss Spalding Guardian Amanda Smith.

The three beauties were crowned in Spalding in February and will spend the year visiting hospitals and old people's homes, opening fetes and galas and being generally in demand by the community!

However Spalding Flower Parade is the highlight of their year, when Tracey and Rachael will ride aloft on South Holland Council's float and Amanda can be seen in an open topped car.

FLOWER QUEEN

TRACEY (20) lives in Spalding with her parents and is a trainee personnel assistant.

She enjoys swimming, aerobics, reading, socialising and is studying psychology and business

administration to improve her promotion prospects. At six feet tall, brown haired and brown eyed Tracey will never go unnoticed!

DEPUTY FLOWER QUEEN

RACHAEL (18), lives in Spalding with her parents - her father is Jim Murray of country

 FROM LEFT: Miss Spalding Guardian Amanda Smith, Flower Queen Tracey Markham and Deputy Flower Queen Rachael Murray. (LC357/1)

> and Irish group Jimmy Murray and Shamrock.

> > She is due to finish business and finance studies soon.

Then she will decide between seeking a job in travel and tourism or continuing her studies.

Petite Rachael - she is just five feet two inches, with blonde hair and blue eyes - gained modelling experience in southern California some years ago, and would like to return there one day.

MISS SPALDING GUARDIAN

AMANDA (24) lives with her boyfriend in Spalding and is a catering auxiliary at a local nursing home.

Auburn haired, blue/green eyed Amanda is fond of drawing, reading, astrology, cooking and looking after her pets.

At six feet tall, Tracey will never go unnoticed



SOUTH HOLLAND Flower Queen, Tracey Markham. (LC361/21)

She handles pythons!

PYTHON handler Sandra Neves is the beautiful Miss Jersey Battle of Flowers who will be joining Spalding Flower Parade this year. In fact Sandra (23) is manageress of a butterfly centre in one of the parishes of Jersey, and handling pythons and tarantulas is part of her routine!

Sandra was born in Lisbon, has lived in Jersey for ten years and speaks French, Portuguese and English fluently.

This will be one of the last events of the year for Sandra, whose ambition it is to join the police

• RIGHT: Beautiful Miss Jersey **Battle of Flowers, Sandra Neves**



Miss Spalding Guardian is a member of the Caring Team



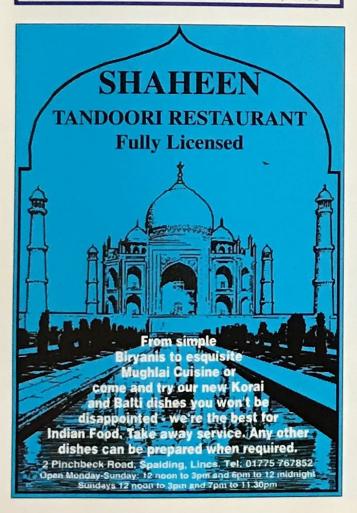
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What's on? at festival site

HE FUN begins here! Springfields Gardens has no end of entertainment on offer - from mad cap band members of the Romsey Old Cadets, to marching bands,

wrestling giants, motorcycle madmen and much, much more.

Then, of course, there are the fabulous, flower covered floats, positioned in the gardens when they are not on parade where visitors have the chance to linger over every perfect detail.

And we must not forget the glorious Springfields Gardens

themselves - acre upon acre of gardens of every variety

You'll find a palm house in Springfields Gardens - and you'll also find a drought garden designed by well known gardening broadcaster Daphne Ledward!

An innovation in the gardens this spring is a magnificent trial bed of tulips of over 50 varieties, which have been planted in flowering order from early April to late May.

Take time to enjoy all that Springfields Gardens has to offer.

 Entry is £5 on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, accompanied children



- Saturday, May 6
- Sunday, May 7
- Monday, May 8



Gracie's a star!

MEET Gracie, the star of what is claimed to be one of Britain's largest and most varied collections of owls from around the world

She lives at the Owl Centre, based at the award winning Baytree Nurseries at Weston (ten-minute drive from Spalding)

The Owl Centre will be bringing a collection of their birds to display at Springfields Gardens - and possibly some of their new

birds for 1995 which include Grass Owls, Marsh Owls and a Wahlberg's Eagle.

Visit the Owl Centre at Baytree at flying times (11am and 3pm) - or hold an owl for a photograph!

 BAYTREE NURSERIES is staging 16 days of events throughout South Holland Spring Festival, with ten to 12 different events on many days.

See pages 27-37 for full details.



Viking

THE ever popular Romsey Old Cadets entertained last year's visitors as Vikings!

Wearing long blond wigs, black woolly boots, long robes and horned helmets the ferocious Vikings succeeded only in capturing the hearts of the crowds!



 SPALDING and District Model Club members Geoff Cromack (left) and Dave Moss (also an RNLI committee member), giving a display of radio-controlled model boats.

seeing some real live lifeboat rescues in Springfields Gardens!

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Spalding and District
Branch of the RNLI (Royal
National Lifeboat
Institution) will be putting
on a spectacular displayin the lake in Springfields

There will also be a souvenir stall, raffle for a Volvo car and the RNLI's travelling

display unit. Money raised will go to the Humber Lifeboat Appeal.

The branch has supplied grandstands for 240 visitors to have an outstanding view of the parade at Springfields

Bookings are already being taken for 1996!

More festival entertainment, pages 13, 24, 25, 26

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What's on at

Full timetable page 13. More festival events, pages 21 and

Mystery

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HERE'S fun for all at Springfields Gardens, Spalding, on Saturday, May 6, Sunday, May 7 and Monday, May 8. Some of the highlights are:

 THE Mid-Wales Axe Racing Team will be thrilling the crowds with an exciting display!

Razor sharp axes will be coming within centimetres of the axemen's feet as they exhibit their skills in what has grown into a very competitive and popular sport worldwide.

Trees will be falling, chainsaws will be racing against the axe and the display will include the use of chainsaws to cut small articles which are presented to individuals in the crowd.

 EUROPE'S most spectacular stunt team, the Motorcycle Madmen, are not to be missed!

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The five man team promise a first class show performing a trailing ramp leap, an agile mobile ladder climb, a palpitating car jump and other equally daring and dangerous stunts

 A NEW band both to Springfields Gardens and to Spalding Flower Parade is The Blue Eagles, or the Havering and Basildon Drum and Bugle Corps as they are

properly called. Originally founded in 1962 as a youth

marching band by an ex-member of the Kings Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, the band has grown to about 45 in strength and has toured competing in world championships in

You may also have seen them on te Blue Peter - they have appeared on the programme at least three times!

● A HOME-GROWN band - Spaldin A HOME-GROWN balld - Spaldin Ambassadors, made up of youngsters, Spalding Girls' Brigade and 3rd Spald Brigade of the United Reformed Chu Spalding.

 THE act described as "one of the." amazing, mind baffling and entertain attractions available today" will be my attractions available, or the man with visitors. Mr Mystery, or the man with eyes", drives a car arour

of human obstacles - w blindfolded!

Mr Mystery will be of £1,000 reward to anyon prove the drive is accom radio, electronic buggin mechanical device.

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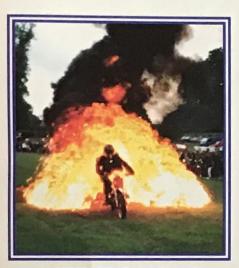
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THE RANGERS of Derby Carnival Band



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 SPRINGFIELDS GARDENS - a 25-acre show garden. You can also see the fabulous flower covered floats there (when they are not on parade) during the festival weekend.

mass of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and spring bedding. Together with flowering trees and shrubs, the displays are clearly labelled to enable visitors to identify varieties for their own gardens.

