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17th February 1992:

Dear Sir,

Over the weekend 22nd-23rd August 1992 our twin villages are holding a village weekend. Amongst the many attractions will be a vintage farm machinery working day, we propose to have a Bread Race, to cut the corn, do the subsequent stages necessary and then to bake a loaf of bread in the shortest possible time.

Does the Guinness Book of Records have this record recorded and if so what are the criteria? If there is no such record could you please let us know the parameters we must work to and any other information such as scrutineering etc.

Yours faithfully,

THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

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Record Guidelines

FIELD TO LOAF

Rules

1. The time is measured from the first movement of the harvester to the last loaf hitting the 'table' from the baking tin (i.e. the harvester's engine can be running).
2. A 'baker's dozen' (13 loaves) must be produced.
3. The loaves should be of a size having a 'raw weight' of 1 lb/0.45 kg.
4. The yeast mix can only start being prepared after the starting signal for the harvester.
5. Two independent time-keepers with good quality stopwatches should be used.

The current record is: 21 min 22 sec.

Authentication

The following should be provided:

1. Signed statements of authentication by two independent persons of some standing in the community, including contact addresses and telephone numbers, confirming that all of the rules have been adhered to.
2. Independent corroboration in the form of local or national newspaper cuttings.
3. Photographs or transparencies of the event, if possible of reproducible quality and preferably in colour.

NB. WE MUST STRESS THAT WE CANNOT PROVIDE PERSONNEL TO INVIGILATE RECORD ATTEMPTS; THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY.

YOU ARE ADVISED TO CHECK WITH US AGAIN JUST BEFORE YOUR ATTEMPT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RECORD HAS NOT BEEN BEATEN.

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Even if you do beat the existing record and we accept your claim, it does not necessarily mean that details will be included in the book, as your record may subsequently be beaten—we can only include the record which stands when we go to press.

Please send all documentation clearly marked as to which record has been attempted and please indicate if you require any material returned to you after verification.

Good luck in your attempt.

A-N 4067

News

NO 'LOAFING' ABOUT FOR LIGHTNING DOUGH BOYS

Minutes sliced off old bread record

Report: Sarah Cole

A NEW world record for the fastest produced batch of loaves is believed to have been set at Patching on Sunday.

Organisers of the first Clapham and Patching village weekend hope their time of 12 minutes 11 seconds will be accepted by the Guinness Book of Records.

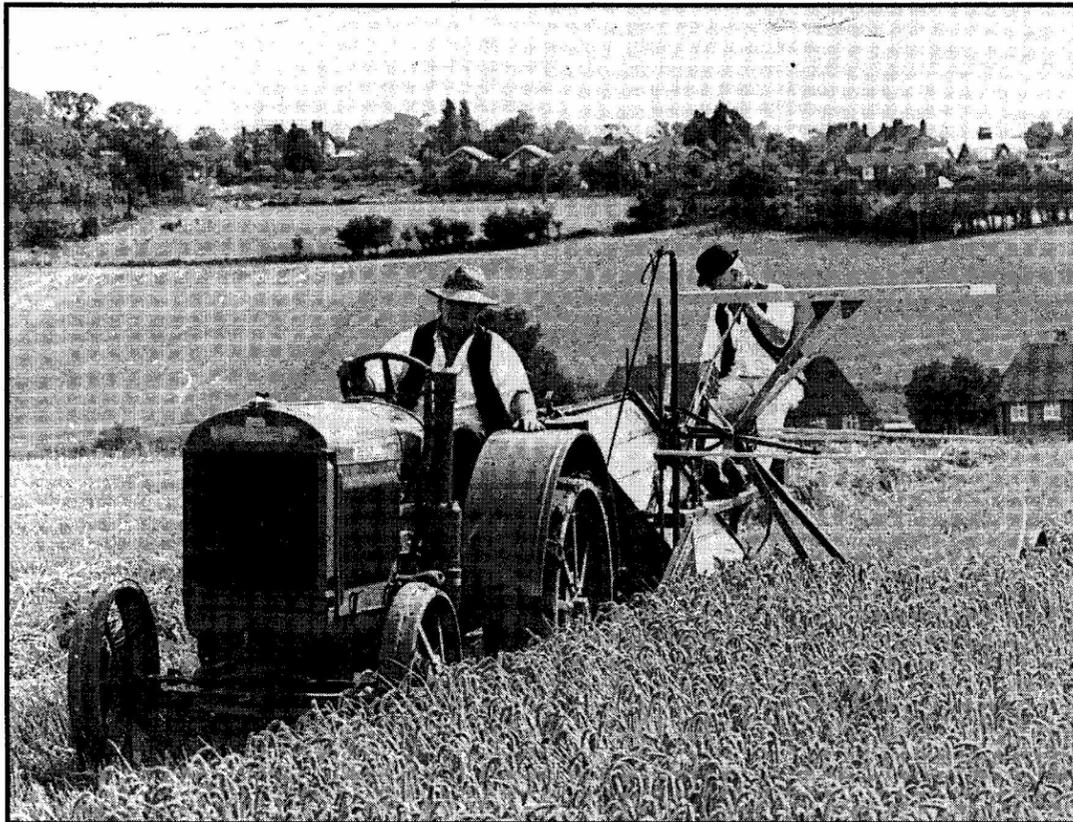
Village weekend committee member Ed Bacon said, 'The field-to-loaf race is the shortest time between the first movement of the harvester and the last loaf of the baker's dozen hitting the table.'

