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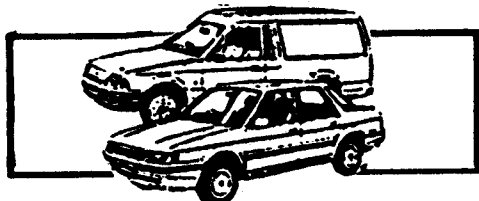
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THE VILLAGES OF CLAPHAM AND PATCHING

These two villages are situated in an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on the south side of the South Downs. Both villages were mentioned in Domesday "The Archbishop holds Patchings. It was always appropriated to clothe the monks. In the demesne are two ploughs and 22 villeins with 21 bondsmen having six ploughs..... Here is a church and wood having pannage (ie feeding) for four hogs" Clapham is mentioned in the same survey..'as having five villeins and eight bondsmen'.

But whereas between 1801 and 1821 the population of Clapham increased from 197 to 245, that of Patching declined from 193 to 150. Both villages are marked on early maps (eg Saxon 1573) and both had 270 inhabitants in 1981.

The village of Clapham, even today, is not on the road to anywhere. Its cottages straggle along a single street which peters out into farmland. The Church is situated on the edge of the woods with only Clapham Farm as its near neighbour. The bridle path leading north from Castle Goring was the old coach road over the Downs and in the middle ages Holt Farm was a thriving hamlet - the present Keeper's Cottage is believed to have been the Inn for the little community.

For nearly 300 years the two villages were dependant on the Shelleys of Michelgrove, whose Estate extended from Poling to Shoreham and included Angmering Park. Sir John Shelley, the last Shelley to hold Michelgrove, sold the estate to Mr Walker of Liverpool, who died the following year and was buried at Clapham. The Walkers sold the Estate in 1828 to the Duke of Norfolk who had Michelgrove pulled down.

However during the Shelley period three historical events took place at Patching. Henry VIII probably visited Michelgrove. A treasonable meeting took place between William Shelley and Charles Paget - both staunch Roman Catholics - in Patching Wood on 16th September 1583, the object to replace Elizabeth 1 by Mary, Queen of Scots. Shelley was imprisoned and Paget fled the country. France Lane was so called from a camp or colony of French prisoners held there during the Napoleonic Wars.

In the early nineteenth century the beechwoods of Patching and its immediate neighbourhood were very productive of the Truffle (*Lycoperdon tuber*), discovered by a William Leach from the West Indies, who searched from Lands End to the mouth of the River Thames with some hogs accustomed to hunting for truffles, before settling down at Patching as a professional truffle hunter.

Between 1768 and 1814 successive members of the Tompkins family, estate agents at Michelgrove, kept the Tompkins Diary which records much of local life...gravel is brought from Clapham and 16500 bricks are bought from the kiln beyond Clapham.... children at school at Widow Pages in Clapham..... a bull is ordered from Clapham Farm to be fattened at Michelgrove and distributed to the poor of Patching and Clapham on St Thomas' Day.

In more recent years Clapham remains the more populated village of the two. There is a thriving village School, a well used and supported Village Hall and the two village Churches strive to maintain the fabric of the ancient buildings and the continuance of family services. Both villages suffered considerable loss of trees in the big storm of October 1987, which combined with the demise of the elm some years before has greatly altered the horizons surrounding the two villages.

In October 1990 the population of Clapham stood at 265 whereas Patching was down to 185 inhabitants.

ADDENDUM TO THE PROGRAMME

OLD FASHIONED SPORTS - Saturday afternoon. Entries for these sports are open to all ages, and those wishing to take part should report to the area marked out on the cricket field at 2.30pm.

CHILDRENS SPORTS - Sunday afternoon. All children of school age are eligible to enter, and those wishing to take part should report to the area marked out on the cricket field at 2.30pm.

CHILDRENS CORNER - A FACE PAINTER will be in attendance on Sunday.

GYMKHANA - Refreshments will be available on the showground.

MOUNTAIN BIKE COMPETITION - Sunday afternoon. There will be two age groups and those wishing to take part should report to the field at MYRTLE GROVE by 2.30pm.

THE VILLAGE BUS will be available for invalids wishing to visit activities taking place away from the Village Hall and Cricket field.

ST JOHNS AMBULANCE will be in attendance on both days.

TOILETS - Will be available near the Village Hall on both days and at the Gymkhana on Sunday.

