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1934-1994

# CHESTER ZOO NEWS

and CHESHIRE VISITOR

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The Zoo now covers over 110 acres and the typical visitor spends well over 5 hours in the glorious gardens. The Zoo-fari overhead railway, with its comfortable electric trains links East Zoo and West Zoo and has already carried 500,000 passengers.

### AWARDS

In 1993, the Zoo was voted "Cheshire's Top

Tourist attraction", was runner up in the North West Tourist Board awards, as well as being a national nominee for the English Tourist Board.

### DIAMOND JUBILEE DAY

There's a very special day to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee on Monday 13th June 1994, with 1934 admission prices (that's 5p — one old shilling) for the first 1,000 visitors before 12 noon, with plenty of surprises on the morning too — including Walls ice cream at 1934 prices.

Don't miss the enormous Diamond Jubilee mural in the indoor picnic area.



### BONGO BORN

RAREST of African forest antelopes, the handsome Bongo is new to the zoo. Two calves — one male, one female were born at the New Year. See them on the large Oakfield paddock.

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ZOO VIEW SIXTY NOT OUT

SO we've made 60 years — a respectable age for an organisation. The Mottershead legacy gave us a big zoo, the gardens and land for development. The current management have taken that idea and developed it to place the zoo at the forefront of progress. But the zoo can never stand still. We have the major opportunity of the move to a new entrance gate, and to make it fully visitor friendly.

We are also seeing great steps forward in the way that we interpret the zoo. This work takes us to meet the public. This can be a wonderful Elephant experience even-

ing, or the Meet the Keeper sessions, or the Friends of Education Division (FEDS) with their carts.

New signs around the zoo help visitors to understand more of our work — and more are planned. Generous help from North West Securities means a new Information centre close to the Coatis.

So our message is that we strive to make the zoo a better day out. We ask the satisfied visitor to spread the word to family and friends. We are a charitable trust — the animals are the only shareholders. All our income is derived from visitors. That is where you come in!

GLORIOUS MUD

KODAK CD Players were the major prizes in the 1993 photo competition with John Boulton of Kodak's Leisure Division coming up to make the awards.

We had 1,000 entries. The judges had a difficult time! Maxwell Knowles of Preston took top slide honours — and the new Ken Green Trophy — with the rhino picture above. Graham Roberts from Saltney was runner-up, receiving a Ness Photo Laboratories Voucher.

Mrs Kath Harper from Upton was the winner of the Bridgemere Trophy and Voucher for garden pictures and six year old Maria Morris (below, with John Boulton) was our youngest ever winner of "Emma's Trophy" plus a CD player as Junior Photographer of the Year. Sarah Stalmach from Mirfield in West Yorkshire was runner up.

Grahame Lyth — from the Oakfield was the winning staff photographer and reminds friends that he can look after them in the studios of Browns of Chester.



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# CANON PRIZES

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IF you enjoyed the 1993 photo comp. — you'll love 1994!

Our old friends Canon have presented the four major awards: two top video camcorders and two 35mm compact cameras, and Stena Sealink have given two holidays from their 1995 Irish brochure for the runners up.

**Print Photographer of the Year:** Canon UC 15 camcorder "slim" 8mm camcorder. Eric Kirkland Trophy (for a year) and a framed enlargement. **Runner Up:** "Free as you please" Irish holiday for two to total value of £500.

**Slide Photographer of the Year:** Canon UC 15 Camcorder (as above), Ken Green Trophy (for a year) and a framed print. **Runner Up:** Dublin short break for two to value of £350.

**Junior Photographer of the Year:** (under 16 on 31st Oct 94) Canon Sureshot Zoom Max 35mm compact camera and Emma's Trophy (for a

year) plus framed enlargement of the winning print or slide. **Runner Up:** Canon Sureshot Zoom Max camera.

**Garden Photographer of the Year:** Bridgemere Garden World Voucher for £50. **Bridgemere Trophy** (for a year) plus framed enlargement of the winning print or slide. **Ness Photo Labs Vouchers** as third prizes for prints and slides categories. There is a staff section for FEES and Members of Council as well as Zoo Staff. Prize will be a £50 voucher from Hargreaves of Aintree.