'Our time was well within the existing world record of 21min 22sec, but we now have to wait to get it confirmed.'

With the exception of the baking process, all the equipment used in the bread race was vintage.

The machinery, belonging to Malcolm Atterbury, of Steyning, included binders from 1922 and 1948, a 1936 thresher and a 1920 grinding mill.

Brolley's bakers, of Worthing, kneaded the dough before shaping it into 13 one-pound loaves, which were baked in microwave ovens.



THE GREAT BREAD RACE starts via this vintage harvester. Picture by Stephen Goodger.

Sir Richard Best, of The Street, Patching, and Major General Sir Phillip Ward, of Arundel, acted as scrutineers during the

world record attempt. Other attractions at the village weekend, which aimed to spread a community spirit in Clapham and Patching,

included a market, old-fashioned sports, tractor and trailer rides, demonstrations and a tug-of-war competition.

Organisers were de-

lighted that thousands of people turned out to support the two-day event and are considering holding another one in the future.

On drugs charge

A MAN has been charged with possession of amphetamine at the Sterns nightclub site, Goring, and intent to supply the amphetamine to others.

Christopher Alan Stead, 17, of Norfolk Terrace, Brighton, was granted bail on condition he continued to live at his home address and reported to Brighton police station every Saturday between 3pm and 5pm.

His case was adjourned by Worthing magistrates on Monday until September 21.

Attempt to save plane

LOCAL people are being urged to help save the RAF's last remaining delta-wing bomber, The Vulcan.

Save The Vulcan Campaign local co-ordinator Anthony Cole hopes people living in the Worthing, Shoreham and Littlehampton areas will lend their support.

For more information contact Mr Cole on 0243 825167 (24hrs).

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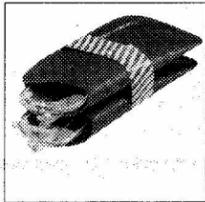
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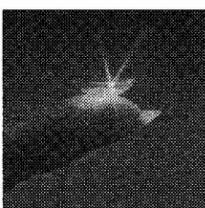
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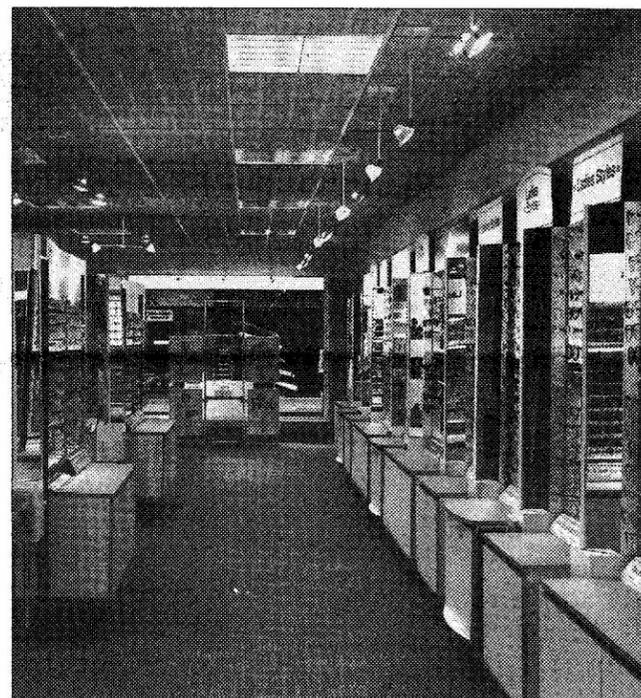
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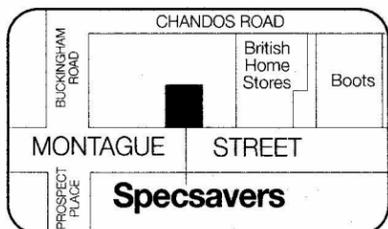
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Villages bake bread in convincing style

TWO SMALL West Sussex villages are expected to get into the Guinness Book of Records.

Clapham and Patching set out to bake the fastest bread, from field to table, and did it in convincing style at their village weekend.

