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# CONSERVING RARE AND ENDANGERED ANIMALS

## Top Photographers



### ZOO VIEW

#### Well Done

The toast of the Zoo this year is young Karha, the baby Asiatic elephant, whose debut on the BBC's *Blue Peter* attracted over 143,000 votes to help in making the final selection for her name. She is already a media star in her own right, and has earned her keepers four bottles of Lauren Perrier pink champagne from radio station Classic FM's Henry Kelly for adding to the Joie de Vivre. But as well as elephants Thi and Chang, the real heroes and heroines of the day have been the dedicated zoo team led by Curator of Mammals, Nick Ellerton, comprising Neil Spooner, Mick Jones, Gary Easton, Gavin Bouchier, Marc Boardman, Charles Romer, Jo Ann Mosley, Amy Nathan plus the vets and team from Estates Division who adapted the elephant house to include nursery facilities! **Karha literally owes her life to them!**

#### All Change

1995 saw us award the second Chester Zoo Gold Medal to Dr Michael Brambell, who retired in September. But we must not forget Alan Du Cros, who retired in December after masterminding our money as Financial Controller; Arnold Johnson who retired in January 1996 after having been Security Officer for more years than most of us can remember, and Brenda Norgain, Senior Education Officer who left us earlier in 1995. We owe a great deal for the time and dedication of our senior staff. Thanks!

#### Fair play

There has been much debate about proposals to build a large aquarium in nearby Ellesmere Port. We have no wish to curtail enterprise, and certainly have no quarrel with Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council (how could we - around a third of our staff live in the borough!). But we are on record that we think it quite unfair that European Community Funding - to the tune of £3 million - should be awarded to a venture that would undoubtedly reduce our visitor levels. The rules for these grants are quite specific that they should not be spent on new ventures that will take visitors from existing tourist attractions. Common sense tells us that a new venture so close to us would be damaging - and by an irony of the boundaries, we are just outside the limits for similar help. As a world class conservation charity, we should not have to face unfair competition. As for those naive folk who talk about 'joint marketing' as a buzz word, we ask whether you have ever seen store rivals Tesco and Sainsbury promoting each other?

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Above - Top Chimp - Top slide! First Prize for Slides goes to Geoff Sinclair from Wakefield, West Yorks for this splendid study of Boris, the Chief Chimpanzee at the top of one of the trees on chimpanzee island.

Right. The Bridgemere Trophy for the best Garden picture was won by Mr Rudolf from nearby Great Sutton, with this lively shot of the Otter Fountain.

'Standards are getting higher and higher' was the comment from Miss Jean Dixon, the Council Member who started the zoo's photographic competitions and who has helped with co-ordinating entries for the last eight years. 'Cameras and films are getting better, but with there being so much interest now in wildlife photography, and so much excellent work published, I am sure that standards are improving'.

The zoo is helping too - and there are some very useful hints and tips from leading wildlife photographer Chris Packham in the new Zoo Guide, thanks to Canon who introduced him to the zoo.

Kodak, who supply film, batteries and video tapes to the zoo shops recognise the value of the photographic competition. Each month during the summer, the zoo awards 'Merit Awards', of a certificate, film and zoo family ticket to the best entries submitted in that period.

For the 1996 competition, pick up an entry form at the shops or at Information, or for an early copy, please send an SAE and your name and address to Pauline McKee, Marketing Department, Chester Zoo, Upton by Chester, Chester CH21 1H. Entries close on 31st October 1996. Entries must be taken in 1996, and the competition is open to all amateur photographers.



#### Mini trees, mammoth treat, maxi journey!



A tub of Zoo Poo made the 12,000 mile journey to Kobe, Japan as a New Year present. It was immediately put to use feeding Mr Yoneyama's prize bonsai. Time will tell whether the 1996 specimens are even better (but hopefully no bigger!) than before.



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Aquarium Keeper, Justin Bell won the Staff and Volunteer section of the competition with this close up of the Discus fish guarding her eggs.. Photography in the Aquarium is increasingly popular, and can give stunning results with fast film.



The title, 'Zoo Photographer of the Year' 1995 goes to Miss A Robinson from Cheadle Hulme in Cheshire for this beautiful photograph of Jorong, the baby Orang utan who was born in January. This wins her a Canon Video camera, and The Eric Kirkland Memorial Trophy for a year.

## The winners

### Chester Zoo Photographer of the Year

**1st Prize - Prints:**  
Miss A Robinson, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire. Eric Kirkland Memorial Trophy, Canon UC 100 Camcorder and framed print.

**Runner up - Prints:**  
Mr D Burns, Wolverhampton. Stena Line Family Holiday in Ireland.

**Third Prize - Prints:**  
Mrs K Scott, Huddersfield. £75 Voucher from Ness Photo Labs, Widnes, Cheshire

**First Prize - Slides:**  
Mr G Fletcher, Wakefield. Ken Green Memorial Trophy, Canon UC 100 Camcorder and framed print.

**Runner up - Slides**  
Mr T Keene, Shavington, Cheshire. Stena Line Short Break for 2 in Dublin.

**Third Prize - Slides**  
Mr M Jacob, Newton Abbot. £75 Ness Photo Labs voucher.

### Best Garden Photograph of the Year

Mr P Rudolf, Great Sutton, Cheshire. Bridgemere Garden World £50 voucher, Bridgemere Garden Trophy and framed print.

**Junior Photographer of the Year:**  
Barry Tapping, Bristol. Emma's Trophy, Canon Del Sol camera and framed print.

**Runner up - Junior section:**  
Simon Burgess, Great Sutton, Cheshire. £30 Voucher from the Colour Centre, Whitby, Ellesmere Port.

**Staff Section:**  
Justin Bell, Aquarium staff. £50 voucher from KJP/Hargreaves of Liverpool.

The Zoo is most grateful to the judges, to all our friends in the trade who have supported the competition with prizes, to Miss Jean Dixon for her invaluable help and to the indefatigable Pauline McKee who administered the competition.