HEDGE LAYING DEMONSTRATION will take place on both days at FRANCE BARN in France Lane Patching.



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every success for their Village Weekend.*

VINTAGE FARM WORKING MACHINERY
CLAPHAM & PATCHING - AUGUST 1992
FIELD TO LOAF

After the first World War 1914-1918, farming practices began to become mechanised and machines started to displace the working horse. British farmers were slow to take advantage of 'new fangled things' and were resistant to change: but eventually the benefits became obvious.

Tractors and implements were usually imported - Massey Harris of Canada - Sunshine of Australia - International and Fordson of America, to name a few.

We start our demonstration with an International 10-20 TITAN built during 1919 and towing a Massey Harris 13 Row Corndrill of 1923: also we can see a later International 10-20 gear driven tractor of 1936 towing a Massey Harris Reaper Binder circa 1926. These tractors and binders imported in great numbers were very reliable, although not as popular as the Standard Fordson which was cheaper.

An orange Fordson of 1937 may be seen ploughing with a Ransome RSLD trailed plough.

Working Threshers are 1948 Ransome and Simms 54 inch drum driven by a 1947 International W9.

The International Peg Drum of 1936 is driven by an International W30, quite a rare outfit - the straw coming out of the drum is blown in a wind stacker by a large fan.

Lastly we can see a ½size, 27" Garvie early thrasher of 1926 driven by an Allis Chalmers Model 'B' 1952.

A British built Nuffield Universal 4 is working with a P T O (power take off) driven Albion Binder and under the expert eye of Driver John Elliott. The Nuffield is 1952, the Binder 1948.

A single cylinder Field Marshal diesel tractor, which can be started only by a special fuse paper or a cartridge similar to a 12-gauge shot gun cartridge, may be seen pulling a Taskers Trailer about 1948 for both units, and connected to the trailer a 1936 Macormick Deering Hay Loader.

The sheaves or shocks of corn are being collected up in a wagon drawn by 1947 David Brown Cropmaster. Pitch forks are used for loading into the trailer and then up to the thresher.

Barn Machines on display are a 1912 LISTER 'N' type driving a 1920's Bamfords Rapid Grinding Mill No 3. which would grind grain for animal feed or bread flour. The grain is obtained from the thresher which in turn gets the sheaves of corn from the binder which cuts them down from the ground where the seed drill sowed the corn in the first place. A Winnowing machine is working with the help of a 1916 Bamfords open crank Stationary Engine and a hand driven Corn Sheller by I H C, circa 1919 is for stripping corn off the cobs.

During the two days an attempt will be made for the World Record in the GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS of cutting corn, threshing it and milling in to flour and baking a Baker's dozen loaves of bread.

Corn off the 'ears' into the drum
Blood sweat and tears And maybe some fun
From flour to oven Bread we must make
Faster than 21 mins we take
We all shout and cheer with one accord
W'eve 'busted' that Guinness Book Record

Presented by Malcolm Atterbury and an enthusiastic team of helpers - none of them farmers - and thanks to Chris Lock in whose fields we have toiled.

		Map Ref
2.30pm	VINTAGE FARM EQUIPMENT - WORKING DAY will be operating throughout the afternoon demonstrating equipment that replaced the working horse in the twenties.	A
2.30pm	NATURE TRAILS start and continue every hour until 6.00pm from the farmyard adjacent to Patching Church	C
2.30pm	OLD VILLAGE MARKET at Morella Cottage Patching Street open until 5.00pm	B
12.00noon	CHURCHES OPEN DAY St Mary the Virgin Clapham St John the Divine Patching	C C
2.30pm	CONSERVATION GROUPS around the Village Hall until 6.00pm	V
2.30pm	TUG OF WAY COMPETITION weigh-in	V
3.00pm	TUG OF WAR COMPETITION begins	V
3.00pm	OLD FASHIONED SPORTS including Sack races, egg and spoon races, Wellie throwing, tossing a bale of hay etc	V
3.00pm	Lancing BRITISH LEGION 'GERMAN' BAND will entertain during the afternoon	V
6.00pm	TUG OF WAR COMPETITION FINALS	V
7.00pm	DIXIELAND JAZZ with THE SOUTH COAST STOMPERS	V
9.00pm	SPIT ROAST BARBECUE	V
9.30pm	FIREWORKS	V
	CREAM TEAS will be available during the afternoon from the Village Hall and at WELLCROFT Patching Street near the Church	V C
	Other REFRESHMENTS will be available including a BEER TENT, ICE CREAM BAR and COLD DRINKS STALL around the Village Hall	V
	A CHILDRENS CORNER will be operating all afternoon on the Village cricket ground	V

The organisers would like to express their grateful thanks to Chris Lock, Peter Jenkin, and many more too numerous to mention for their help.

