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Sepilok News

BREAKING NEWS – Adopt Peanut!

Following the success of our documentary series “Meet the Orangutans”, which was shown in the UK in March on SKY, we had so many requests from viewers to be able to adopt Peanut. So it is by popular demand that orphan baby Peanut has now joined our adoption scheme!

Two year old Peanut starred in the Animal Planet documentary series and won over everyone’s hearts

with his story of survival. Peanut is a very sweet natured and playful orangutan who is just one year into his rehabilitation at Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre. He has had a lot to overcome in his short life but with your continued support we hope that eventually he will be returned to the wild.

To adopt Peanut please visit www.orangutan-appeal.org.uk or Tel: 01590 623443

Jonkey’s Story

Sepilok’s feeding platform in the Kabili Reserve can sometimes attract the occasional wild-born orangutan for a free meal. One such visitor is adult male Jonkey who has recently been seen travelling through the area. Thought to be about 17 years old, Jonkey is an impressive male with unmistakable thick, curly hair. Although a fairly infrequent visitor, he has recently been spotted with his good friend Ceria – often having a wrestle and establishing just who is the strongest!



Jonkey at the feeding platform

Bad Boy Ceria

Ceria, who as a youngster was kept as a pet and fed on a terrible diet of condensed milk and sausages, is now a teenager and has an attitude and defiant naughtiness to match. He’s the resident ‘delinquent’ and has a huge appetite for mischief. He’s supremely interested in the human goings-on at the Centre and studies visitors and staff intensely, waiting for the next opportunity to wreak havoc.



Ceria lectures Boogie Boy

During the filming of ‘Meet the Orangutans’ he gave chase to Sue Sheward, founder of the Appeal. He cared not one bit that she had dedicated the last 15 years of her life to help save his species – for Ceria, Sue was fair game and when shouting at him didn’t work she had to make a dash to escape his clutches! Although Ceria usually sets his sights on pretty blonde women, he’ll make just as much mischief for male visitors too. Only recently he managed to pull down a gentleman’s trousers!

One of his most celebrated antics was when he and a gang of other adolescent orangutans raided the Centre’s café... Ceria

managed to open the ice-cream freezer and grab some treats which he then handed out to his mates. Sharing is caring; so beneath all the naughtiness he has a kind heart!

Cinta’s Accident

At the end of May 2015, nine year old orangutan Cinta, who lives in the Kabili forest surrounding the Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre, arrived at the clinic with a suspected broken arm. She was immediately taken to the local hospital for an x-ray, and Dr Laura’s suspicions were confirmed that Cinta’s arm was indeed broken and had to be placed in a cast. However, it wasn’t long before Cinta had figured out how to remove her cast, forcing Dr Laura to give her a replacement!



Cinta and Nurse Ibri

After her second cast was securely fitted, Cinta was then placed in a treatment enclosure to restrict her movement during the healing process. The Sepilok carers take Cinta outside every day so she can get some fresh air and to relieve her boredom of being kept indoors. They will continue to do this until she is able to climb again and return to the forest.

We are hoping Cinta will make a speedy recovery and will be out swinging in the trees in the Kabili Reserve again soon!

Baby Archie

In April 2015 it was decided that Mimi’s wild-born baby boy was going to be called Archie in honour of the fantastic fundraising efforts of George Heriot’s School and one of their P6 pupils (see page 8). The orangutan infant was born in the Kabili Reserve in September 2014 and has been progressing really well. Mimi often brings him down to the feeding platform for the visitors to admire. Here Archie is enjoying some milk from around Mimi’s mouth.



Mimi and Archie



Sepilok Projects

The Bucket Project

In the wild orangutans will build new nests to sleep in every day high up in the rainforest canopy. When they are young, they will share a nest with their mother until they have learnt how to construct one for themselves. At Sepilok, the orphaned babies are too young to make their own nests, so the Appeal provides rubber animal feed buckets for the babies to have a comfortable night's sleep. The shape of the bucket helps to replicate that of a nest, giving them the sense of security they would have felt if they were still sharing one with their mother.



Bucket project

These buckets are a key part of providing the young orphans with a safe and secure environment to sleep in at night **but they cannot be bought in Borneo!** So we need to enough raise money to purchase new buckets for all of the babies who are currently going through their rehabilitation. These buckets are a small yet vital piece of equipment which make a big difference to the youngsters. If you would like to help us with this project, please visit our website to make a donation, or send a cheque to our office. If you are travelling to Borneo, you could even take one out with you!

Nonong Update

In the last edition of the newsletter we announced that after two years of fundraising, Nonong's purpose built enclosure was finally complete and ready for her to take up residence. We are delighted to say that since moving into her new accommodation in September 2014 Nonong has settled down very well and is in good health. The larger enclosure has meant Nonong is able to get a lot more exercise which is helping her to stay at a healthy weight, and it provides much needed enrichment for her.