Using a mix of ancient and modern technology they produced 13 one pound loaves from standing wheat in 12 minutes and 11 seconds - soundly beating the current record time of 21 minutes and 22 seconds.

Mr Ed Bacon, who started the record attempt with a blast from a shotgun and announced its conclusion with another barrel, said they were delighted.

"It was a triumph for teamwork and the bakers' skill - we have all been running around like headless chickens," he said.

Mr Malcolm Atterbury, of Steyning, arranged the event and most of the vintage machinery used in it was part of his collection.

A Massey Harris binder of 1922 and an Albury binder of 1948 cut the corn in farmer Chris Lock's field, helpers picked up the sheaves and sprinted to an International peg-driven thresher of 1936, gathered the corn as it dropped through and put it straight through a Bamford Munber 3 Rapid Grinding Mill of 1920 to make wholemeal flour.

This went straight to bakers Mr Russell Hollin and Mr Michael Rankin, of Brollies Bakery, Worthing, who measured out quantities of

flour, yeast and salt and the dough was mixed in a 20-quart mixer.

It was cut and weighed on old fashioned scales into one pound cobs, placed on boards and put straight into 13 borrowed domestic microwaves powered by two big generators.

This switch to modern technology made all the difference to the timing - six minutes in the microwaves and the loaves were done. "We checked all the rules, there was nothing in there to say how they should be cooked, so the microwaves were an obvious choice," said Mr Atterbury.

The village weekend was the first of its kind and aimed to bring in outsiders to share old style country entertainments and raise funds for village projects.

Mr Dickie Mobbs of the organising committee said the only disappointment of the weekend was the wet weather.

"But we have a steady number of people through, the tractor rides proved very popular, and all the events went according to plan."

These included a tug of war, nature trails, sports, crafts and crafts displays, band music and jazz as well as the vintage farm equipment which was seen in action on Saturday and Sunday.

The fireworks display was much enjoyed and the barn dance attracted over 260 people. Worthing Video Club recorded the proceedings, including the attempt to beat the record.



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CLAPHAM and PATCHING VILLAGE WEEKEND - 22/23 AUGUST 1992

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The undersigned were present as Judges at a "Field to Loaf" event on 23 August, as part of the programme of the two day Village Weekend, which took place in the two villages of Clapham and Patching, near Worthing, West Sussex.

The machinery used for this event included: Massey Harris Reaper Binder 1923: Albion Binder 1948: Intercontinental Peg Drum 1936: Barford No 3 Grinding Mill 1920: Microwaves 1992.

We hereby certify that the time taken from first cut to the production of a baker's dozen of 1 lb loaves (13) at a raw weight of 1 lb each was 12 MINUTES 11 SECONDS.

RS.

Sir Richard Best
KCVO CMG
Formerly British Ambassador to Iceland

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Major-General Sir Philip Ward
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P.S. Should you wish to clarify any of the above we refer you to

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CLAPHAM AND PATCHING
VILLAGE WEEKEND

22nd and 23rd AUGUST 1992

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26 August 1992

Dear Ed

Having written a number of thank you letters for the last weekend I cannot resist the opportunity to express the very sincere thanks to you for all your hard work, enthusiasm and generosity over the past weeks.

As the idiot who had the original thought of such a foolhardy scheme we all owe you a debt of gratitude in that the members of the Organising Committee ALL had a most enjoyable time. Despite the weather, the negative attitude of some and the lack of cooperation of others, all seem to be right on the day and those who did brave the elements seemed to enjoy the day, or days.

In these thanks I also include Beverley, who in her usual quiet way got through a tremendous amount of activity: and I know from comments from her helpers that they enjoyed working with her.

Again many thanks for providing the opportunity for many of us to have an enjoyable time working together on an unknown project and whatever the end result may be, we felt it was worthwhile.

Yours very sincerely



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4 September 1992

Dear Mr Bacon

We have received a letter from Sir Richard Best and Major-General Sir Philip Ward informing us that a field-to-loaf record attempt was made on 23 August at Patching.

They indicated that you were the main contact for this event, and so we are sending you a set of our guidelines with the main rules and regulations, from which you will see that we will require more detailed information before we can decide whether we will be able to accept this as a record. We would like to have a full account of the progress of the attempt.

If you would care to write to us with the documentation which we require, we will gladly have a look through the claim in detail.

Thank you for your interest.

Yours sincerely

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4 November 1992

Dear Mr Bacon

Thank you for your letter of 9 September in connection with the field-to-loaf record claim. First of all, please accept our apologies for not having replied earlier.

Do you happen to have a breakdown of how long each individual operation took? If so, it would be helpful if you could give us this information.

We have received a few field-to-loaf record claims of late, and are going to look at all of them together once we have received all of the information that we require on each claim.

We look forward to hearing from you again soon.

Thank you for your interest.

Yours sincerely

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