The organisers reserve the right to cancel or alter the programme without notice.

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 1992

		Map Ref
9.00am	GYMKHANA and HORSESHOW	G
10.00am	VINTAGE FARM EQUIPMENT - WORKING DAY to include an attempt on the Guinness Book of Records 'Field to Loaf' Record during the day	A
10.00am	COUNTRY CRAFTS including Trout Fly Dressing open until 5.00pm	V
10.00am	CONSERVATION GROUPS around the Village Hall until 5.00pm	V
10.00am	OLD VILLAGE MARKET at Morella Cottage Patching Street open until 5.00pm	B
11.00am	NATURE TRAILS start and continue every hour until 5.00pm from the farmyard adjacent to Patching Church	C
12.00noon	CHURCHES OPEN DAY St Mary the Virgin Clapham St John the Divine Patching	C
12.30pm	REFRESHMENTS	V
2.30pm	PUNCH AND JUDY SHOW	V
3.00pm	CHILDRENS SPORTS	V
3.00pm	MOUNTAIN BIKE COMPETITION at Myrtle Grove	M
3.00pm	Lancing BRITISH LEGION BAND will entertain during the afternoon	V
4.00pm	PUNCH AND JUDY SHOW	V
	CREAM TEAS will be available during the afternoon from the Village Hall and at WELLCROFT Patching Street near the Church	V C
	Other REFRESHMENTS will be available including a BEER TENT, ICE CREAM BAR and COLD DRINKS STALL around the Village Hall	V
	A CHILDRENS CORNER will be operating all day on the Village cricket ground	V
8.00pm	COUNTRY AND WESTERN EVENING in the Barn at Myrtle Grove tickets £4.00 each including supper	

Proprietors of Myrtle Grove Farm, Avril Syrett, Malcolm Atterbury, Mrs Chisholm MBE
generous help and support for the Village Weekend.

or re-arrange any part of the programme

VILLAGE LIFE AND CONSERVATION

Our parishes of Clapham and Patching are separate, but both are in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and are eligible to participate in the Environmental Sensitive Area scheme for the South Downs. The aim of this scheme is to encourage traditional farming practices, the loss of which has resulted in the disappearance of so many of our flowers, wildlife and insects, and also of the fieldcraft skills which once would have been taken for granted.

Between the two Parish Councils and the Clapham & Patching Conservation Society, we are members of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, the Society of Sussex Downsmen, the South of England Hedge-Laying Society and the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers.

Conservation for many villagers is becoming a philosophy for life, and a way of life. It is an acceptance of the fact that we bear a personal responsibility for the kind of world that we live in, and that is up to us individually to make the effort required to restore some of our endangered assets. The aim is to acquire the skills of old such as hedge-laying, hurdle-making, charcoal burning and coppicing and to use these skills within the two parishes in a way that is relevant today.

In addition, the villagers look after their footpaths, plant trees and hedges, provide roosts for endangered species, such as bats, and clear ponds. Some of the chalk downland will be allowed to revert to 'unimproved' downland (which is the way it was for a thousand years) to encourage the more delicate and fragile grasses, and flowers to revive. This will, in turn, support insect species which rely on them, such as the once prolific Chalkhill Blue butterflies.

We are fortunate in having Myrtle Grove Farm within the parish of Patching because the owners have adopted the ESA scheme with enthusiasm and commitment. A two year conservation plan is being prepared and this will include the creation of a dew pond, hedge planting and reintroduction of traditional woodland. The farm also makes ice cream, cheese and yoghurt from its own dairy herd, and encourages local crafts such as farriery and charcoal-burning (from storn blown trees) as well as others. Some of the farm's produce will be on sale today.

We hope you will find time to go on one of our tractor and trailer rides into the heart of the Downs, and speak to the various conservation bodies who are here today. We would like you to appreciate why we think that conservation and traditional village life is of such importance, not just to us in Clapham and Patching, but to you as well.