Emma's Trophy for the Best Junior Photographer, and a unique Canon Del Sol Camera go to Barry Tapping from Bristol for this excellent study of a Guanaco feeding.

## Distinguished Judges

The 1995 judging panel were:

**Mrs Barbara Mothershaw,**  
Head of Economic & Tourism Development,  
City of Chester.

**Mike Maloney, FRPS**  
Chief Photographer,  
Mirror Group Newspapers.

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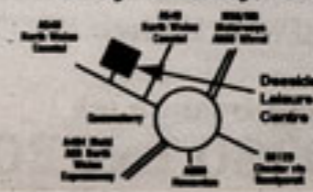
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Anak's eighth makes Bella a grandmother

It has been a very good season for the Bornean Orang utans - with Anak siring four young males within a year!

In January 1995, Jorong was born to Lola, followed in November by Matu, born to Sarikei, and then as we go to press, Bella had her first born. Senior Keeper, Ross Meredith is now selecting his name, and that of a further newcomer, sex as yet not certain!

This birth makes Lola a grandmother, and demonstrates the solid work that the breeding programme is producing. These magnificent apes are massively endangered because of deforestation and hunting for youngsters as pets.



Picture shows Jorong, featured on our zoo leaflet.

zoo, there is the Oasis cafeteria, the new Ark Shop, further toilet facilities which include a mother and baby room and toilets for disabled people. The Zoofari overhead railway station at Monkey Island is only a step away, and should it be raining, there is plenty of space at the

elephant house, the small mammal breeding centre and the rhinos are close at hand too.

'It's altogether better for visitors' is a typical comment as Clare Shyne and her team of expert gate cashiers admit our visitors.

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For the first time, there are suggested ways to get the best out of the zoo, including a Wintertime 'Hot spots' list, and recommendations for children under seven and over seven; a serious zoo guide that takes the best part of a day and routes for those who want to minimise walking. The price is a modest £2.50 - and inside there is a return visit ticket, worth £5 for a child or OAP to return to the zoo as our guest.

Whodunit? Rockliff of Liverpool were our printers, with the layout a joint effort from Elegy Design, our marketing team and Rockliff's designers.



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Source : Chester Zoo guide book pages 10 - 11.



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**Count our successes**

Chester has always been in the forefront of conservation breeding, ever since our early days with George Mottershead, our founder, realising the important role for zoos. Consider our work in the Asiatic Elephant breeding programme - a very visible proof of this is young Karha on the cover and centre spread of this paper. Look at the magnificent work in the chimpanzee colony - Europe's largest breeding group, with over 80 births since foundation. Remember Emma, the black rhinoceros, the first second generation calf to be born in conservation care.

derful work done lately with the Bali starlings and Mauritius kestrels which have been bred back from the very brink of extinction. The reptile staff have saved a species of Partula snail, which was down to the very last one in the world (the panels in the tropical realm explain their breeding habits as hermaphrodites). The Aquarium can give similar instances of breeding successes with the Lake Victoria cichlids, already extinct in Africa because of predators.

You'll see evidence of our work all round the Zoo, but it's summarised for you in the new Zoo guide, and of course, those readers who are members of the Society receive an annual stock list showing every species that we have in the collection.

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It works through four committees, Conserva-

tion and Animal Management, Marketing and Public Relations, Membership and Licensing and Education. This means that all interests are well represented. The Conservation and Animal Management group helps to oversee the inter-zoo co-operative breeding programmes, and the research group. There are close links with zoos in Europe and wider afield, with shared databases and animal information schemes.

The Education group have a similar exchange of information and ideas, holding an annual conference, regional workshops and a newsletter. The City & Guilds animal management course is being revised by this group.

In conservation and research, the Federation organises a database of information and a library of research projects undertaken by students, regularly sending these to Universities. Animal husbandry

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## Conservation

There is a constant need to circulate information to the media on the progress being made by our zoos, and to fight our corner against ill informed criticisms. The Federation publish a regular newsletter, information sheets and handle enquires from the public and the media.

Chester is well represented on the Federation's committees and plays an important part in work that links the common interest of all major zoos in this coun-

try.

We carry stocks of the education leaflets for the Federation, and anyone who would like a copy of *Who Needs Zoos* should send an SAE to Zoo Marketing Office, Chester Zoo, Chester CH 2 1 LH for their free copy

It's vital to have all the work of the 60 members properly co-ordinated.

The address is Federation of Zoos of Great Britain and Ireland, Zoological Gardens, Regents Park, London NW 1 4 RY

CASE STUDY THREE



## To Russia with love

The co-operative efforts of London Zoo and Chester resulted in a litter of three fine healthy young Asiatic lions, born in the summer of 1994 and themselves now almost the size of their parents Chandani and Jake.

As we go to press, we are waiting for the final details of young Jade being transferred to Moscow Zoo, and the pair of young males, Sabu and Rajah will also be moving to a new

home - probably in the UK. This single litter added an estimated 1% to the world population of the Asiatic Lion, with less than 300 remaining in their native India where they are confined to the Gir National Forest.

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# The Aquarium

Ever since the early days, the Zoo has always featured an aquarium - and after an early start in the basement of the Oakfield, a new building was the special project of Fred Williams and his wife June. But although much of the outer fabric survives (a witness to the strength of the construction!), the interior has been largely remodelled with new and larger tanks, new lighting systems, improved information panels and the very large Lake Malawi tank. In all there are over 2,500 fishes from over 140 different species, together with coral reef invertebrates - Coral, Sea Anemones, Starfish and Urchins.



13 devoted to tropical fresh-water, six are tropical marine (sea water) and 3 house some of the amphibians.

But the 'powerhouse' of the aquarium breeding programmes is contained in the 60 off show tanks, where the aquarium team have conservation breeding facilities and special quarantine tanks. Precise environmental controls for lighting, heating, water aeration, filtration and ozonisation mean that the aquarists have complete facilities for their work.

