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OUR ZOO VIEW

Who wants to be a millionaire?



We do! After the wonderful visitor count in 1999 - 965,721 - itself a handsome 4.8% up on a record 1998, the editor is willing to wager crisp fivers that Chester Zoo will pass the *magic million* paying visitors within the coming five years. We've already passed the million in the last two years if you include the under 3's (and why not - as they are most important guests). **Just send your blueys - in sealed envelopes, with your name and address to the zoo's cash office to keep. If we've not passed the paying million by 2005, we'll send them back, plus one for you! Cash Office, Chester Zoo, Chester CH2 1LH**

Regis-tration

He's coming - and *Regis* will be our biggest reptile - and the country's only mature Komodo Dragon! *Islands in Danger* will open this year - and star of the show will be *Regis* - More than 9 feet long, he comes to us from Cincinnati Zoo in the USA. But he will not be alone at Chester - for we already have three youngsters that you can see via close circuit TV in the *Tropical Realm*. Komodos are a wholly new species for us, and with dragons in the Zoo - we'll be expecting a lot of interest from over the Welsh border!

Always building

One of the founder's slogans was *Always Building* - and if George Mottershead returned this year - he would be delighted. Huge elephant paddock, new restaurant, new adventure playground, new Wildlife Discovery Centre, *Islands in Danger*, Roman Garden, *Glorious Grasses* as well as a Millennium Clock Tower at the gate show that we've not been slow in investing the record receipts of 1998 in better facilities for the Zoo. So - please be patient if work is on going during your visit - **bulldozers are the sign of a healthy zoo!**

Jaguar up to speed As we went to press a year ago, we were still thanking the Jaguar Car Company for their wonderful £2,000,000 gift to build *Spirit of the Jaguar*. In a year, we've agreed designs, fixed the site, got planning permission and work begins this Spring. Valuable contacts have been made in the USA and Costa Rica and we've kept close contacts with the Jaguar team at Halewood and in Coventry. We say - watch the space!

West meets East

Thanks to invaluable Manchester contacts from Development Manager, John Regan - we sent a team of three to China in December, with a brief to establish links with the Chinese Panda breeding programme. For Chief Curator, Chris West - it was a second visit. For Zoo Vet Stephanie Sanderson and Council Member and Scientific & Veterinary Committee Chairman, Brian Livingstone, it was the first. The result - a dramatic link between Chester Zoo and Wolong province with the promise of greater cooperation to come. (Are you quite sure you want to wager that crisp fiver?)



Food for thought

The new Ark Restaurant will have welcomed its first customers by the time you read this. It is a great tribute to the Estates Team and our Architects and Contractors that the old Jubilee was gutted, doubled in size, redecorated, refitted and was trading again within a space of less than six months. Doubling the size of our biggest restaurant is almost as significant as the animal expansions - and will mean that Sue Clews and her team will be able to offer even better service to more of our guests as a most important part of our new Visitor Services Division.

Too successful?

To those of you who queued to see Father Christmas as part of our magical illuminations evenings in December, a word of apology. Despite the best grotto in the Zoo's history and doubling the number of chaps in red, nevertheless the queues were - on occasions - far too long. It is the first time we have done anything like this - and the response was much greater than we had expected. But we promise that for Christmas 2000, we will have those queues sorted out.



Tell it like it is

For many visitors, our team of talented young presenters, with their shoulder slung amplifiers and funds of information, have added very much to the day. Together with talks from keepers and curators, and the amazing interpretation material that we have around the zoo - it is all part of giving you more news about our activities.

Double figures - thanks to you!

We've now achieved double figures in expanding our fleet of powered chairs and four wheel, battery driven scooters. The latest addition, the tenth - is a dedicated child's chair bought from the advertising revenue surplus from this edition of Chester Zoo News. So - thank you to all our advertisers who made this possible - and to Mike Elkerton whose hard work and enthusiasm for this and other access projects has been invaluable.

One World

Our outreach programmes mean that zoo resources are targeted to help conservational causes around the globe. To learn more of our programme to help in the Philippines - where we have adopted an island - check the Zoo web site - www.demon.co.uk/chesterzoo

Tells us more!

Try the web site - as above. Education - 01244 650205 (weekday office hours) for the latest on courses and children's activities. Or e-mail us on marketing@chesterzoo.co.uk with your comments or questions!

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Development plans for the Chester Visitor Centre include a new History of Chester exhibition, landscaping of the grounds, refurbishment of the first floor toilets and a pedestrian crossing, linking to the coach pickup/drop off point opposite.

**YOU CAN USE TESCO CLUBCARD POINTS AT THE ZOO****Great Days out for the kids !***Mike Newbould's recommendations for 2000.***First of all**

You owe to the youngsters to take them to the Dome in London. It's 1851, the Festival of Britain and all the wonderful great exhibitions all rolled into one. You must book, and don't try to take a car to the site. Remember that the new Jubilee line takes you to the door. So - maybe venture a railway trip to London or fly from Liverpool to Luton on *Easyjet*? And whilst in London - take time to make sure that the kids see some of the top attractions - most of them (like the Zoo) are members of ALVA - the Association of Leading Visitor Attractions. London Zoo with the amazing new *Web of Life*, the wonders of Kensington - Natural History Museum, Science Museum and even the V & A for the older children. Remember that children now get in free in these National Museums. *Legoland* at Windsor deserves a day if you have under 8's - the quality and detail are delightful. Tower of London - get there early - Madame Tussaud's in Baker Street has all of its old magic and new attractions include *London's Eye* - the huge riverside ferris wheel and the Aquarium at County Hall.

Closer to home

Try these. M62 over the hills to Yorkshire - some say it is God's Own County. Newly refitted at Bradford is the National Museum of Film, Photography and TV. It has the

immense IMAX cinema and there are a series of natural history films in the repertoire. EUREKA ! at Halifax is the children's hands on museum and is amazing. Make sure you have enough time - we reckon it takes 3 hours to get the most out of it. And whilst in Halifax - don't miss the Piece Hall or the Calderdale Museum of Industry close by. Hebden Bridge is a good stop off spot - great shopping, the canal with boat trips and for railway fans - the Keighley and Worth Valley line (the classic Railway Children film was shot there) is just over the hills!

North West

Attractions that always please our youngsters include *Blue Planet* Aquarium at Ellesmere Port. They went round the shark tunnel 23 times - so it is a good morning or afternoon for them. Just around the corner is Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet Village which grows and grows - and for bargain hunters, it's paradise. If the kids are too young for the shops - there is the new big screen cinema complex close by. The range of the museums and attractions in Liverpool is mind-boggling. National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside have the Liverpool Museum and the Maritime Museum at Albert Dock - both just right for children. For days with a difference - The Salt Museum at Northwich combines nicely with a boat ride in this delightful town. Blakemere Craft Centre is close by on the A 556. There are flying demonstrations of birds of prey and much more to entertain. Delamere Forest has great sites for picnics and adventures but do remember to take your litter home. Vale Royal's Tourism Department can give you more local details (01606 867531)

In South Cheshire

Hack Green Secret Bunker makes much of its former role as an emergency headquarters and that's where the mice come in ! Our gang were greatly taken with it. Close by are the three great Cheshire castles some more recent than others! Cholmondeley, Beeston and Peckforton are there to amuse and delight. Imagine Robin Hood being filmed (Peckforton).

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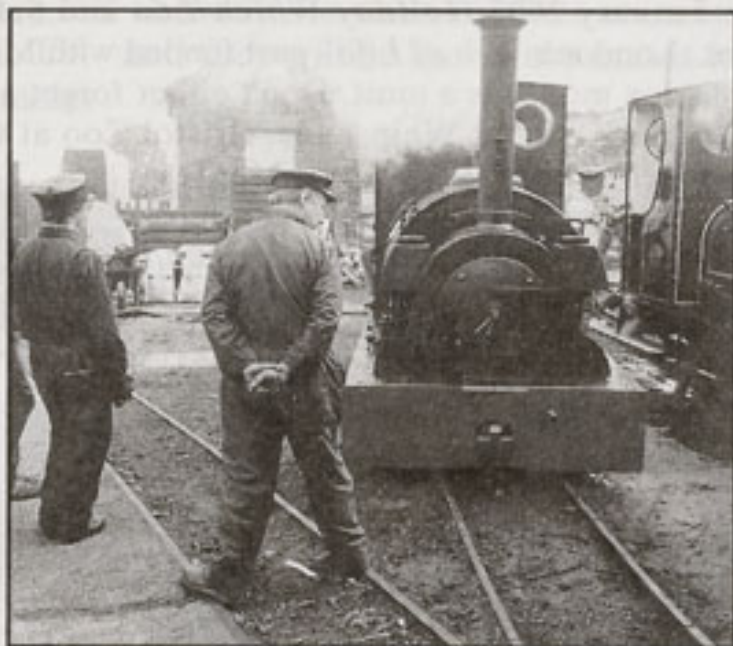
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Head for Wales

On the way take in Farmworld at Erddig near Wrexham or the National Trust's Erddig House itself for the older children. The delights in Wales include the wonderful steam railways Bala Lake is a favourite plus the Welshpool & Llanfair, Festiniog and its new northern venture where millennium money is reopening the line from Caernarfon, firstly on old standard gauge track bed and later it is planned on the route of the Welsh Highland to reach Porthmadog. Beyer Garrett articulated locomotives (from South Africa) give a railway ride that will amaze! Don't forget some of the other Welsh gems, the Centre for Alternative Technology at Machynlleth, the Tal - y - Lyn and Fairbourne railways and the huge castles at Harlech, Caernarfon, Conwy (with Town walls). Hop over to Anglesey for the Sea Zoo great picnic sites alongside and for a further Welsh recommendation the Mountain Zoo at Colwyn Bay has stunning exhibits and great views too.



Live steam at the Bala Lake Railway



NOAH'S PARK

New name for the super children's play area close to the new Ark Restaurant in East Zoo.

Please - adults must keep an eye on the youngsters whilst they play!



IN GOOD HANDS

When young Foster's mother died, this 5 month old kangaroo was adopted by Keeping Team Leader Alan Woodward and Keeper Ray Packwood. He was on TV in February. His 'pouch' is now a pillow slip!

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Our Club

Our Zoo Club is the Federation of Zoological Gardens of Great Britain and Ireland, and now represents all but two of the zoos, and most of the bird gardens and aquaria. With over sixty members, it is a very substantial lobbying group. The small central office in London is headed by Mary Talbot-Rosevear as Director, supporting the Chairman, Nick Jackson from Colwyn Bay's Welsh Mountain Zoo. Committees form the working groups of the Federation. Stephen McKeown, our Head of Education is the Chairman of the Federation's Education Committee. Pat Cade, our PR Manager, is a member of the Marketing and PR Committee. Each year at the Annual General Meeting, the Federation makes its awards for significant achievements - and in 1999, we did rather well - see the Honours Board opposite.

The Federation represents the zoos' views to the Government and other statutory bodies. The Federation Director is a member of the newly established Zoo Forum, whose inaugural meeting was held at Chester in July. Federation members took a prominent role in the 2nd International Marketing Conference, held at Amsterdam Zoo in June 1999.