The enclosure has also been developed to give her the added bonus of her own garden extension, which allows her to experience more of her natural environment and provides her with the best quality of life possible. The added space also means Nonong has more room for guests to visit, so she can have some much needed play time with her orangutan friends. Although she is always sure to let them know when they have overstayed their welcome by simply climbing into her hammock and taking a nap! Thank you again to all of our supporters who made this possible!

New Rescue Vehicle

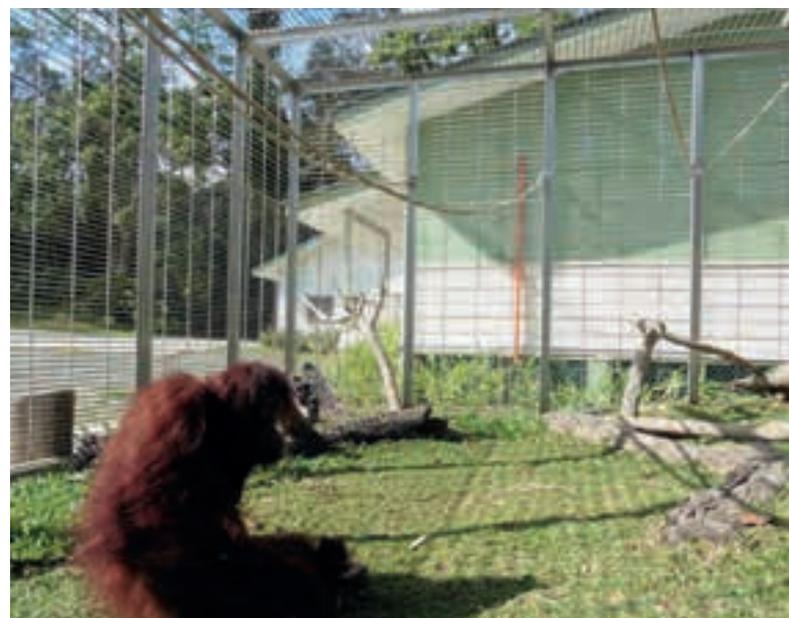
In 2004, Orangutan Appeal UK purchased a Land Rover 4x4 for Sepilok. This vehicle is essential and often makes the difference in saving the life of injured and orphaned youngsters. It is used not only to carry out rescues and releases of orangutans, but also for successful translocations, and for the rescues of other wildlife such as macaques, gibbons and sunbears. It is very useful when there is necessary maintenance work to be done at the Centre.

The Land Rover is a crucial piece of equipment at Sepilok which they just cannot manage without, but as it is now over 10 years old, breakdowns are frequent, and as a result the rescue of vulnerable baby orangutans needing our help can be put in jeopardy. We must help to replace this vehicle.



Sepilok's Land Rover

To improve Sepilok's ability to respond to urgent rescues, the Appeal are now looking to raise funds for a brand new vehicle, the total cost of which is **£25,000**. A reliable vehicle which is capable of accessing hard to reach and remote areas of rainforest is essential to save more lives. To help with this project, please visit our website to donate or **call our office on 01590 623443**. If you would like to discuss the project with one of our members of staff, they will be happy to help.



Nonong in her garden extension

Post Release Monitoring Project

Latest News

Engaging with the local communities which live close to the Tabin Wildlife Reserve where we work is a really important part of conducting research in a foreign country. One of the biggest problems that orangutans are facing in the wild is people's lack of awareness of just how special they are and what they need from people in order to survive and for their habitats to be protected.

