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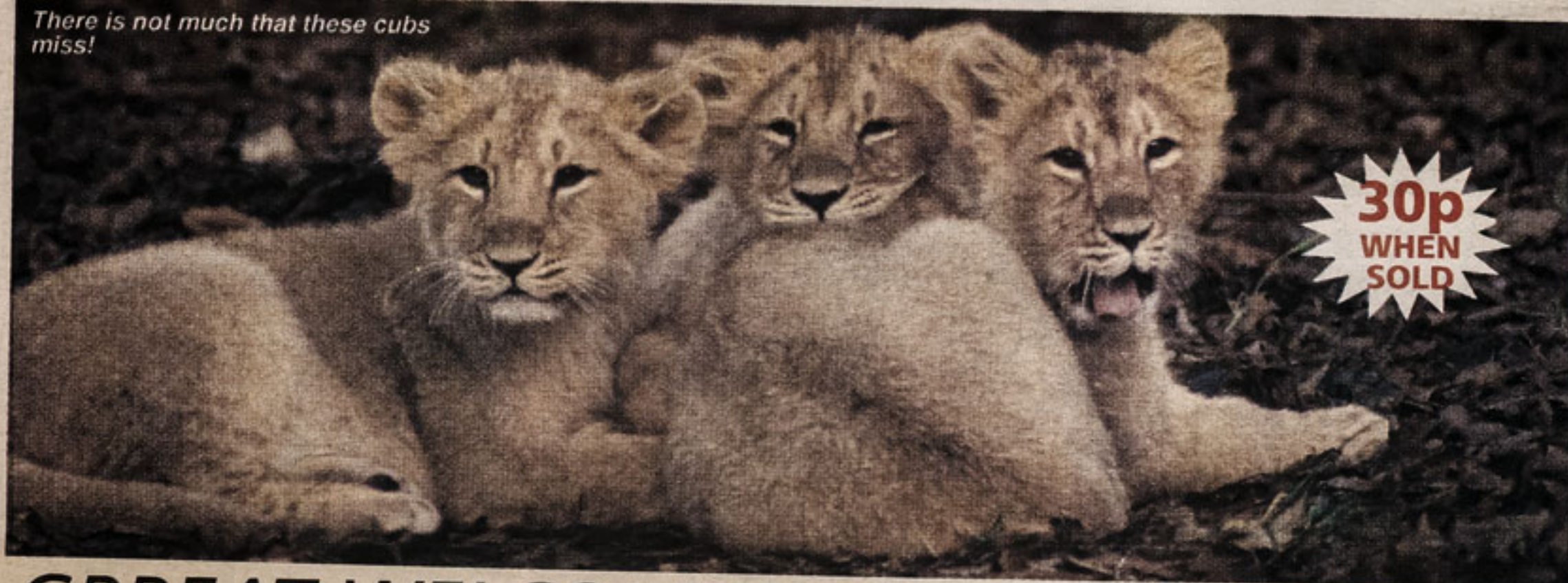


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There is not much that these cubs miss!



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GRRREAT WELCOME TO THE LION KINGS

FIRST ASIATIC LION CUBS

Curator of Mammals, Nick Ellerton, had long planned to breed endangered Asiatic lions at Chester Zoo. London Zoo loaned a handsome young pair - in Spring 1994. The female - Chandani had already produced two litters - sadly without cubs surviving. The male was Jake. They settled in well to our large paddock, and Jake's territory claiming roars were soon heard in the evenings.

DEBUT

Senior Keeper, Alan Woodward was sure that matings had taken place, and in early July he knew that a cubbing den would be needed. Three cubs were born on 23rd July, with a special regime of "quiet" around the paddock.

We had hoped that Chandani

would give her litter an outing by August Bank Holiday - but lion holidays were late - and they did not venture onto the paddock until early September. Jake was introduced - and proved a model father figure.

All through the autumn the three cubs have delighted visitors - having the full run of the paddock and soon claiming their own territories - especially the sloping tree branch.

Named Rajah, Sabu and Jade (two males and one female) by Daily Mirror readers in an exclusive competition in December, the cubs are a very welcome addition to the sub species - of which it is estimated less than 300 remain in their native Indian reserve at Gir in Gujarat.

So we really are at the sharp end of conservational breeding, with one litter adding 1% to world population.



BIGGEST EVER

This - our eighth edition of Chester Zoo News & Cheshire Visitor is our largest - with 20 pages, four in full colour. We thank all our friends and supporters for their generous help and interest - and their wisdom in booking advertising space with us. Their reward is a share in our success and the very real knowledge that they have helped our conservational work.

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ZOO VIEW

Entranced

Whether or not you came in through the new entrance - and the odds are that you did, you will certainly be aware of the major building programme that is going on in West Zoo. This will give us a "state of the art" entrance complex, with new gates, a new shop, a refitted Oasis cafeteria, and extra visitor facilities. Good ideas include overhead cover, and toilets that serve both the zoo and the car park. The new "black top" carpark will mean less mud and mess getting into the zoo. The trip in is easier too, with all traffic coming from the A 41 trunk road instead of via Caughall Road.