**Merit Awards every month from Easter —** Win a Kodak, Gold II print film and a handsome certificate. Entries close 31st Oct 94. The subject is "My Diamond Jubilee year memory of the zoo". All entries must have been taken in 1994. Pick up a leaflet in the zoo or send SAE to Pauline McKee, Chester Zoo, Chester CH2 1LH.



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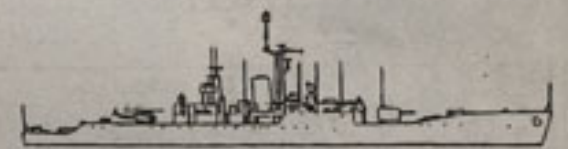
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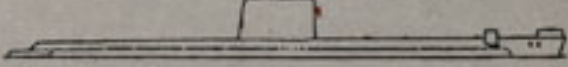
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ROUND THE ZOO ...



# BOUNCING BABY BONGOS

WITH the beautiful white body stripes and the lyre-shaped horns, no wonder that our keepers think that the bongo is the most attractive of the antelope species.

Thanks to good keeper care from Alan Woodward and his Whipnade section in East Zoo and the right paddock accommodation, we've succeeded with the first bongo births at Chester.

A female calf - "Kitalee" was born to "Aberdare" and a male calf "Nakaru" was born to "Mzima" three weeks later. Both mothers and calves are doing well and the pair of youngsters greatly enjoy each other's company on the paddock. "Aberdare" is the dominant female, so that it is "Mzima" who is the calf-sitter as the junior!

Eastern Bongo are from the

forest areas of Kenya - and reports suggest that the population in the wild may be as low as a few hundred. Happily though, zoo breeding in the UK has been successful at Howletts Zoo and Woburn Safari Park, and a new group has been set up at Marwell.

Foodies note - what do they eat?

Typical morning feed: 2 lettuce, 1 stick celery, 1 wholemeal loaf. Evenings: 5 parsnips, 5 carrots, 4-6 cabbages, 4 apples, 3 pears, 3 bananas, browser breeder, bran and oats.

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The awards were for advances in husbandry and welfare of the Chimpanzees and the Ring-Tailed Lemurs, for environmental enrichment for the Sulawesi black macaques. For sustained breeding we gained awards for the Chimpanzees, Ring-Tailed Lemurs, Red Lechwe and Blue Eyed

Cockatoos. The eighth award was a commendation for the puppet theatre run by the Education Division.

On the human side we did quite well too. The Zoo were voted "Cheshire's Top Tourist attraction", were runners-up in the North West Tourist Board's competition and was a national finalist for the English Tourist Board awards.

We won a runners-up award in the Holiday Care Awards for attractions catering for disabled people.



## JOIN THE JUNIORS

CHESTER Junior members (3-17) pay just £10 per year for a full 12 months and get zoo admission and Zoo Life magazine. Penny Rudd organises trips and meetings through the year sometimes (extra cost). Details: 0244 380280 ext 203.

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THE move of the entrance to West Zoo will bring many benefits for visitors. We will have a cafeteria at the entrance — so that a quick cuppa — coming in or out will be possible. Toilets, a Mother and Baby Room and facilities for disabled people will be convenient. The Monkey House Zoo-fari overhead railway station will be only 200 yards away — so making it much easier to reach. There will be new shop too, so that whatever you need to make your day with us more enjoyable will be readily to hand — Kodak films, batteries, sun cream, babies soothers, aspirins — all these can be vital to a visit.

The new car parking will be much more convenient too because after 60 years — we will have moved the visitor traffic away from Caughall Road, leaving this just for zoo staff and deliveries. Access from the A41 means that the M53 junctions 10 and 12 are both conveniently close, and the North Wales Coast Road (which joins the M53 just by junction 12) has really improved access. In due course, we plan to have the brown motorway signs to point visitors to the zoo entrance.

BUT PLEASE BE PATIENT WHILST THE GROUND WORKS ARE IN PROGRESS.

FORMAL planning permission has been granted by Chester City Council.

Groundworks have already begun. EEC part funding has been secured through the Mersey Basin Campaign for the first phase of the work.

We expect that we will be using the new entrance later in 1994. Watch for signs on approach roads.

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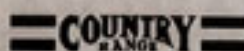
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Vere, Chester Zoo's Marketing Manager.