MICHELGROVE

For nearly 300 years both Patching and Clapham were dependant on the Shelleys of Michelgrove whose estate extended from Poling to Shoreham and included Angmering Park.

*Michelgrove in 1829. From
an old engraving.*



COUNTRY AND WESTERN EVENING

Two groups will provide the music for the Village Weekend Country and Western Evening being held in the Barn at Myrtle Grove on Sunday evening.

PETE PALMER started in Country Music ten years ago and turned professional eight years ago. Since then he has recorded one LP, one EP and seven cassettes.

The EP contains four songs written by Pete, and a number of his songs have been recorded by other artists and bands.

During 1991 Pete together with his backing band played many Country Music Festivals including 'Welshpool' and Pontings at Hemsby Norfolk.

His new cassette 'Tennessee Lady' is a follow up to his very successful cassette 'Wings on my Heels'.

In May of this year Pete was resident at the Festival at Pontins Prestatyn North Wales and in October will be at Pontins Brean Sands Somerset.

Later this year Pete plans to record a new cassette with his band, featuring Nick Evans - Pedal Steel, Joh Ryder - Bass Guitar, and Ray Lucking - Drums.

YVONNE AND NORMAN CHAMPION are based in Lancing and are known affectionately as Sussex's Mr and Mrs Country Music.

After they married they teamed up with a couple called Wise, and formed a new group called 'The Wise Champions' playing mainly folk and country music. However a year later Yvonne and Norman went their own way as 'The Champions' and were soon invited to become resident singers at the Brighton C M C.

In 1976 they were successful as runners-up in the Mini Talent Contest at Wembley, but later that year they were the outright winners of the duo section of the Tennessee Trophy at the Tennessee Club, Wimbledon where they were presented with their award by the 'International Ambassador of Country Music' George Hamilton IV.

In 1980 they went totally professional and became part of Tony Goodacre's Session Band. They appeared at the Brighton Festival of Country Music, compared the Talent Contest in 1981, then appeared at Tony Goodacre's 25th Anniversary Show at Harrogate, the Peterborough Festival and Pontins Festival at Brean Sands.

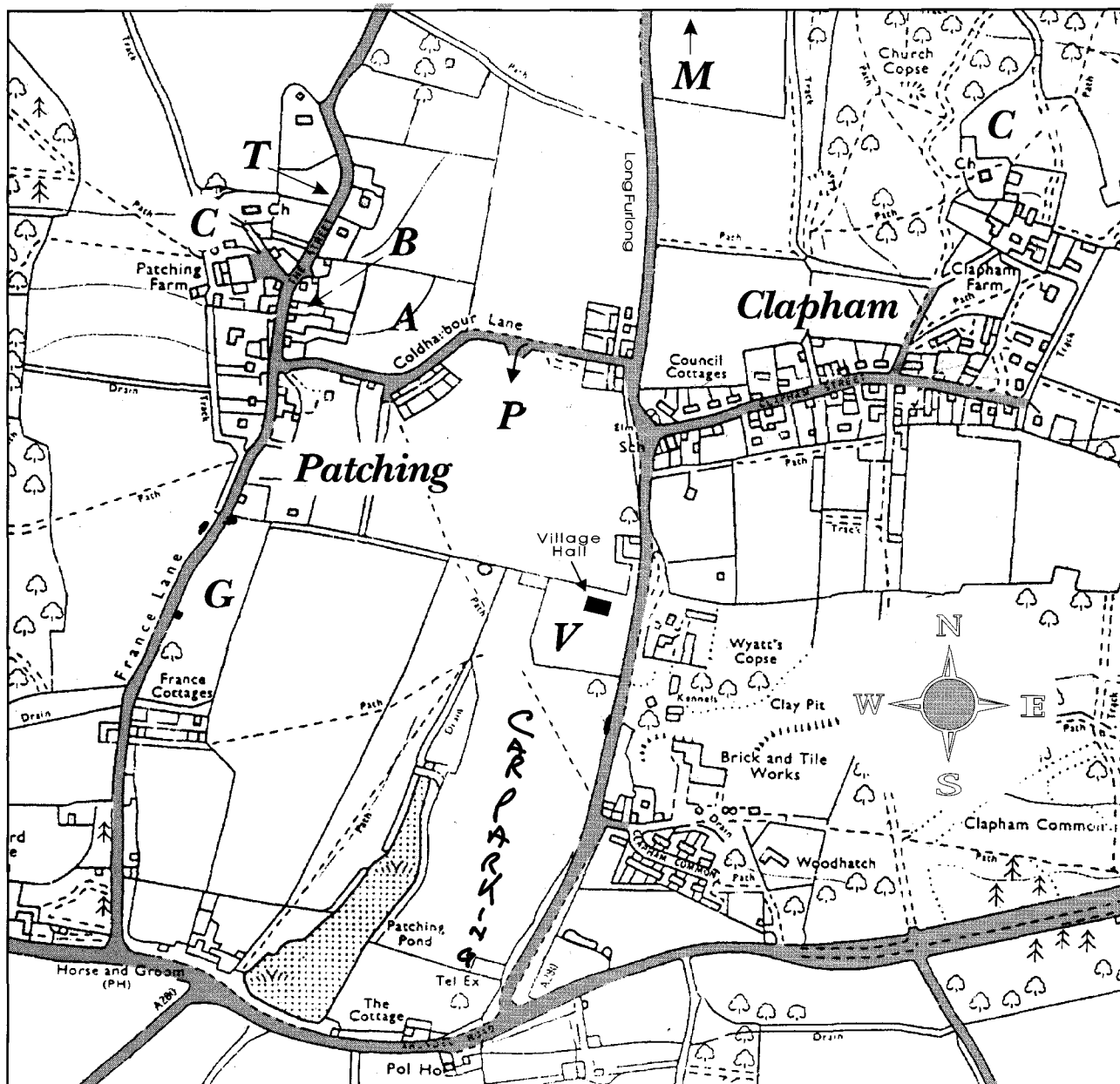
Both were filmed by Anglia Television and screened in 1982: and also made two appearances at the Wembley Festival in 1982 - once with the Tony Goodacre Session Band and once with George Hamilton IV.