Return in the summer to enjoy roses and summer bedding.

 TWELVE feet high giants can be seen battling it out in comedy wrestling matches!

The Battling Cumberland Giants show - created by Jules Baker, who is better known as Boots the Clown who is also performing in Springfields Gardens - includes a match between Mighty Mick versus Terrible Ted.

This promises to be non-stop great family entertainment!

• A MYSTERY TV personality will also be entertaining the crowds in Springfields Gardens over the



TAKE your ringside seats for the Battling Cumberland Giants show.
 Twelve foot high giants and crazy clowns in an action-packed comedy wrestling match.

- Saturday, May 6
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 BELOW: Spalding Marching Ambassadors - made up of youngsters from 1st Spalding Girls' Brigade and 3rd Spalding Boys' Brigade of the United Reformed Church, Spalding.







So what's on at festival site?

 Saturday, May 6 Sunday, May 7

Monday, May 8



Full festival site programme page 13.

More events featured on pages 21, 24, 25

Favourite with the crowds

WELLINGBOROUGH Redwell Band (pictured above) are another favourite with the crowds, with their colourful military-style uniform.

They also have their own

original style of intricate marching and counter-marching.

The band, which recently celebrated its 40th anniversary, retained their league title for the third year running last year.

Triumph at Tulip Time

IT'S the warm welcome visitors receive at Moulton Parish Church that they particularly appreciate.

But, once inside, the sheer beauty of the church decorated in a mass of flowers for the annual church flower festival makes sure they return year after year.

The church is normally ablaze with colourful flowers about a week before the Spalding Flower Parade, and the church festival usually lasts about ten days.

A small committee does the organising, but a large army of volunteer flower arrangers does the hard work.

That effort and dedication has this year earned the church 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.

Flower arrangers usually work to a theme, depending on fundraising and generous contributions to cover the cost of the flowers - which can run to hundreds of pounds.

One committee member said: "We get hundreds of visitors and they love the

country atmosphere and the welcome.

The warm welcome is as important as the flowers.

The congregation and other members of the village pop in on a rota basis to steward the church.

Apart from the natural attraction of the lovely, country church, visitors enjoy teas and meals served by arrangement in the village hall across the green and Harrox House, which is also across the road from the church, serves teas in the garden on fine days for church funds.

IN THE PICTURE: **Beautiful Moulton** Church: vicar of

Moulton, the Rev Colin Fowler and flower festival committee members (back row, from left) Chris Jackson, June Moon;



centre) Chris Fuller; (front) Doris Barker, Mary Lane, Rene Hemmant.

(LC213/20)

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OUTH HOLLAND Spring Festival is a series of events designed to entertain and involve visitors and residents.

The Spring Festival's unique centrepiece is the Internationally renowned Spalding Flower

Saturday, April 29 - Sunday, May 14, 1995

Parade which this year celebrates its 37th year and brings with it several new innovations including a new

single site format for the float displays, trade and exhibition stands and the glorious colour of the gardens at Springfields.

The parade will also follow a new route with a new start time of 2pm.

Around this centrepiece, South Holland **Spring Festival** Association - an organisation to co-ordinate and promote events staged by many groups and organisations has put together an exciting programme of events and has built upon the success of previous estivals

The festival will this year for the first time

incorporate events from the South Holland Arts Festival and these events, which include a specially commissioned choral project - featuring over 200 voices and the Lincolnshire Youth Symphony Orchestra, musical and variety shows, a ballet and much much more - are all new for 1995.

We hope you will enjoy the Festival - we hope you will join in and encourage others to do the same - welcome to South Holland - welcome to the Spalding Flower Parade - welcome to the 1995 South Holland Spring Festival.

Anthony Howling

- If you require further information on any entertainment activity, please contact South Holland District Council, Tourist Information Office, Ayscoughfee Hall, Church Gate, Spalding, 01775 725468.
- If you wish to become involved in the festival, have a suggestion for next year or would like to promote your business or organisation please contact Anthony Howling, South Holland Spring Festival Association, c/o 13 Crown Drive, Spalding (01775 760284).



 LAST minute planning meeting: back - South Holland arts officer Nigel Hawkins, the Rev Andrew Hawes (words), Eric Wayman (Cantemus and special choir), composer Patrick Hawes; front - John Tilling (South Holland Singers), South Holland marketing officer Jo Wilson, Nicholas Pitts (Spalding Parish Church Choir). (LC378)

South Holland and its people celebrated

SOUTH Holland and its people are to be celebrated in song in the largest amateur arts event the district has seen.

Over 200 voices will raise in song, accompanied by a 70 piece orchestra, in a spectacular launch to this year's South Holland Arts Festival - part of South Holland Spring Festival, which draws together a series of events to entertain and involve visitors and residents.

A special choir - South Holland Choral Project - has come together to perform The Land at the 'Cathedral of the Fens', St Mary Magdalene Church, Gedney, on Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30 (7.30pm on Saturday, 3pm Sunday).

The voices are made up of singers from four choirs -Cantemus, South Holland Singers, South Lincs United Chorale and Spalding Parish Church choir - and singers who are not members of those choirs have made up a fifth group.

They will be accompanied by Lincolnshire Youth Symphony Orchestra.

They will perform The Land, a four movement work featuring the seasons, written and composed by vicar of Edenham the Rev Andrew Hawes and his brother Patrick.

South Holland arts officer Nigel Hawkins said: "It will be a unique occasion and will be the biggest community arts project completed in South Holland to date."

The project is backed by South Holland Council and Lincolnshire County Council and Eastern Arts Board.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 29

WELCOME TO THE FESTIVAL

A peel of bells will ring out from churches and chapels from around South Holland to welcome visitors and residents to the 1995 Spring Festival.

CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVALS

Decorated church flower festivals open today: Spalding Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicolas; Spalding United Reformed Church; St Mary and the Holy Rood, Donington; Fleet Parish Church; St Peter and St Paul, Gosberton;
Holbeach Parish Church; Holbeach Methodist
Church; St Mary's Parish Church, Long Sutton;
Moulton Parish Church; Moulton Chapel Church
and Chapel. More details on page 36.

FLOWER FESTIVAL/CHURCH COACH TOUR

A guided tour of some of the decorated churches of South Holland by coach. For further details and to book please contact South Holland Tourist Information on 01775 725468.

BOLD/BBS TULIP TANDEM MARATHON

Blind and sighted cyclists partner each other in this 26 mile 385 yard 14th annual tandem ride. Entries are expected from around the world.
Starting at Baytree Nurseries, Weston at 11.30am and travelling around the South Holland district returning to Baytree Nurseries mid afternoon.

FESTIVAL STREET ANIMALS

Colourful characters, all decorated with flowers and produced by volunteers, will be on show around Spalding to welcome the 1995 Festival.

ART EXHIBITION - RIVERBANK STUDIOS,

Helen Webber and John Gray, both well known local artists and tutors, will feature a special exhibition of works during the festival period in the Riverbank Studios Gallery, Double Street, Spalding. Admission free.

SPRINGFIELDS GARDENS

Home of the British Bulb industry, Springfields Gardens in Camelgate is a mass of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and spring bedding.
Together with flowering trees, shrubs, woodland
walks and lakes this 25 acre show garden has
much to offer. Bulb museum, semi tropical glasshouse, restaurant, shop and exhibition facilities complete the Springfields experience. Admission adults £2.50, OAP £2.30 (accompanied children free).

HELEN WEBBER - GEEST GALLERY, AYSCOUGHFEE HALL, SPALDING

An exhibition of works by local artist Helen Webber. Exhibition runs from April 1 - 30. Helen, an art tutor, runs the Riverbank Studios in Spalding with partner John Gray. Admission free.