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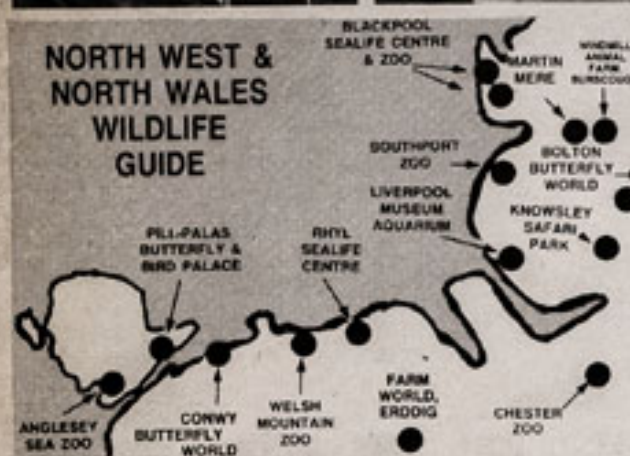
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Bird lovers will enjoy Blackbrook World of Birds near Leek in Staffordshire and Hillside Ornamental Fowl at Moberley in Cheshire.

Fish enthusiasts should not miss Liverpool Museum's Aquarium & Vivarium, the two Sea Life Centres in Blackpool and Rhyl, or Anglesey Sea Zoo, which is on the coast overlooking Menai Strait, about 15 minutes from the bridge.

### EMMA MOVES

MANY Chester Zoo visitors have been asking where Emma young black rhino has gone. Whipsnade is her new home, she moved there last autumn, to join a young male and thus start what we all hope will be the fourth breeding group of these endangered animals.

Back in the rhino house, speculation mounts whether her mother Esther is pregnant once more — but please don't expect a youngster this year! Rhinos have an 18 month gestation period.

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Libraries in the North West. Or if you would like one by post — just send a 2nd class SAE to Favourite Days Out, c/o Marketing Office, Chester Zoo, Chester CH2 1LH — and we'll gladly send one. Please don't forget the stamp!

Consider the choice we offer. The Boat Museum at Ellesmere Port — dedicated to canal transport has new facilities and is easy to get to from the M53 motorway. It's conveniently close to neighbouring Lady Lever Art Gallery and Port Sunlight Heritage Centre which are near the A41 Birkenhead Road. These will delight those who love industrial history or fine art, and both are a testimony to the great founder of the Unilever Group.

Do you love animals — if so, Chester Zoo will beckon you — and it's also very easy to get to from the M53 (junctions 10 or 12) and the new North Wales Expressway (A55).

Jodrell Bank Science Centre and Arboretum is the University of Manchester's radio astronomy centre, with the world-famous radio telescope. Hands on exhibits bring science to life.

Catalyst — the museum of the chemical industry — at Widnes, will instruct and delight those who like to know more about science, with demonstrations and experiments to see. Quarry Bank Mill at Styal is close to the M56, brings a Georgian Cotton Mill back to life — and has some delightful gardens too.

Burwardsley, near Chester, houses Cheshire Workshops — whose skills in candlemaking always amaze the first-time visitor. With free admission and free parking in the heart of Cheshire, this country craft centre is deservedly popular.

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GOOD planning will help you get the most out of this most beautiful of England's counties.

A good way to start is to pick up the useful publications from the Cheshire County Council. They have **Days Out in Cheshire**, which details the attractions and has a good map. There is a free **Breakaways** leaflet which is an ideal guide to those who want accommodation on a short stay basis. Chester has many hotels — we can recommend the Plantation Hotel (close to the Zoo) in Liverpool Road and the Dene Hotel in Hoole Road as offering comfort and value. The County Council publish **Cheshire Gardens**, a fully illustrated 1/4 A4 booklet (£2.75 + 43p for p&p).

Group visit organisers will appreciate **Cheshire — A True Masterpiece**, an eight-minute introductory video, which can be borrowed or bought. For all Cheshire County Council material — telephone (0244) 603107. Use the coupon on their advertisement opposite to request your own free copy of **Days Out in Cheshire**.

