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Simply 'glorious'

'Amazing what we can do when we get behind something'
— Organiser David Norton

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SUNNY Spalding was alive with a carnival atmosphere on Saturday as crowds came out in force to support the town's showpiece event.

Thousands flocked to the town to see the famous parade weave its way through the streets – and were also dazzled by the colourful delights at Spalding Flower Festival at Springfields.

The traditional parade nearly came to an end last year when the decision was made not to continue following the landmark 50th event – but it returned with a new look after public outcry.

Parade organiser David Norton said: "If I had to sum it up in one word it would be glorious. The weather, the floats, the reaction from the public and the work of the participants all made for a glorious parade."

"Given the fact that we had all this uncertainty in the last year it's amazing what Spalding can do when everybody gets behind something."

The 37-piece parade included a floral cavalcade representing each of the five

decades of the event and a new-look float for Free Press Flower Queen Amy Coates.

Entries also included marching bands, dance troupes and a host of community groups.

South Holland and the Deepings MP John Hayes, who helped save the parade, said: "This was a good foundation to build on for the future. The principal objective was to keep the show on the road and we did that very successfully."

"Saving the parade was critically important for Spalding and I was proud to play a part."

Coun Eddy Poll, who also helped secure the parade's future, said: "I didn't know quite what to expect after the problems but we had a great reaction."

"The weather was kind and we had lots of bright, cheery floats. It just goes to show that the town deserves a parade and we hope it will be even better next year."

Mr Norton said he thought the numbers that came were "about average" although probably slightly less than two years ago but he believes adverse national press coverage of last year's cancellation may have had an impact on the figures.



It's here! The front of the parade, led by the Tulip Radio float with Jan Whitbourn and Chris Carter walking in front.

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Romsey Old Cadets play cat and mouse as they start the parade

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The Taylors Bulbs PA van rolls into Hall Place.

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The Tulip Radio car, complete with little prince and princesses, takes to the road.

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The Tulip Flower Power mobile stage housed Minus One playing songs from the 1960s.

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Baytree Nurseries Garden Centre vintage van marks 40 years in the gardening industry for the Weston firm.

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Surflet Scamps had to deal with a little monster as they passed through the streets of Spalding.

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Above:
Spalding
Common-based
martial arts
school the
Budokai
Blackbelt
Academy made
its debut in the
parade.
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Left: Long
Sutton and
District Cycle
Club made its
49th
appearance in
the parade in
customary
style.
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The 13th Coventry Scout Band – which first entered the
parade in 1966 – marches through King's Road.
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Moulton Chapel's float called Strike up the Band added a
touch of brass to proceedings.
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Wisbech Rose Fair's float blooms in the sunshine as it makes its debut in the flower parade.

Photo: SG020509-805TW



The Dreamz Dance group made waves in their second year in the parade.



Spalding Ambassadors drum up support for the parade.

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Spalding Young Farmers' Club has had an annual entry in the parade since the event started.

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Lincolnshire Free Press and Spalding Guardian Prince Callum Lewis and Princess Rebeca Adcock give a royal wave from an open top car supplied by Volkswagen dealer Crowsons of Spalding.

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Friends of the Parade hop aboard the Smiley Train.

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The Northampton Pipe Band makes its way through the parade.



Denise Beresford with one of the church flower displays at Springfields

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Musical entertainment from the unusually-dressed Romsey Old Cadets Photo: SG030509-672TW



Polka Dot Academy performed excerpts from Britannia High at Springfields Photo: SG030509-676TW



Spalding Veteran Tractor Enthusiasts Charlie Cherry, John Buffham and Terry Smith Photo: SG030509-675TW



Page and Chloe Caddamy and Nicole Williams milk Annabelle the wooden NFU cow

Photo: SG030509-674TW



Mango Moon - Zack Colam, Gemma Goodall, Amy Whitby-Baker and Dan Bell - entertained the crowds Photo: SG040509-334TW



Spalding Flower Festival organiser Chris Elliott

Photo: SG30509-670TW

Firework spectacular ends flower festival

SPALDING Flower Festival finished with a flourish with a spectacular fireworks display.

Springfields put on a three-day celebration featuring floral displays throughout its festival gardens as well as marching bands, a circus and live music.

The event reached a climax on Monday night with a fireworks show and performances from live bands including Mango Moon and the Mickey Money Boys Irish Band.

Flower Festival organiser Chris Elliott said: "Considering it was the first event it was absolutely stupendous."

"The circus was magnificent and the floral displays were ex-

quisite and everyone was absolutely gobsmacked by them.

"People were coming up at the end of the fireworks display and shaking my hand and saying it was the best they had ever seen."

Springfields also put on a colourful show on Monday with its display fountains.