THE GROWING STORY IS TOLD

The Spalding Bulb Museum and Horticultural Exhibition at Birchgrove Garden Centre, Pinchbeck. Open for its first season this museum will illustrate the heyday of the Spalding bulb industry. Other attractions include a

photographic history of people in the Fens, display gardens, gift shops, Mega Pet shop, coffee shop and children's play area.

BAYTREE NURSERIES - A FESTIVAL OF FUN Baytree Nurseries Garden Centre, Weston - famous and renowed. Admission free (9am - 6pm). Tulip gardens - specially created tulip gardens for your pleasure. Bygones museum - A opin). Turip gardens - specially cleared turip gardens for your pleasure. Bygones museum - A collection of old horticultural and domestic scenes. Special showing of Sir Winston Churchill 'wax figure' from Madame Tussauds. Owl Centre - Over 50 beautiful birds with new arrivals all the time. Flying displays twice daily at 11am and 3pm throughout the festival. Owl Centre admission - adults £1.80, OAP/child £1.30, under four free. Art demonstrations - Local artists will be painting on site. Paintings for sale, commissions taken.

Craft Fair Extravaganza - over 30 stalls and display stands on display in the large hall adjacent to the north car park. Demonstrations and displays on local crafts. Free admission donations to charity accepted.

BOLD Tulip Tandem Marathon - one of the

largest sighted/blind cycle events in the country.Children's events in the country. Children's events-large bouncy castle, fire engine, adventure playground. Baytree Ice Cream Parlour - specially built, selling very special ice cream! Baytree experts - watch out for the yellow stars each day of the festival! Hop Inn Restaurant -seating capacity of 180 with self seating capacity of 180 with self service meals and fast foods.

Breakfast, morning coffee, lunch and teas, 9am - 6pm, bookings welcome (01406 370084).

Additional facilities - free wheelchair use and baby changing.

LINCOLNSHIRE LIBRARY SERVICE

To celebrate the theme of this year's Spalding Flower Parade - The World of Books - the Lincolnshire Library service in South Holland will be organising displays and competitions during the festival period. A design a float competition, open to five to 11-year-olds will allow one lucky child to take part in the flower parade riding high on the library service float. For more details contact your local library

SOUTH HOLLAND CHORAL PROJECT

The Land. Gedney Church, premiere 7.30pm.

"The Land" is a specially commissioned community choral piece written by professional composer Patrick Hawes and lyricist Andrew Hawes. The work looks at South Holland's unique seasons and working land to create a rich new Choral work. The combined talents of Cantemus, South Holland Singers, South Lincolnshire Chorale and Spalding Parish Church Boys' Choir, along with a specially formed choir enabling other interested singers to participate, will provide a dramatic launch to South Holland's Arts Festival. The combined choir will be over 200 voices strong and will be accompanied by the Lincolnshire Youth Symphony Orchestra.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

WELCOME TO THE FESTIVAL

A peel of bells will ring out from churches and chapels from around South Holland to welcome visitors and residents to the 1995 Spring Festival.

CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVALS

Decorated church flower festivals open today: Spalding Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicolas; Spalding United Reformed Church; St Mary and the Holy Rood, Donington; Fleet Parish Church; St Peter and St Paul, Gosberton; Holbeach Parish Church; Holbeach Methodist Church; St Mary's Parish Church, Pinchbeck; St Mary's, Long Sutton; Moulton Parish Church; Moulton Chapel Church and Chapel; St Lawrence Church, Surfleet. More details on page

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BAYTREE NURSERIES - A FESTIVAL OF FUN

Tulip gardens, Bygones Museum, Owl Centre, art demonstrations, craft fair extravaganza. Children's events, Hop Inn Restaurant and Baytree experts for more details see Saturday listings.

ST MARY AND ST NICOLAS PARISH CHURCH, SPALDING

St Mary's Singers will entertain in a special event in the decorated medieval parish church in Spalding town centre, 2.30pm.

TROUBLED WATERS - SOUTH HOLLAND

CENTRE GALLERY, SPALDING
An exhibition featuring large contemporary figurative works in both oil and acrylic by Spalding based artist and tutor John Gray. John has had many one man exhibitions and his work is included in many public and private collections. John moved to Lincolnshire in 1979 and now runs Riverbank Studios in Spalding with

partner Helen Webber. Exhibitions run from April 10 to May 27; admission free. FESTIVAL SONGS OF PRAISE Spalding United Reformed Church, Pinchbeck Road, Spalding, will be holding a special festival community hymn singing service. Come along to this magnificently decorated church and join us in singing your favourite hymns. Services best

in singing your favourite hymns. Services begins

A VILLAGE REMEMBERS St Mary's Church, Pinchbeck. Let us take you back 50 years to celebrate with our special displays "Sing for Peace". Decorated church and displays. Visit our NAAFI refreshments and singalong to hits of the forties.

SOUTH HOLLAND CHORAL PROJECT

The Land. Gedney Church (3pm). See Saturday for details.

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Tulip gardens, Bygones Museum, Owl Centre, children's events, Hop Inn Restaurant and Baytree experts - for more details see Saturday listings.

A VILLAGE REMEMBERS

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THE COMEDY OF ERRORS

Third Party Productions Ltd, South Holland Centre, Spalding.

This company of ex-medieval players tackle the brightest and most accessible of Shakespeare's plays with live music and period costume;

Tickets £4.50; £3.50 concessions.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

SPRINGFIELDS GARDENS

See Saturday

BAYTREE NURSERIES - A FESTIVAL OF FUN

Tulip gardens, Bygones Museum, Owl Centre, children's events, Hop Inn Restaurant and Baytree experts - see Saturday's listing. Evening demonstrations: a festival evening demonstration in the Hop Inn Restaurant on patio and container gardening by Peter and Tim Wayman. Refreshments available. Tickets £1, redeemable in the garden centre during the evening. Commences 7.30pm. Book your tickets at Baytree or call 01406 370242.

CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVALS

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ART EXHIBITION - RIVERBANK STUDIOS, SPALDING

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TROUBLED WATERS - SOUTH HOLLAND CENTRE GALLERY, SPALDING

See Sunday

THE GROWING STORY IS TOLD

See Saturday

A VILLAGE REMEMBERS

See Sunday

FRIENDLY CHESS

Spalding Chess Club invite everyone to an evening of "friendly" chess starting at 7.30pm at Spalding Services and Social Club, 24 High Street, Spalding. All welcome - beginners and grand masters! Chess coaching available. Contact Francis Bowers on 0860 408992.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

FAMOUS WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

A special group service at All Saints'
Church, Holbeach (7.30pm). The Lincoln
Archdeaconry Young Families Group - the
daughter branch of the Mothers' Union, will
be holding a special service with different be holding a special service with different groups throughout the area presenting a reading and hymn on a woman from the bible. Everyone welcome.