To date Yvonne and Norman have made one LP - 'You and I', five cassettes and one single 'Don't Let Them Throw It All Away'.

Last year they were voted the 'Best Duo' by the Kingsley C M C.

VILLAGE WEEKEND - LOCATION MAP

Below is a map of the two villages of Clapham and Patching and their immediate surrounds showing the location of the various events taking place during the weekend.



K E Y · T O · V E N U E S

Map Ref:	Location:	Map Ref:	Location:
A Coldharbour Lane, Patching	M Myrtle Grove Farm, Long Furlong
B Morella Cottage, Patching Street	P Field south of Coldharbour Lane
C Clapham & Patching Churches	T The Street, Patching
G France Lane, Patching	V Village Hall & Surrounds

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VILLAGE WEEKEND - CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

The answers to all the following questions require walking around the two villages - where names are required these are clearly visible without trespassing on any properties. Complete the questions, detach the page from the programme and hand it in to the desk in the Village Hall - DO NOT FORGET to write your name and address.

- Q 1 What are the full names of the Clapham Church and Patching Church
Answer
- Q 2 How many thatched cottages are there in Clapham Street and name them
Answer
- Q 3 How many thatched cottages are there in Patching Street and name them
Answer
- Q 4 Both Clapham Church and Patching Church have a lych gate - what is a lych gate for
Answer
- Q 5 Which houses in Clapham are named either after trees or birds
Answer
- Q 6 Who is Headteacher at Clapham and Patching Church of England Primary School
Answer
- Q 7 Look over the wall towards the North East corner of the School Building and find arrow engraved in the brickwork. What is the arrow for.
Answer
- Q 8 What sort of tree stands in the centre of Clapham Street Recreation Ground. Can you guess the age of this tree.
Answer
- Q 9 What rural craft was based in one of the cottages in Patching Street.
Answer
- Q 10 What date was the Clapham & Patching Village Hall opened
Answer
- Q 11 What is on the top of the spire on Patching Church
Answer
- Q 12 What kind of trees form an avenue along the driveway towards the Old Rectory in Clapham
Answer
- Q 13 Where is the ice house in Patching
Answer
- Q 14 How many chimneys are there on the old Clapham Farmhouse now called Clapham Lodge Nursing Home.
Answer
- Q 15 Stand with your back to the Lych Gate at Clapham Church and face WEST towards the woods - can you name the five trees that you can see.
Answer
- Q 16 What time does it say on the Clock Tower at the Coach House in Patching Street
Answer

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AGE.....

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