

news

in Brief

New Appointments



Mr. K. S. Davidson, Chairman of the England & Great Britain Squash Team Selectors and former Yorkshire Champion, has joined the Board of Marshalls (Rotherham) Ltd., a subsidiary of Marshalls (Halifax) Ltd.

He joined the Marshall Group as a Salesman in 1959 and three years ago became Sales Manager.



Mr. John Barton was appointed as representative for the East Midlands Area. John aged 24 is married with one child and is a great Do-it-Yourself enthusiast.

International Building Exhibition — Olympia, London — November 17th-27th, 1971.

We are again exhibiting this year at the above Exhibition, our stand being No. 306 in the Grand Hall.

Again, all our latest products will be displayed including our new Nonslip Flags. Should you require Invitation Tickets we shall be pleased to forward same.

Opening hours 9.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. except Saturday when the Exhibition closes at 4.30 p.m.



The All-in-One Garden Centre of Rochdale Rd., Slattocks Middleton, Manchester, was opened March 1971 by Mr. Kenneth Haigh who is currently starring in the BBC2 series "In Search of the Nile", and of the "Man at the Top" fame.

The Props. Mr. D. W. Stafford (Rochdale), Mr. J. R. Senior (Cleckheaton, Yorks) and Manager Mr. A. Beaumont (Huddersfield) have arranged for the Centre to be open seven days a week for the convenience of the steadily growing number of visitors.

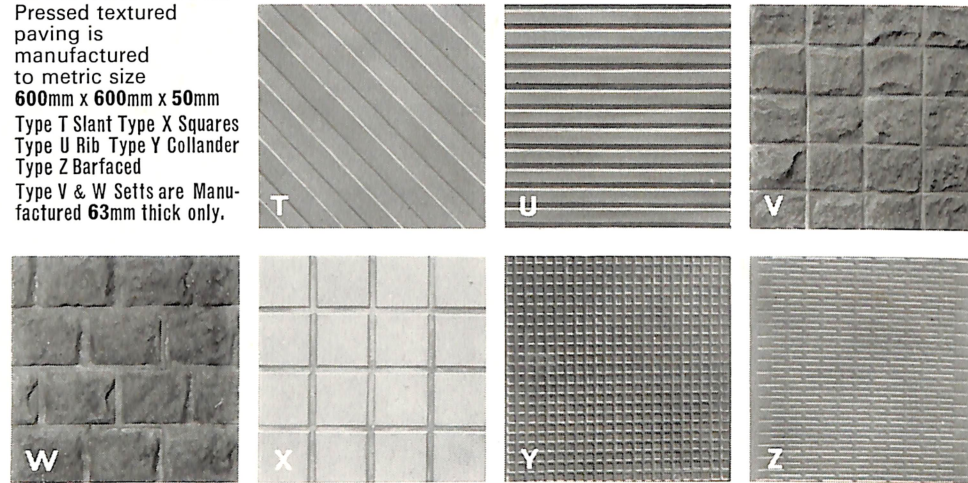
The three acre site carries a large range of Marshall products, and the Centre also caters for every conceivable garden need, from the merest sundries to greenhouses and garden furniture etc. A growing feature is the introduction of container grown stocks enabling the gardener to plant anytime, in season and out.

PRESSED TEXTURED PAVING

All pavings illustrated have non-slippery properties. These Flags can be laid in a variety of designs and used separately or together to form many pleasing patterns. Where a good foothold is required on a sloping surface, type Y, Barfaced meets this requirement.

SIZES AND TYPES

Pressed textured paving is manufactured to metric size 600mm x 600mm x 50mm. Type T Slant Type X Squares Type U Rib Type Y Collander Type Z Barfaced. Type V & W Setts are Manufactured 63mm thick only.



VISITS THIS YEAR—We have been pleased to receive visits from:
The Institute of Highways Superintendents, Northern Centre. (photo above)
The Borough Engineers Department, Dewsbury Corporation.
The Members of Maltby U.D.C. The Federation of Master Builders, Maltby.
The National Federation of Building Trade Employers, Scarborough Branch.



