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A Forgettable Day

THE best family outings should contain some ingredients which create memories to be recalled in the future. After visiting the National Garden Festival at Stoke-on-Trent I do not think that much actually connected with gardens is likely to be remembered.

The day was exceptionally windy, the price of entry (£4.50) a shade expensive, and the guide book at £1.95 a let-down. If the festival had perhaps been held later in the year it might have been more rewarding, with colourful displays such as those illustrated in the guide book more apparent.

As regards local features the guide book waded lyrically about 'the Herefordshire Cider Garden by the County Council' (not, you will note, the Hereford and Worcester County Council) 'combines peaceful herefordshire' (small 'h') rural scenery'. It goes on to mention the bowling green where you could play or watch the summer-long tournament. If you had intended to play you would have had to take your own woods, for I did not see any - nor any likely players.

As for the advertised display of local industries and craft demonstrations in the hop kilns, the effects of recession must have been more dramatic than I had realised, for the display was non-existent. Never mind, we thought, let's sample some of Bulmer's Original Cider in the black and white marquee. Sorry, it's off - only Woodpecker from 'original' taps. Not the best advertisement - although the 'Sally' trees, apple trees and hops looked fine. The advertisements said 'See the festival site from Britain's longest cable car run' - unfortunately not on the day we were there due to the wind.

I suppose a garden festival is the obvious place to buy a garden chair, but when you have to buy seven chairs which you must either take with you or collect before 7 pm it can be rather inconvenient and matters were not helped by the garden chair stand being almost the farthest point from the exit. It ended up by seven people carrying a chair each with an eighth clutching a mini-mattress. Fortunately they were light and easy to carry - in fact I would almost go as far as recommending visitors to carry a garden chair around with them at such events. You could then stand in comfort in the inevitable queue and have impromptu sit-downs whenever necessary. So, while some members of the

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THAN THURSDAY, 10TH JULY, 1986.

family are turning over every item on the jewellery or crockery stall you can sit down and enjoy a snooze.

The guide book map indicated a craft demonstration located on top of the giant mound which dominates the site near the Kenyan village. On the day we were there the occupants of the village must have fled at the sight and sound of the herds charging up the slope waving their chairs. No occupants and no craft demonstration. After an impromptu sit-down and much studying of the map the horde proceeded to the only building anywhere near that located on the map. It was the right building but the craft demonstration had been cancelled through lack of support. But instead you could see 'The World's Smallest Horse, which since our visit has produced a foal about the size of a large cat. Very cute - presumably the idea is for everyone to have one in their garden.

The best part of the day came when we encountered the smell. We were just agreeing that we ought to be on our way home when the smell was wafted towards our nostrils and there around a corner was the doughnut stall - they were delicious. I shall long remember the doughnuts but I doubt if I will remember any of the gardens.

KINNERSLEY SUPPER DANCE

About three hundred people attended the supper dance at The Parkes Farm, Kinnersley on Saturday, 7th June. Dancing was to the Trevor Adams Country Band. Comedian Jerry Thomas gave a non-stop performance which was greatly enjoyed.

The event is expected to have raised nearly £1000 for Kinnersley Hall Trustees.

When a man steals your wife there is no better revenge than to let him keep her.

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LETON CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL 12-13th JULY, 1986.

The festival will open on Friday night, 11th July with a Cheese and Wine Party at Old Letton Court (by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Cowap) commencing at 8 p.m. During the evening the Grand Draw will be made.

The church will be open from 11 a.m. onwards on Saturday and Sunday.

An extension of the festival will be a number of stalls including cakes, produce, Treasure and Trash, and in particular an exciting and wide range of plants.

Strawberry and cream teas will be available on both days.

Ample car parking available adjacent to the church.

The final event of the weekend will be the Festival Service commencing at 6.30 p.m. which will be attended by the Hereford Church Singers.

Any further information about the weekend can be obtained from Mrs. S. Cowap, telephone Moccas 235.