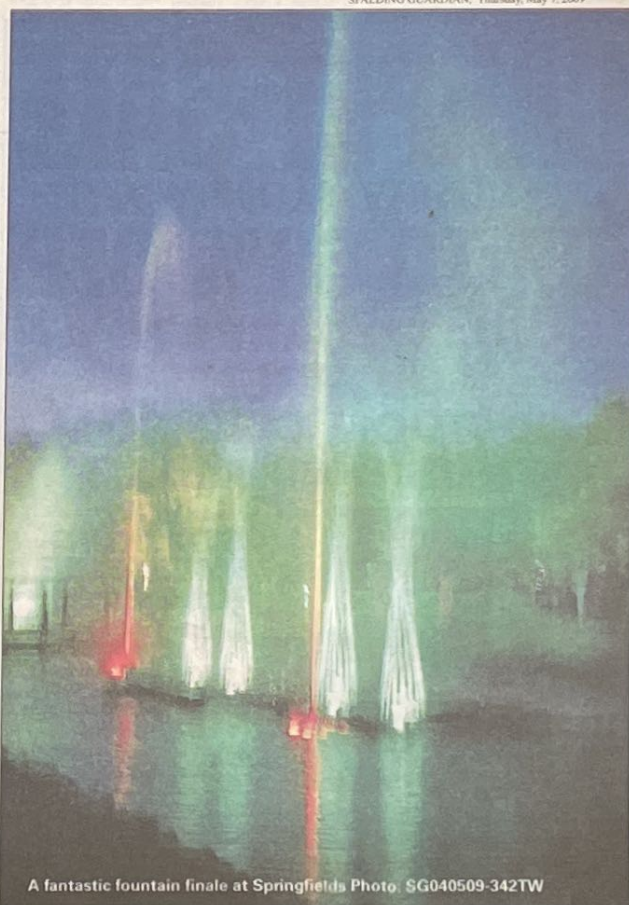
During the three days of the festival the Spalding Flower Parade and Carnival Trust welcomed Royal Horticultural Society gold medal and National Association of Flower Arranging Society exhibitors.

Static floral displays throughout the gardens depicted characters, such as the Owl and the Pussycat and the World of Beat-

rix Potter, while there were also marquees housing colourful school and church displays and art demonstrations.

Children from Asycoughfee Hall School, Spalding, scooped first prize in both the scarecrow competition, sponsored by the Lions, and the fairy garden contest, sponsored by Adjustamatic Beds.

Pupils from St John's Primary School, Spalding, were runners-up in both competitions while Spalding Parish Church Day School pupils were third in the scarecrow contest and Pinchbeck East Primary School youngsters came third with its fairy garden entry.



A fantastic fountain finale at Springfields Photo: SG040509-342TW



Spalding Flower Festival concludes with a spectacular fireworks display Photo: SG040509-344TW

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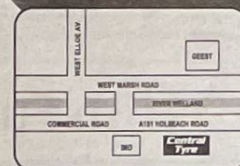
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Going Dutch: Staff at Spalding Wygate Co-op, back (from left) - Carmen Bingham, Ellie Booth and Tracey Holland; front - Sheila Pavlovic and Eileen Stevens.

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Store team show some Dutch spirit

SOUTH Holland had a touch of Dutch spirit thanks to fundraising staff at Wygate Park Food-store.

Employees at the Spalding store, which is part of the Lincolnshire Co-operative, dressed in Dutch costumes and raised £370 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. They timed their three-day

fundraising drive to coincide with Spalding Flower Parade and those who were not in costume wore bright yellow charity T-shirts.

Supervisor Ellie Booth said: "We are very pleased with the amount we raised. Everything went really well."

Marie Curie is Lincolnshire

Co-operative's charity of the year for 2008-09 and so far, staff across the society have raised more than £30,000.

Store manager Eileen Stevens added: "We thought dressing up at the same time as the Flower Parade was an excellent idea. It helped to get our customers in the mood for a great event."

Tulip collection remains on view

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A COLLECTION of beautiful tulip paintings will remain on display in Spalding thanks to Lord and Lady Taylor.

Standing Alone is a collection of 12 paintings, each depicting different types of tulips, created by Canadian artist Monique Martin.

They were first displayed in Spalding last year and at the end of the World Tulip Summit were bought by Lord and Lady Taylor, of Holbeach.

The couple have agreed to loan the collection to South Holland District Council and the paintings will remain on display in the South Holland Centre, Spalding.

The collection was officially handed over by Lord and Lady

Taylor during the Spalding Flower Parade weekend.

At the reception Lord Taylor also presented "thank you" paintings to Francis Hanson and Maurice Chappell, two of the Springfields Horticultural Society's retiring trustees.

Students from Holbeach's George Farmer Technology and Language College's chamber choir performed some tulip-themed songs at the event.



Pictured with some of the Standing Alone collection are: (from left) - South Holland District Council chief executive Terry Huggins, district council chairman Coun Francis Biggadike, artist Monique Martin and Lord Taylor.

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Morris dancers from Moulton Chapel Methodist Church were among those entertaining at the village's 30th parade.

Photo: SG030509-711TV



Their stylish outfits won the Masqueraders the title of best float.

Photo: SG030509-690W



Children from Moulton Chapel Primary School had a float in the annual parade.

Photo: SG030509-693TV



PC Persuasion keeps low and order at the Moulton Chapel Parade.

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Sun shines on 30th Moulton Chapel parade

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HUNDREDS of people lined country roads for Moulton Chapel village parade's 30th year.