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OF FUN

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ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION - GEEST GALLERY, AYSCOUGHFEE HALL

Spalding Arts and Crafts Society annual exhibition of works featuring many views of South Holland and the Fens. Exhibition runs from May 3 to 30 (10am to 5pm daily). Admission free

TROUBLED WATERS - SOUTH HOLLAND CENTRE GALLERY, SPALDING

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A VILLAGE REMEMBERS

See Sunday

IRA BERNSTEIN IN CONCERT - SOUTH HOLLAND CENTRE, SPALDING

Ira Bernstein is a true master of percussive dance and with live musical accompaniment will dazzle you with his jazz tap, Appalachian flatfoot clogging improvisations, traditional

English, Irish and Canadian step dances and South African boot dancing. He has to be seen to be believed! Starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £4.50; £3.50 concessions.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

SHOP WINDOW DISPLAY COMPETITION

Organised by FOCUS - Spalding's charity fundraisers this event is supported by Spalding Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the South Holland District Council. Shops and businesses are encouraged to decorate their businesses are encouraged to decorate their windows to welcome visitors and to promote South Holland - this year's competition theme is "The World of Books". Judging takes place today. Entries to Anthony Howling on 01775

SPRINGFIELDS GARDENS

See Saturday

CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVALS

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BAYTREE NURSERIES - A FESTIVAL OF FUN

Tulip gardens, Bygones Museum, Owl Centre, children's events, Hop Inn Restaurant, Baytree experts and evening demonstration. For more details see Tuesday. Schools and Youth Groups mosaic competition. Local schools and youth groups will take part in this new event, producing flower mosaics during Thursday and Friday. Judging Friday, May 5 (5pm). Mosaics on display next to adventure play area until Sunday, May 14. Entry forms available from Baytree

ART EXHIBITION - RIVERBANK STUDIOS,



SPALDING See Saturday

LIVE AT THE RED LION

The first of three music nights at the Red Lion Hotel, Market Place, Spalding, for the 1995 Spring Festival (9-11pm), artist to be confirmed. These three events form part of a series of music events throughout the year - see notice board at the Red Lion for more details.

HOUSE AND BUSINESS DECORATING COMPETITION

Residents and businesses are encouraged to decorate their premises to welcome visitors and to celebrate the festival. The competition, organised by FOCUS - Spalding's charity fundraisers - has cash prizes and trophies. Judging takes place over flower parade weekend. Entries to Anthony Howling on 01775 760284.

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ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION - GEEST GALLERY, AYSCOUGHFEE HALL

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See Sunday

SOUTH HOLLAND CONCERT CLUB

A special concert is held this evening at the Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicolas at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome. Admission free.

TUBY'S FUN FAIR - SPALDING

All the fun of the fair with Roger Tuby's fun fair and side show - Spalding town centre.

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FRIDAY, MAY 5

LIVE AT THE RED LION See Thursday

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ZEBRA - LIVE AT THE SHIP ALBION

Local band Zebra, supported by Spalding business Hargrave International, will be entertaining us all tonight at the Ship Albion Public House, Albion Street, Spalding (8.30-11pm), free admission.

MOSAIC AND SCULPTURE COMPETITION

Brightly coloured mosaics and sculptures feature in this annual event organised by FOCUS - Spalding's charity fundraisers. Entries can be spotted throughout the South Holland area from today. Judging takes place tonight for the FOCUS Challenge Shield. Entry is free - to enter contact Anthony Howling on 01775 760284.

BAYTREE NURSERIES - A FESTIVAL OF FUN See Thursday

CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVALS

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Fleet Baptist Church Gosberton Methodist Church See page 36.

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ARTS AND CRAFTS **EXHIBITION - GEEST** GALLERY

AYSCOUGHFEE HALL See Wednesday TROUBLED WATERS -SOUTH HOLLAND

CENTRE GALLERY, SPALDING

See Sunday SPALDING PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ST NICOLAS

The choir of Spalding Parish Church will sing for visitors and locals to this special event. Admission free (7.30).

THE GROWING STORY IS TOLD See Saturday

A VILLAGE REMEMBERS See Sunday

TUBY'S FUN FAIR, SPALDING See Thursday

GRAND MASTER CHESS CHALLENGE

Raymond Mays Cars sponsors this simultaneous chess display. Children five to 11

years, Whaplode C of E Primary School, Mill Lane, Whaplode (2-4pm). 11-19 years, Spalding Grammar School, Priory Road, Spalding (4.30-6.30). All ages, Tulips Social Club, Sir Halley Stewart Field, Winfrey Avenue, Spalding (7.30-9.30). Entry is free but limited contact Francis Bowers on 0860 408992

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BAND CONCERT

A regular event in the festival diary, the Spalding Royal British Legion Band perform at this concert in South Holland Centre (7.30)

SATURDAY. MAY 6

SPALDING FLOWER PARADE

Unique and internationally renowned procession of decorated floats and bands through the streets of Spalding. NOTE: new parade route and start time of 2pm. Parade starts and finishes at Springfields Gardens. See parade route on page 4. Today's parade will include a charity collection organised by South

SPALDING FLOWER PARADE. SATURDAY, MAY 6

ABOVE: Flashback to 1994

Holland Rotary Club.

SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT GOUNGIL

SPALDING FLOWER FESTIVAL, FLOAT EXHIBITION AND COUNTRY FAIR

For the first time ever all the main activities of parade day will be sited at the splendid Springfields Gardens, Spalding. Float displays, trade stands, entertainment, craft fair, displays, marching bands, 25 acres of spring flowering gardens, restaurant and on-site catering.
Admission £5 adults, accompanied children free.

INFORMATION PEOPLE

Spalding 18+ Group - a lively bunch of locals -will be on hand all day at strategic points to assist visitors with questions on where to go, what to see, where to eat and drink and all the questions that only a local can answer!

50s/60s NIGHT

The University of Lincolnshire Project will be holding a 50s/60s night at South Holland Centre, Spalding (8pm). Dance the night away to some of the hits from the real era of good "pop" music. Join in and help the Lincolnshire University Project. More details from South Holland Centre.

SHOP WINDOW DISPLAY COMPETITION

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MOSAIC AND SCULPTURE COMPETITION Brightly coloured mosaics and sculptures feature in this annual event organised by FOCUS - Spalding's charity fundraisers. Entries can be

spotted throughout the South Holland area. **CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVALS**

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, PINCHBECK

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FESTIVAL STREET ANIMALS

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ROCKIN GOOD RHYTHM AND BOOZE

All day events at the Lincolnshire Poacher Public House, Double Street, Spalding. Noon -3pm lunchtime session with Zebra - good live music. 8.30-11pm easy evening session with local favourites Zebra - supported by Spalding based Hargrave International.

ART EXHIBITION - RIVERBANK STUDIOS, SPALDING

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LINCOLNSHIRE LIBRARY SERVICE

To celebrate the theme of this year's Spalding Flower Parade - The World of Books - the Lincolnshire Library service in South Holland will be organising displays and competitions during the festival period. A marquee containing special displays and events will be sited at the main festival site, Springfields Gardens, today. Come along and meet characters from children's books and take part with the day's activities.

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION - GEEST GALLERY, AYSCOUGHFEE HALL

See Wednesday

TROUBLED WATERS - SOUTH HOLLAND CENTRE GALLERY, SPALDING

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See Thursday

ST MARY AND ST NICOLAS PARISH CHURCH, SPALDING

Musical events throughout the day with organ recitals, steel band and choral music. Spm short choral evensong. 7.30 Crown Hills School Steel Band Concert.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

SPALDING FLOWER FESTIVAL, FLOAT EXHIBITION AND COUNTRY FAIR

For the first time ever all the main activities of Parade Day will be sited at the splendid Springfields Gardens, Spalding. Float displays, trade stands, entertainment, craft fair, displays, marching bands, 25 acres of spring flowering gardens, restaurant and on-site catering. Admission £5 adults, accompanied children free.

INFORMATION PEOPLE

See yesterday's listing

TULIP - ALL BREED CHAMPIONSHIP CAT SHOW

10am-Spm Castle Sports Complex, Albion Street, Spalding. A show of pure class, wide variety of cats on show, charity cat stalls, cat crafts and many more attractions. Held during National Pet Week. Admission adults £1, OAP/child 75p. For more details and to enter contact Mel Preston on 01406 330584.