With its fertile river valleys and gentle hills, Cheshire has always been a rich farming country, and its position astride the roads North-South and to North Wales and Ireland (and later, railways and canals) meant that the City of Chester was always a military centre (and today there is the **Military Museum** at the Castle to honour the four local Regiments). So the Romans had their garrison for the western side of the country — with a huge harbour on the site of the racecourse. The **Grosvenor Museum** and **Deva Roman Experience Centre** give some idea today of what life was like in the days of the legions. Catch up with a live legionary soldier on the walls of the city — ask at the **Town Hall Tourist Office** for details of the **Roman Patrols!**

Fertile land meant there was a need for defence — so we see the growth of castles in the country — and many of these eventually became stately homes for the nobility. Today you can enjoy **Beeston Castle** in its medieval

grandeur. **Cholmondeley**, built as a gothic revival in the 19th century now has its wonderful gardens and lakeside picnic area. Black and white timber construction has become one of the marks of the county, both in the ancient City of Chester and in the rural South Cheshire countryside, with its tradition of cheesemaking (The County Council publish **The Cheshire Cheese Story** — free on request).

The romantically named **Vale Royal** of England has now become a most appropriate name for the borough based on Northwich and Winsford and linked to the rest of the county with the network of canals. Don't miss the unique **Anderton boat lift**. **Vale Royal Tourism** have useful information packs — there's a coupon below for your free copies.

Cheshire is a county of initiative — and the farming heritage has led to **Country World** at Gateshead, near Tattenhall, which combines a dried flower workshop, handmade jewellery, a farmshop with a splendid range of farmhouse cheese, local ice cream and much more; a tea room and the ever-popular animal paddock where children young and old can meet the ponies, pigs and bantams. Nearby is the **Cheshire Workshops** at Burwardsley and **Beeston & Peckforton Castles** compete for your attention.

On the Eastern side of Cheshire — there is still the lush countryside and close to the M6 and Knutsford (famed in the writings of Mrs Gaskell) is **Tatton Park** — now managed by the County Council for the National Trust. Children will love the **Home Farm**, everyone loves the great expanses of the parkland, and there are many special events there too.

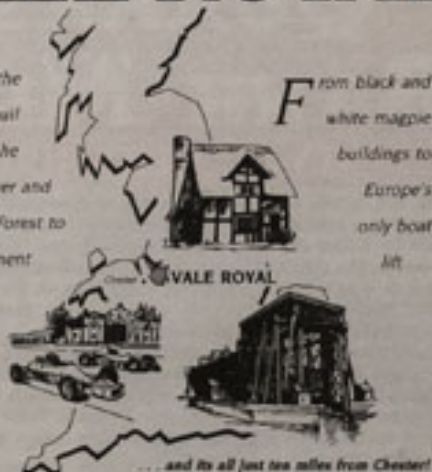
Close by is **Quarry Bank Mill** at Styal, and the **Brookside Miniature Railway**, where you can still get the evocative smell of travel behind a steam engine!

To the north, the industrial heritage has given the wonders of the **Boat Museum** at Ellesmere Port; **Catalyst** at Widnes has the world of the chemical industry and at **Port Sunlight**, there is the **Heritage Centre** dedicated to the soap industry, and the beauty of the **Lady Lever Art Gallery**.

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**SEA ZOO NEWS**

THE most popular wildlife in Wales (confirmed recently by BTA figures), Anglesey Sea Zoo, has recently added a number of interesting new features.

These include an audio system which at the touch of a button, allows the unmistakable tones of David Bellamy to inform visitors about what they are seeing. A Welsh version by actor Richard Elynn is available.

The Oyster Catcher has already proved to be a great draw. Visitors select an oyster from a tank and this is then opened to reveal a natural pearl (sometimes two!) which can be mounted in jewellery immediately by trained staff.

These are only part of what is a fascinating live exhibition of the local sealife from around the Island of Anglesey which includes the unique Big Fish Forest.

**KIDS BORED**

SAT in Birkenhead Docks is a real treat. Over 90,000 people have found the real ex-Navy Submarine Onyx since she and the Falklands Veteran Frigate Plymouth opened their gangway to the public a year ago.

Now, both former warships are owned by a registered charity, The Warship Preservation Trust. Visitors are able to visit most parts of both ships which played a major part in the Falklands Campaign.