It has been a long time coming, as they say, but it, will be so much better. BUT, until everything is ready - please be patient with the zoo staff - we really are on your side you know!

Miles away

With a sad irony, recent changes in EEC boundaries for aid means that we won't be getting any further help. (We are about two miles away from the "aid" line). Of course we are very grateful for the help - £312,000 - towards phase I, but we are now "on our own again", with self sufficiency the rule of the day. So the more visitors who come to the zoo - the faster we will be able to progress the new works, and see the ultimate paddock extensions to the north.

Level Playing Fields ?

It is a sad fact of life that changes in rules half way through a game are always seem for the worse. Just now, we wonder why there the whole pitch is not being tilted! The anticipated changes in rules to remove VAT on non-educational rate zoo entry is still being "considered" (Continental zoos don't pay admission VAT). Free of gate VAT - we could build a major animal exhibit every other year., with something like £300,000 available. It is high time that we had the same deal as the other end of Eurotunnel!

And for sheer "sneakiness" - the re-interpretation of rules on transport now place VAT on the overhead railway. Its not a "white knuckle ride" but a sensible transport system, to help young and old alike around the gardens, and is a boon for the less mobile.

Watch out railways - you could be next.

Ave atque vale

Later in the year, we will be saying a formal "good bye" to Dr Michael Brambell as our Director, and welcome his successor, Dr Gordon McGregor Reid, who is the present Curator in Chief.

There will be fuller tributes at the appropriate time to Michael and his wife Patricia, but it is enough to say that without his active encouragement, Chester Zoo would not have its own newspaper or member's magazine Zoo Life.



Otterly great - a cute mustelid portrait gave Mike Wiltshire the top title for the second year, The Eric Kirkland Memorial Trophy and a Canon Camcorder too! Mike has been elected President of the Birkenhead Camera Club for 1995, and holds the Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society.

CHESTER ZOO/CANON Photographic Competition 1994 AWARDS

VERY HIGH STANDARD

It took the best part of a morning for our judging trio - Dorothy Naylor - Head of the North West Tourist Board, Joan Day who runs the Colour Centre photo lab, camera and art shop in Whitby, Ellesmere Port and Dave Hughes from Hargreaves of Aintree, our photo wholesaler - to decide.

And if they disagreed - they were too well mannered to tell us. But we said "no lunch until you decide" See all the winners in colour on your next zoo visit. Many thanks to Jean Dixon and Pauline McKee for making it all happen so smoothly. To Zoo member, Mike Wiltshire of Birkenhead who captured the print prize for the second year - congratulations on being asked to be one of the 1995 Judges! There's quality for you!



Stars in Stripes

Was it a sixth sense that made 14 year old Justin Cohen from Stanmore, Middlesex, telephone the zoo press office to ask the results of the Junior section?

A handsome Canon Sure Shot Max 35mm camera is his reward.



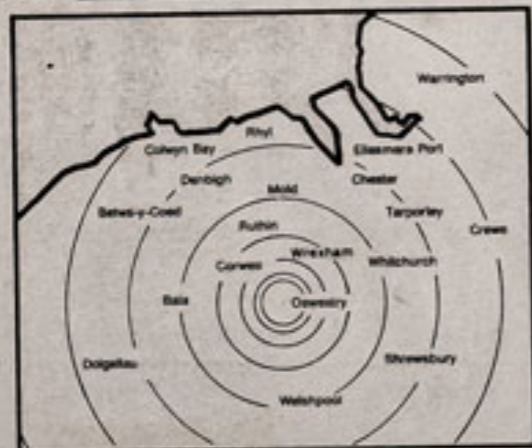
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Sailing in first Sail fin lizards from the Tropical house win a Canon camcorder Ken Green Memorial Trophy and title "Slide Photographer of the Year" for Graham Roberts of Huntingdon, Chester.

Dublin bound
The Orange-headed ground thrush from the Tropical House wins runners up title for slides for Allstair Homer from Denton, Manchester - and a Stena Sealink short break holiday to Dublin.



Gorgeous Gardens Its the view across the Oakfield lawn that netted Mrs Joyce Pyrah of Bradford the Bridgemere Garden World Trophy and £50 voucher for the best gardens photograph



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There is a great line-up of wonderful prizes for the 1995 competition - so start getting the cameras ready for your next Chester Zoo trip.

Top prizes for the best print and the best slide will be the latest in hi-tech camcorder wizardry from Canon.

The Junior Photographer of the Year will win a state-of-the-art 35mm Canon Compact Camera - with autofocus and auto exposure. There will be engraved shields to keep for a year for the top slide, top print, best gardens and the best junior plus handsome certificates to display.

Ness Photo Labs offer vouchers as runners-up prizes, and there will be a couple of very special holiday prizes from Stena Sealink. As an extra - every month from April onwards (until the competition closes on 31st October) - we will select 'Merit Awards' - and these will get a £24 Family Ticket to the Zoo, a Kodak print film and a certificate.

All prints and slides received will be judged for the finale. The full rules are in the Photo Competition leaflet which is available in the zoo or by post (please send an SAE to Pauline McKee, Zoo Photo Comp organiser, Chester Zoo, Chester CH2 1LH).