Choose Zoos

There is always a great day out at a Federation zoo. There's a good choice too, in our region. The Welsh Mountain Zoo at Colwyn Bay is close to Chester - well signed from the A55 coastal expressway. Chimpanzees, Sea lions, flying demonstrations, great picnic sites and views, and the amazing tarzan jungle trail. Just a little further away is Blackpool Zoo

in Stanley Park - which is a great favourite of our Junior Members. Their Camels, Penguins and Gibbons always are a pleasure to see. Knowsley Safari Park is another great trip - and has the UK's largest herd of African elephants. Three white rhinos have been born there, and as well as the drive through the reserves, there is plenty of space for enjoyment afterwards. Go south for Twycross - easily reached by motorway (M 42). Their pair of baby elephants, *Tara* and *Karishma* are delightful - and growing fast! Primates are star attractions at Twycross - and their Bonobo group (once called pigmy chimpanzees) are unique in this country.

4 stars in Holiday Which

London, Bristol and Paignton Zoos received four star ratings in the **January 2000 Holiday Which Zoo and Safari Park feature**. London's *Web of Life* - part funded with Millennium Commission money is a must. Don't either forget associated 'country park zoo' at Whipsnade. Bristol Zoo at Clifton is easily reached with the M6 and M5. It is always so perfectly manicured! Their most recent major developments are *Seal and Penguin Coasts* where you can see the birds from underwater viewing ports as well as *Gorilla Island and Bug World*. There is so much going at Bristol! Finally Paignton has had a wonderful year, following the 'fly on the wall' TV series about its keepers. They have a very substantial investment programme and are reshaping much of the zoo and its gardens too. Highly Recommended.



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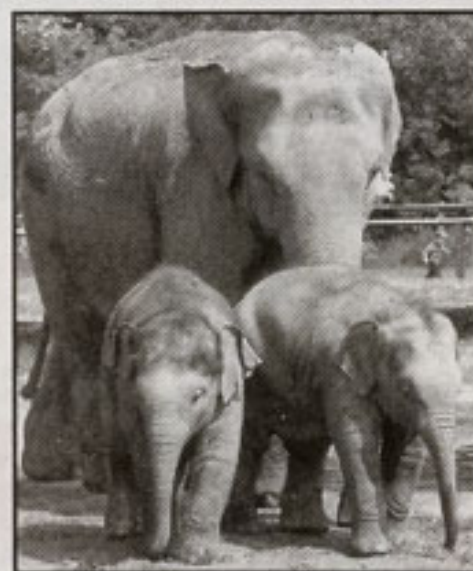
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No other zoo in this country has Komodos, and the joint international breeding programme will be much enhanced with our contribution. Large outside enclosures for the dragons are a second phase plan for *Islands in Danger* for the summer basking. Zoo Herpetologist, Isolde McGeorge has had trips to the USA as part of the husbandry for the dragons.



Honours For 1999

19 awards are an all time record for the Zoo

Major awards 'Gold'

Duke of Westminster Award for Business
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North West in Bloom

Major Tourist Attraction

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Best Marketing Practice

Zoo Federation Award

Animal Husbandry - *Twilight Zone*

Zoo Federation Award

Dinosaur Project - Education

Other Awards 'Silver'

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EASE National Awards

Tourism for All - Commendation

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Cheshire Family Attraction of the Year 2000

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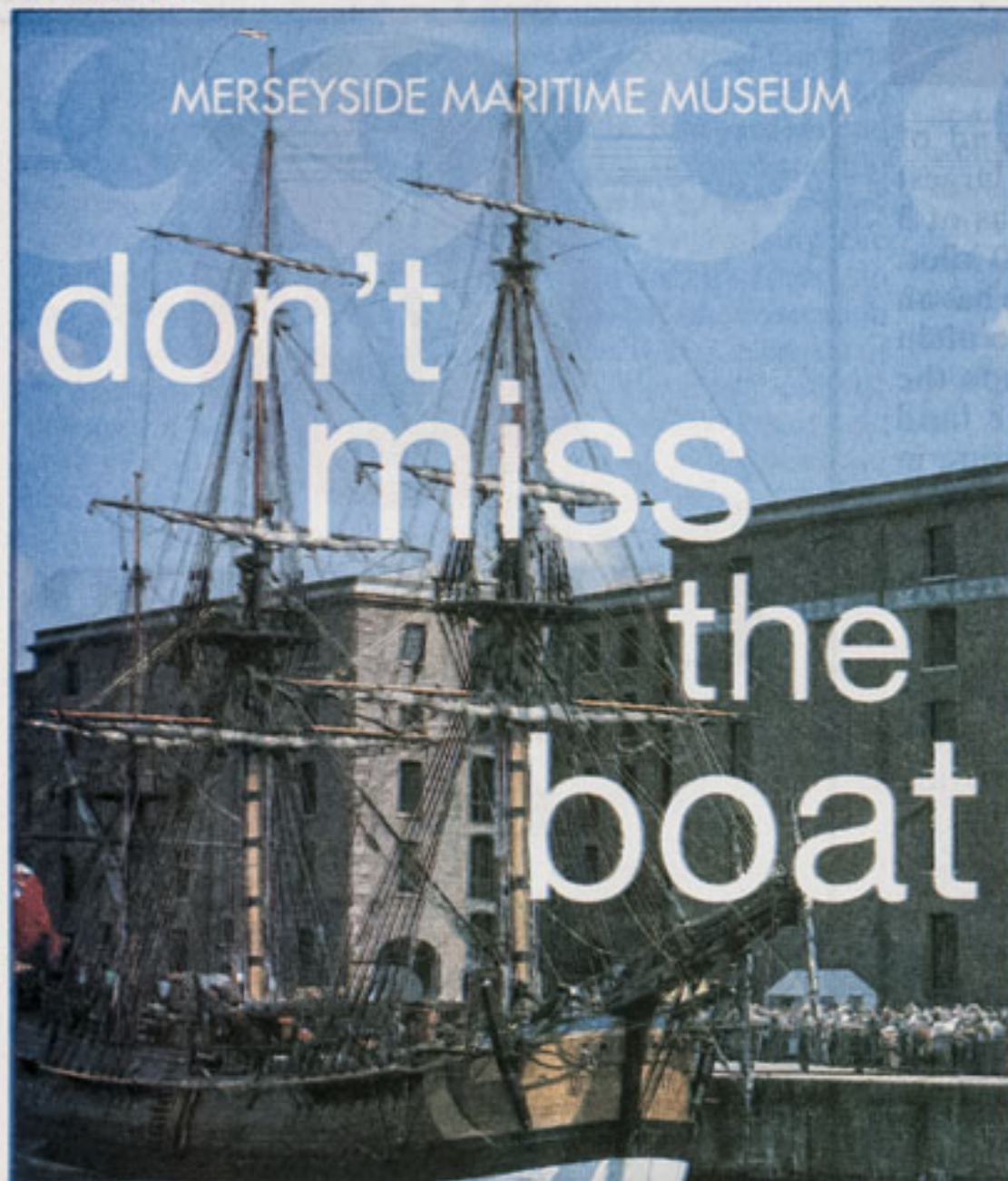
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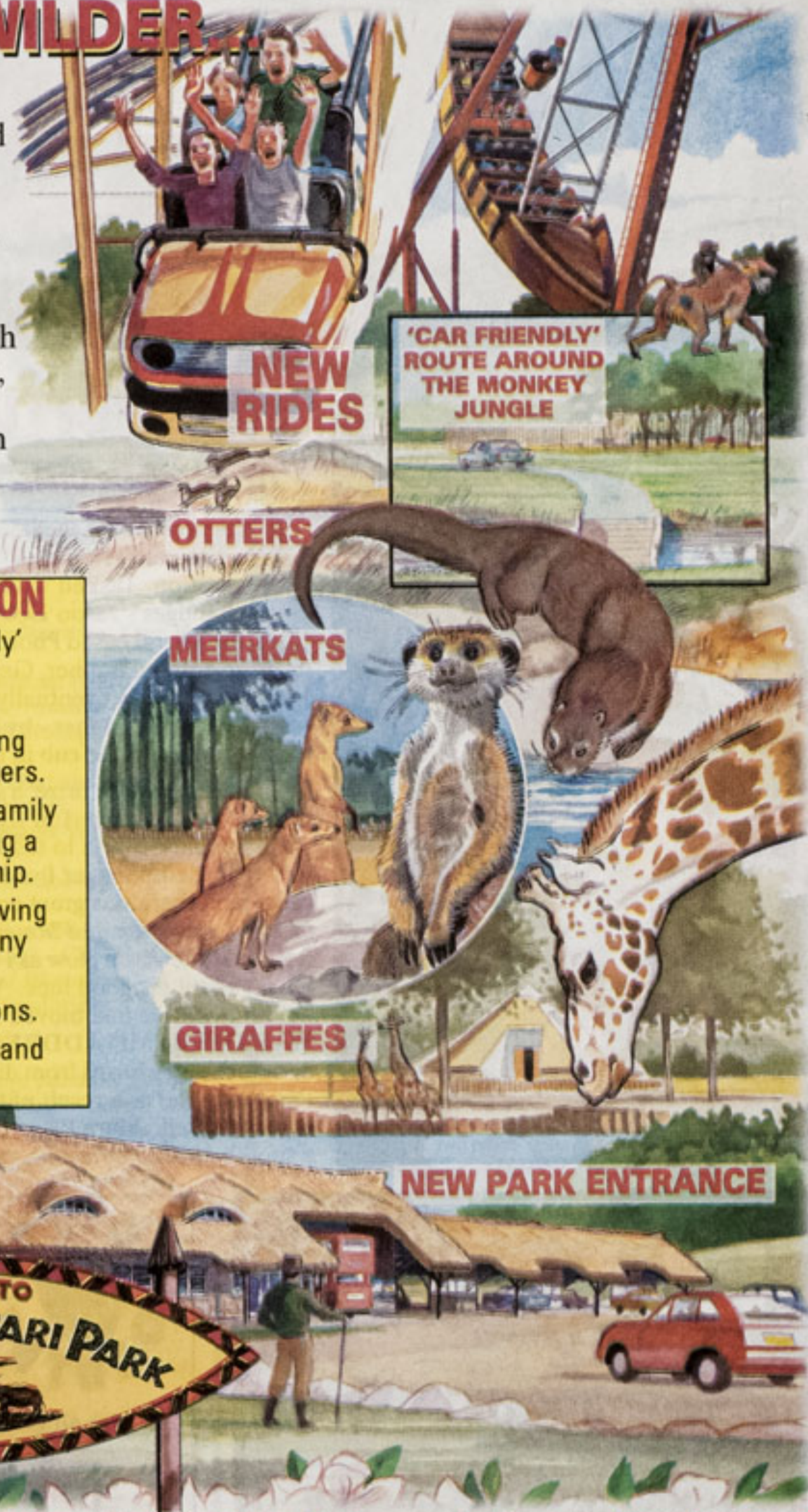
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1999 PHOTO WINNERS



Wonderful Honeymoon

Pat Cade explains

The prospect of the holiday in Mauritius - given to us by Air Mauritius - attracted over 700 entries for the 1999 Photographic Competition. Tasked with sorting out the awards were the learned panel of judges - Jason Doherty, Marketing Manager from Max Spielmann the Wirral based Photo processors and retailers, Veteran lensman, Chronicle photographer, Gerry Lockley and from Air Mauritius, Beverly Spence. They eventually decided that the three shot of the lion cubs (above) was the winner - by Maria Johnson from Cheshire. They loved the expression of the cub in the centre.

