

# 'T WAS A PROPER JOB

John Greenslade

"Farmer John", as he is affectionately known by many in Devon, has lived and farmed in the heart of the beautiful Exe Valley for more than seventy years. For many years he was a full-time livestock farmer but, after a serious outbreak of T.B. on the farm, he sold the dairy and beef herds. This led to him being able to become involved in many public offices, where he was always promoting the countryside and farming community. His involvement in the Young Farmers movement has been longstanding and he was Devon County Chairman in 1966. His training in this excellent youth movement led him to then becoming a local magistrate for over twenty years, a monthly contributor on Radio Devon, and a trustee of some local charities which promote and retain all countryside events.

This book traces his family and farm history, recalling his earliest memories of the 1940s and '50s, his farming in partnership with his wife and parents and in his later years his award winning conservation projects, with woodland planting and pond creation so that unrestricted walkers can visit and enjoy this beautiful countryside. There is a chapter that contains some amusing poetry written mostly by sister Margaret, with extracts from his mother's autograph book from the early 1900s. Included in the book are many interesting photographs and extracts from life on the farm throughout his lifetime and which will be a fascinating read for all countryside lovers and urban dwellers alike. "Proper Job"!



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John Greenslade is a Devon farmer and broadcaster, known to many through his Radio Devon broadcasts as "Farmer John".

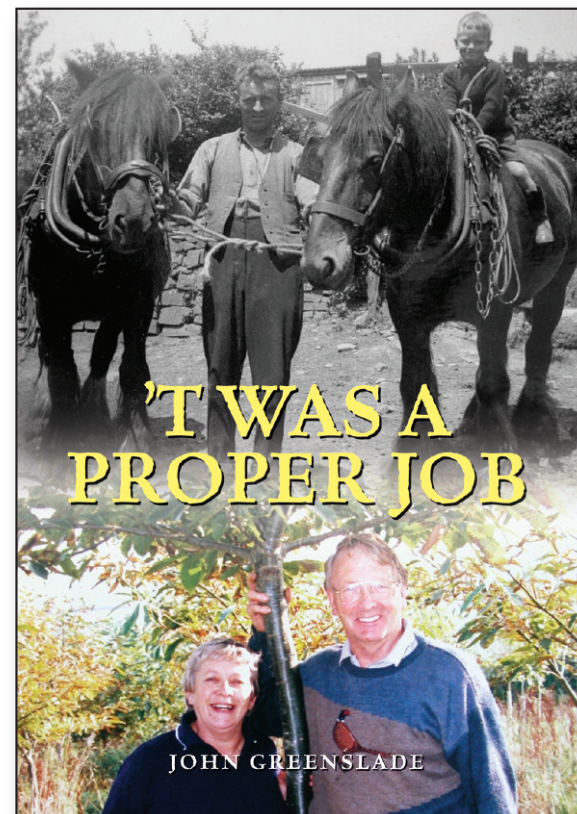
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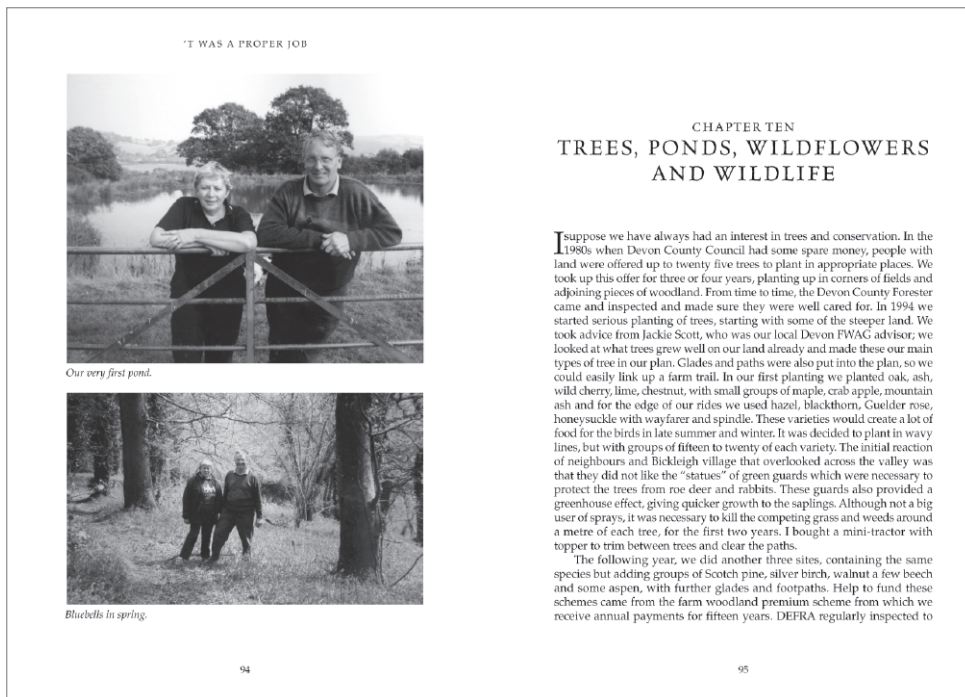
Above: Way Farm house.

Left: YFC County Chairman 1966.

Right: First tractor – Standard Fordson on spadelogs with binder.



Below: Example of a double-page spread.



Pippa Quelch recording with Farmer John.