The competition is open to amateurs, and you can submit a maximum of six entries: prints up to 6"x4" (or 5" square), or 35mm slides (card or plastic mounts - not in glass please). The theme is 'My Best Zoo Memory of 1995'. Junior entrants must be under 16 on 31 Oct. 1995. There is a separate section for staff, volunteers and Council members.

More information on 01244 380280 ext 229.

THE OTHER WINNERS

Runner up - prints - Michael Heath from Tamworth Stena Sealink Irish Holiday - Moorhen with Chicks; Third prints, William Oakes from Huyton, Merseyside - £75 Vouchers from Ness Photo Labs. Lions. Slides Third Prize John Dinham, from Birmingham - £75 worth of Ness Photo Labs Vouchers - Orang utan & baby. Second Prize - Juniors Elizabeth Stolarczyk from Bradford - Canon Super Shot Zoom Max camera - Orang utan and baby. Staff & Volunteers Mrs Muriel Constable - £50 Hargreaves vouchers - Orang Utan and baby.

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New Aviaries
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ZOO IMPROVEMENTS

MORE INFORMATION - BETTER ANIMAL FACILITIES

Keen zoo watchers will be noticing the new interpretational signs around the gardens, master minded by Curator in Chief, Gordon McGregor Reid. We have a life sized Ostrich (left) with plenty of room to check your own height, new signs for the Europe on the Edge (below right) and Mauritius Kestrel aviaries - and new ideas include an inter-active sound system within the Tropical House. "This is all part of our work in keeping you - the visitor - aware of what is going on" Gordon told Zoo News.



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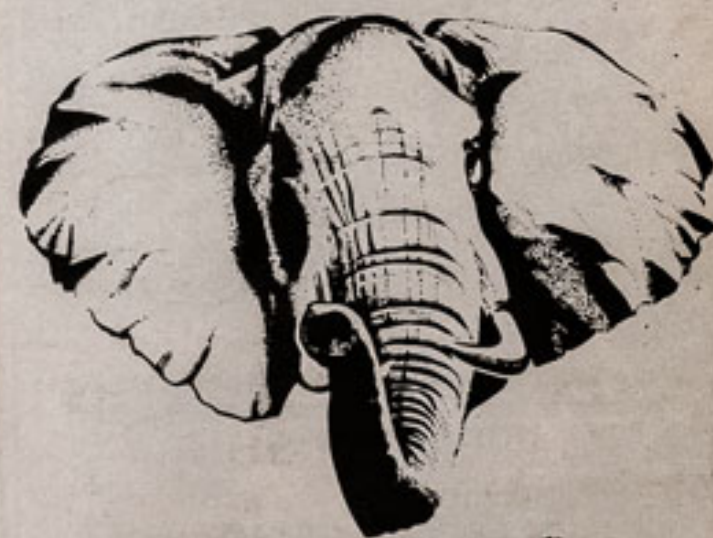


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Just look at the outings - organised by Club Leader, Mrs Penny Rudd. Some of the current year's visits include Martin Mere, Farm World near Erddig, Hilbre Island, Lord Lichfield's home at Shugborough Hall and the Follies at Hawkstone Park near Shrewsbury. Then within the Zoo are the day with a keeper (see above), Tracks & Signs with plaster casts made of footmarks in paddocks, the Christmas Party and a mid summer Barbie and Moth Trapping Evening. (For the trips outside the zoo, there is a charge to cover transport & admissions).

Juniors have free admission to the zoo for a whole year. (Obviously - we expect that the younger ones are accompanied by adults.)

And to keep in touch - they get Zoo Life four times a year.

More details are in the Membership Leaflet available within the zoo - or telephone. 01244 380280 ext 203.

DIRECTOR DESIGNATE



Meet Dr Gordon McGregor Reid, presently Curator in Chief. As Zoo Director Designate, Gordon will take over from Dr Michael Brambell in September.

His special interest are fish - so expect a lot of activity in the Aquarium. (see page 13).