Sunday's event traditionally follows on from its

larger counterpart in Spalding and shared similar sunshine, although slightly windier conditions. Around 15 floats, marching displays, and cars and agricultural vehicles from yesteryear started from the youth club on Woodgate Road before passing

through Roman Road. A bagpiping duo led the way followed by a classic Citroen 2CV and a touch of brass in the form of the Strike up the Band float, fresh from its journey through Spalding the previous day.

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and Spalding Guardian runner-up prince and princess Paul Lawrence and Ebony Munn greeted spectators with beaming smiles, alongside Village Queen Vicky Capel.

Other classic vehicles included a Fordson Super Major tractor and a splen-

did Rover, which was awarded the "best classic car" accolade by guest judge MP John Hayes. The bright orange outfits of the Harmony Majorettes contrasted with the traditional white of Moulton Chapel's very own Morris dancers.

Moulton Chapel Primary School's excellent Hawaiian-style float provided a musical backdrop to the proceedings. But the school float was piped to the post for best overall float award by the stylish outfits worn by Masqueraders.

There were also bargains on offer at stalls around the village outside the Wheatsheaf, the youth club, and people's houses, while a Punch and Judy show entertained the children at St James' Church. Eddy Poll, of the village's Tulpine Committee,

praised Spalding-based group the Sound Injectors - who stepped in at the last moment after another performer pulled out - to provide hits from popular acts including Scissor Sisters and Girls Aloud. Mr Poll told the crowd: "I'm not usually one for sin-

gling people out individually but I would like to thank Dean (Fitchett) and the group. "I would like to thank you all for coming. "We have had a great time as always and we will see you again next year."



Lincolnshire Free Press and Spalding Guardian runner-up prince and princess Paul Lawrence and Ebony Munn greeted the spectators with beaming smiles.

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Village Queen Vicky Capel and attendants Michael Severn and Amber Bell.

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That's the way to do it! Sarah Carrot introduces Lucy Peters and Libby Wilson to Mr Punch.

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Piper Hugh Berry led the parade through the village.

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Rollergirls Emily Collings and Megan Buck get in the carnival spirit.

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Superheroes Batman, Robin and Superman, also known as Alex Waters, Matt Badcock and Tom Field, were on hand to lend some colour to the parade.

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Classic car winners Clarice and Peter Clements receive their prize from MP John Hayes.

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Parade.
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Spalding Water Taxi makes a splash in the parade.
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Onlookers had to be patient for entry number 22 – the Spalding Hospice Foundation bed push.
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It started.
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The Giles School of Old Leake entered the Japanese-themed float A Forest of Cranes.
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The Lighthouse Pentecostal Church dance troupe entertains with Christian Rock and pop-themed dancing.
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through Spalding.
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It's a Small World was the first parade entry for friends of Queen Elizabeth Doll Houses.
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Young cheerleaders from Diamondz DG show off their routine.
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Miss Jersey Holly Fraser greets the crowds.
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SPRINGFIELDS FLOWER FESTIVAL



Eleven-year-old Emma Collinson, whose grandmother created this rabbit.

Photo: SG020509-310NG



A static display character takes Paul Cunningham (3) under its wing.

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Antonia Angress and Sven Hopla entertain Summer Lewis (5) in the circus ring.

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Katie Nash (3) and Phil the lizard say hello at Springfields.

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The Breaston Highlanders Band make its way around Springfields.

Photo: SG020509-389NG

SPRINGFIELDS FLOWER FESTIVAL

Floral display a hit with visitors

Feedback says good value for money – organiser

A FLORAL feast of colour greeted visitors to the Spalding Flower Festival at Springfields.

Static floral displays were spread throughout the Festival Gardens depicting characters such as the Owl and the Pussycat, The Golden Compass and the World of Beatrix Potter.

There were also marquees housing spectacular displays from schools and churches, art demonstrations, a butterfly and wildlife exhibit and a circus.

The arena contained a hall devoted to Royal Horticultural Society gold medal and National Association of Flower Arranging Societies exhibits.



Festival organiser
Chris Elliott.

Festival organiser Chris Elliott said: "It has been superb and we have had some good feedback. I have spoken to hundreds of people and they all said that they enjoyed themselves and thought it was good value for money."

Mr Elliott hopes more can be done next year to ensure the parade and festival combine together as part of a whole weekend of events in the town.

He added: "I think a good de-brief needs to be held. People need to decide that next year we need a cohesive plan for the entire festival. We are all in it for South Holland and we need to work together. We have done that this year but it hasn't been seamless."



Floral displays at Springfields.

Photo: SG020509-442NG



Spalding girl Emily Eve Ransome (10) admires the displays at Springfields.

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Cheryl and Zara Barnes (2) take a peek at the displays at Springfields.

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Tulipa shares a cuddle with Amardeep (8), Vijay (8) and Ajay Singh (3).

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Crowds enjoy the entertainment at Springfields.

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Jane Gower, Irene and Tom Insley and a polar pal at Springfields.

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Pru Crosby from Spalding Arts and Crafts Society displays her skills.

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