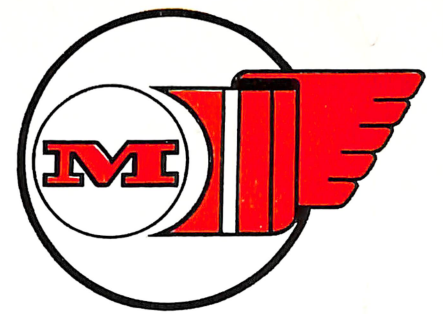
The Chelsea 'Shower Flow' 1971

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A MEMBER OF THE MARSHALLS HALIFAX GROUP



£187,000 was the amount that we spent on the takeover of an ailing company with a bank overdraft of £200,000 plus. The headlines may not have been hit at the time, but interest must have perked up in the City when the acquisition enabled us to start producing one new product, and achieved greatly increased output in another.

The two quarries concerned are in South Yorkshire — at Stainton, near Maltby, and at Dunsville, on the outskirts of Doncaster. They have now been producing under their new owners S. Marshall & Sons Ltd. of Halifax, for a little over 15 months.

In 1969, S. Marshall & Sons Ltd. took over the stone making and quarrying activities of Heaton and Co., Rotherham, and in addition to the two Glenstone quarries, the brick making facilities at the Stainton quarries. A major part of the reorganisation took place here.

A new company was formed, Marshalls (Rotherham) Ltd.,

to control the production of the two quarries.

Stainton provides a large amount of crushed limestone for road and motorway construction, and we found our roadstone business immediately extended as the quarry is conveniently placed to provide crushed limestone to the M18 extensions around Doncaster.

At Stainton, the whole production facilities have been geared toward the production of split bricks — a facing brick sized product with the texture of rough stonework. With this production, we may now claim to offer the largest range of hydraulically pressed concrete products in Europe. The growth rate of the split brick alone is around 25 per cent per annum, and production is running approximately 50 per cent up on last year.

With the dramatic success of the split brick project, and the crushed limestone needed for the nearby motorway, it seems that Marshalls knew what they were about with their takeover.



This year saw the 50th Anniversary of Chelsea Flower Show, and it was aptly named this year by one visitor who described it as the Chelsea Shower Flow!

It was the most appalling weather that we have ever experienced at Chelsea, and of course, the attendance appeared to be most adversely affected.

Last year's attendance was 149,156, and this year, although we have not been able to obtain attendance figures from the Secretariat, it appeared to us much less than previous years.

From the Gardeners Chronicle, we quote the following gem;