Juniors help Ross Meredith feed the lemurs



1994 Award Certificate

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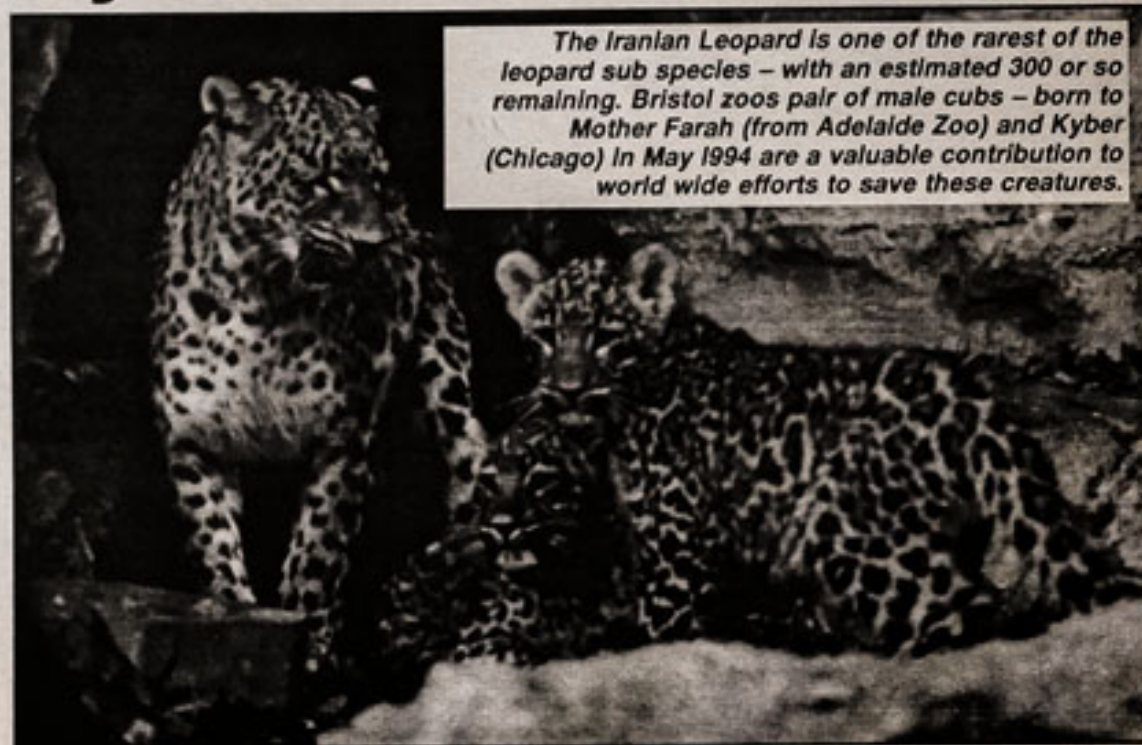
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Stamps of Approval

Chester has now issued four special commemorative stamps, through Local Post of Halton, Cheshire. On sale in the Zoo, or via post to Marketing office. Full instructions for use via Post Office in every pack. Hurry for the elephants, rhinos and orang sets are almost sold out.

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- 2, Monkeys/Apes
- 3, Elephants
- 4, Sea Lions /Otters
- 5, = Giraffes
- = Penguins
- 7, Reptiles
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Chester's Asiatic lions, Jake and Chandani take a break from the cubs.



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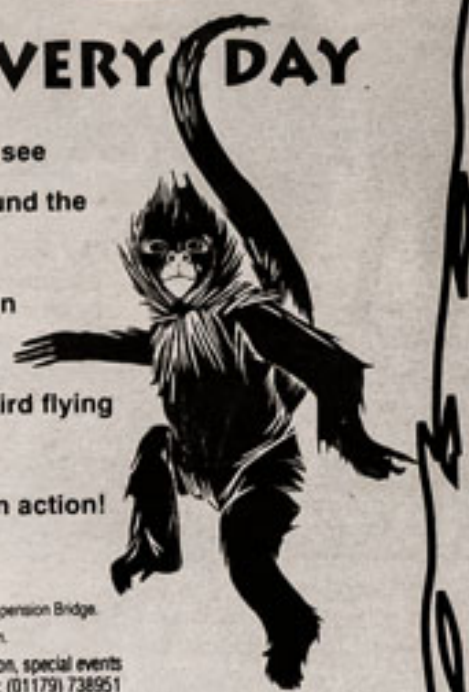
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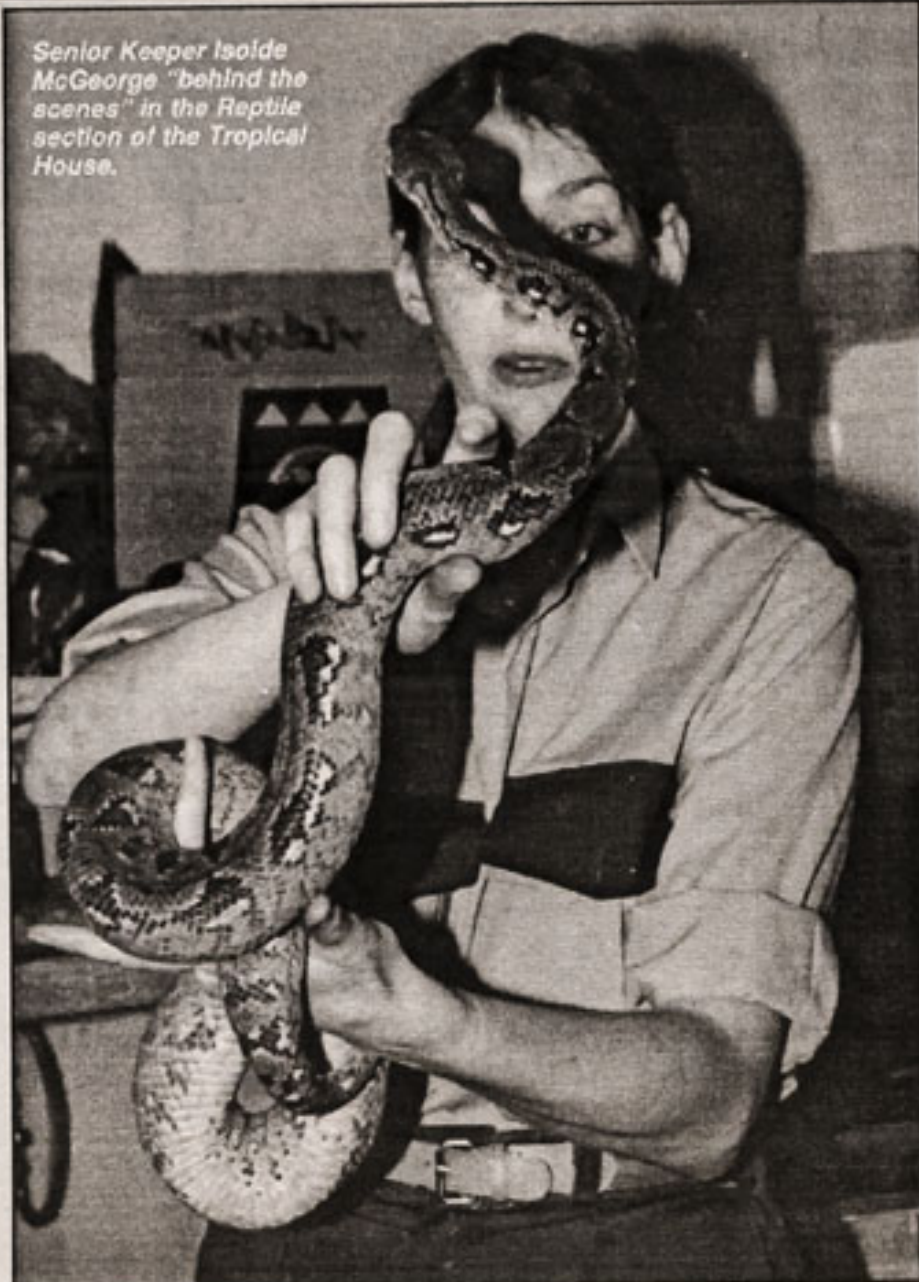
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Senior Birdkeeper, Roger Merry prepares Bird House food.