Recent results include an award for the first zoo breeding of the fresh water Whip-tailed Stingray; considerable success with the Lake Victoria cichlids and the Omani blind cave fish. There are

presently 29 species that are classified as endangered.

As well as fishes, the Aquarium houses some of the collection of Amphibians, including the amazing Clawed and Surinam Toads who carry their young on their backs. The Axolotls, from Mexico can exist as juveniles as gill breathing wholly underwater creatures, but as adults can transform into newt like salamanders living on dry land. They can breed in either stage.

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10. Lose them in the hippopotamus maze in West Zoo.....but not for long!

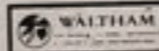
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# ABC Leisure Guide

## Ideas for where to go and what to do in 1996

### A is for Aquaria, and Alice In Wonderland.

And Adoptions - and you are well served in the region. There's the Seacombe Aquarium alongside the Mersey Ferries Terminal. Consider Bolton Central Library, Liverpool Museum, Chester Zoo with its fine breeding record, or, for the marine species, there are the Sea Life Centres in Rhyl and Blackpool.

For an adventurous day in Anglesey - so easy to get to now with the A55 North Wales expressway - there's the Anglesey Sea Zoo at Brynecyn. There's space for picnics, and it's much more than just looking at fish in tanks! See more with Seamor, the Sea Zoo's special character, who gives interesting and amusing fishy facts to visitors.

There will be a special day on 4th May, with an Open Day in aid of the NSPCC. Admission will be less than half price!

Other fish enthusiasts will find that Stapeley Water Gardens and Bridgemere Garden World - both in South Cheshire - have a lot to offer the hobbyist, and remember Aquarian, the Aquarist Division of Pedigree Petfoods, who have sponsored lighting in Chester Zoo's aquarium, and who can help with information on home aquaria. Write to them at PO Box 67, Elland, West Yorks HX 5 OSJ.

Alice has adopted the White Rabbits and Flamingos in Chester Zoo, and has her own centre at Llandudno. See page 18.

You can adopt any of the animal species at Chester Zoo. Pick up a leaflet or telephone Mary on 01244 380280 ext 204. Great gift idea!

### B is for Birds and Birthdays and Boris.

Penguins and Pelicans and much much more at Blackbrook World of Birds and Animals at Winkhill near Leek in Staffordshire, and at Hillside Ornamental Fowl; near Moberley. The Martin Mere collection at Burscough, run by the Peter Scott inspired Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust is a great day out - and kids love the nearby Windmill Animal Farm. Dr Roger Wilkinson, Chester Zoo's Curator of Birds reminds me of his successes in 1995. Don't forget Twycross Zoo, The Welsh Mountain Zoo, Blackpool or Southport Zoos - all with valuable bird collections. Newly opened is the Animal World at Moss Bank Park in Bolton (see page 6).

Birthdays - have your party at the Zoo - Jane or Sue on 01244 380280 ext 209 will tell you more. Boris is

the Chief Chimpanzee at the zoo

### C is for Children

Our kids' top choices for days out are Chester Zoo, The Sea Zoo in Anglesey, the Welshpool and Llanfair Railway, Knowsley Safari Park, the Home Farm at Tatton Park, The Children's Farms - Windmill Animal Farm at Burscough (near Martin Mere), and Foel Park Farm close to the Sea Zoo in Anglesey and Farm World at Erddig (near Wrexham). And feeding them - it's always OK at McDonalds, and Kentucky Fried Chicken (see the tasty offers in this edition).



### D is for Discovery and Discounts!

Catalyst Museum at Widnes, Chester's Military Museum, Hawkstone Park and Follies, the Lion Salt Works near Northwich, Jodrell Bank and Quarry Bank Mill at Styal are all well worth discovering! There are discount coupons in this edition for McDonalds, Welsh Mountain Zoo, KFC, Blackpool Zoo and Catalyst. Cut'em out!



### E is for Eats and Egress.

Walls Ice Cream never fails to please. Cadburys chocolates are always appreciated. Picnics - you really are spoiled for choice, but consider the unusual ones - Hawkstone Park near Shrewsbury, Bodnant Gardens with its views of Snowdonia, or Cholmondeley Castle. Roberts Bread, baked at Northwich in Cheshire, makes great sandwiches and is by appointment to the Zoo (and do you realise that the elephants have a 'standing order' of 48 loaves a week too!). Egress is not a bird after all so don't be fooled. It is the way out - on all the Zoo maps in the gardens.



### F is for Farms and Ferries and FFPS.

Foel Farm Park on Anglesey, Stockley Farm - with 500 acres near Arley Hall, Northwich. watch 150 Frisian cows



being milked. Take a tractor-hauled trailer ride. Or try Farm World at Erddig or Windmill Animal Farm near Martin Mere. Cheshire Ice Cream Farm at Tattenhall, Cheshire shows you the cows being milked. Mersey Ferries do so much more than cross the River. See page 3 for ideas that include Easter Bunny trips and Manchester Ship Canal cruises. tel 0151 630 1030. FFPS is Fauna and Flora International - whose North Western Branch have an excellent lecture programme held at the Zoo. Penny Rudd, on 01244 380280 ext 215 can tell you more about membership.



### G is for Gardens.

Bodnant - many think it is the loveliest of all the gardens in North Wales, with 80 acres and magnificent Rhododendrons. It's worth joining the National Trust just to experience this magic! Ness in the Wirral is the University of Liverpool's Botanical Garden. Port Sunlight has great displays of roses. Chester Zoo has its wonderful rose displays too. Garden centres abound, chose from the Grosvenor Garden centre close to Chester, Brookside near Stockport, or the giants at Bridgemere and Stapeley.

