

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS
COLCHESTER ZOO
EST. 1963

BY LEE DUFFY

The animals say if you come to Colchester Zoo,
it can be pretty smelly, especially in the morning
it can be pretty strong.
Pheweee but the animals are saying we're sorry
but we just want to celebrate Colchester Zoo's 60th.
Sorry we couldn't help it, just got a bit excited.

People say wow Colchester Zoo's 60th.
I've grown up with Colchester Zoo (whoops showing my age).
My brother helped build the very first aviaries many moons ago,
that's showing his age as he is also 60 this year,
a few days before you opened (or just after – whoops sorry bro).
My children loved the Zoo, rushing to see Sasha the White Tiger
and Rajang the cheeky Orangutan, everybody loved.
My daughters still say can you remember Sasha being there
and Rajang you loved seeing and they still say,
'gonna get some chips, do you want some?'

I go round and see the Sloth, slowly moving round just like me.
Wow Sea Lions swimming over you, that's so cool.
The Orangutan hiding under sacks because it's cold and they don't like that,
just like me (not that I hide under sacks) or playing hide and seek
– you can't see me.
Now will the sun be out or nowhere at all?
See the Penguins, phew pretty smelly!
Oh it's the fish phew.

The baby Monkey all out and so cute.
Meerkats looking out being inquisitive or under land,
playing with plastic balls and saying thank you for our plastic balls,
you always bring us some.
See Bailey who looks sad and says I'm missing Naja and Malika,
they were my soulmates.
Now let me see, do I take the long or short Elephant walk.
The Goats look for food or come over to say hello.
The Alpaca is cute, especially the baby one.
They come over and say, 'do you think I'm cute?'
Oh yeah you're cute.

But wait, I'll take the short Elephant walk.
I sit on a bench, nice and peaceful, no screaming kids.
But wait, an Elephant comes over, then another.
Wow they both smile for the camera.
I go round the other side, their coming over again and say hello.
It's you again, thank you for all our yummy fruit and veg you give us.
It's so yummy.



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We don't worry about the cost of living, would you like us to pose for you?
Wow so many Cheetah cubs but sadly lost one.
Oh, they've all grown up.
Giraffes come over and say hello, you got any lovely leaves for us?

Rhinos just pottering around.
Tayo loved winding Lottie up, but sadly gone to Germany.
But Tayo is still a typical boy.
Tayo stomping about in the mud.
His mum says, 'come back here', but I'm hungry mum.
Have some nice warm milk dear instead of mud.

Phew it's pretty smelly in this bit Zalika.
Pygmy Hippo baby loves his baby bath with his mum and dad.
They say it makes your skin soft as a baby's bum.
Tayo dad never stops eating but Tayo says that he just loves my bubble bath
and food.

Ah smell chips not Bisto.
Wow three Tiger cubs so cute, adventurous and full of mischief and all grown up.
Misha, Pasha have gone somewhere else and their mum has a lovely relationship
with another Tiger.
Anoushka is missing Igor so much (RIP Igor, until we meet again).
Wolves just running around.
Leopard cubs so cute, oh no they're all grown up as well.
Luka has gone somewhere else.
Monkey sitting there saying, 'why do you all keep looking at me,
can you see my fed up face?'
Red Panda, purple, green, red, blue, shine so bright but wait,
there is a Red Panda shining so bright and cute.

Chimpanzee making loads of noise.
But wait, will I see the Sun Bears, yes outside.
Oh no, they've gone, they are so cute.
Well that's my day at Colchester Zoo.
My daughter picks me up and says you smell like the Zoo.
Happy 60th Colchester Zoo.

The Zoo has lost a lot of memories of animals,
either lost them or moved on.
There are also a lot of memory benches around the Zoo,
specifically around the Elephant area.
I sat on one and it was for a young child, it was so sad.
People love a special place or animals in their hearts
and where they have people to remember or just sit.



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Colchester Zoo filled with loads of animal smells.
Orangutan cheeky, playful like playing hide & seek.
Loads of animals to see.
Can make you pretty worn out, up and down the hills.
Have zoo smells on you and around the Zoo pheweee.
Enjoy the day at Colchester Zoo.
Sadness with memories of animals lost or moved on.
Thank you all keepers and staff for all your hard work and care.
Enjoy a portion of chips and hot chocolate or ice cream and a cold drink.
Remember your day at Colchester Zoo.

Zoo and see the Zebras with their black and white stripe.
Over the sunshine shines, the animals wake and say good morning Colchester Zoo.
Over the moon, the animals lay asleep, some howling, some roaring, some just making loads of noise and say good night Colchester Zoo.