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ANIMAL INTERESTS

If you are a bird enthusiast - the Blackbrook World of Birds (p5), Hillside Ornamental Fowl (p16), and the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust at Martin Mere near Burscough (p6) are "musts" together with the large bird collections at Chester Zoo and London Zoo (p7). Birds are an important part of the collections at Bristol Zoo Gardens (p7), Twycross Zoo and Welsh Mountain Zoo (p6), Both Blackpool and Southport Zoos have bird collections (p7).

So you like fish - the specialists are the Anglesey Sea Zoo, (p18) and the Sea Life Centres on the coast at Blackpool and Rhyl. The Zoos at London, Bristol and Chester have specialist Aquaria - and don't miss the displays in the Liverpool Museum or at Bolton in the Central Library basement. The Seacombe Ferry terminal on the Mersey Ferries has an unusual aquarium too! (p11) Stapeley Water Gardens have a specialist aquarium department (p14).

Drive through animal experience

Well, Knowsley Safari Park is remarkable value since they charge by the car - and there is plenty to do afterwards (p6). Butterflies - we are handsomely catered for with Bolton's Butterfly World in Queen's Park (p8) and on the Welsh coast the Conwy Butterfly Jungle and Pili Palas on Anglesey (p18 & 19).



Zoos

Well - you are spoiled for choice - see pages 6 & 7. Dinosaurs? Chester Zoo has the Tuataras and Liverpool Museum has something special too this year (p11)

Stapeley Water Gardens has some interesting animals in The Palms (p14)

For younger children who love to "pet" animals, the Zoos have Children's farms - London have just expanded theirs - or try the specialists - Windmill Animal World near Martin Mere (p6), Foel Farm Park (p19) and Farm World near Erddig. Croxteth Park in Liverpool and Tatton Park have old fashioned farms to show. (p3 and p10).



Meal Times

Always popular is McDonalds in central Chester, and Bromboro', and if you are near the Deeside Leisure Centre, there is KFC (That's Kentucky Fried

LEISURE GUIDE

Some ideas from us for things to do in 1995

Chicken) with a neat offer on page 17. All the leisure attractions serve good value food to suit all tastes - and for the "out of the ordinary", think of the Chester Zoo Theme nights in the Oakfield (p5) The Ice Cream Farm (p14) at Tattenhall is a child's delight. Stapeley's Palms Restaurant offers food in comfortable tropical surrounds (p14).

Unusual gift ideas

Check the Cheshire Workshops at Burwardsley (p14), the Country World Centre at nearby Gateshead (just off the A41), Bridgemere Garden World and Stapeley Water Gardens for huge selections (p14 & 15). The Liverpool Museum Shop has a great range. Martin Mere, London, Bristol, Twycross and Chester Zoos have wide ranges of animal books. Jodrell Bank and the Boat Museum have interesting



gifts

Getting about

Guide Friday have all the answers for getting round Chester - and you can save money if you have Zoo ticket (and the deal works both ways - a Guide Friday ticket saves you money at the zoo). (p9) The new Mersey Electric Railway service from Liverpool connects to Chester City station and to Bache (p11). Merseybus have useful Sunday services to the zoo - and there's a saving on zoo entry with their tickets (p10). Boating - try the Boat Museum and Chester Zoo or cross the Mersey on the wonderful Mersey Ferries (p11). If steam attracts - try the East Lancashire Railway from Bury to Rawtenstall (p13) or on a smaller gauge, the Brookside Miniature Railway (p11).