### H is for Hotels and Haven Holidays.

The Chester Visitor Centre with branches at Chester Railway Station and at Vicars Lane can always help. Chester City have a valuable Hotels List in their Chester brochure. Ask for a copy at the Town Hall TIC or write to City of Chester Tourism, Town Hall, Northgate St, Chester, (24 hour telephone answer service, 01244 313216.) They have a Group Travel Organiser which is a mine of information. The Beaufort Park Hotel offers great value and is close to North Wales and Chester. (01352 758646) Or stay at Bodelyyddan Castle at St Asaph astride the A 55 Expressway (01745 584060). Haven Holidays have two great sites on the North Wales Coast at Presthaven, near Prestatyn and Ty Mawr, plus 45 other UK sites. They have a Tiger

Club for youngsters, with discounts on Chester Zoo visits. Win a family holiday in the wonderful painting competition on page 19. Haven brochure details 0191 417 4141 or from any good travel agent.

### I is for Ice Cream and IMAX.

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### J is for Jason.

The Merseyside Maritime Museum is linking for the seventh Jason voyage in the living ocean of Florida, with live 'telepresence links'. Contact Dave Abbott, Jason Co-ordinator, National Galleries and Museums on Merseyside, PO Box 33, 127 Dale Street, Liverpool L 69 3 LA. Tel 0151 478 4622. There's a competition to win tickets too. Name the two famous shipwrecks that Dr Ballard has discovered. First correct answer (address above) wins a family ticket. Closing date 1st April.



### K is for Karha

The baby elephant - all 150 kilos of her. Postcards, special souvenirs - all at the Ark Shop at Chester Zoo.

### L is for Liver (Royal Liver)

Save for your family and help save conservationally endangered animals at Chester Zoo. See page 20 for details.

### M is Membership and many Museums

Membership of the Zoo is a bargain - a year of free admission, lectures, Zoo Life Magazine and special discounts on tickets and in the shops. Ask for a leaflet or telephone Maureen on 01244 380280 ext 203. The Liverpool Museum in William Brown St, The Maritime Museum at Albert Dock, Liverpool; Warrington Museum, Quarry Bank Mill, Grosvenor Museum in Chester, The Salt Museum at Northwich, and the Boat

Museum at Ellesmere Port. All highly recommended! Chester's own Military Museum at the Castle is not to be missed.

### N is for Nestle's Kit Kat.

On sale in all Zoo kiosks and cafes!

### O is for Ostriches

See them at Chester Zoo

### P is for the Peninsula

Better known as the Wirral. Great buses that serve the zoo on Sundays - with discounts when you show your ticket (see page 8). Wirral Leisure Services Department - Tel 0151 647 2366 - see page 8.

### Q is for Quarry Bank Mill - page 14.

### R is for Railways

Steam enthusiasts will love the Welshpool and Llanfair - page 5, East Lancs Railway (page 11) and the Brookside Miniature Railway (page 17). The Zoo's Zoofari Overhead with 1.5 km of track is well worth a ride too, with its wholly friendly ramps. Kids prices have been reduced.

### S is for Salt and Shopping.

Cheshire is reputedly built on salt. The Lion Salt Works shows you how it all works. Page 4. Shopping -

### T is for Trams and Theatre.

You need to go to Seacombe in the Wirral to ride a tram - page 8. Otherwise try Blackpool, Crich in Derbyshire or Sheffield!

The Zoo has a 160+ seat Lecture Theatre, fully equipped with AV. Details from Jane on 01244 380280 ext 209.



### U is for University Students.

Who will probably sell you ice creams at Chester Zoo this year!

### V is for Vale Royal - see bottom right on this page.

Great ideas for great days out.

W is for the Wonders of Wales - pages 12, 13, 18 and 19 tell you of some of the wonders that are so close to Chester. And there's a free child's ticket for the Welsh Mountain Zoo on page 7.

### X is for Expressway

Otherwise the wonderful A 55/M56 which speeds you to the Zoo from all parts of North Wales. Exit at Junction 12.

### Y not book a children's party at the Zoo

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### Z is for Zorilla

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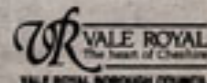


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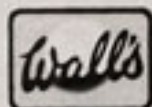
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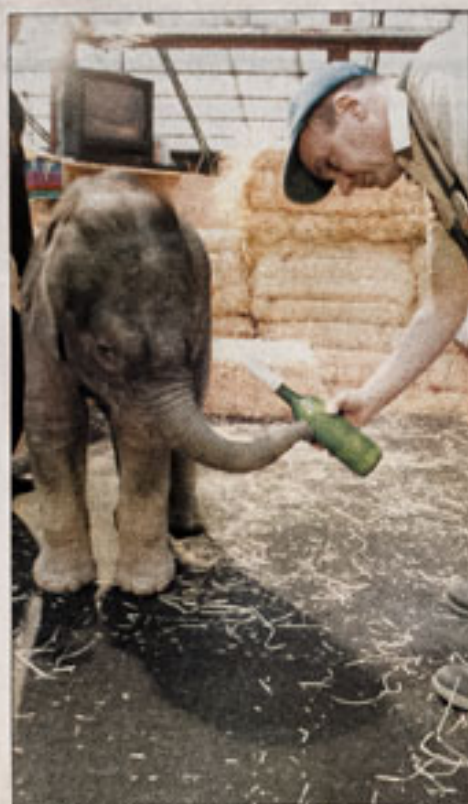


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Karha has a special nursery area, alongside her 'aunts', inside the elephant house, with a keeper always close at hand. Here Amy Nathan rests for a while, with Karha warm inside her special coat which Chester Saddlery supplied after a frantic search of the Yellow Pages by Director's assistant, Julie Whitser.

## WELCOME

### BLUE PETER DEBUT FOR BABY KARHA

The zoo had known for many months that Thi Hi Way was pregnant, and early indications were that she would give birth in September or October 1995. The elephant house team kept day and night watch, with special TV monitors supplied by Zoom TV of Warrington, covering the night time periods. September came and went - and no baby - but the watch continued nevertheless. Gavin Bouchier was night watch on December 19, and after noticing signs of an impending birth, quickly summoned the other keepers who witnessed the birth around 4am.