The next major prize, a superb Canon EOS IX7 Camera kit went to David Woolverton from Surrey. I had the pleasant job of telephoning Maria to tell her the good news. But when I rang, I was told that she no longer lived there and was given a daytime number. I rang - and there was great emotion in her voice for she said 'I'm getting married very soon and Mauritius will make a wonderful honeymoon' I felt a definite warm glow as I took her new address. Next task was to tell David about his good luck. When I rang the Surrey number, his father hold me that he had moved to Cheshire - and gave me the address. **IT WAS THE SAME ADDRESS AS MARIA.** Our two major prize winners, with entry forms from different counties are engaged to be married this year - and as a result of their skills, they'll be honeymooning at the luxurious Belle Mare Plage Hotel, flying with Air Mauritius and taking a superb £350 camera with them too!



David's winning shot of a rather damp owl

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RESULTS

The rest of the results

Second prize, prints. Kevin Rooney from Cheltenham. Free Max Spielmann film for a year.

Best Slide. Kennedy McCreadie from Altrincham (Chimpanzee - above) (also last year's winner) £100 Jessops Voucher

Runner up, Steve Gough of Derbyshire - £50 Jessops Voucher.

Garden Section. First, Gillian Storey from Durham. (Tulips - above). £100 Bridgemere Garden World Voucher.

Runner up Steve Heaton of Preston, £50 Jessops Voucher.

Junior Section. Kay Little of Telford (Otters - above)

Canon Sureshot Camera

Runner up, Stuart Barber of Middlewich Ness £50 Voucher

Digital Section. Julia Cottam from Handbridge - Cheshire.

Software and a year's subscription to *Digital Photographer Magazine*.

Runner up, Mike Reynolds of Handbridge.

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The awards were presented at the Oakfield in January 2000, with winners and judges invited to a special buffet lunch. The Zoo is very grateful to Council Member, Miss Jean Dixon for her encouragement and help during the competition and to our friends in the trade who have been so generous with prizes.

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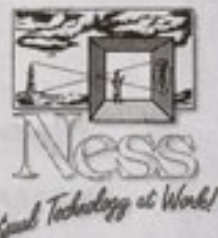


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London has so many ALVA mem-



Castle Howard

bers - London Zoo of course - the Millennium Dome at Greenwich, St Paul's, Westminster Abbey, Madame Tussauds, the Royal Collections at Buckingham Palace The Tower of London, the Museums of South Kensington - Natural History and Science Museums probably having the biggest 'wow' factors for families with children. But Hampton Court, Windsor, Richmond, Kew and Legoland all beckon!



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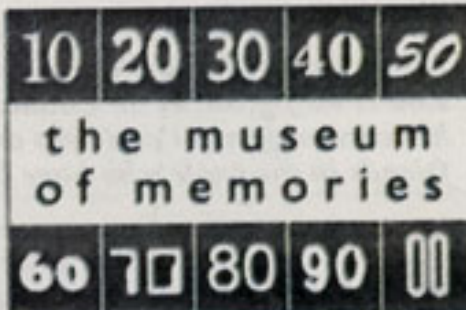
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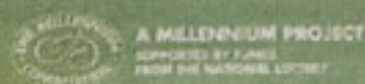
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Get the Llangollen experience - there's standard gauge there! Page 45 for more detail. Closer to Chester - there is always a good half day or so at Deeside Leisure Centre with its famous ice rink - easy parking too. And close by is the Plassey Touring Caravan Park and Craft Centre at Eyton near Wrexham. Craft workshops, swimming and a Nature trail are available. A great treat is the Greenfield Valley, close to Holywell (B5121 from A55) Museum, working farm, picnic sites and free parking from the A548 Coast Road.

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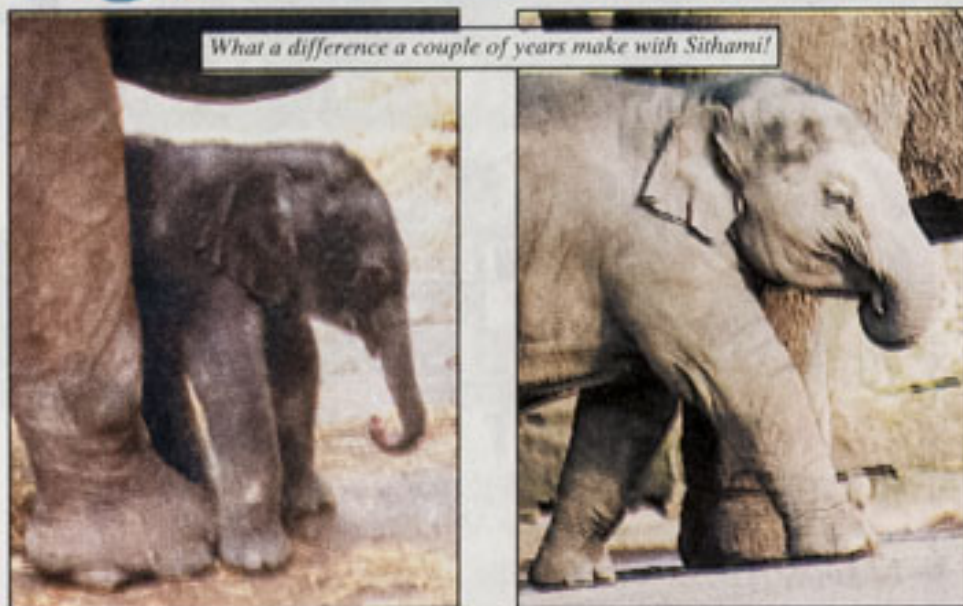
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What a difference a couple of years make with Sithami!

GROWING UP

Star of the elephants - for the time being - is still *Sithami*, the female calf born on New Year's Eve, 1997 to *Thi Hi Way*. Her second birthday - complete with cake and cards was suitably celebrated with Junior member, 4 year old Heather Munro-Brown giving a piece of Liam Adamson's cake to the elephants. *Thi* managed to take both pieces and the paper towel too! Team Leader Mick Jones's best estimates are that *Sithami* now weighs in at 825 kilos (beginning of 2,000). She is a very lively elephant.

With both her mother, *Thi* and *Jangoli* being pregnant again, births are expected in mid year and in the autumn. - and you can be sure that we will keep you well posted.

The other huge news in the elephant region is the expansion of the paddocks. The plan - which has been carefully thought through by the elephant team - will not only double the size of the elephant island, but will also give the elephants many more things to do.



We had to publish this picture of Karha - Sithami's sister - enjoying a bucket of warm water thrown by the staff. There are many fond memories of her - the elephant who really showed that our breeding programme was possible!

There will be a huge bathing pool and waterfall - total immersion is almost possible. There will be trees for shade and shelter, much more landscaping and new viewing platform so that visitors will get a much better impression. The old dry moats - ugly and on occasions, dangerous to calves - are being replaced with carefully designed ha ha's (dry ditches) which give security with total safety - there is nothing to fall into.

The plans are on display close by the elephant quarters. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience at the moment - we promise - it really will be worthwhile!

Whilst no dates can yet be given, there are plans for a further 19 acres extension to the Paddocks - the third phase of the National Elephant Breeding Centre. This will extend the paddocks northwards alongside the present car parks to reach the un-used zoo land to the north.

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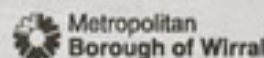
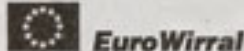
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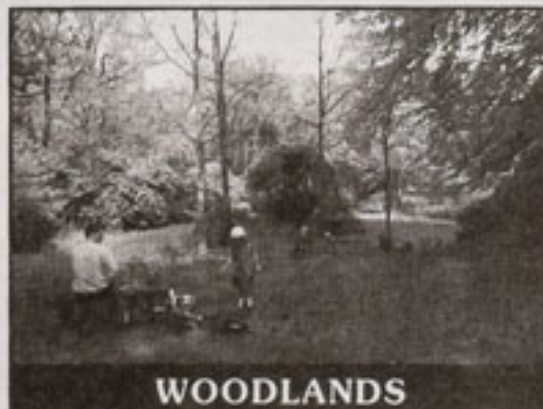


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LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

By The Rt Hon Margaret Hodge MP
Minister for Disabled People

I'm told that Chester Zoo is the biggest Zoo in the UK with some 6000 animals and more than a million visitors a year.

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Disabled visitors, young and old not only have access to all the Zoo's attractions - a complete tour can take up to seven hours - they also have tailor made facilities and services that mean they can relax and really enjoy themselves.

I'm glad to say that Chester Zoo is not alone. In this country many of our major visitor attractions are accessible to disabled people. But sadly this is not always the case overall - yet! And there are an estimated 8 million disabled people in Britain today.

It is difficult to imagine the frustration of disabled people and the indignity they feel about being denied access to so much of the world.

Wheelchair users prevented from going to the cinema

because there's no way to get in. Visually impaired diners refused entry into a restaurant or café because of no-dogs policy. Children with disabilities unable to go with their schoolmates on field trips and students denied the course of their choice because of their disability.



Clearly this is not right. That is why the Government has made changes to the law to make sure that disabled people can be independent as possible in their lives and in their work.

Access for All

From October last year, The Disability Discrimination Act has meant that anyone who provides a service to the public must take reasonable steps to ensure that a disabled person can use the service too. And it doesn't matter whether it is attending a church service, going shopping, swimming at the local leisure centre or going to the Zoo. All services should be made accessible.

But many businesses and service providers are simply unaware of the problems and they act thoughtlessly. Until they understand, they can't start to put things right. That's why we are working hard to get the law right, to make sure that everyone knows about it, and to help people understand the issues involved. And, of course it's important to talk to disabled people themselves about the barriers they face everyday.

The next historic milestone in the drive for civil rights for disabled people is April 2000 - the starting date for the Disability Rights Commission. Disabled people will then, for the first time ever, have a statutory organisation whose job it is to ensure that the law is kept and that people learn about and respond to the needs of disabled people.

But it will take time before everyone, from the child in the playground to the Chairman of a multi-national company, values people for what they are and understands that we're all individuals, disability or not.

I'm glad to have been given this opportunity to contribute towards Chester Zoo's Access Supplement and I hope that everyone who reads it will do what they can to make our society one to be proud - one that does not discriminate against people because they are disabled.

