

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS  
**COLCHESTER ZOO**  
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## ‘ALL WE WANT IS TO GO ON THE TRAIN’

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Oh, look out at that weather!  
It's windy, it's raining, it's snow.  
The heat is too little, the heat is too much...  
But I know where we can go!

Let's see if you can guess,  
Let's turn it into a game.  
Where can you think that has everything?  
Including its very own train?

Colchester Zoo has it all,  
Nothing can ruin, not even the rain.  
There are indoor and outdoor adventures...  
'But Mum! Can we go on the train?'

The animals happy and contented,  
The variety is completely insane.  
Species you never knew existed...  
'But Mum! Can we go on the train?'

Food for every occasion,  
Breakfast, lunch or your main,  
Ice-cream, sweet things and snacks...  
'But Muuum!! Can we go on the train?!'

Conservation, reducing plastic,  
Avoiding palm oil that you cannot sustain.  
As well as breeding programmes and helping with research...  
'But MUUUUMMM!! Can we go on the TRAIN?!'

Helping charity 'Action For The Wild',  
Caring for animals is always their aim.  
The work that they do for the environment...  
'But MUUUUUUUM!!! CAN WE GO ON THE TRAIN?!'

Lots of animal facts and general knowledge,  
Information to fill up your brain.  
Educating the minds of tomorrow...  
'But MOTHER!! CAN WE GO ON THE TRAAAAAINN?!'

Even if you just want some peace,  
Fresh air and daily footsteps to gain.  
No need to rely on transport,  
Not even the special Zoo train!!

Visit with friends and family,  
On your own, or with toddlers to entertain.  
There really are things there for everyone...  
'BUT MOTHER!! CAN ... WE ... GO ... ON ... THE ... TRAAAAAAINNN?!'

You might just want to relax,  
Drink a coffee, while the others complain.  
That 'all you do is what YOU want to do'...  
All THEY want is to go on the train!!

We've finally made it, my darling!  
We've made it to the train!!  
But whoopsie, so much to do here,  
That it's now closed - oh, what a pain!!

Oh well, there's just no other option,  
We will need to come back again.  
Trade in our tickets for Zoo Passes,  
And THEN we will go on the train!!