She rejected the calf, so the keepers took over, feeding her SMA milk (with the generous offer of supplies until she is weaned) and with a birth weight of 104 kilos, she is now well over 180 kilos as we go to press, taking 15 litres or more a day!

She is already beginning to take some solid food, and its likely that she will take her milk from a bucket soon. The round the clock watch continues, and a nice touch was radio station Classic FM's Irish presenter Henry Kelly sending the team four bottles of pink Lauren Perrier champagne for adding to the Joie de Vivre.

#### Zoo Staff and Vets involved

- Nick Ellerton, Curator of Mammals
- Neil Spooner, Section Head
- Mick Jones, Gavin Bouchier, Marc Boardman, Gary Easton, Charlie Romer, Jo-Ann Mosley and Amy Nathan
- Derek Lyon, Noel Walker, Veterinary Surgeons.



It's vital for Karha and her 'aunts', Sheba, Jangol, Kumara and Maya to get used to each other, so every day, she meets the adults. Here Gary Easton, Gavin Bouchier and Jo-Ann Mosley watch as she meets Kumara.



The amended Zoo signs on the A 41 have delighted many visitors.



She is less than 12 hours old, on the afternoon of Tuesday 19th December. Curator of Mammals, Nicholas Ellerton takes a close look at the as yet un-named baby, weighing an estimated 104 kilos (230 lbs).



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**CHESTER ZOO **12****  
Although Karha the elephant calf is the zoo's biggest baby, there are lots of other appealing youngsters around the zoo. Don't miss a trip to the orang utan centre - there are no less than five babies under a year old! The chimpanzees have been making efforts to keep up with their next door neighbours, and there are several mothers and babies on this island.  
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# WONDERFUL

## Around Chester City



Time spent planning will pay handsome dividends - so consult the experts who can give you the ideas and the key facts.

Cheshire County Council publish their Great Days Out in Cheshire Guide - free from Tourist Information Centres - or see page 16 opposite. Chester City Tourism Department at the Town Hall Tourist Information Centre have a huge range of leaflets and ideas too (bottom of this page). Vale Royal (page 9) and Wirral Metropolitan District Council (page 8) have useful leaflets.

Leading Cheshire attractions have formed the *Favourite Days Out* Consortium - see pages 14 and 15, and there's a handsome leaflet from the 15 Chester City Centre attractions.

The Chester Visitor Centre (01244 351609) offers help and can book accommodation.

### Children in mind

The Zoo has got to be on everyone's list - my children loved it, and the grandchildren think it's better than Disney. It's open all year from 10 am. Telephone 01244 380280 for latest news and prices.

The Ice Cream Farm at Tattenhall lets them see cows milked, and there are 30 flavours or more to try. Walk the walls of Chester with a Roman soldier, and get a certificate to prove it (Town Hall TIC has details) or visit the Dewa Roman Experience in Pierpoint Lane off Bridge

St. (01244 343407). McDonalds in Foregate St, and Kentucky Fried Chicken at Queensferry and Ellesmere Port offer our readers useful savings with coupons in this paper (pages 3 and 20).

Deeside Leisure Centre has a great Ice Rink (p3). For 'out of this world' experiences, Jodrell Bank is highly recommended and is a good country picnic site. Tatton Park has a 'time warp' farm that children adore (p 5). Hillside Ornamental Fowl at Mobberley, Knutsford has two of my favourite birds species - Penguins and Pelicans.

### Aquarium

Travel up into the Wirral (honorary Cheshire!) for the Seacombe Aquarium and real trams to ride on, plus the wonderful Mersey Ferries.

There's transport delights too in the City of Chester on Guide Friday's open topped buses (save your ticket - it gives reduction at the Zoo and vice versa) and at the Brookside Gardens (opposite page) with real steam hauled trains that youngsters love (and try the Zoo's Zoolari too). Try a 'Rosie and Jim' canal cruise (01244 350035).

There are always attractive exhibitions at the Warrington Museum (p4), Chester's Grosvenor Museum (p 16) and Catalyst at Widnes (with nearby Spike Island for picnics) (p14 - FREE TICKET!).

The historic warships at Birkenhead are worth a trip (0150 650 1573).

### Gardens

You are truly spoiled for choice. I love Ness Botanical Gardens at Neston in South Wirral, and they have a great new guide to help you. In the south of the County, Bridgemere Garden World and Stapeley Water Gardens both attract well over a million visitors each year (page 14 & 15). Norton Priory at Widnes has a 'secret' walled garden of outstanding beauty.

In Chester the Grosvenor Garden Centre is always

### Mike Newbould gives his own recommendations

worth a visit (page 15), and the gardens at Port Sunlight are very special too. Eric Rudman and his green fingered team of gardeners at Chester Zoo currently hold the City's Chester in Bloom Trophy (the secret is elephant manure, aka Zoo Poo which you can buy at a modest £3 per bag from the Zoo staff entrance in Caughall Road, Upton - and you don't need to pay to go into the zoo for this brilliant service).

Cholmondeley Castle, near Malpas has lovely walks around the 'gothick' castle built in 1811. Remember Cheshire's historical homes, Tatton and, Capesthorpe in particular, and watch for opening days at Eaton Hall, home of The Duke of Westminster, the Zoo's President. There's a special gardens theme evening at the zoo too on Friday August 2nd. Details from Jane in Party Office (01244) 380280 ext 209.

### Shop till you drop

The new developments at the Designer Outlet Village at Cheshire Oaks, just 4 miles or so from the Zoo, must be seen to be believed, and there are special offers for those who take the *Cheshire Oaks Card*. There's plenty of car parking - take junction 10 from the M53. (See page 15).