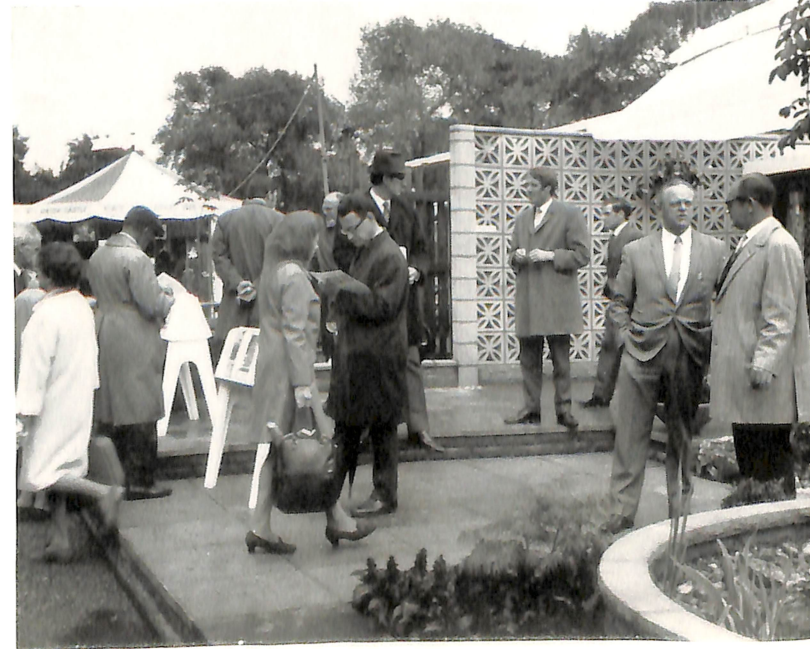
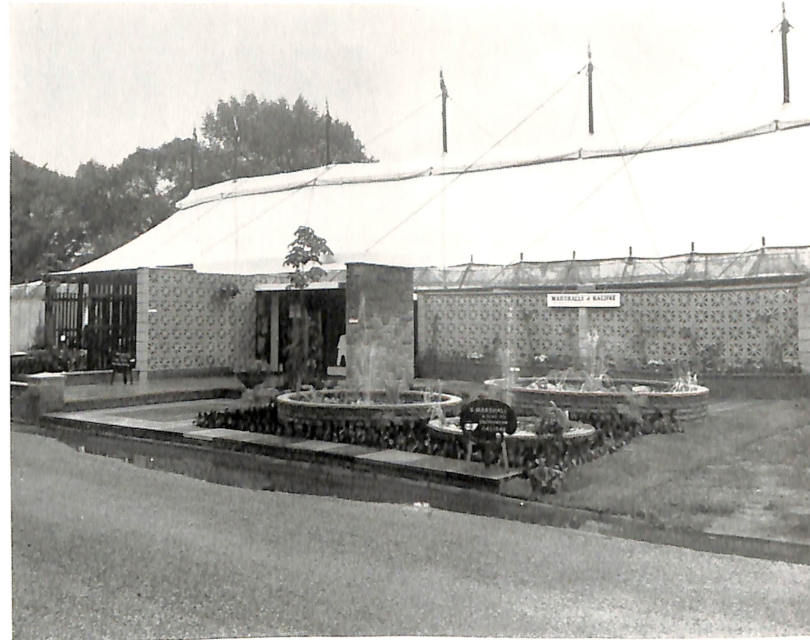
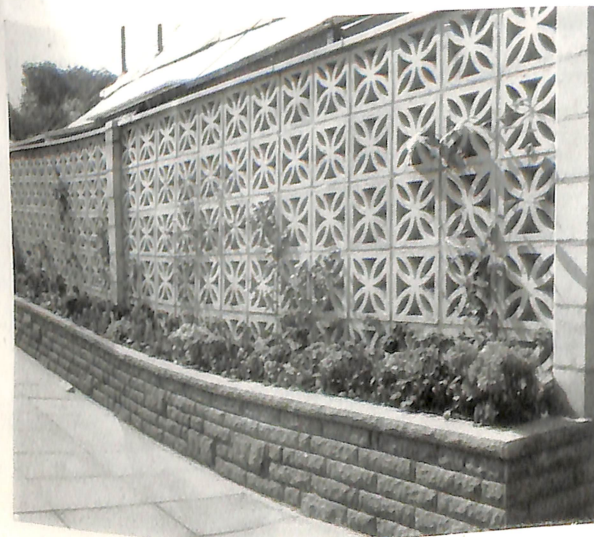
"A spokesman for the Met. Office in London was optimistic when asked to forecast Chelsea weather. The dry spell seemed to be continuing, and on Wednesday, there was every hope that there would be no change for a few days."

Comment from the Met. Office was: "Anyway, it's usually very good weather for Chelsea, isn't it?"

We were, of course, pleased to welcome to our stand many of our old friends, and we also hope to have made some new ones. Compliments to our stand were received from German, Dutch and even Japanese visitors.

We featured this year our new Non-Slip Paving and also new Super Screen Walling, manufactured by a new process, being Hydraulically Pressed.

The three circular pools constructed from Marshalite Walling created a great deal of interest. We even had a potential customer who was wanting to bring his fork-lift truck, lift, and transport to his site, one of the pools!!! It was gently and kindly explained that this was not possible.



In our No. 3 issue of April, 1970 we featured the Southport Municipal Garden Redevelopment Scheme. Now on the east coast of the country we have been most pleased to co-operate in the Aquarium Top scheme for Scarborough Corporation.

As long ago as 1938 the Scarborough Council recognised that the Aquarium Top site required redeveloping, and even at this time it was envisaged that car parking facilities would be necessary.

In 1965 approval was given for a general design to be prepared by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. V. Forshaw, M.Eng., C.Eng., M.I.C.E., F.I.Mun.E., A.M.I.W.E. Tarmac Construction were awarded the contract for detailed design and construction, and work commenced in 1968. Now, in 1971, beneath the towering iron bridge built to improve pedestrian access for Victorian gentlefolk to the Spa, the dual carriageway incorporating a roundabout and paved areas provides a setting for holiday makers to sit amongst the flower beds with a wonderful view overlooking the sea. Below them, underground, is a vast car park, public conveniences, child reception centre, first aid centre, offices for beach staff and sub-ways to the promenade. Marshalls reconstructed stone products were chosen almost exclusively to blend in with the natural stone pillars of the bridge and general surroundings. All retaining walls were constructed in York Stone Tudor using a pitched face jumper with outstanding effect. Roundabout perimeter walls and raised flower beds were constructed in Buff Marshalite and Perfecta rubbed top buff flags were used for the paved areas.