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, PINCHBECK

11am special family service in decorated thurch

SHOP WINDOW DISPLAY COMPETITION
See Thursday

BAYTREE NURSERIES - A FESTIVAL OF FUN

Tulip gardens, bygones museum, owl centre, children's events, Hop Inn Restaurant and Baytree experts - see Thursday's listings for more details. Model railway demonstrations - Spalding Model Railway will entertain us with two layouts and railway info and stalls. Mammoth model car rally - an open meeting, this event should bring enthusiasts from all over the country. The classes include two-wheel and four-wheel drive vehicles, Rally Cross cars, trucks and special monster truck displays. Racing commences at 9.30 with cups

and prizes in each section. It is hoped that this will be the first of an annual event at Baytree. Exotic pets - many fascinating animals and birds for you to see.

Mercedes - commercial trade stand and sponsors of the staging for our musical events. Gosberton

Preservation Society - an outstanding display of working machinery for the young as well as older enthusiasts.

Wintage motor cycles - approximately 40 custom motorcycles will be with us from all over the country. Custom built cars - lovely older cars and custom built cars will be displayed today by their proud owners. Band music - bands from all over the country will entertain. Clowns - look out for them all day. Falconry - Mr Mul Holland will be working in conjunction with the Owl Centre with his falconry display. Yorkshire TV will be around today to film - you could be a star!

LIVE AT THE RED LION (8.30pm-10.30pm) See Thursday

MUSIC AT QUADRING

Spalding Grammar School Concert Band and Quadring Primary School event hosted by Eric Wayman at Quadring Church, 6.30. Admission £2.50 (school children free).

MOSAIC AND SCULPTURE COMPETITION See yesterday's listing

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MOULTON CHAPEL
FLOWER PARADE

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

LINCOLNSHIRE LIBRARY SERVICE

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OLD HOLBEACH AND ALADDIN'S CAVE Exhibition by Mrs Jenny Paul, 10am-3pm at 38 Fleet Road, Holbeach. No admission charges donations to Friends of Holbeach Hospital.

ST MARY AND ST NICOLAS PARISH CHURCH, SPALDING

2.30 - handbell ringers from St Wulframs, Grantham. 6.30 - Spalding's thanksgiving songs of praise, commemorating 50 years since VE Day.

MONDAY, MAY 8 - V E DAY CELEBRATIONS

ST MARY AND ST NICOLAS PARISH CHURCH, SPALDING

8.30am special eucharist of thanksgiving for peace. 4pm Churchyard tea party - stalls, games, refreshments. 6pm VE Day brass band concert

SPALDING FLOWER FESTIVAL, FLOAT EXHIBITION AND COUNTRY FAIR See yesterday's listing

ST MARY'S CHURCH, PINCHBECK

11am VE Day service. 6pm Concert for VE Day. Hosted by Eric Wayman, Spalding Grammar School Concert Band and Pinchbeck Church Choir. Simon Inkley and his organ. Admission £3, children free. Donation from proceeds to Royal British Legion. Refreshments following concert.

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exotic pets - for more details see previous listings.

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TUESDAY, MAY 9

SPRINGFIELDS GARDENS AND FLOAT DISPLAY

Home of the British bulb industry, Springfields gardens is a mass of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and spring

bedding. Together with flowering trees, shrubs, woodland walks and lakes this 25 acre show garden has much to offer. Display of floats from the famous Spalding Flower Parade within the gardens. Bulb museum, semi tropical glasshouse, restaurant, shop and exhibition facilities complete the Springfields experience. Admission adults £2.50, OAP £2.30 (accompanied children

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FESTIVAL STREET ANIMALS

See Saturday, April 29 FENLAND LEAGUE GARDENER CHESS

COMPETITION

Spalding Chess Club play host to this first round event at the Spalding Services and Social Club, High Street, Spalding (7.30). Entry £1. For details and to enter contact Francis Bowers (0860 408992).

ART EXHIBITION - RIVERBANK STUDIOS, SPALDING

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HOUSE AND BUSINESS DECORATING

COMPETITION

Residents and businesses are encouraged to

decorate their premises to welcome visitors and to celebrate the festival. The competition, organised by FOCUS Spalding's charity fundraisers, has cash prizes and trophies for the winners.

LINCOLNSHIRE LIBRARY SERVICE

To celebrate the theme of this year's Spalding Flower Parade -The World of Books -the Lincolnshire Library service in South Holland will be organising displays and competitions during the festival period.

ARTS AND CRAFTS **EXHIBITION** GEEST GALLERY, AYSCOUGHFEE HALL See Wednesday

TROUBLED WATERS - SOUTH HOLLAND CENTRE

GALLERY **SPALDING**

See Sunday, April 30 THE GROWING STORY IS TOLD

See details for Saturday, April 29. A VILLAGE

REMEMBERS See Sunday, April 30

BAYTREE **NURSERIES - A** FESTIVAL OF FUN

See previous listings

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 and THURSDAY, MAY II

BAYTREE NURSERIES - FESTIVAL OF FUN See previous listings SPRINGFIELDS GARDENS AND FLOAT DISPLAY

See yesterday's listing SHOP WINDOW DISPLAY COMPETITION See Thursday, May 4 MOSAIC AND SCULPTURE COMPETITION

See Saturday

CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

Decorated church flower festival open today at St Paul's Parish Church, Spalding. See page 36

FESTIVAL STREET ANIMALS See Saturday, April 29

ART EXHIBITION - RIVERBANK STUDIOS, SPALDING

See Saturday, April 29 HOUSE AND BUSINESS DECORATING COMPETITION

See yesterday's listing

LINCOLNSHIRE LIBRARY SERVICE

See yesterday's listing
ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION - GEEST

GALLERY, AYSCOUGHFEE HALL

See Wednesday, May 3.
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CENTRE GALLERY, SPALDING See Sunday, April 30

THE GROWING STORY IS TOLD

See Saturday, April 29

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 ONLY

CINDERELLA - SOUTH HOLLAND CENTRE. SPALDING (7.30pm)

Based on the classic Brothers Grimm story of Ascheputtle (the Grimm's own version of Cinderella) the tale is brought to life using innovative choreography and orginally designed costumes and settings, in this vibrant and exciting production by Cwmni Ballet of Gwent.

Tickets £5; £4 concession; family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £14.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

SPRINGFIELDS GARDENS AND FLOAT DISPLAY

See Tuesday SHOP WINDOW DISPLAY COMPETITION

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CENTRE GALLERY, SPALDING

See Sunday, April 30

THE GROWING STORY IS TOLD

See Saturday, April 29 FESTIVE FAMILY CONCERT - SOUTH HOLLAND CENTRE, SPALDING

The English Sinfonia Orchestra will be joined by TV favourite Johnny Morris who will narrate Cinderella by Reade and Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev, conducted by Philip Ellis in a concert for whole family; 7pm. Tickets £5; £4 concession; family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £14.





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SATURDAY, MAY 13

SPRINGFIELDS GARDENS AND FLOAT DISPLAY

See Tuesday's listing

Special event today - Colour Box Collectors fair (see below)

SHOP WINDOW DISPLAY COMPETITION See Thursday, May

ART EXHIBITION - RIVERBANK STUDIOS. SPALDING

See Saturday, April 29

HOUSE AND BUSINESS DECORATING

COMPETITION

See Tuesday LINCOLNSHIRE LIBRARY SERVICE

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ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION - GEEST GALLERY, AYSCOUGHFEE HALL

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TROUBLED WATERS - SOUTH HOLLAND CENTRE GALLERY, SPALDING

See Sunday, April 30

THE GROWING STORY IS TOLD

See Saturday, April 29

BAYTREE NURSERIES - A FESTIVAL OF FUN

Tulip gardens, bygones museum, Owl Centre, children's events, mosaic competitions etc - see previous listings

Amateur Pet Show - a repeat of last year's great success! Bring along your pets, entry forms from Baytree Shop or call 01406 370242. Judging starts at 11am with prizes and cups in each category so come along early to be entered. Prize ceremony at 4pm, plus lots of stalls and displays

Hedgehog Roadshow - here all weekend with all the little animals for you to see.