The City of Chester remains a favourite too - with the double decker 'rows'. The Park and Ride buses make a visit to the City much less of a problem for car drivers. The Grosvenor Precinct has many top name retailers.

The Upton Park and Ride is alongside the Zoo, and many a family happily sends father and the kids to see the animals whilst mother heads for town! Stapeley Water Gardens and Bridgemere Garden World have huge selections, and the Cheshire Workshops at Burwardsley

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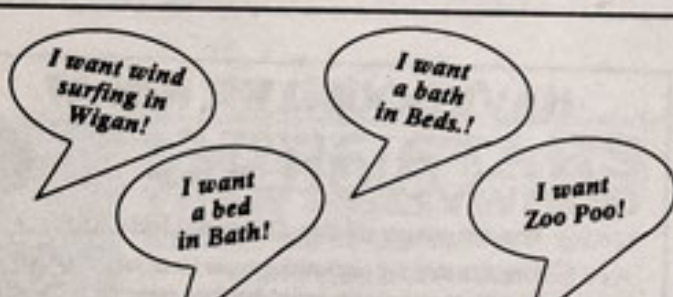
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For more information Telephone 01244 347457



The Cheshire Military Museum in the Castle is a growing attraction, with new displays coming on line regularly. This year we feature the Cheshire Yeomanry, including a scene showing one of the last mounted operations by British cavalry in 1941.

Our new picture gallery opened in March and the renowned paintings by George Jones, the early Victorian battle artist covering the Scinde campaign in 1841 are on show in the Victorian Room. The Museum has a large archive, open to researchers.

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# OUR CHESHIRE VISITOR GUIDE

## CHESHIRE and the County

can show you candle making and much more. Admission is free. See page 14.

### Walking

Try the Sandstone Trail. 51km, from Frodsham to Grindley Brook - Cheshire County Council can give details. There are great walks in the Wirral, and you can cross to Hilbre Island dryfoot (well nearly) but watch for the tides! Zoo Junior members have done both walks. The miles of canal tow paths offer unusual views.

### Museums

Ellesmere Port has the Boat Museum which seems to get better each time I visit it (see page 15).

Chester has the Grosvenor Museum, the Toy Museum in Lower Bridge Street, the Military Museum at the Castle, (see opposite) and the Broadcasting Museum in Bridge Street Rows.

Warrington Museum and Catalyst at Runcorn are recommended, and the Heritage Centre at Port Sunlight tells the remarkable story of the foundations of the Lever empire. Close by is the Lady Lever Gallery - certainly not to be missed. Cheshire's salt industry is celebrated at the Salt Museum at Northwich and the Lion Salt Works which are certainly worth a visit (see page 4).

### Cruising

There are many opportunities to cruise the River Dee, including 2 hour trips as far as Eaton Hall. There are also cruises on the canals - try the Mill Hotel - 01244

350035.

They offer a 'Rosie and Jim' youngsters trip! The Anderton Boat Lift near Northwich is now working - a must for canal enthusiasts - and there's a waterways festival in Chester this summer. The Boat Museum in Ellesmere Port (now with a Holiday Inn alongside) is a favourite of mine.

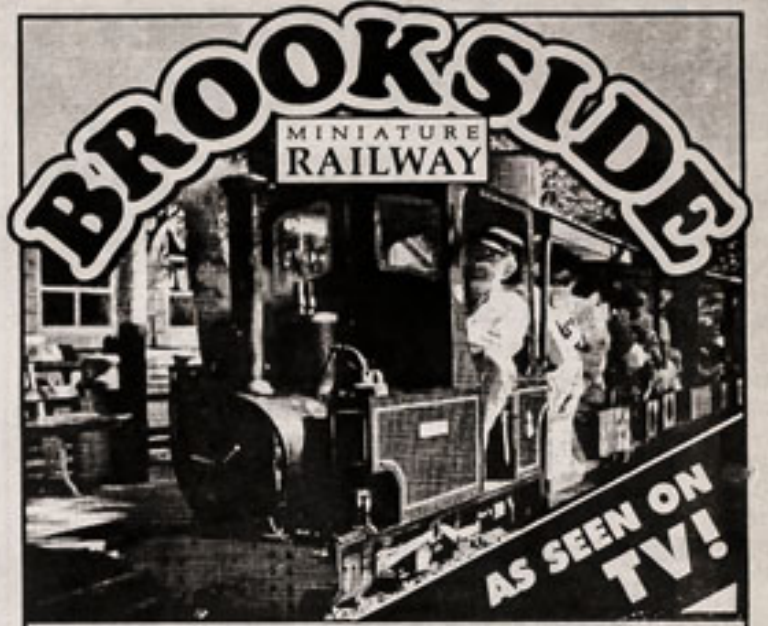
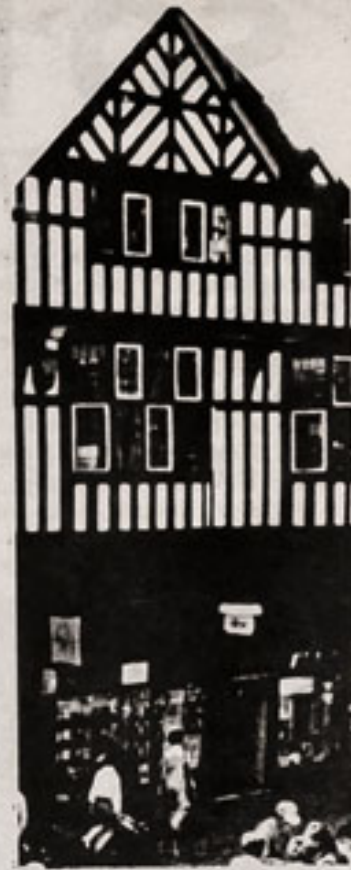
### The City of Chester

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Try the Chester Visitor Centre in Vicars Lane and the Heritage Centre in Bridge Street Row. Snap the Grosvenor Clock - City Tourism Manager, Gerald Tattum maintains it is the most photographed clock in the UK.