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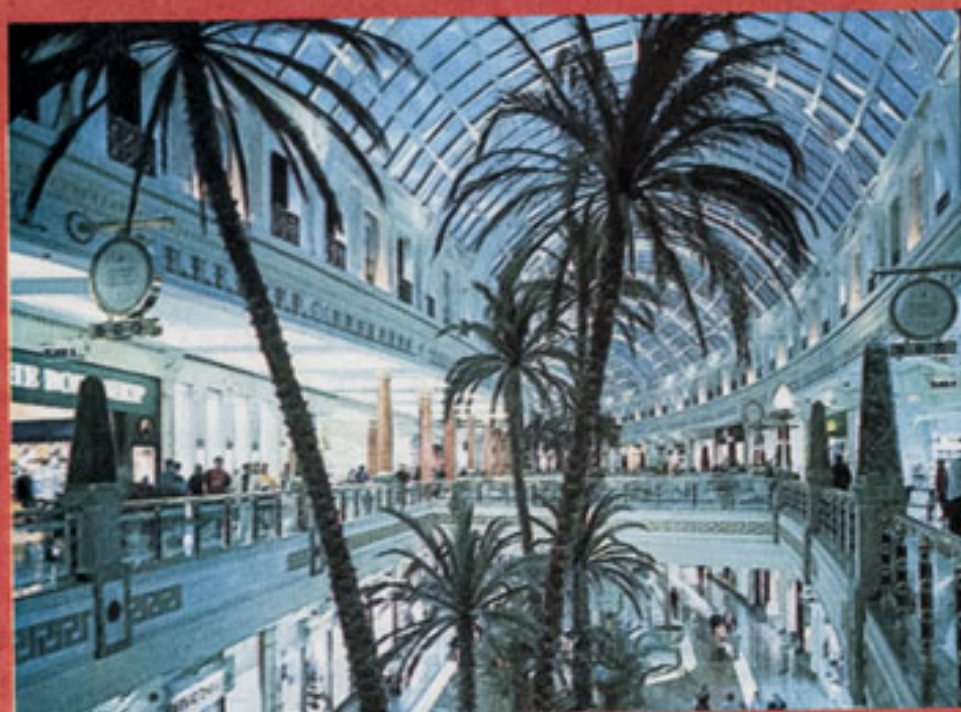
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Photo: Claire Holtaway is pictured trying out the new chair at the Zoo watched by her sister Emma



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Each year the event is becoming more popular. The first year brought 4,583 disabled people through the gates and last year 7,493 enjoyed the evening out.

Last year over 60 companies were on site to display their goods and services giving information and help on all areas of disability.

This year's event will take place on Wednesday 28th June, and the gates will be open from 4.00pm on that date.

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3. The zoo gives special rates for registered disabled/carers.
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6. Electric Scooters - A fleet of seven self-drive scooters are available for hire at a small charge. (Hire subject to Shopmobility driving standard).
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9. Tactile maps, large print zoo guides/menus, plus information and taped tour guides for the visually impaired.
10. The First Aid Centre (next to 'Ark' shop) has full access for wheelchairs users.
11. Free entry to the zoo on our 'Disability Awareness Night' for people with disabilities and their carers. Small charge for family and friends.

Disability Awareness Night 2000
28th June

PLEASE NOTE - The booking of Electric Scooters and Manual Wheelchairs is always recommended.

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CHESTER ZOO - ALWAYS NEW



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ACCESS FOR ALL AT CHESTER ZOO

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The EASE Awards are presented each year to many different categories including business and services. Chester Zoo's award was in the 'Visitor Attraction' section. When people visit the Zoo this year they will be aware of many changes on the site for people with disabilities. A Loop System has been installed at a ticket kiosk for the visitors who are deaf or hard of hearing. The system has also been installed at the Lecture Theatre and the Education Department. Also the Zoo has built new toilets for disabled people in the New Ark Restaurant and changing facilities for adults are now available. Viewing areas around the Elephant Walk for wheelchair users have now been built. Not forgetting the start of the Children's Wheelchair Scheme. Chester Zoo is very much aware of the problems that confront disabled people and are committed to making the Zoo accessible to everyone.



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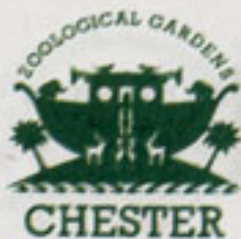
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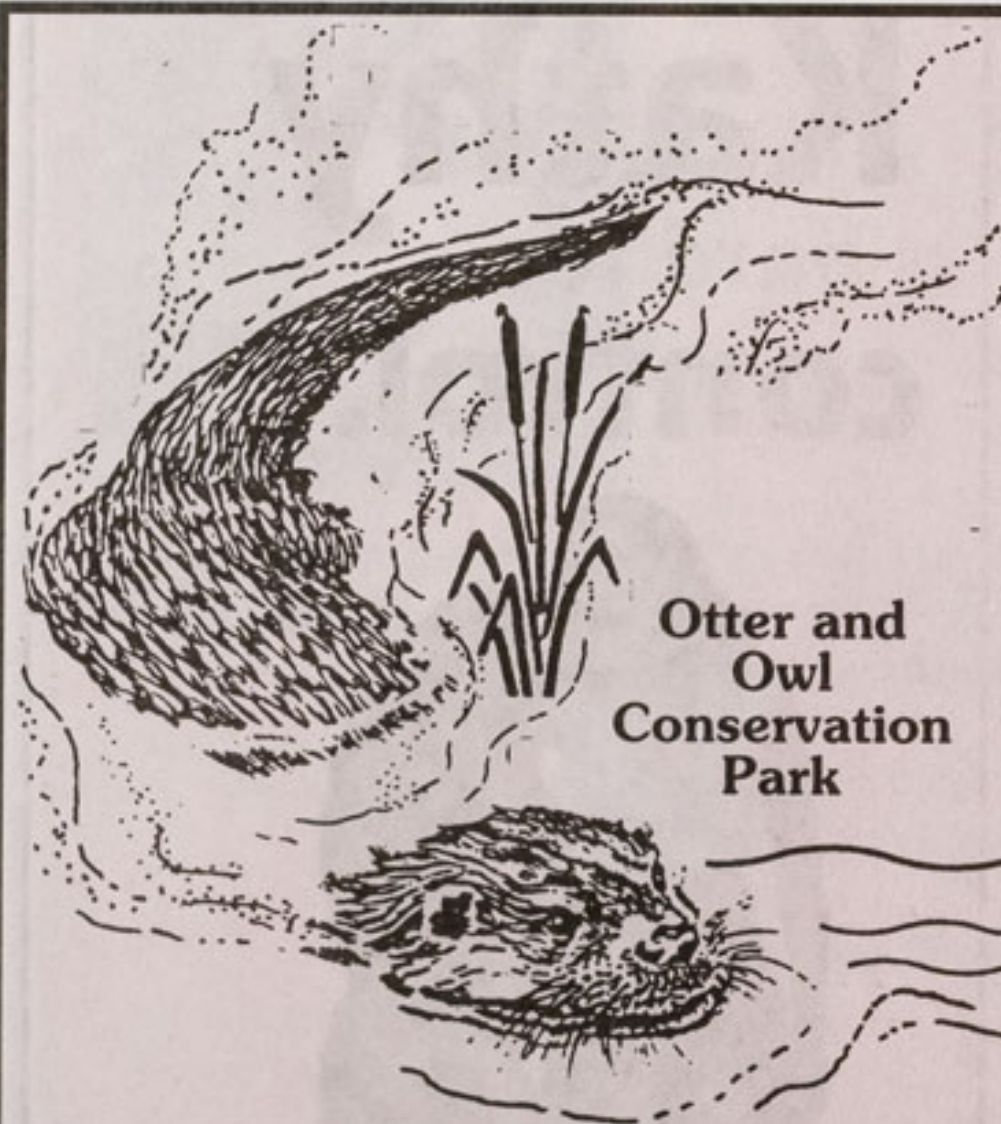
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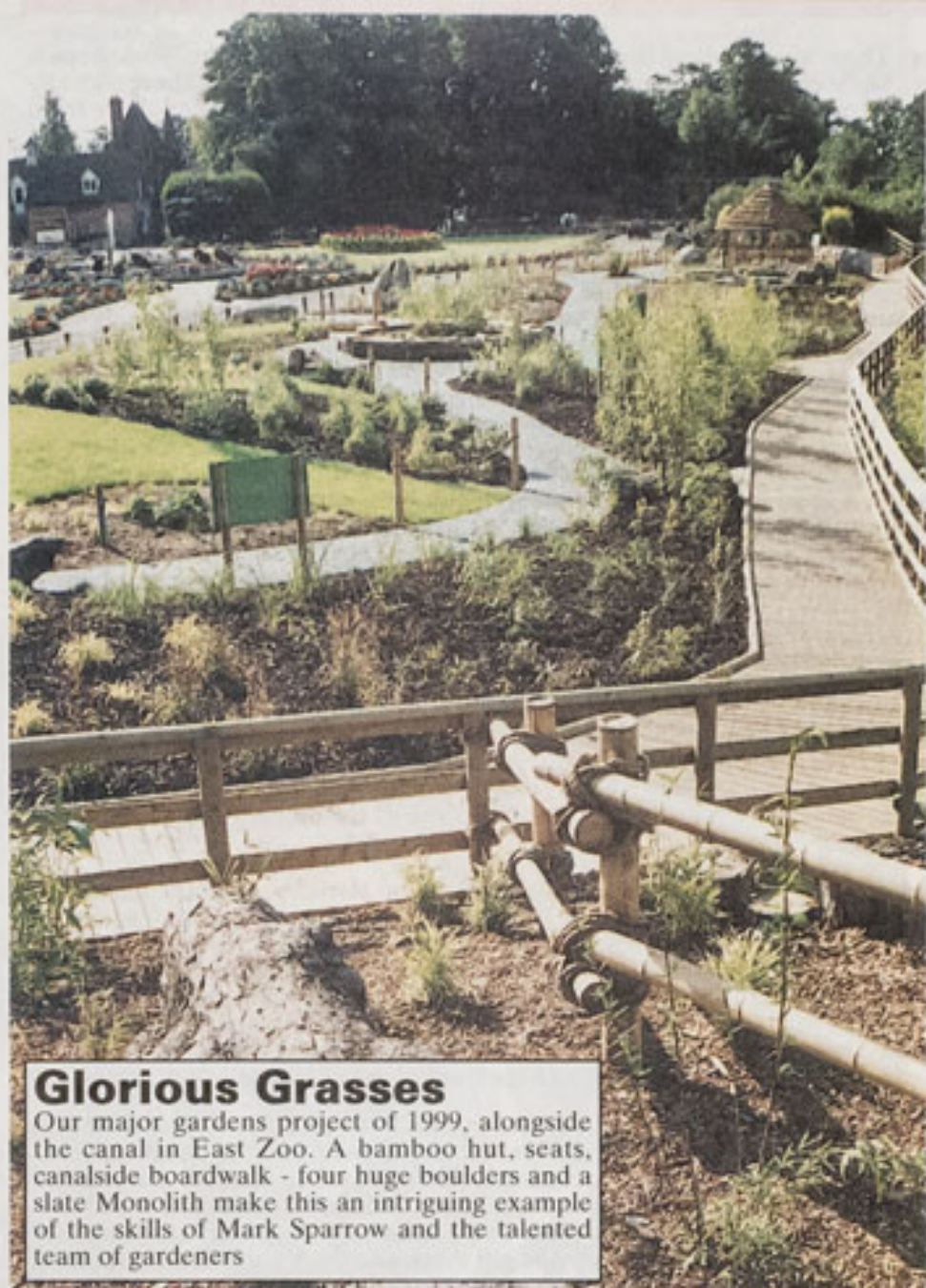
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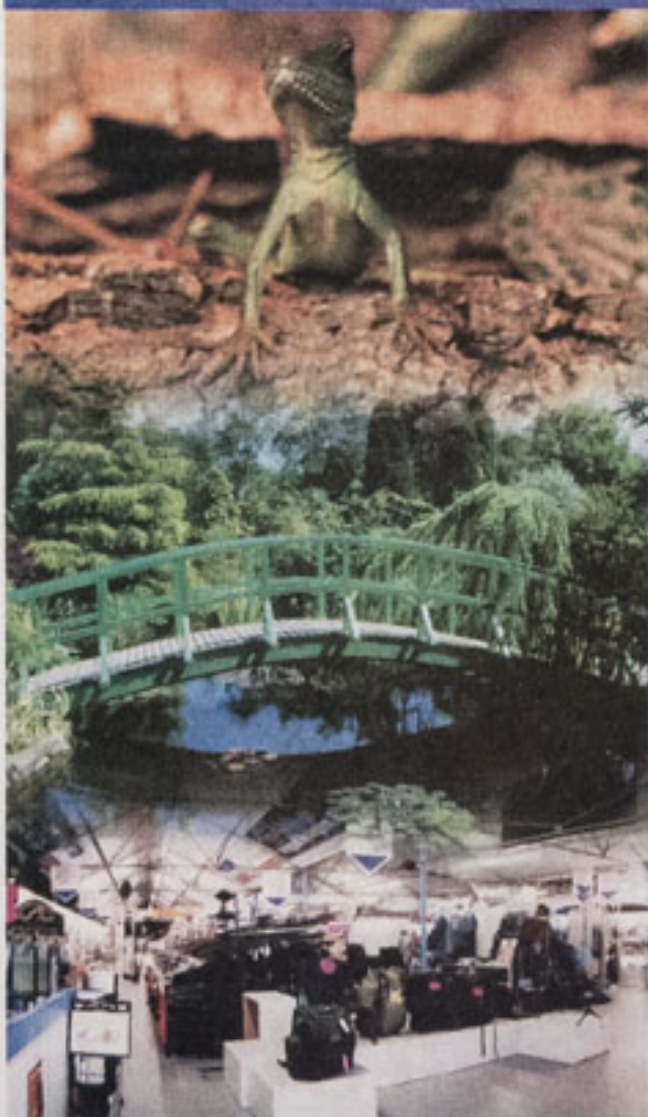
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Bridgemere Garden World - close to Nantwich (Junction 15 or 16 of the M6) is one of the largest Garden Centres in Europe, and the Bridgemere Gardens (small entrance charge) has 6 acres of demonstration gardens. Many of the prize winning exhibits at the Chelsea Flower Show have been lovingly re-created here for everyone to enjoy. The plant selection is one of the widest in Europe, and with over a million visitors each year, Bridgemere is deservedly