Chester Zoo's zoo-fari overhead has over a mile of wonderful zoo views and runs every day. You'll get the feel of the sea (but you won't move far) on the historic warships HMS Plymouth - veteran Falklands Frigate and submarine HMS Onyx at Birkenhead (p10).

Appliance of science?

Jodrell Bank - just off the M 6 has the world famous Lovell radio telescope and hands on experience too There's the arboretum and picnic sites (p14) Catalyst - the museum of the chemical industry is at Widnes and easy to get top from the M 56 (p15) and there a lot of "hands on" there too. Highly recommended. The Liverpool Museum always has so much to show (p11) including

dinosaurs.

Homes and Gardens

You are spoiled for choice in this area - Arley - near the M 6 is a great favourite of ours (p14), and if you enjoy the garden scene - we have two of the largest garden centres in Europe - Bridgemere Garden World and Stapeley Water Gardens - both close to Nantwich. (p14 & 15) Brookside Nurseries have an excellent reputation (and a railway too) (p11) and the Grosvenor Garden Centre on the edge of Chester (p12) offers



considerable expertise. The University of Liverpool's Botanic Garden at Ness is always worth a visit - and sells plants too (p14). Croxteth Park in Liverpool was once the home of the Earls of Sefton (p 10) Cholmondeley Castle Gardens near Malpas (p17) has impressive landscaping, and Hawkstone Park close to Shrewsbury (p19) combines follies, golf and a very comfortable hotel. In Wales, the splendours of Bodelwyddan Castle are easily reached from the A55. (p18) Norton Priory & Museum has preserved its gardens an oasis of calm in busy Runcorn and there is a special offer too (p17). Chester Zoo regularly wins prizes for its gardens - the secret is the elephants of course. Bristol Zoo makes much of its gardens too, and has extensive plant classification.

Heritage Ideas.

Delving back into history must

begin with the Dewa Roman Experience - and these is a way to save on the admission (see below). The Cheshire Regiment are not quite so old, but their Military Museum at the Castle is not to be missed (p16) The Chester Visitor Centre (p14), the Chester City Tourist Office in the Town Hall (p9), and the Grosvenor Museum in Chester will give the Roman story. On the industrial past - Quarry Bank Mill, close to the M 6, has much to tell (p15) and the Boat Museum at Ellesmere Port explores the canal heritage. (p15) The Maritime Museum at Albert Dock in Liverpool is a "must". The National Museum of Film, Photography and Television in Bradford (offer on page 20) is well worth a visit (closed Mondays) and can be tied in with the prize winning Eureka Museum for Children at Halifax (p12). Port Sunlight's Heritage Centre (p14) tells the story of Lord Leverhulme's enterprises - and within the village is the Lady Lever Art Gallery - (enquire when it is due to reopen, as it is presently closed for refurbishment.) (0151 227 2447) The Cheshire Workshops at Burwardsley demonstrate candle making and other country crafts -



free admission -, and have a wide range of gifts. The restaurant has been refitted (p14).

Board the historical warships at Birkenhead - including subma-

rine HMS Onyx - for a sense of the heritage of the white ensign (p10).

MORE INFORMATION.

The three County Councils - Clwyd, (p18), Cheshire (p5) and Wirral (p16) have excellent material - please ask them or col-

lect from Tourist Information Centres, and within Cheshire, the City of Chester Tourist Information Centre at the Town Hall and the Chester Visitor Centres at the Railway Station and in Vicars Lane can solve most problems. The Borough of Vale Royal offer information (p16) and Tourist Information Centres right across the North West and North Wales have excellent literature - usually free of charge.



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CURATOR IN CHIEF IN AFRICA

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Picture shows Gordon (right) with villagers with the "Yom" plant, used to intoxicate fish which is then caught.

3 CHIMP REHABILITATION

Former Senior Keeper Vince Smith is now on a contract running a 200 acre chimpanzee rehabilitation sanctuary at Sweetwater - 20 miles from Mount Kenya.

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LEMUR LINK

Former keeper and Zoo Research Associate Adam Britt is now in Madagascar studying the lemur population - linking to part of his Ph D thesis at Liverpool University. He has been invited to join in restocking work at Betampona Nature reserve.