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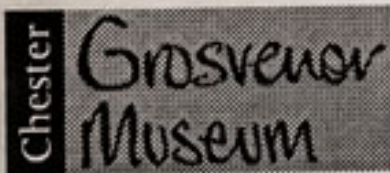
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Begin at Chester, and use the magnificent A55 expressway (it's almost as good as

motorway, but can still get quite busy at peak times). Beaufort Park Hotel is a great place to start (kids stay free on weekend breaks when they share with adults), and by the way, don't miss out at the Deeside Leisure Centre at Queensferry and its nearby KFC (coupon on page 3).

Bodelwyddan Castle at St Asaph has a magnificent

estate, great views and a hotel too. Rhyl has the Sea Life Centre, with Wales' only walk through tunnel to face British sharks and stingrays. Step inside a great white shark in the Shark Encounter Exhibition. Colwyn Bay has the Welsh Mountain Zoo, with great grounds and picnic sites, splendid chimpanzees and much more. Divert to Llandudno for the Great Orme, the cable car and the Alice in Wonderland Visitor Centre in Trinity Square. Drive on for historic Conwy with Castle and ring walls, and the Butterfly Jungle.

Experience the Conwy Tunnel, and head for Anglesey. Visit the Wylfa Power Station run by Magnox - with the 'Powerhouse' multi media display featuring Peter Davidson - and it's completely free. The Sea Zoo, and nearby Foel Farm Park at Brynsiencyn on the coast will delight youngsters.



Walk through the shark tank at the Sea Life Centre in Rhyl.



Beautiful Bodnant

There's the Pili Palas Butterfly and Bird Palace at Menai Bridge.

Don't miss Beaumaris either with the Castle, and once back on the mainland, consider heading inland towards Snowdonia, but do stop at Bodnant Gardens, a National Trust Property of outstanding beauty. We fell in love with it, and joined the National Trust (and got a refund for our entrance too!). Great garden centre alongside. Further South, there's the wonderful Ffestiniog Railway and the Magnox power station at Trawsfynydd.

The Tourist Information Centres run by North Wales Tourism have lots of leaflets, and there's a useful free newspaper too, 'This Week'.

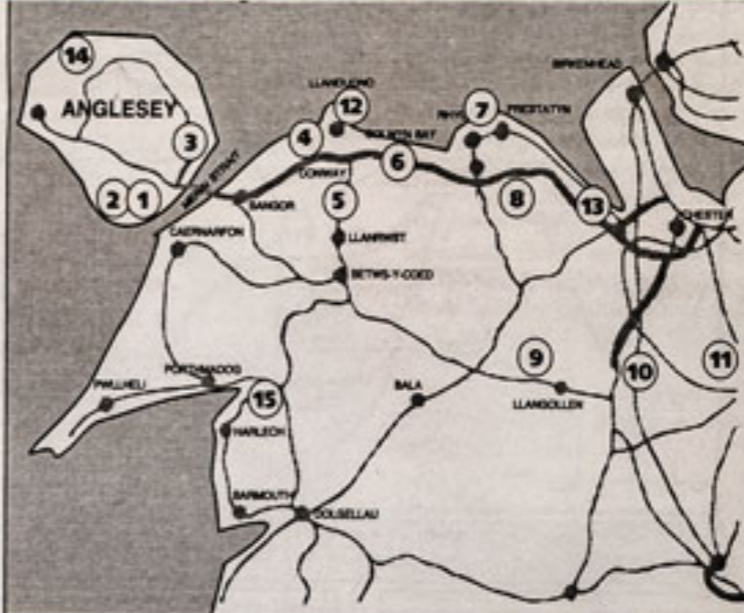
Chester's TIC in the Town Hall has a huge range of leaflets about North Wales and the Borderlands.



Meet this Tiger at the Haven Holiday Villages at Presthaven and Tyn Mawr!