popular. Open every day except Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Meals, snacks, shopping - there's so much for everyone at this wonderful garden. See the offer on page 49.

Catalyst Museum at Widnes tells the wonderful story of the Chemical Industry. Overlooking the River Mersey, Ship Canal and Runcorn Bridge there are great views from the observation tower. Hands on working exhibits include splitting molecules, melting crystals and even designing medicines! Yet get the real taste of an industry that is so important for Cheshire. It is a great half day for everyone. Closed Monday except Bank Holidays. Picnic possibilities alongside at Spike Island. See page 49 for our offer.

High above the Cheshire Plain at Burwardsley - well signed from the A41, A49 and A54 is the Cheshire Workshops. The views are stunning when you get to the

top. There's an excellent licensed restaurant, and admission to the Workshops is free. See local craft work, including candles being made by hand. There's locally grown produce in the Farm Shop and Farmhouse Bakery. Open daily from 10am. Just down the hill at Tattenhall - and under the same management - is the Cheshire Ice Cream Farm, with a choice of over 30 home made varieties to tempt you! It's a real working farm - see the cows being milked!

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Chester Zoo has had a couple of very good years in 1998 and 1999 - so that there's a huge building programme in hand. New attractions include the giant Komodo Dragons, extended elephant paddock, new Roman Garden and Glorious Grasses alongside the Canal. Work on Spirit of the Jaguar begins this Spring thanks to the generosity of the Jaguar Car Company whose new baby is being built at Halewood on Merseyside. Check the zoo web site - www.demon.co.uk/chestertzoo for the latest news. Two of the elephants are due to calve this year ...

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Jodrell Bank has the amazing giant Lovell radio telescope, and the associated Planetarium and Science Centre. It is an attraction not to be missed, and great credit is due to the University of Manchester for helping to spread the appeal of science. Special exhibitions are always being staged, and you can share the secrets of Albert Einstein or Sir Issac Newton. Don't forget the arboretum (16 Hectares) with great opportunities to discover over 2,000 varieties of trees and shrubs. Junction 18 of the M6 - and then the A535 Holmes Chapel to Chelford Road. You simply cannot miss the huge bowl of the telescope!

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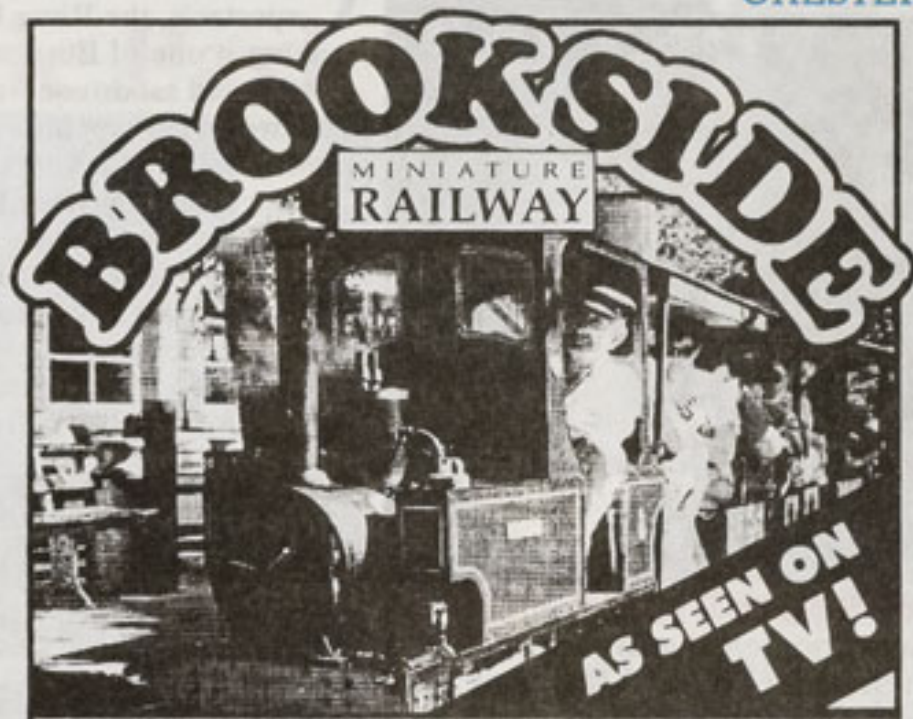


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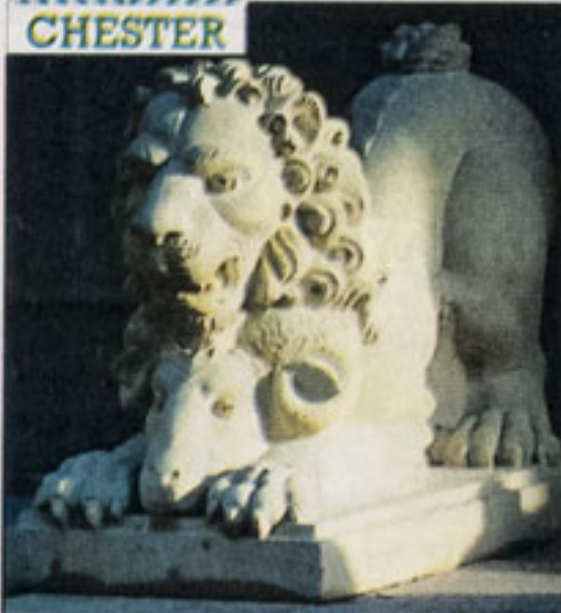
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Consistently rated well on the 'Western Circuit' - Chester scores for spectacle, the River Dee, the almost complete circuit of City walls - making it one of Europe's Unique Walled Cities, the Cathedral in its glowing red sandstone - a survival of the dissolution of the monasteries. The two level shopping - the Rows, the Roman Street Plan, Deva Roman Experience and the City's own Roman Re-enactments, the Visitor Centre in Vicar's Lane opposite the amphitheatre and Heritage Centre in Bridge St Row. Try the Grosvenor Museum (be patient, it reopens in June after a major refit), Military Museum at the Castle, Broadcast Museum in Bridge Street Row and Toy Museum in Lower Bridge Street. There's boating on the river and superb shopping, from the Grosvenor Centre, through to tiny shops in the Rows. There's accommodation to suit all tastes and pockets and a great place to start is the Visitor Centre on 01244 402111. Guide

Friday buses circle the City, with services run in conjunction with the City Transport.



Country wide - get the Cheshire County Council publications - see page 46 and 47 for an overview. A great favourite of ours is Northwich for messing about on the river and canals - part of the enterprising Borough of Vale Royal, where the famed Anderton Boat lift is approaching its restoration. Don't forget the Salt Museum or the Lion Salt works - all part of the heritage of our County.