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5 INDIAN LINK FOR LIONS MONKEYS & DEER

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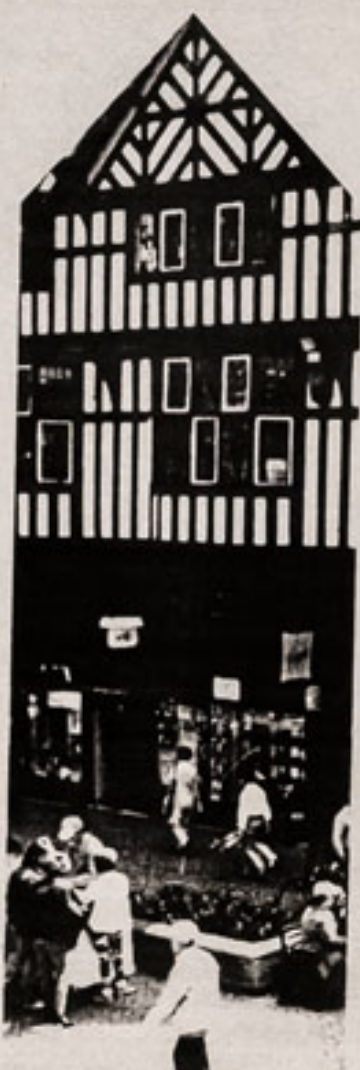
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Cheshire for Children

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coupon on page 9). March with the Cheshires at the Castle Museum - and follow the other regiments with a County connection. Enjoy the Grosvenor Museum.

In the City - feed them at McDonalds - the universal favourite in Foregate St, (and in Bromboro - A41 and in Ellesmere Port in Whitby Road). Skate at the Deeside Leisure Centre in Queensferry (see the tasty offer for Kentucky Fried Chicken, just by the Centre - on the next page) Take them to the pictures - and the MGM multi screen cinema on the Greyhound Retail Estate have adopted Chester Zoo's lions Jodrell Bank's Planetarium and Science Centre and Catalyst at Widnes will enchant older children.

Cheshire Gardens

For viewing and buying - the twin peaks are Bridgemere & Stapley Water Gardens - both close to Nantwich. Brookside Garden Centre at Poynton has a miniature steam railway - and is a great favourite with youngsters. For viewing - Cholmondeley Castle Gardens has landscaped views, a "gothic" chapel, picnic sites and rare farm animals.

Tatton Park near Knutsford has grandeur - and a wonderful Home Farm. Ness Botanical Gardens overlook the Dee, and is always a delight and for landscaping on the grand scale, go to Tatton Park - close to Knutsford and to Capesthorpe - home of the Bromley-Davenport.

Chester Zoo's 18 gardeners are always winning prizes too. Arley has 12 acres of prizewinning gardens and at Jodrell Bank, there is a wonderful arboretum. Norton Priory - an oasis of calm in busy Runcorn - has 16 acres of beautiful gardens, contemporary sculpture and its Walled Garden won the 1992 Small Tourist attraction award in the Britain in Bloom awards (see offer on next page).

Wildlife

Penguins, pelicans, flamingos and other exotic birds in attractive surroundings - Hillside Ornamental Fowl near Mobberley is open from Easter to October, and Blackbrook World of Birds on the moors near Leek has cranes, pheasants, storks and ibis.

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On our boundaries

There's lots to see and do in the Wirral - country walks, the Hilbre Islands, the seaside, Port Sunlight and the Mersey Ferries with the Seacombe Submarine Aquarium and the return of the trams too! Details from Wirral Tourism.

Over the border - Clwyd and the North Wales Coast have many attractions - see page 18.

In Shropshire - try the wonderful walks and sights at Hawkstone Park - play golf or admire the follies.