On the Submarine the conditions during her 117 day Falklands patrol must have been terrible... visitors are able to see how the SAS men embarked, and slept amongst the torpedoes beneath the waves.

The historic Warships at Birkenhead are easy to find close to the new tunnel from Liverpool in the Wallasey Docks. There are plenty of AA signs pointing the way... A large free car park is right alongside the ships.

**SEA MONSTERS AND PARROTS TOO**

TREAT yourself to a visit to Merseyside and its magnificent national museums and galleries. The 1994 exhibition programme, together with the quality and variety of NMG's permanent collections, provide an entertaining and informative day for young and old alike.

The *Monsters of the Deep* are coming from 26 March. Visitors become explorers as the exhibition brings an underwater world to life. Full-size models and live sharks, spider-crabs and an octopus will combine with special audio-visual effects to create the compelling illusion of walking along the sea bed.

The world's most colourful birds also feature at Liverpool Museum as *Parrots* takes flight from 2 April until 14 July 1994. The exhibition looks at the natural history of the parrot, and the art and literature inspired by this exotic bird. Despite our affection for these birds, many more parrots face extinction as modern development threatens their habitat.

LIVERPOOL MUSEUM, WILLIAM BROWN STREET.



NADIA, Bristol Zoo's baby gorilla, celebrated her birthday on 23rd November, 1993, with her mum Diana, and keeper Mike. She had a delicious first birthday 'cake' made from rice, sultanas, lots of fruit and topped with a carrot candle. (see p7).

**ROUNDABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AND WHERE**

**DUCKS AND GEESE**

A VISIT to Martin Mere, situated off the A59 in Burscough near Ormskirk, is more than a day out.

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Open every day except 24/25 December.

**TWYXCROSS IS 30**

TWYXCROSS Zoo has just celebrated its 30th Anniversary.

Around 200 species live in 50 acres of parkland in the Leicestershire countryside.

The zoo houses Britain's only group of Bonobos or Pygmy Chimps, our closest living relative. They are part of a European breeding programme to ensure the species survival as there are less than 20,000 bonobos that remain in the wild.

The zoo is open daily from 10am (except Christmas Day). Car parking is FREE with access to cars at all times. There are self service cafeterias, licensed bar and large picnic areas.

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When you visit Eureka! you can discover how your body and senses work, role-play in the buildings around the Town Square and explore the world of communications. Join a work team on the Factory production line, take money from the cash machine in the Bank, be a news reader, weather forecaster or camera operator in the TV Studio or relax and listen to the Story Tree.

Eureka!, open daily all year round, scooped up the English Tourist Board's Visitor Attraction of the Year Award for 1993. For further details of opening hours and admission charges, telephone 0426 983191.

Eureka! The Museum for Children, Discovery Road, Halifax HX1 2NE.



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New for 1994 is the Angling department, and every Garden Centre department will have its special bargain of the month. For teachers, we have new education packs — Education Officer Valda Filbery — will tell you more.

Tel: Garden Centre 0270 623868. The Palms 0270 628628.

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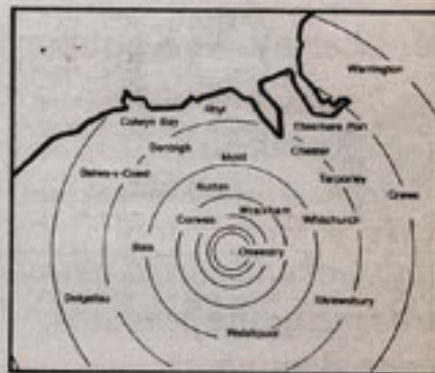
THERE'S a new Mandrill House, with outside enclosures being built for the 22 strong group, and there are new aviaries for the Snowy owls, Eagle owls, Barn owls and Tawny owls. See the young Chimpanzees, and the Crested porcupines. The Pets Corner Barn is always popular with the youngsters — and we are easy to find on the Promenade at Southport.



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Monthly Merit prizes of a Zoo family ticket (worth £22) and Souvenir Guide will be awarded to entries of merit received each month from April 1994 onwards.