Saving the Harvest Mouse

It's not just the rare and exotic animals that the Zoo cares for. Penny Rudd of Animal and Plant Division has led a campaign with Cheshire Wildlife Trust to save the tiny harvest mouse - often a victim on modern farming methods and insecticides. If you would like to help with the programme and could manage a mouse or three - 01244 650215

Childrens' Zoo Activity Programme for 2000

Thursday 20th April, Easter Eggstravaganza; Saturday 20th May - BUGS; Saturday 8th July - Australia in a Day! Monday - Friday 14th - 18th August, *Islands in Danger* Week; Saturday 16th September, Dragons and Serpents; Tuesday 24th October - Get Your Message across; Saturday 25th November - Dinosaur Dig. All the details from Education - 01244 650205 (office hours)

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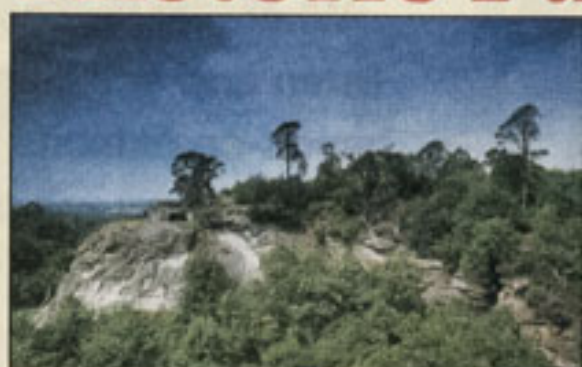


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For opening times and admission charges

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CHOLMONDELEY CASTLE GARDEN

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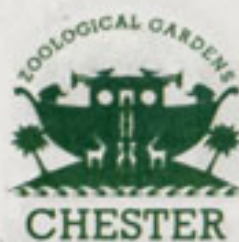
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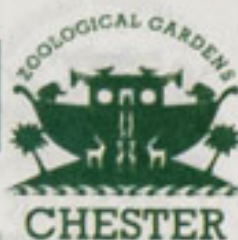
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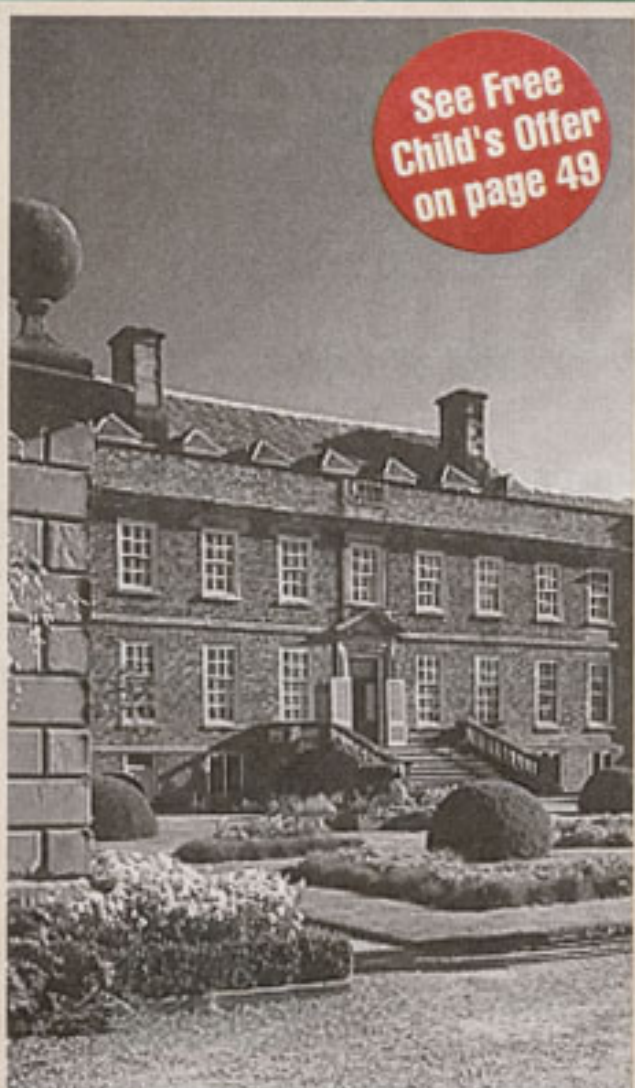
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15 June	Romeo & Juliet	7.30pm
21 July	Performing Arts Open-Air Concert - "Voyage 2000" with fireworks finale	8pm
23 July	Pirates Party	2-4.30pm
27 July	The Emperor's New Clothes	2.30pm & 7.30pm
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
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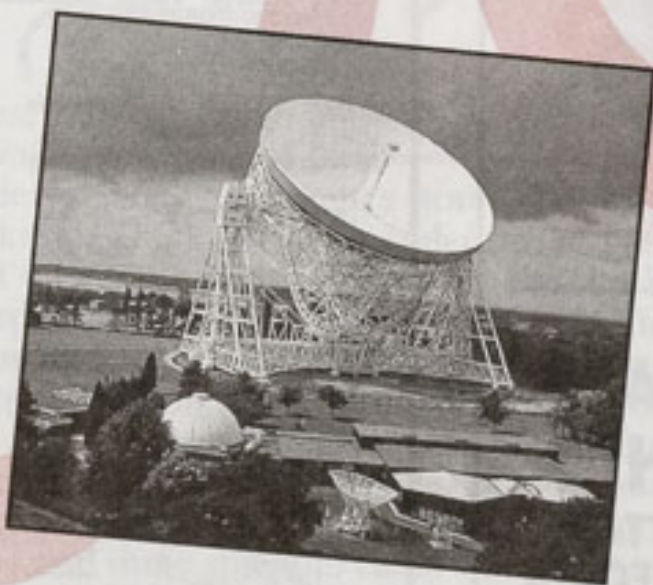
And all the family will find something to enjoy at one of Cheshire's many animal attractions and family farms.



FOR 2000

We could go on and on... But you can see for yourself - the "Days Out in Cheshire" guide is available, free-of-charge, at Cheshire libraries, attractions, Tourist Information Centres, or direct from us on the number below.

Further information on places to stay, events and easy access for disabled people is also available.



Cheshire County Council Promotions and Tourism

County Hall,
Chester,
CH1 1SF
Tel: 01244 603127 (voice)
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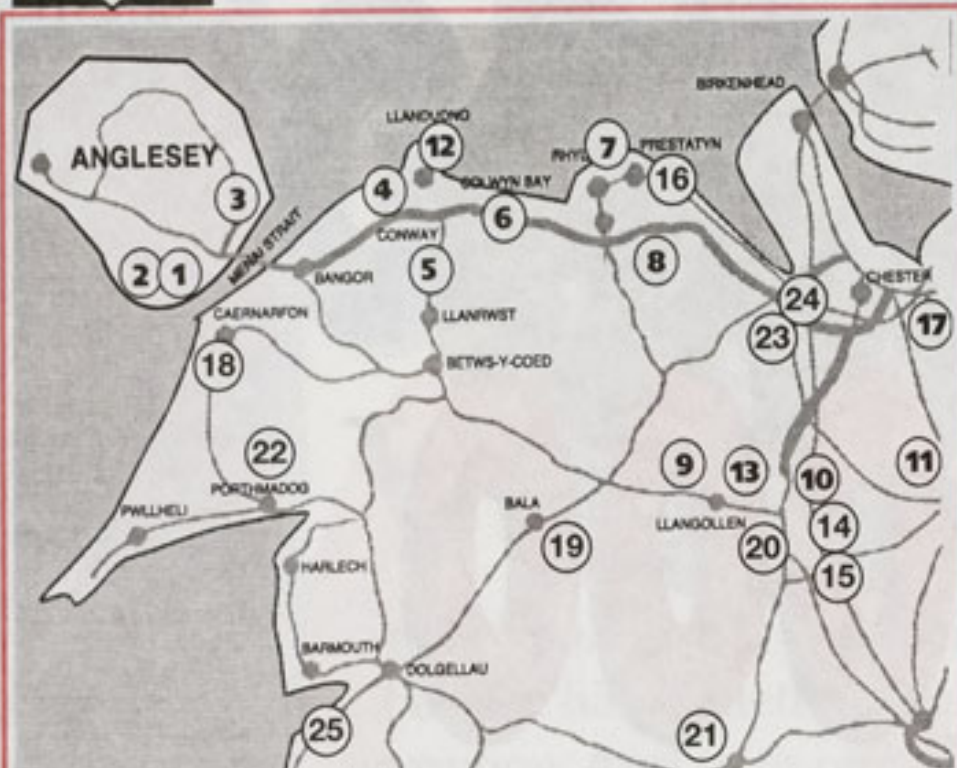
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| <i>Friday 7th July</i> | Picnic and quiz - including a bottle of wine per couple £18.50 |
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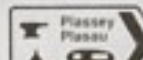
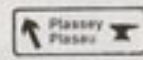
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Sarah Bower drew me

Keep this section safe and it can save you £££'s. Each coupon is double sided, so you don't spoil the magazine when you cut them out. Please read the offers carefully and make sure you understand them. Although the Zoo is pleased to help you save money, the terms and rules for using each coupon rests with the attraction, not Chester Zoo. If in doubt - call the information lines.

A - Z Guide of where to go and what to do

A is for Alice in Wonderland - meet her and her amazing friends at the Rabbit Hole in Trinity Square in Llandudno. Hear the story come to life! Meet The Mad Hatter! It never rains here. Great Fun for all. Arley Hall is justly famous for its gardens - amongst the finest in the land. Great Budworth near Northwich. Open from April - September. Jacobean Hall open Tuesdays and Sundays. Dogs welcome too. ALVA - Leading UK visitor attractions. Members include the Zoo, the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside, Blackpool Tower, Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Pleasureland at Southport and National Trust properties - see page 14. Ark - the new name for the Zoo's refitted restaurant that's now open. Anglesey Sea Zoo - a great day out for children, see the special coupon offer on page 53. **Ark Restaurant - previously the Jubilee - is now open at the Zoo. Double seating and much wider menus.**



Blackbrook

Bala Lake Railway - real narrow gauge steam with stunning views of Snowdonia, and wonderful walking country too. The return journey takes a hour, with lakeside track. Recommended. **Blue Planet Aquarium** - at Ellesmere Port - a great half day visit to see the sharks! **Birds Eye Walls** - they keep the Zoo so coooooool with their wonderful range of ice creams and frozen confectionery. **Blackbrook Zoological Park** on the moors at Winkhill near Leek, with rare birds, unusual animals reptiles, an aquarium and children's pets and farm. There's a special offer for readers at the top of this page. **Boat Museum** at Ellesmere Port - always a pleasure to visit, and there are great exhibits indoors and outdoors - and some splendid canal side walks too. **The Laburnum arch** at Bodnant Gardens has to be seen to be believed - and this most lovely of National Trust Properties should be a must for garden lovers every year. Easy to get to from the A 55 - one of our favourites. **Blakemere Craft Centre** on the Northwich Road from Chester is well worth a visit - with flying demonstrations, restaurant, eighteen craft shops and you can have a go on the potter's wheel too. **Joe Crow's Playstacks** indoor playbarn is for youngsters 1 - 10. **Cheshire Waterlife** has a new pet shop section, **Gardenland Nursery** has something for everyone and the **Paddocks** licensed restaurant and coffee shop has a delicious selection at affordable prices. Easy parking. See the offer on this page. **Bristol Zoo** - well worth the travel time and rated **** by *Holiday Which* this year. Latest mega attraction is the **Seal and Penguin Coasts**, but there's a lot to see and do. *See it, Sense it, Save it*, is their splendid slogan. **Brookside Miniature Railway** and **Garden Centre** is a favourite of ours - near Poynton in Cheshire. 71/4 inch gauge steam on Sundays (diesel other days) - and open every weekend, Wednesdays April to September and everyday in the school Summer Holidays. Get the running timetable on 01625 872919.

Blackbrook Zoological Park

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See ad on page 38
Valid until 31/12/00

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TO

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Interactive Fun for Everyone

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**FREE CHILD'S ENTRY
TO ERDDIG HALL
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for One Child (5-17yrs)

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More information see page 43
or telephone 01978 355314

Valid for 2000 season (To 31st Oct 2000)

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EUREKA!

