

zoolyweds

Paul and Edith's wedding

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The final fortnight is upon us!

Tour de force

As promised, the zoo tour route is now available on the web site. We have rather a lot of ground to cover in two hours, but we managed the first hour's worth in 25 minutes last week so it should be OK!

If you're planning to take only part of the zoo tour, or particularly worried about losing us around the zoo, it would be appreciated if you could **print out a copy of the route map** and bring it with you.

Since most people will be with us the whole time and won't therefore need a map, we're not printing our usual 70 copies of this particular document (our poor, overworked printer has begged us for mercy), so although we'll bring what should be plenty to share

around, if you want to guarantee yourself a copy it's best to bring your own.

Coach approach

The coach pick-up points, now confirmed, are basically as we've been saying all along:

- **13.00, Hextable**
(bus stop by the village green, at the bottom of St. David's Road)
- **14.10, King's Cross**
(opposite the station on Euston Road)
- **14.15, Great Portland Street station**

But London's a busy place and we don't want to lose anyone, so we're taking lists along of everyone we're expecting at each stop with their mobile numbers. **Please keep your mobile number up to date**, assuming you have one, and take ours with you for extra reassurance, particularly if you don't have one yourself!

As a final bit of assistance, we've now been to see the coach, taken its photo and published it, so that you know what you're looking out for on the day! **Please have a look at this if you're getting on the coach in London** as it will make the pick-ups so much easier for everyone involved!

Only four spaces now remain on the coach, and eight of you haven't made your minds up whether you're coming on it, so you'd better be quick!

(You will need a login to get to the coach page. **If you've forgotten your ID or password**, we can tell you your ID or reset your password for you if you just reply to this e-mail and ask us to, so please don't let that put you off looking at the coach photos!)

www.zoolyweds.co.uk/coach.php

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We've had a few queries about the **dress code** for the wedding, so we thought we should say a little about that here, to clarify the matter.

The simple (perhaps over-simplified) answer is that there isn't one: you can wear whatever you like!

However, here's how we see the situation, realistically, with a bit of context for those who want to 'fit in'.

We'll be, as you're probably aware, in a purple suit with Jon Snow-style tie, and a lovely blue dress (you can work out who's who for yourself!). The bridesmaids will be in trouser suits, as will the best men (skirt suits just didn't suit them!).

Parents and grandparents plan to dress smartly in classy clothes – suits, ties, hats, fascinators (if you don't know, don't ask – it's much more interesting by name than in reality!) – that sort of thing.

Beyond this, we don't really know what many other people will be wearing. Basically, you won't really be able to be 'over-dressed', since plenty of people are coming in smart clothes. And whatever you wear, you'll appear in our wedding photos, so make sure it's something you don't mind us looking back on you wearing for many years to come!

We have no objection to people dressing more casually, but since we don't know of anyone who definitely is, you might want to stick to the smarter side of casual if you don't want to be the only one in bermuda shorts and a t-shirt.

The final point to make about clothes is that, assuming you want to see the animals with us, you'll be walking around the zoo for up to two hours dressed in whatever you've chosen, so make sure that's feasible. Long trailing dresses that will pick up straw and dust from the floor may not be a good plan, nor may ludicrously uncomfortable (but terribly stylish) shoes.

Insert we(e/a)k pun here

Next week sees the last scheduled newsletter before the wedding, so **keep your questions coming** if you're wondering anything about the day – others will be wondering too, as with the dress code and presents practicalities dealt with in these past two newsletters!

It's not too late to become a **videoing volunteer**, either – we're up to at least three now so you're guaranteed an ever-lightening load if you do!

All the best,
Paul and Edith