

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS  
**COLCHESTER ZOO**  
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**60 YEARS OF COLCHESTER ZOO**  
**BY BETH (AGE 27)**

60 years of Colchester Zoo,  
What a pleasure to be working with animal pool!

60 years since we opened in 1963,  
Who would have known this is what we'd turn  
out to be.

60 years to gain over 160 species,  
We love them all but strive to protect the rarities.

60 years of vital conservation,  
Along with years and years of reservation.

60 years we have brought the world to you,  
From Africa, Australia, Europe, and United Kingdom to name a few.

60 years welcoming different animals,  
Whether it be reptiles, birds, insects, or mammals.

60 years enjoying animals so wonderful,  
For this reason alone we're extremely grateful.

60 years and at times we have to say goodbye,  
Though we often don't know or understand why.

60 years comes with some heart break,  
But it also comes with plenty of birthday cake.

60 years for all whom worked at the Zoo,  
Whether you are a keeper, guest service or keeping a clean loo.

60 years of walking hand in hand,  
Taking in the beautiful scenery throughout the park land.

60 years to celebrate nature,  
You can bring along your family, friends or even a neighbour.

60 years for the young and the old,  
Days out for all, even if it's in the freezing cold!

60 years to celebrate this amazing place,  
All those memories you just wouldn't want to erase.

60 years of people passing through,  
One thing's for sure you'd never leave feeling blue.

60 years and my how we have grown,  
One big family, where nobody is alone.

60 years of tears, love and laughter,  
Whether that be from the past, present or hereafter.

60 years seems like such a long time,  
But we made it and here we are in our prime.

60 years of continuous support,  
Together we make this place amazing so I will try to keep it short.

60 years has been and gone,  
So here's to the next 60 and way beyond!

60 years of Colchester zoo,  
Thank you to all that help and support what we do!