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The Museum for Children
Halifax, West Yorkshire
Saturdays and Sundays Offer*

Save up to £4

£1 off each on up to four full price tickets purchased

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Blackbrook Zoological Park**FREE CHILD'S ENTRY**

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Catalyst**Free Child Admission**

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Catalyst Museum at Widnes - for real hands on experiences that never allow a museum to be dull. Great picnic sites on Spike Island and views from the Observation Tower. There is a great offer on page 49. Chester City - well to the top in the Tourism League and deservedly so. Very helpful Tourist Information centres at the Town Hall and at Vicar's Lane Chester Visitor Centre. Special events include the Ghost Hunter and Roman Soldier patrols. See pages 4 and 5 for more information. Grateful thanks too to Chester City's Mobility Officer, Tim Metcalfe for so much help to the Zoo in getting better and better access for everyone - see page 56. Cheshire County Council have some excellent Publications - Cheshire Gardens, Cheshire for Walkers and Rural Cheshire. You should get them at Tourist Information Centres, or use the coupon on page 47 to get your own copies. Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet Village - that's the place for bargains from the top brands. Discounts of 30 - 50% off RRP with designer and branded labels including DKNY, Jaeger, Gap, Adidas, Viyella, Austin Reed etc. The site is even bigger now - Europe's largest with 160 stores, with more space and more car park spaces - and there is the new Warner big screen cinema and *Blue Planet* Aquarium. Junction 10 of the M 53. Page 44 for a bargain coupon offer. High above the Cheshire Plain is the Cheshire Workshops at Burwaldeley. A great place for a good leg stretch, a leisurely coffee or a meal in their restaurant - and some amazing craft bargains too. Chestnut Centre Conservation Park at Chapel en le Frith in the Peak District of Derbyshire is a splendid day out. Wildlife enthusiast Roger Heap and his wife have created award winning otter and owl enclosures in their valley by Ford Hall. See the only Giant Otters in the UK. Strongly recommended by our Junior Members, But do remember, the High Peak can be wet - so remember the cagoule! Cholmondeley Castle - near Malpas in Cheshire has extensive 18th Century Gardens, with a romantic 'gothic castle' as the centrepiece. Lakeside picnic spots, children's play area, rare breeds of farm animals and llamas too

Coke - aka Coca Cola - and the favourite drink at the Zoo. There are vending machines at the entrance, the Rainbow and at the Ark Restaurant with ice cold refreshment in the handsome and practical resealable bottles. But please park them prettily! Save money with the offer on page 9. Colwyn Bay - home of the Welsh Mountain Zoo - well signed from the A 55 expressway. Crosville - handy buses that serve the zoo main entrance and pedestrian entrance in Caughall Road. Remember the useful joint ticket with Merseyrail that includes your bus link, train travel and zoo entry. And watch for the special zoo animal painted bus often on the zoo routes 4, 14 and 40. You can - with Canon. Grateful thanks for their support of our photographic competition - see pages 12 and 13. Colour Centre in Chester Road, Whitby, Ellesmere Port - great selection of artists materials, computer papers and ink, a huge stock of photographic materials and digital work too. 0151 355 1878 - Joan and Brian.



Deeside Leisure Centre at Queensferry offers so much for those who take fitness seriously - and now has the huge attraction of the Olympic sized ice rink. Flintshire Freeze are the local ice hockey stars - and there are Ice Disco opportunities too. Get the information you need on 01244 814725. See page 16.

GREAT COUPON OFFERS

East Lancashire Railway from Bury to Ramsbottom and Rawtenstall offers standard gauge steam experience and some wonderful views. Break your journey at any station, Dickensian Ramsbottom or the famous Bury Markets. Picnic areas at Bury and Ramsbottom. Check out the specials - see ad on page 34 - the ever popular Thomas the Tank is certain to appear again! And ask about driving a steam engine too. Erddig - what an amazing house - close to Wrexham. Time has stood still, and the upstairs - downstairs world has been frozen for us. Easy to get to, in the care of the National Trust - and see the ad on page 43 and the offers on page 49. Eureka - Almost certainly the most imaginative and fun filled children's museum in the Country. Well worth the trip over the Pennines to Halifax. Good for half a day anytime - offer page 49.



Farmworld - companion attraction to Erddig, but really one for the kids especially in the Spring and Summer, when there are cuddle opportunities, lambs to help feed and tractor rides. Authentic farm experience on a real working farm.

Greenacres Farm Park - Queensferry. A happy place to take children for there are always baby animals to hold, puppies and kittens, calves and foals, chicks, guinea pigs and rabbits to cuddle. Tractor and trailer tours, pony rides and fair rides too. Greenfield Valley - near Holywell. Museum of Buildings, Abbey ruins, Farm and free car and coach parking from A 548. Space for a real family day out in the countryside.

Hack Green Nuclear Bunker near Nantwich. Kids will love the Spy Mouse Trail, and older folk will have their memories of the Cold War re-awakened for this would have controlled a large part of the UK! NAAFI style canteen. See page 10 and offer top of page. Web site is www.hackgreen.co.uk Haigh Hall, high above Wigan - a wonderful place for fresh air. Craft gallery, crazy golf, gift shops, tourist information. Free admission to the Park. See page 22 and offer on this page. Hawkstone Park and Follies - on the way to Shrewsbury - a magical place - much enjoyed by our Junior Members. Caves, tunnels, towers and cliffs. Is this the home of the Holy Grail? See page 41 and offer opposite. Hillside Bird Oasis - near Mobberley - companion to Blackbrook. Rare birds in a great fun environment. Hapsford services on the M 56 - now called Chester services - have a great Tourist Information Centre and now have opened their Roadchef Lodge.

Ironbridge Gorge - nothing else is quite like it in the UK. Museums, history and archaeology have been preserved in the epicentre of the UK's industrial revolution. Blists Hill Village is a must. Handy offer on page 29.

Jaguar building works begin in March for *Spirit of the Jaguar*. Jodrell Bank for the giant Lovell telescope that will find life on other planets if it exists. A serious fun science park, wonderful arboretum and great value. Recommended. Jessops - famous photographic retailers with two shops in Chester - in St Werbergh St and Grosvenor Street. Their 35mm slide film (processed paid) is amongst the best value in the UK - as used by the Zoo!



HACK GREEN SECRET NUCLEAR BUNKER

FREE POT OF NAAFI TEA, COFFEE or ANY SOFT DRINK ON PRODUCTION OF THIS VOUCHER

See page 10

Not to be used with any other offer Valid until 31st Dec 2000

FREE Child's (3-15) Admission to Model Village at Haigh Hall, Wigan

when accompanied by an adult paying full price and when address details on reverse are completed.
(One child, one coupon, one adult)
(See advertisement on page 22)
Not to be used with any other offer
Valid to end of 2000 season

Hawkstone Historic Park & Follies
Weston under Redcastle, Shrewsbury
Admits 2 Adults & 3 Children (under 16) at HALF PRICE

2000

One Visit Only

See page 41

Not valid on Saturdays, Sundays or Bank Holidays
This voucher is redeemable for a Day Ticket upon presentation at the Historic Park Ticket Office when address details are completed. No cash alternative.

See page 28

MERSEY FERRIES

ONE CHILD FREE WITH EVERY ADULT PAYING FULL FARE

when address details overleaf are completed
Valid until 31st Dec 2000 on Heritage Cruises only.

Llangollen Wharf Horse Drawn Boat Centre

Wharf Hill, Llangollen L20 8TA
01978 860702

Present this voucher at the Wharf Café for a

FREE FAMILY PASS

to the nearby

CANAL EXHIBITION

No purchase necessary

Canal Exhibition and Motor Museum 01978 860324

SAVE UP TO £3.60

See page 45

SAVE UP TO £3.60

The largest ever permanent collection of costumes, props and memorabilia from the famous TV series.



See us at the Lower Dee Exhibition Centre on the A589
2000-2001
Tel: 01978 860094
www.hackgreen.co.uk

Entry to the exhibition plus access to our other attractions
Cost: 10.00 (10.00) (10.00) (10.00) (10.00)

Full details of costs and booking info on page 15

Also on site, 2 specialist shops, a Cafe Galactica (free drinks on premises)

one child under 14 or 10 cash for 10.00

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See page 15



LONDON ZOO

FREE CHILD ADMISSION

when address details on reverse are completed

Admit one child (4-15) Free with an adult paying normal price.

Valid to 31st Dec 2000. Not valid with any other offer.



HACK GREEN SECRET
NUCLEAR BUNKER

CHILDREN HAVE FUN TOO

USE THIS VOUCHER AFTER YOU HAVE
COMPLETED THE SPY MOUSE TRAIL

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Haigh Hall

Free Child's Admission to Model Village
See offer on reverse

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Hawkstone Park & Follies

Half Price Family Voucher
See offer on reverse

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Mersey Ferries

Child Free on Heritage Cruise
See offer on reverse

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Llangollen Wharf Horse Drawn Boat Centre

Free Family Pass
See offer on reverse

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Llangollen Dr Who Exhibition

Free Child Entry
See offer on reverse

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Free Child Admission
to London Zoo

LONDON ZOO

See offer on reverse

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GREAT COUPON OFFERS

Khas to be Komodo Dragons - new to the Zoo and new to the UK. There are three youngsters in the *Tropical Realm* - see them on closed circuit TV and *Regis*, the mature male will be the star of the *Islands in Danger*. He's due to fly in from the USA this Spring - check the zoo web site www.demon.co.uk/chester_zoo for latest details.



Knowsley Safari Park is justly renowned for the size of its enclosures and his huge herd of African Elephants. Easily reached from the M 57 Motorway, Knowsley offers great photo opportunities (windows closed) and some serious fun after the tour of the enclosures, New for 2000 are Meerkats, Giraffes and Otters Check the website on www.knowsley.com

London Zoo has its wonderful new 'Web of Life' lifewatch biodiversity exhibition funded with Millennium money. A trip to his world class zoo is so easy - it's a pleasant walk from Euston Station through Regents Park and there is a child's free ticket on page 51. Llangollen's attractions include the famous Canal Wharf with its café, crafts and restaurant, and the amazing Dr Who Experience from the BBC programme. Can you face down the dreaded daleks? See page 45 and offers on page 51.

Martin Mere at Burscough - close to Ormskirk is a favourite wildlife site, and for bird enthusiasts its near paradise, with hides round the Mere itself. Youngsters love the huge adventure play area and the chance to get close to friendly birds. Great shop and welcome café too. Travel over the River Mersey on the famous Mersey Ferries - Liverpool Landing Stage to Seacombe (Submarine Aquarium) and to Woodside, where there a useful Tourist Information Centre. There are specials too - well worth checking. See the offer on page 51. Merseytravel have helped us co-ordinate the special combined train/bus and zoo ticket that's becoming more and more popular as it saves the trip in the car. Details at all manned Merseyrail stations See page 3 for free Merseytravel publications. Military Museum in Chester Castle - worth seeing some of the history of our local regiments including the Cheshire Regiment and the Cheshire Yeomanry, one of the last units of the Army to have horses. Max Spielmann probably develop more films that anyone else in the North West, with a chain of shops all around, and their laboratories and Visitor Centre at Wallasey. See their advertisement on page 13, and how you can get a film processed free! They are generous supporters of our Photographic Competition (p 12 - 13).