Dulux Dog - come along and have a cuddle with TV's own adorable dog. He will be collecting for charity in his own special way. STEP INTO SPRING

Gleed Girls' GM School, Spalding (7.30 to midnight)

Dance the night away with the sounds of the Mark Graham Band, mixed dancing, everyone welcome. Event organised by Gleed Girls' School

COLOUR BOX COLLECTORS' EVENT

Springfields Exhibition Centre, Spalding.

A special event for Colour Box collectors and A special event for Colour Box Collectors and visitors alike, special collectors' event piece, swap and sell area, auction, model and paint your own miniature, exhibitions, competitions, quizzes, vintage fairground attractions, laser clay pigeon shooting and many more stands and attractions. 10am - 5pm. Admission: adults £2.50, OAP £2.30 (accompanied children free); admission includes entry to Springfields Gardens and float display.

40s NIGHT

The Spalding based PHAB group are hosting a 40s night at St Nicolas Hall, Churchgate, Spalding. An authentic evening of music and atmosphere featuring Nicholas Martin on the organ and local favourite Benny Copland playing hits from the forties and including a 1940 style buffet. Fun starts at 7.30 (why not join in the fun and come dressed to match the period!). Tickets are only £4 available from Mrs Hollis on 01775 769636

'THAT REMINDS ME"

An evening with Barry Cryer, South Holland Centre, Spalding (8pm).

Barry Cryer, the master of the one-liner, is taking to the road with his one-man show, with

Colin Sell at the piano. The show features Barry joking, singing and he will even dance if requested. The audience can have their say too - by placing questions or topics upon which they wish Barry to discourse in "Barry's Bucket". This promises to be an hilarious experience! Tickets £6.50; £5 concession.



SUNDAY, MAY 14

BAYTREE NURSERIES - A FESTIVAL OF **FUN**

See previous listings

COLOUR BOX COLLECTORS' EVENT See yesterday's listing

SHOP WINDOW DISPLAY COMPETITION

See Thursday, May 4

ART EXHIBITION - RIVERBANK STUDIOS

SPALDING

See Saturday, April 29

HOUSE AND BUSINESS

DECORATING

COMPETITION See Tuesday

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION -GEEST GALLERY, AYSCOUGHFEE

HALL, SPALDING

See Wednesday, May 3

TROUBLED WATERS - SOUTH HOLLAND CENTRE GALLERY,

SPALDING

See Sunday, April 30 THE GROWING STORY IS TOLD

See Saturday, April 29

SPRINGFIELDS GARDENS AND FLOAT DISPLAY

See Tuesday

 PICTURED above right: A special event is to be held at Springfields Exhibition Centre, Spalding, for Colour Box collectors

and visitors There will be a swap and sell area, auction, model and paint your own miniature, exhibitions.

More details about the event appear on page 41.

competitions etc.

Saturday, May 13,

Sunday, May 14





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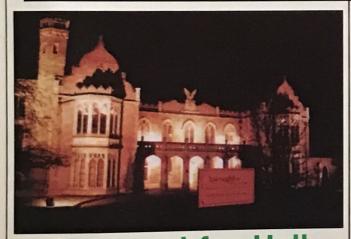
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Church hall to Naafi

PINCHBECK Church Hall will be turned into a Naafi for the annual flower festival - but there will be no rationing here!

Hearty, old fashioned hot meals will be served by waitresses in 40s style to the strains of We'll Meet Again, White Cliffs of Dover and Run Rabbit Run.

Theme of the flower festival at St Mary's Church, Pinchbeck, (Sunday, April 30-Tuesday, May 9) is "A Village Remembers", because the event overlaps VE day on May 8.

Wartime memorabilia will be on display and there will be a tombola of 'rationed' items, such as soap, sugar and tea!

Events include: Saturday,

May 6 - sausage and mash supper, singalong, quiz on the 40s era, and sketches. (7.30pm).

Sunday, May 7 - family service (11am) followed by Sunday lunch for parishioners (booking essential).

Monday, May 8 - VE Day service (11am) followed by march through village with RBL Band to "street party". 6pm - concert for VE Day at church, hosted by Eric Wayman, with Spalding Grammar School Concert Band, Pinchbeck School Choir and Simon Inkley with his organ. Refreshments in the church hall. Tickets on Spalding (01775) 725889.

TEA time
in the Naafi at
Pinchbeck with
'waitresses',
Tricia Lunn,
Averil
Williamson and
Aileen
Workman.



Johnny Morris and English Sinfonia

ENGLISH Sinfonia Orchestra is performing in South Holland.

The first performance will be during South Holland Arts Festival at South Holland Centre, Spalding.

The English Sinfonia Orchestra will be joined by TV favourite Johnny Morris (pictured) who will narrate Cinderella by Reade and Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev, conducted by Philip Ellis.

The performance, on Friday, May 12, is at 7pm and tickets are £5 (£4 concessions; family ticket [two adults, two children] £14).

• The orchestra will be providing 'Music in the Garden', in an open air concert at Springfields Gardens, Spalding. The event, organised by the Rotary Club of South Holland, is to be held on Saturday, July 15 - when gates will open at 5pm with the main concert 7.30pm-10.30pm

The concert will feature English Sinfonia supported by Lincolnshire Youth Training Band and Lincolnshire Youth Symphonic Wind Band, playing popular classical and big band music, including Mozart and Arnold.

People are invited to picnic in the gardens, bringing their own



picnics and chairs if desired. The concert will culminate in a fireworks finale.

Main sponsors are Barclays Bank and Broadgate Builders, together with other local sponsors.

● Tickets are £8 (£5 for children 16 and under) available from Springfields. All proceeds will go to Rotary charities.

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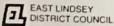
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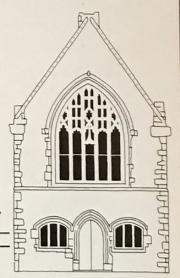
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Spalding Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicolas*: Flower thanksgiving festival April 29-May 9 inclusive. The church is centrally stuated and is open each day until 8pm. Booked meals and refreshments available in the Church Hall. Contact: The Parish Office, The Parsonage, Church Street, Spalding, PE11 2PB. Tel: 01775 722772.

Spalding Broad Street Methodist Church*: Flower festival May 4-9. Parties catered for throughout the year by arrangement. No bookings on parade day, we serve breakfast from 8am thereafter at our famous cafeteria. Enquiries: Mrs E R Chappell, Fengate Road, West Pinchbeck. Tel: 01775 640381.

Spalding Baptist Church*: Will cater for parties booked in advance for lunches and teas. For details contact: Mrs O Podd, 5 Somerby Close, Moulton, PE12 6PZ. Tel 01406 370657. No catering on Sundays, and only casual catering on parade Saturday.

St Norberts Catholic Church*: (St Thomas's Road, Spalding) Decorated church, Lourdes Grotto. Saturday, May 6, cafeteria facilities, coach/car park. Holy mass Vigil (Saturday) 4.45pm. Sunday 8am and 10.30am. Enquiries: Tel 01775 722056.

Spalding United Reformed Church*: Decorated church April 28-May 8. 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. Tel 01775 766128 or 725537.

Friends Meeting House: Double Street/Westlode Street, Spalding. Salad meals, home baking. Central, open all day May 6. Toilets 01775 725153/722638.

St John Ambulance*: Headquarters rear

of 7 Pinchbeck Road, Spalding. Catering Saturday, May 6 (9am-6pm), Sunday, May 7 (9am-5pm). Salad meals, sandwiches, cakes, pastries, tea, coffee. Moderate charges. No bookings. Toilet for customers.