## WONDERS OF WALES

1. Anglesey Sea Zoo
2. Foel Farm Park
3. Pili Palas
4. Conwy and Conwy Butterfly Jungle
5. Bodnant Gardens
6. Welsh Mountain Zoo
7. Sea Life Centre
8. Bodlwyddan Castle
9. Ruthin Craft Centre
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12. Alice in Wonderland Visitor Centre
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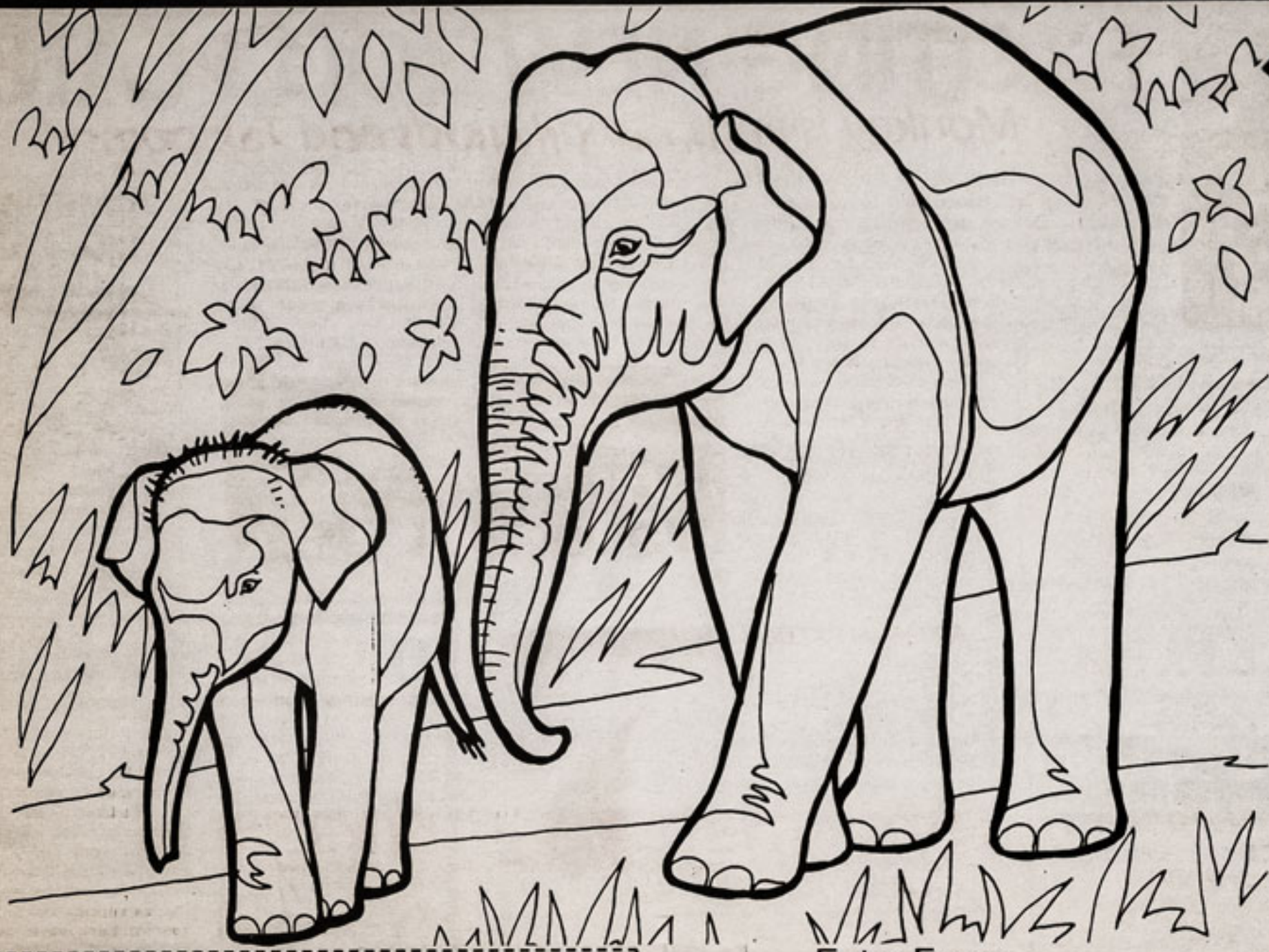
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## COLOUR KARHA

Just back from Kenya, well known wildlife artist Hannah Lawson drew Karha and one of her 'aunts', and thought that young readers of Chester Zoo News would love to have the chance to colour it. Competition runs to 31st October 1996, and you must be under 14 on that date.

You can use paints, crayons, felt tips or pencils to colour Karha, or if you prefer, photocopy or trace the outline if you don't want to cut a hole in your newspaper!

Felt tip and paint can sometimes 'run' on newsprint.

### THE PRIZES.

Top prize is a week's self catering holiday for up to seven, at any of the Haven sites in the UK. It can be taken at any time in 1997 (except Bank Holidays, and obviously, it is subject to availability). The holiday does not include travel to and from the site. Every month from April onwards, we will award special prizes to entries of very high quality. These will be Zoo Family Tickets (each worth £26) plus a new zoo guide. These admit two adults and up to three children to Chester Zoo. All entries will be judged for the top prize.

### RULES

1. Please enter on the outline above, a tracing or photocopy.
2. One entry per child.
3. All entries will be judged in the month of receipt, and re-judged for the top prize.
4. Last date for receipt is 31st October 1996. Entrants must be under 14 on that date.
5. Age and neatness will be taken into account. Age must be stated on the entry form.
6. Top prize will go to the best overall entry taking age into account. There are no cash alternatives.
7. Relatives of Chester Zoo or Haven staff, Zoo Council and volunteers may not enter. Results will be announced in late November 1996, and sent on receipt of an SAE. Entries will be returned if you include an SAE. All winners will be notified by post. The decision of the judges is final, and there can be no correspondence. By entering, you agree to be bound by these rules.

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## EXCITING NEW ZOO PLANS

*Monkey Islands, Sand Lizards and Talapoins*



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This will be near the Tropical Realm in East Zoo. Then, we will tackle the exciting Monkey

Islands project in West Zoo, extending the site to include moated outdoor enclosures on the scale of the chimpanzees.

The ground is already marked out for this. We are working on plans for a new large aviary, funded by a generous bequest from the estate of Sally, Duchess of Westminster, who was a great friend of the zoo.

### JAMBOREE DAYS

All Youth movement leaders can take advantage of the very special prices for their groups on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd of September, which we have declared the Zoo's Jamboree Days for 1996. The only condition for the special price is that you all wear uniform!

Details from Jane Lawson or Sue Thomas on 01244 380280 EXT 209. Ask for details of our Conservation Project Packs too.

### ON THE NET

Check our internet site <http://www.demon.co.uk/chesterzoo> which was devised by John Bellow, a very talented Member of the Society.

### JOIN THE JUNIORS

Zoo Junior Members have lots of fun and enjoy trips and special days in the zoo.

Details from Maureen Allsopp on 01244 380280 ext 203. This is their day at Shugborough Hall, led by Club Organiser, Penny Rudd.



### TAX FREE SAVINGS

The Zoo have teamed up with the Royal Liver Assurance (Yes - from the Liver Bird Building) in providing a special tax free savings scheme.

When you join, the zoo benefits. Ask for a leaflet in the Zoo. There are full details and a free-to-enter children's competition with some wonderful prizes.

### AQUARIUM SUCCESSES

Not only have the Aquarium succeeded in breeding a host of Sea Horses again this year but they have also bred the first second generation Tadpole Shrimps - probably the most endangered crustacean in the UK. We received our first shrimps from Dudley Zoo in 1995, and are now well on the way to having a successful breeding colony.



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