National Galleries and Museums on Merseyside hold treasure houses of wonders - The Liverpool Museum in William Brown Street, Maritime Museum at Albert Dock with the dramatic stories of Titanic and Lusitania, embark on a voyage in the Emigrants to the New World Gallery. Lifelines is the latest gallery to open - a story of merchant ships and seafarers. Visit The Lady Lever Art Gallery at Port Sunlight, Sudley House in Liverpool, and the wonderful Walker Art Gallery. With free children's admissions, the value gets better and better. Ness Photo Laboratories of Kershaw Street Widnes provide a high quality professional service for slide processing, enlargements and digital work. They have been the zoo's lab for thirteen years. 0151 424 0514



GREAT COUPON OFFERS



Oswestry is on the boundary between Shropshire and Wales - and is a great place as a base from which to explore. Their Town Tourism Office The Heritage Centre, 2 Church terrace, Oswestry SY 11 2 TE, publish a useful booklet - ask for it at Tourist Information Centres or send an 19p SAE. Oakfield Parties at the Zoo call Jane on 01244 650209.

Plassey Touring Caravan Park and Craft Centre in the beautiful Dee Valley at Eyton, Wrexham is a useful place to remember. Craft Workshops, an indoor swimming pool, 9 hole golf course, restaurant and beauty salon. 01978 780227. Pronto Print in Ellesmere Port - handy for

colour photocopies or black and white jobs too. Roy and Margaret are always helpful! 0151 356 0106.

Rainforest Café at the Trafford Centre - just off the M 60 - is a child's delight - *the nearest you'll get to Disneyland this side of Manchester Airport* is how I heard it described! Animations, Jungle sound effects, tropical thunderstorms and wonderful Parrots to delight and amaze. The Trafford Centre is breathtaking - take the children to the Café and they'll love it. See page 19 and offer top of this page. Roadchef's Service area on the M 56 'Chester Services' now has a handy Lodge for overnight accommodation and a valuable tourist information centre, and is a good place for a meal, snack or motorway break. Royal Liver Assurance from Liverpool, with offices in the famous Liver Building, offer a wide range of financial products - Freephone 0800 66 1111.

Salt is an important part of Cheshire's history - and the County Council's Salt Museum at Northwich gathers together so much of the background of this early part of the chemical industry. Combine this with a trip to the Lion Salt Works and historical Northwich Town Centre? Sea Life at Blackpool, Rhyl and the National Aquarium at Birmingham have stunning displays and brilliant technology to bring you closer than you ever imagined to the breath taking world of underwater wildlife. Every Sea Life attraction is unique, with its own superb displays. See offer on this page. Anglesey Sea Zoo - free child's coupon on the right. Southport Flower Show - spectacular floral displays and landscaped garden exhibits to trade stands selling plants, gadgets and greenhouses. This prestigious show is one of the traditions of the North West in August. We'll be there with a gardens display and the famous Noah's Ark between 17th - 19th August in Victoria Park. Mark Sparrow's team, won a silver gilt award for their display in 1999 - how about gold this year? *Spirit of the Jaguar* building works start in March. Stockley Farm at Arley near Northwich is a modern working diary farm set in the beautiful Cheshire countryside. Visitors arrive at the Farm on a tractor and trailer, collected at the car park. Baby animals to hold and feed, pony rides, toy tractors and an adventure play area Birthday parties by arrangement. A great day out. Stapeley Water Gardens near Nantwich the World's largest water Garden Centre, gift shops and display gardens. The North's largest Angling superstore. See Cotton Topped Tamarins, Piranhas and Parrots. There is a huge selection of gardening ideas. Try the Palms Restaurant for tropical luxury - no matter what the weather outside. See the offer on this page.

Journey into the Rainforest Café and receive a

FREE selection from the "Wild Bunch Munch" children's menu

with the purchase of one adult main course See page 19

Valid to 31 Dec 2000. Not valid with any other offer. Valid in Manchester only. Valid for one free children's menu selection with the purchase of one adult main course

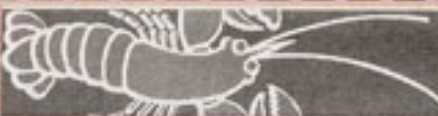
SEALIFE

Voucher worth up to £10 See page 44

Save £2 per person on admission

for up to five people, when one name and address completed overleaf

Valid at Birmingham, Rhyl and Blackpool only until 31st Dec 2000. Only one voucher per transaction.



Save £4.50

Free Child Admission

(aged 3-15)

with adult paying standard price when name and address details overleaf are completed.

Valid until 17th Dec 2000

See page 7

Stapeley Water Gardens - The Palms

Free Child with every full paying adult

Up to 2 adults/2 children per voucher, when address details overleaf completed

Valid to 30th July 2000 See page 35

See page 14

Wigan Pier

Special Family Offer

£12.95

admits 2 adults and 3 concessions to every attraction on site

Normal Price £19.95

Valid until 31.12.00. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer. Please note Wigan Pier is closed on Fridays.



Save £5 on Child or Pensioner Admission when adult pays standard price

this voucher saves £5 on one child (3-15) or OAP admission when accompanied by an adult paying standard price when address details overleaf completed. Valid to 31st Dec 2000. Only one admission per voucher.

Trafford Centre Rainforest Café Free Selection Child's Menu See offer on reverse

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Sealife Attractions Save up to £10 See offer on reverse

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Anglesey Sea Zoo Free Child Admission See offer on reverse

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Stapeley Water Gardens Free Child Admission to The Palms See offer on reverse

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Wigan Pier Family Offer £12.95 See offer on reverse

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Chester Zoo Save £5 on child or OAP See offer on reverse

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GREAT COUPON OFFERS

The Trafford Centre - *it fair takes your breath away*. Just off the M 60 motorway. With the UK's second Selfridges and a host of top shops including the Rainforest Café, this is no ordinary shopping precinct. Cinemas, restaurants and entertainment - its all



Chester Zoo Shop

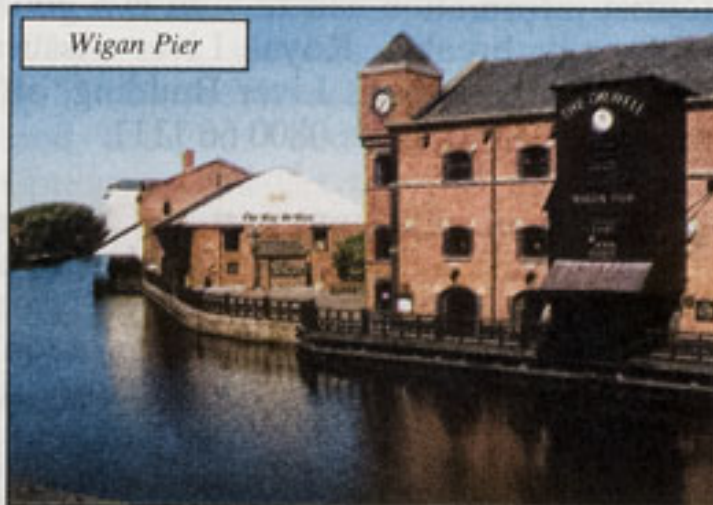
here set in a luxury that's hard to grasp immediately. The Centre won a major EASE award for accessibility in 1999. Twycross Zoo - as seen on TV and with those wonderful pair of baby elephants (*sired by Chang*) is a really refreshing day out - and their primates - including the UK's only bonobos are very special indeed. Well worth a visit.

Vale Royal - enterprising Cheshire Borough based in Northwich and Winsford hosts tourist initiatives through its Tourism Association. *The Big One* this year will be the re-opening after many years of the Anderton Boat Lift. See advertisement on page 42.

Welshpool and Llanfair Railway is a real narrow gauge favourite - the farmer's line that time forgot. A sixteen mile return trip by steam - Easter to October. 01938 810441.

Windmill Farm - very close to Martin Mere at Burscough. See the young animals, Have a petting opportunity and some superb photographs, and there's a play area and pedal tractors too. Just right

for the youngsters. Wirral Peninsula Buses, with their Sunday services from Liverpool to Chester, they provide the joint service with Merseyrail. Wigan Pier - sited on the Leeds Liverpool Canal, this amazing site includes a huge mill engine, exhibitions of how we used



Wigan Pier

to live in the *Way We Were Heritage Centre*, a great shop and 'go back in time' experiences like the Victorian Schoolroom. Take a ride on a canal boat and visit Opie's Museum of memories which explores the past century, decade by decade. Highly recommended - see offer on page 53. Wirral Peninsula - just 20 minutes from Chester. Bounded by the Dee and Mersey, its an area of great contrasts - country parks, picture postcard villages as well as industrial and maritime heritage and a wealth of sporting facilities. Details 0151 647 6780. The great Wirral Show too. To get your Wirral Pack, use the valuable coupon on page 21.

Zoos - Sea Zoo in Anglesey, Mountain Zoo at Colwyn Bay or of course Chester Zoo. Catch the latest Chester news on our web site - www.demon.co.uk/chesterzoo, and this includes the last four issues of the Zoo Magazine - *Chester Zoo Life* and the Zoo's Annual Reports. You can now use *Airmiles* and *Tesco Clubcard* points to save on Zoo entry.



Anglesey Sea Zoo

UNDER 14's WIN ZOO FAMILY TICKETS



This Jaguar was drawn by Nick Thompson of Elegy Design.

COLOUR THE JAGUAR ~ AND WIN A ZOO FAMILY TICKET WORTH £34 OVER £1,000 WORTH OF PRIZES TO BE WON.

Win a £34 Zoo Family ticket - to bring 2 adults and up to 3 children (3-15) or OAPs to the Zoo.

Colour the wonderful Jaguar with paints, crayons, felt tips or whatever you have. Test a page from the magazine before you use water colour as this sometimes does 'run'. Best of all - get a photocopy to colour so you don't spoil the magazine - and give copies to your friends and family to colour too.

Prizes every month from April to October 2000. Save money on your next trip to the zoo by using the £5 voucher on page 53 - and see how the *Spirit of the Jaguar* is getting on as we build through the year. Thus is possible thanks to the generosity of Jaguar Cars who are building **their** new 'baby Jaguar' car at Halewood on Merseyside. School class entries welcome - teachers - you have our full permission to copy the page and send in bulk entries!



Sarah Bower drew this.

ENTRY FORM

Name.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

Age (as at 31 Oct 00).....

Please send details of Junior Membership

Animal Adoptions (please tick)

**Post to: Jaguar Competition Organiser, Chester Zoo,
Upton by Chester CH2 1LH**

RULES

1. Enter on this or on photocopy.
2. One entry per child who must be under 14 on 31st Oct 2000.
3. You must give age on entry form.
4. Up to five prizes of Zoo Family tickets each worth £34 awarded each month from April to October 2000. No cash alternatives. All entries received in each month will be judged taking into account neatness, originality and age. Adult help is allowed of course, but the work must be that of the child.
5. Relatives of Zoo staff may not enter.
6. Send SAE for return of your entry and results of month.
7. Judges' decision is final and entrants agree to these rules.

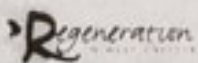
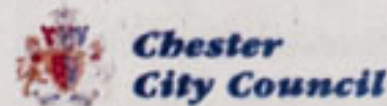
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As part of our aim to make Chester a barrier-free city we have opened a Shopmobility scheme. Based conveniently close to the main shopping areas and the historic centre, the facility offers easy to use electric scooters and other mobility aids together with orange badge parking.



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