### RULES

1. Enter on the outline or on photocopies. One entry per child. Entries will be judged in the month of receipt for Merit Prizes, and all entries will be re-judged for the Top Prize. Last date of receipt is Monday, 31st Oct 1994.
2. All entrants must be under 14 on 31st Oct 1994, and give age on the entry form. Age will be taken into account on judging.
3. The Top Prize will be awarded to the best overall entry received, taking age into account. There is no cash alternative.
4. Relatives of Chester Zoo staff or Members of Council, or of Haven Leisure are not eligible for the competition. Entries will be returned if you enclose a SAE. Winners' details are available if you send an SAE. The decision of the judges is final, and all winners will be informed by post. By entering, you agree to be bound by these rules.



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### ENTRY FORM

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### UNIQUE STAMPS

FROM 1st April, three different sets of postage stamps will be available to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. They are available in giftpacks or on first day covers and cost £2.99 per set from the Fountain Shop.

The stamps have been produced by Localpost (UK) Limited, an independent postal service which was established under the British Telecommunications Act, 1981.

Localpost stamps are valid for use anywhere in the UK but are printed in very small numbers to enhance their value to collectors.

Like ordinary letters, envelopes bearing the stamps can be posted in Royal Mail post-boxes nationwide. No additional stamps are needed and the service guarantees deliveries anywhere in the world. For Zoo visitors, a special posting box is being installed in the souvenir shop. More details 0244 380280.

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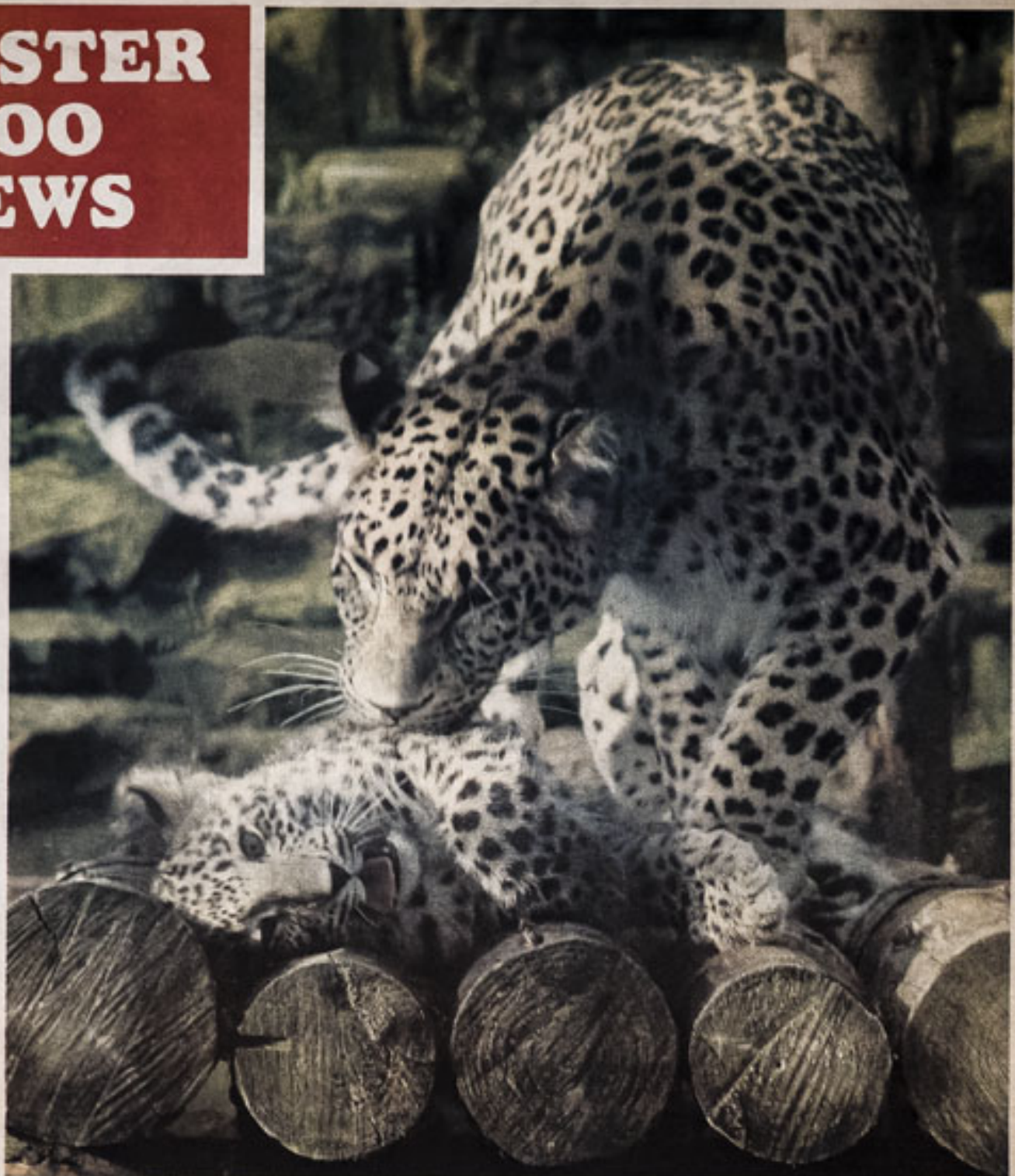
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## DIARY DATES

