A Visual Story to support your visit to our Zoobilee event
Zoobilee – What to expect

• The Zoobilee event is a family festival to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

• Access to the event is included in your Zoo ticket

• We expect the Zoo and the event will be busy, so there may be queues – Remember to show your Penguin Pass to a member of staff and you will have the opportunity to hop the queue

• This event will be running outside so you may need to bring sun cream
Getting to the Event in the Zoo

• When you arrive at the Zoo (by car or by foot), please follow the signposts to find your way down to event

• A map of the Zoo can be downloaded here:

Map of ZSL Whipsnade Zoo | Zoological Society of London (ZSL)
On your way to the event...

• Please be careful of the road

• You will need to use a zebra crossing

• Cars are allowed into the Zoo and you may need to hold hands with someone to safely cross the road

• You may see some of our animals that are allowed to roam around the Zoo – Mara, Wallabies, Chinese water deer
Entering the event

- Our staff and volunteers will be easy to spot at the event as they will all be wearing uniform.
- They will be helping to run our activities and answer any questions you may have.
What is happening at the event

- At the entrance to the event area you will see two pictures of large teddy bears dressed as Beefeaters.

- There will be lots of people around so it may be loud with lots of talking.

- There will be a large marquee where you will be able to listen to stories, play games, sing and dance at certain times during the day.
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• You will be able to play traditional fête games and hunt for bugs in our Native Species zone

• Bring your teddy bear along to a special teddy bears’ picnic session at 13:15 for 30 minutes

• You will be able to see photographs of the Queen visiting Whipsnade and London Zoos over the past 70 years
Specific elements of the event....

Games and Activities

• There will be lots of games to play at the event, some of them are listed below
  • Hook a duck
  • Coconut shy
  • Ball in a bucket
  • Buzz wire
  • Quoits
  • Giant tumbling tower
  • Giant four in a row
Specific elements of the event....

Games and Activities

In the Native Species zone you can,

• Go on a bug hunt – you will be given a sheet of paper with pictures of bugs you might find at the Zoo and at home
• If you find and match any to the ones on the sheet, use a pencil to tick them off
• Once you have finished your bug hunt, you can take it home and plant it in your garden, or put it in a compost bin to feed the worms
Specific elements of the event…. Games and Activities

Also in the native species area, you can

• Make a bug hotel – using sticks, leaves and other natural materials, you can help us make a place for bugs to live in at the Zoo

• Make a Crown – Attach leaves, sticks and other natural materials to a pre-cut paper headband to make a crown
Specific elements of the event....
Games & Activities – Additional Cost

• Between 11am and 12noon every day, you can buy a cupcake to decorate with a member of staff and then eat. There will be icing and crown shapes to use
  • Cakes cost £2.45 each

• Take a ride on our new carousel. Hold on tight to the pole as this will go up and down as you go round
  • £3 per child or £2.50 for members

• Also during the event there will be the opportunity to have your face painted (28 – 4 June)
Specific elements of the event... Food and Drink

• We have two black gazebos in the event area which will be serving tasty pie & mash, or ice creams and cakes for an additional cost. They will also have cold drinks available to buy

• There will also be a space for you to sit and eat a picnic if you have bought one from home or pre-booked one from the Zoo in advance
Leaving the event

• The Zoobilee event area will close at 5.30pm

• The Zoo closes at 6pm

• Animal enclosures nearby are the red panda and the Asian short clawed otters

• The Butterfly House and Aquarium closes at 5.30pm
Further Information

• Further information on visiting the Zoo can be found by clicking the link below

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Thank you for visiting our Zoobilee event