Spalding Parish Church of St John the Baptist*: Hawthorn Bank, Spalding. Decorated church May 5-8 inclusive. Teas, sandwiches etc. served each day in the church hall. Please contact the Rev K A Almond 01775 722816. From town centre take A151 (Bourne), go over the railway line and take immediate left into St John's Road to the church (one mile).

Spalding Parish Church of St Paul's*: Spalding (near Springfields) flower festival May 4-11. Refreshments throughout. Toilets and car park. Enquiries to the Rev D Maylor. Tel: 01775 722532.

St Thomas's Road Methodist Church, Spalding: parade Saturday, May 6 (9am-5.30pm). Refreshments (home baking) tea and coffee.

SURROUNDING TOWNS AND VILLAGES

Cowbit Village Hall*: stalls and refreshments May 6-7, coaches welcome. Hall and kitchen facilities suitable for seminars and club meetings. Tel: 01406 380496.

Crowland Abbey: Sunday and Monday, May 7, 8 meals and food available at the Abbey Institute, Crowland Abbey. Crowland Abbey Flower Festival from Friday, August 25, to Monday, August 28 inclusive.

St Mary and the Holy Rood Donington*: flower festival Friday April 28 - Monday, May 8 inclusive. Buffet open all day, every day. Party bookings for ham salad lunches or teas. Contact Mrs Jane Stanley, 45 Towndam Lane, Donington. Tel: 01775 821515 or 820448.

Fleet Baptist Church: flower festival May 5-8 (10am-8pm), cups of tea and light refreshments if ordered. Contact Mrs W Robbs, Camberwell, 60 Fleet Road, Fleet, Holbeach, PE12 8LA. Tel: 01406 424677.

Fleet Parish Church: flower festival Saturday, April 29 - Tuesday, May 9. Exhibitions, refreshments, tea, coffee, stalls toilets. Coaches welcome.

Gosberton Methodist Church*: (Salem Street) flower festival Friday, May 5 - Monday, May 8 (10am-7pm). Refreshments and stalls. Tel: 01775 840792.



Gosberton St Peter and St Paul: Saturday, April 29 - Monday, May 8. Open daily 10.30am - 6pm. "Music For You". Craft stalls, refreshments available, coaches welcome, booking. Mrs E Chapman 01775 840386.

Holbeach Parish Church*: flower festival, April 29 - May 8 inclusive. Toilets, parking. Enquiries: Canon Peter Hill 01406 422185.

Holbeach Methodist Church*: meals available from April 20. Booked parties welcome. Flower festival in the church from April 29 to May 8. Parking and toilets. Enquiries to Mrs V M Egar, 16 East Elloe Avenue, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs. PE12 7NB. Tel: 01406 422903.

Long Sutton St Mary's Parish Church*: flower festival April 27 - May 8. Open daily from 10am to 8pm. Refreshments including lunches and teas served daily 10am-6pm. Produce and craft stalls. Coach parties welcome. Parking. Enquiries and bookings to: Brian Ford, 149 Spring Gardens, Long Sutton PE12 9HX. Tel: 01406 364889.

Moulton Church*: flower fiesta April 29 - May 8 inclusive. Booked coach parties for luncheon, high tea, afternoon tea. Tea by the village green for casual visitors or coaches. Plants, china and craft stalls. Mrs M Fowler, The Vicarage, Church Lane, Moulton, Spalding PE12 6NP. Tel: 01406 370791.

Moulton Chapel Decorated Church and Chapel*: from April 29. Village parade Sunday, May 7 at 3pm led by Northampton Pipe Band, Majorettes, fancy dress, floats, vintage cars, stalls, children's amusements (swingboats, castle of fun). Coaches welcome. Free parking. Refreshments. Contact: Mrs M Canham 01406 380458.

Pinchbeck St Mary's Parish Church*: flower festival April 30 to May 9. Hot meals, snacks, coffee shop daily in Church Hall. Coaches welcome (meals pre-booked please). Brochure Tricia Lunn, 35 Independence Drive, Pinchbeck PE11 3TR. Tel: 01775 725889 or Avrel 01775 710189.

Surfleet Flower Festival*: ancient church with famous leaning tower on A16. From April 30. Toilets, food, local produce, cakes. Coaches welcome. Mrs R Scrivener, 84 Station Road, 01775 680260.

West Pinchbeck Church: flower festival Thursday, May 4 - Tuesday, May 9. Refreshments, gifts and produce. Toilets. Enquiries: Mrs H Gotobed 01775 750536. Hall and kitchen facilities suitable for seminars and club meetings. Enquiries: Mr J M Peach 01775 640271.

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IMAGES of Lincolnshire is the latest video production from Praxis Films, featuring Spalding Flower Parade 1994.

The hour long film examines a year in the life of the county, shot in over 100 locations and covering everything from the local village panto and harvest to Lincoln's cathedral and castle and the heritage of Boston.

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Images of Lincolnshire is available from Springfields Gardens and all good retailers throughout the county at £12.99.

It is also available by mail order, adding £1 for postage and packing to make a total price of £13.99, from Praxis Films, PO Box 290, Market Rasen, Lincs LN3 6BB.

Spalding Parish Church of St Paul's

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Gosberton Methodist Church

FLOWER FESTIVAL

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Moulton Chapel St James and Methodist Church

28th April-8th May

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Coaches welcome. Free Parking

Enquiries: Mrs M. Canham Tel (01406) 380458

Holbeach Methodist Church

Meals available from 20th April.

Booked parties welcome.

Flower Festival in the Church from 29th April to 8th May.

Parking and Toilets.

Enquiries to: Mrs V. M. Egar 16 East Elloe Avenue, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs PE12 7NB. Tel 01406 422903.

Flower Festival Programme

The Church will be decorated for the Festival from Saturday, 29th April to Tuesday, 9th May

Sunday, 30th April

Friday, 5th May

Parish Church Choir Sings 7.30pm Farsh Church Church Salurday, 6th May - Parade Day
Musical events during the day, including organ, choral and steel band

Short Choral Evensong Crown Hills School, Leicester, Steel Band Concert.

Sunday, 7th May

9.30 & 11.00am 2.30pm 6.30pm

EUCHARIST SUNG EUCHARIST Handbell Ringers from St Wulfram's, Grantham. Spalding's Thanksgiving Songs of Praise. Commemorating 50 years since V.E. Day.

Monday, 8th May

4.00pm

Special Eucharist of Thanksgiving for Peace Churchyard Tea Party V.E. DAY Brass Band

SPALDING PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY & ST NICHOLAS

Contact: The Parish Office, The Parsonage, Church Street, Spalding PE11 2PB. Tel: 01775 722772

Long Sutton St Mary Parish Church

Flower Festival Based on Show Time Theme. 27th April-8th May

Open daily from 10 am to 8 pm. Refreshments including lunches and teas served daily 10 am-6 pm. Produce and craft stalls. Coach parties welcome. Good parking.

Enquiries and bookings to: Brian Ford, 149 Spring Cardens, Long Sutton, PE12 9HX. Tel: 01406 364889.

Holbeach Parish Church Flower Festival 29th April to 8th May

Live Demonstration of Crafts to include: Calligraphy, Chair-caning, Lacemaking, Also Book and Craft Stalls. Toilets. Parking.

Enquiries Canon Peter Hill. Tel (01406) 422185

Spalding United Reformed Church

Decorated Church 28th April-8th May

Cafeteria daily, 10 am-6 pm. Catering for booked parties during the Flower Festival and throughout the year.

Contact Mrs A. Waltham, 96 West Elloe Avenue, Spalding. Tel 01775 766128 or 725537

Spalding Parish Church of St John the Baptist

Hawthorn Bank, Spalding.