- 25th March Theme Evening. "Supper with Slides". Oakfield 7.30pm.
- 16th April Zoo Review. Dr Michael Brambell, Zoo Director, reviews progress for members. 2.30pm. Lecture Theatre.
- 6th May Theme Evening. French Cuisine, Oakfield Restaurant.
- 26th May Lecture. Diamond Jubilee Celebrity Lecture by Dr Jane Goodall, Marquee on Oakfield Lawn. 7.30pm. (Members & Adopters Function).
- 3rd June Caribbean Evening. Theme Evening. Oakfield Restaurant.
- 2nd June Elephant Experience Evening.
- 13th June Diamond Jubilee Day — See press for details.
- 1st July Bird Safari. Theme Evening. Oakfield Restaurant.
- 7th July Elephant Experience Evening.
- 15th July Diamond Jubilee Theme Picnic Evening.
- 29th July Glorious Gardens. Theme Evening and Guided Tour.
- 4th Aug. Elephant Experience Evening.
- 19th Aug. Zoo Safari and Barbecue Theme Evening.
- 11th Sept. Jamboree Day. (Special prices for uniformed youth groups).
- 14th Sept. Zoo For All Day. Free Admission for groups from Disabled Organisations.
- 17th Sept. Jamboree Day. (Special prices for uniformed youth groups).
- 8th Oct. Professor Brian Gardiner, University of London. "Jurassic Park revisited". Members' Meeting 2.30p.m. Lecture Theatre.
- 9th Oct. Adopta Day.
- 15th Oct. Adopta Day.
- 21st Oct. Scandinavian Evening. Theme Evening. Oakfield Restaurant.
- 31st Oct. Entries close for Photo Competition.
- 18th Nov. Victorian Evening. Theme Evening. Oakfield Restaurant.
- 3rd Dec. Ross Meredith & Steve Hogarth (Senior Keepers). "Great Apes". Members' Meeting. 2.30 Lecture Theatre.
- 3rd Dec. Father Christmas at Zoo. Christmas Dinners, ask for special leaflet.
- 5th Dec. Christmas Lunches.
- Onwards



## SPOTS BEFORE YOUR EYES: SEE THEM AT THE ZOO

The Persian leopards have bred in 1992 and 1993, and the cubs have brought many admirers to the cat house. Leopards are considered endangered in the wild through habitat loss and through hunting. Joint zoo breeding programmes are likely to be the only way to save this wonderful animal.

**INFORMATION**  
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## NOAH'S ARK IS FOUND

OUR Ark is located by the camel yard between excursions. It was an idea of the Director, Dr Michael Brambell, and built (in gopher wood, of course) by the Zoo Estates team and Cheshire County Employment Training staff. It was a huge success at Christmas 1993 for Father Christmas. See it in the Lord Mayor of Chester's parade on 14th May, on the Roodee on 14-15 May and at the Cheshire Show.

## ALL LEADING CARDS

The zoo accepts all leading credit cards at the entrance gate, in the Oakfield and Jubilee restaurants and in the Fountain Shops & Information Kiosk.



The Zebra badge of the Federation of Zoological Gardens of Great Britain and Ireland links all major zoos in their efforts to conserve endangered animals.

Chester was a founder member of the Federation.

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