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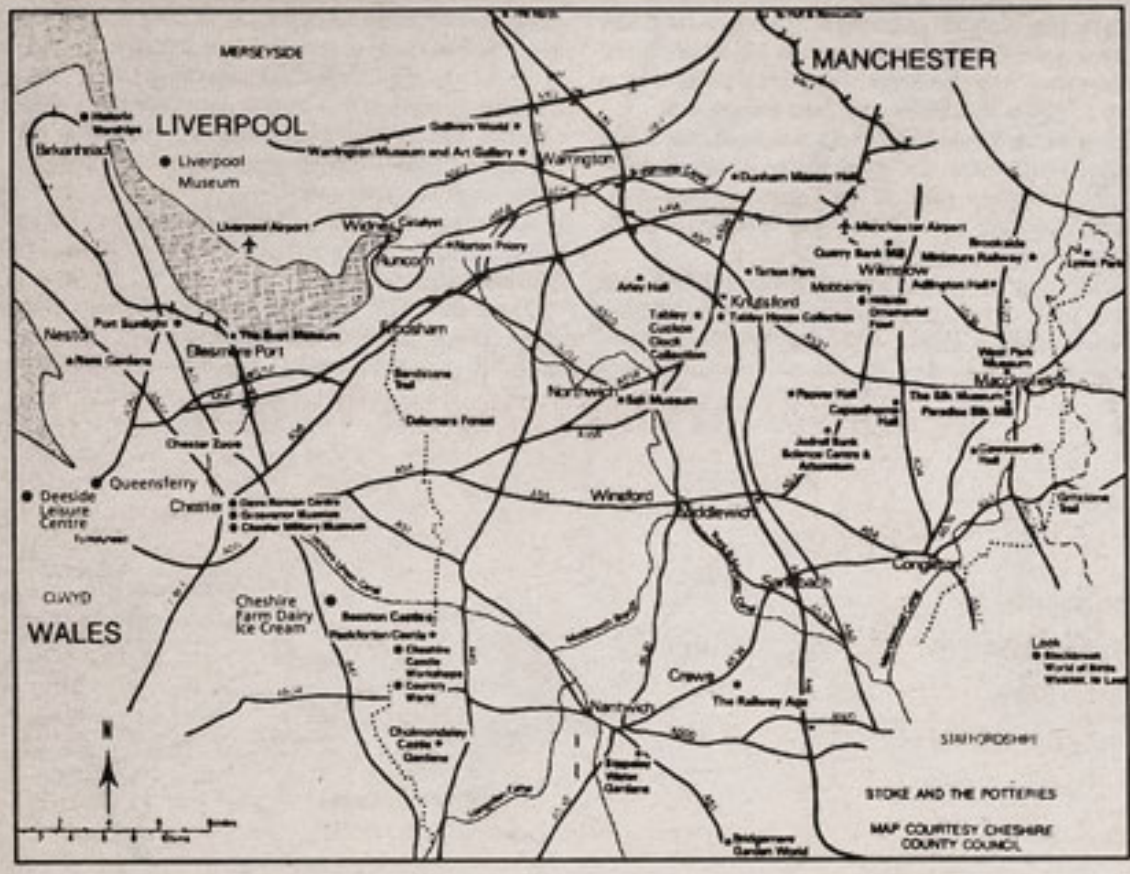
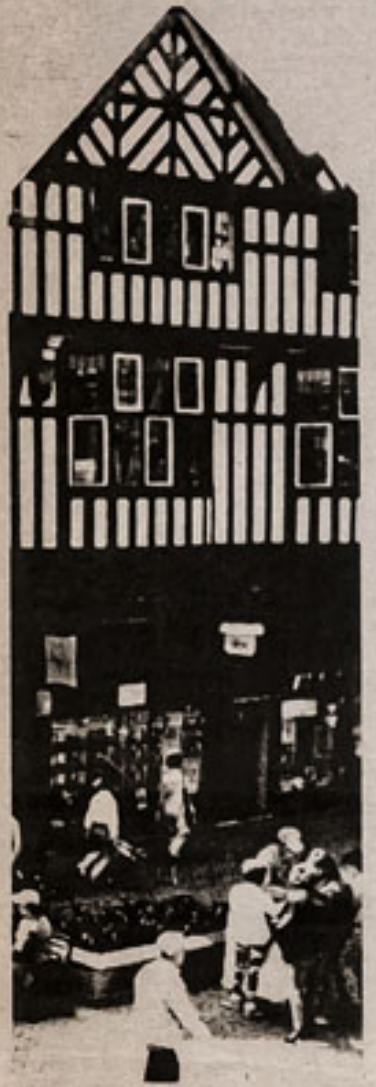
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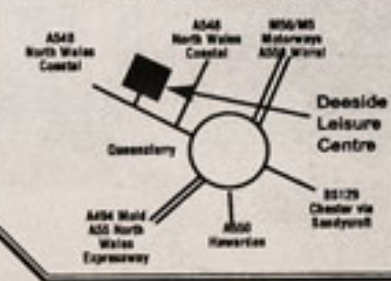
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And now you are in Clwyd - remember Ruthin Craft Centre, Loggerheads Country Park and Bersham Ironworks.

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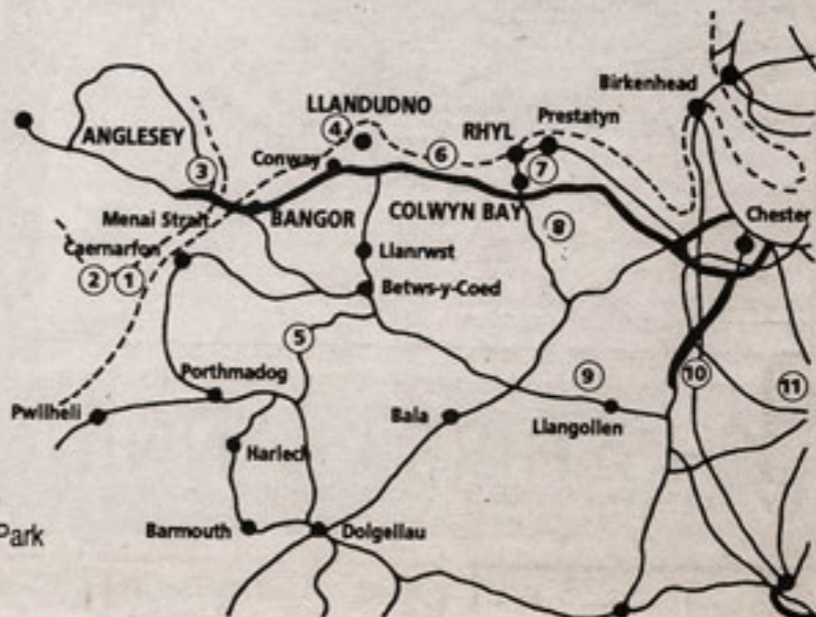
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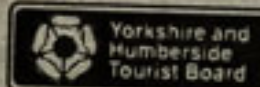
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