Decorated church 5th-8th May inclusive.

Teas, Sandwiches etc served each day in the church hall.

Please contact the Rev K. A. Almond (01775) 722816.

From town centre take A151 (Bourne), go over the railway line and take immediate left into St John's Road to the Church (1 mile).

Broad Street Methodist Church, Spalding

Flower Festival 4th-9th May

Parties catered for throughout the year by arrangement. No bookings on Parade Day.

We serve breakfast from 8 am thereafter our famous cafeteria.

Enquiries Mrs E. R. Chappell, Fengate Road, West Pinchbeck, PE11 3NE.

Tel 01775 640381



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PRING glorious spring and where more colourful than in Springfields Gardens!

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If you like flowers, you'll love Springfields!

BELOW: SPRING in all its glory!



THESE youngsters know a good thing when they see it!
 Children enjoying the spring display at Springfields Gardens.





around the Spring displays at Springfields.

If you like flowers, you'll love Springfields

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 1995



Did you enjoy yourself? Then why not return?

S PALDING Flower Parade is the biggest event of the year for the district, but there are many more reasons to return!

There is a long list of entertaining exhibitions and events being staged at Springfields Gardens.

COLOUR BOX

Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14
 is the Colour Box Festival - see page 41

RADIO SHOW

Sunday, June 4 - amateur radio show

FAMILY FUN DAY

 Sunday, July 9 - Tesco family fun day, including knock-out challenge, major raffle, children's entertainment, TV personality, side events, etc. All proceeds from the event go to charity.

VINTAGE VEHICLE

 Sunday, July 23 - Vintage Vehicle and Classic Car Show - see page 40.

FLOWER SHOW

 Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13 - Springfields Flower Show.

This two day East of England gardening showcase will feature a major flower arranging competition with over 200 entries.

Other attractions include -

- ☐ flower demonstration by a top international champion and master in floral art;
- □ BBC Radio Lincolnshire Gardeners' Question Time;
- ☐ the National Begonia Area Show; craft and trade stands; full programme of entertainment.

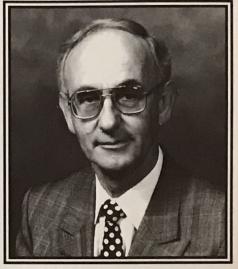
Opens 10am, admission £3.50 (£3), accompanied children free.

MODEL RAILWAY

 Saturday and Sunday, November 11 and 12 - Spalding Model Railway Exhibition. Numerous model railway layouts, trade stands, demonstrations and entertainment.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS/CRAFTS

Saturday and Sunday, November 18



SPRINGFIELDS general manager and flower parade organiser Mr Peter Atkinson

and 19 - Christmas gifts and crafts.

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Springfields in summer





Dedicated collectors of vintage and classic cars

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This is the 13th Springfields' Vintage Vehicle and Classic Car Show and, new for 1995, this year incorporates a classic car auction.

There will be over 400 cars, commercial vehicles, motorcycles, engines, tractors, etc - as well as a fantastic line up of entertainment to keep the whole family happy

This includes mini quad bikes, Punch and Judy shows, autojumble, trade and craft stands, children's entertainment in addition to Springfields Gardens.

Two enthusiasts who are familiar with the show are Steven Pinfold of Market Deeping and Ian Day of Gedney Hill.

Ian bought his MG in 1985 and spent the first 15 months restoring it - at a cost of £2,000 to buy and restore.

Ian has owned his 1977 GT for less than a year and before that had an MG

Like MG owners everywhere, Steven and Ian are proud owners of their cars and take great care of them.

Made for drivers not motorists, these reliable and sporty cars will be going strong for many years yet!

 Admission to the show is £3.50 (£3) and accompanied children are free. There is a special rate for party bookings. Admission price includes free admission





IAN Day, happy behind the wheel of his MGB GT. (LC141/30)



 ABOVE: Steven Pinfold and his pride and joy, an MGB GT! (LC137/9)

If you go down to the woods today...



...Or Springfields Exhibition Centre!

HEN Colour Box brings out a new figure in their delightful range of miniatures, one Spalding family has to buy it four times over!

The Marks family members are all keen collectors of Colour Box, and all four children have to have whatever has just been brought out so there is no squabbling over who it belongs to!

Virtually every surface in their house is given over to their collection which, after six years, is now in excess of 500 miniatures.

Mum Mary said it all began when the children - Kirsty (15), Gemma (13), Lindsay (10) and Peter (6) - spent some of their holiday spending cash on a miniature animal each.

When they returned home, Mary discovered that J T White in the town stocks the Colour Box miniatures - and so began a family passion!

Their collection includes dragons and wizards (Gemma's particular interest), rows of miniature teddies in charming costume, every animal you can think of and the special pieces brought out for Colour Box Club members.

Each miniature is modelled on an original plush teddy bear, and the company has brought out a replica range of plush bears - so the family has a small collection of those too!

The company was started by Peter and Frances Fagan after they fell in love with four antique teddy bears they discovered in a shop in Belgium.

Peter creates the models and Frances finds the right clothes and writes the

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individual bears' life stories which accompanies each miniature.

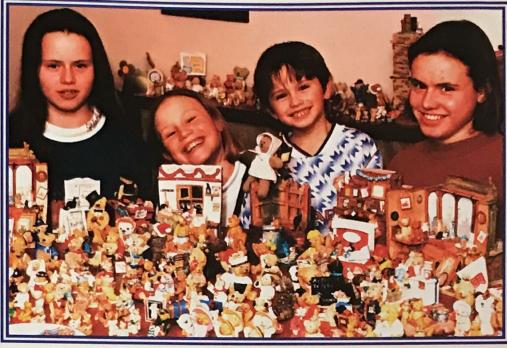
The Marks family has become involved with the company in a number of ways. One of the Colour Box bears is modelled on an old teddy discovered in a dustbin at the primary school Peter attends.

Called St Norbert's after the school, the bear was launched in

Spalding - and every child in the school received a copy.

Kenny from Kensington bear was named by Mary at a Colour Box festival in Kensington, and at the same event Mary found the perfect bonnet and dress for Prudence bear.

Mary says: "It's a club that wants collectors to get involved. I have never



 JUST a small part of the collection! Keen collectors are (from left) Gemma, Lindsay, Peter and Kirsty Marks.

experienced it with any other.

"Maybe it's because teddy bears are such a common bond with everybody."

It was while they were launching St Norbert's bear that the Fagans decided Springfields' Exhibition Centre would make an ideal venue for a Colour Box festival.

The Colour Box Collectors

event will take place at Springfields Exhibition Centre the weekend after Spalding Flower Parade, on Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14 (10am to Spm).

Outside events include a vintage fairground, clay pigeon shooting with laser guns, and much more.

Inside the exhibition centre there will be stands selling Colour Box products, including plush bears, jewellery, china etc - and a chance for collectors to 'swap and

sell' pieces.

Part of the proceeds from the event will be going to the SOS charity.

 RIGHT: The Marks children: from back - Gemma, Kirsty, Lindsay and Peter with their collection of plush bears.



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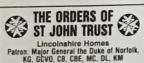
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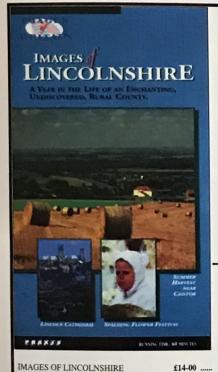
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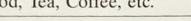
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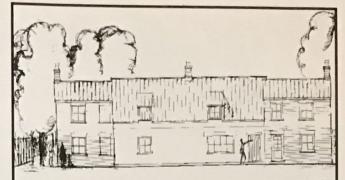
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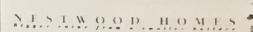
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