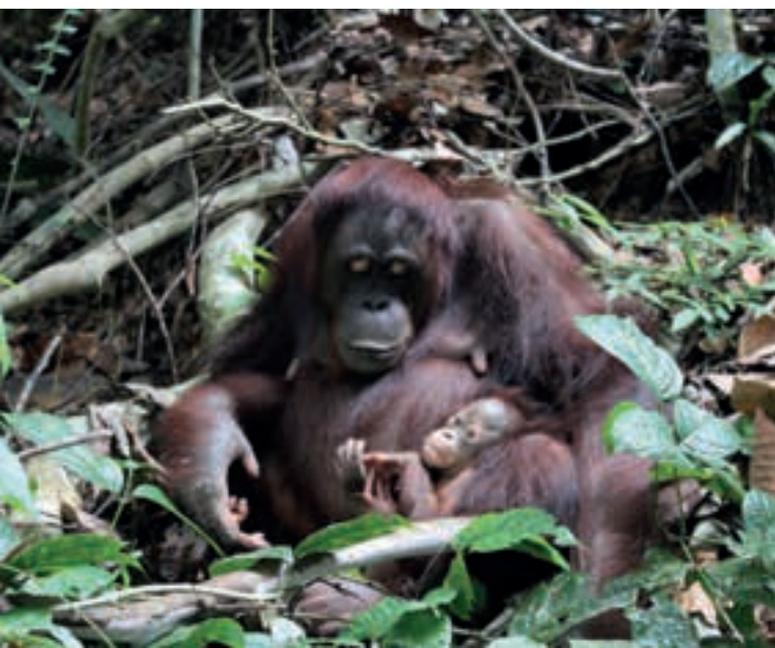


Community Outreach

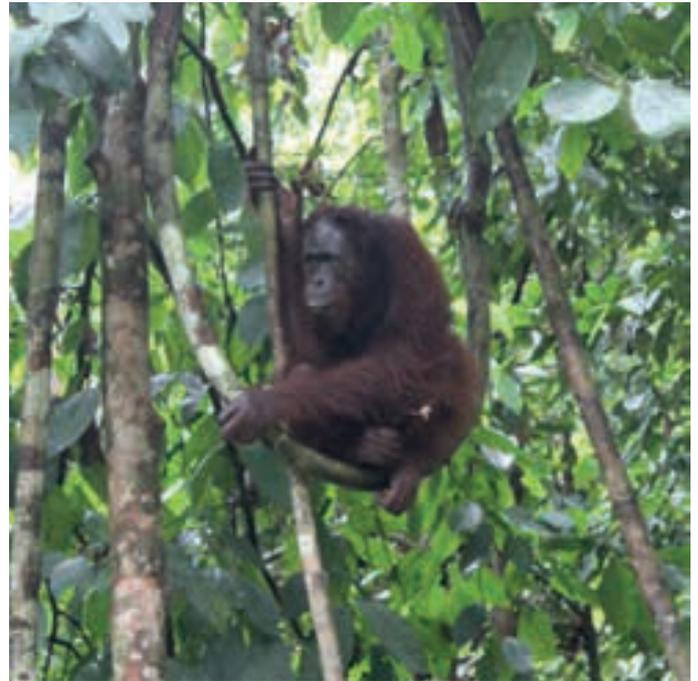
Sometimes people may simply not know that what they're doing could actually be endangering the future survival of orangutans and all the other species that live alongside them in Borneo. These human activities could be hunting, cutting down trees, and even something as small as leaving litter in the forest or the sea. Unfortunately, everything that we humans do has such a big impact on all of the other world's species. So next time you leave that light on or take the plastic bags on offer at the supermarket, think to yourself if it is really necessary or perhaps just a bit of a luxury...

Because of all this, my team and I have been working in Tabin to develop environmental education programmes for local school children here in Sabah. We first began this work in 2012 and since then we've had the chance to present in front of thousands of children to get our message across. We love visiting the schools because the kids always have so much energy and enthusiasm for

Eyos and Camelia



learning about orangutans. I suppose our job is made pretty easy by the fact that orangutans tell their own story by just being so charming and full of character!



Mico in the trees

Apart from showing them lots of orangutan photos and videos, we also need to get serious by telling them about how the orangutans are losing so much of their habitat and how humans are exploiting them in other ways too, such as hunting and keeping them as pets. We're hoping to really inspire these youngsters to create the next generation of wildlife guardians for the future! Some of the questions we get from the children are hilarious too! On our last visit to a school in Kota Belud, one little boy asked us "do orangutans get married?!"

Back in Tabin, our growing family is thriving. Otan and her son Spike, and Eyos and her new baby Camelia are both growing really fast and behaving normally. In fact, we've noticed how much faster Camelia has been developing compared with Spike at the same age; she was trying solid foods earlier and she also seems braver too, venturing up to four metres away from her Mum already within just six months of being born! I suppose you could call that: girls 1, boys nil! We're pretty sure both Aneka and Hope are pregnant too right now so we hope that all of our reintroduced females will have given birth to new babies within a couple of months. Mico is doing well too, although because the girls either have babies with them or are heavily pregnant, he's been forced to spend more time on his own as they're too busy to look after Mico too! We're not too concerned about this though, because his diet has been brilliant after learning so much from everyone since last year.

Next time I write, I hope that we'll have two new babies which will give us a 100% birth rate in Tabin! A job well done by all of our proud mothers indeed!

James Robins

Orangutan Appeal UK Primatologist

Meet the Orangutans Documentary

March saw the UK release of our eight part documentary which Chairperson, Sue Sheward MBE and Emily Griffiths, Appeal Manager, have been filming at Sepilok over the last year for Discovery Channel's Animal Planet. "Meet the Orangutans" is centred on the Appeal's work in Sabah, North Borneo and features the famous residents of Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre. The documentary has proved to be a great success and was even noted as one of Animal Planet's top performers of the day!

The documentary gives a fantastic insight into the daily activities at Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre, as well as introducing the viewers to some of Borneo's most famous orangutans. The highlights of the show included meeting orangutan mum Anne's new born baby boy

named Sepilok, the translocation of sub-adult male Mico to the remote Tabin Reserve and of course, seeing all of the adoptive babies in action including: Gelison, Chikita, Beryl, Bidu-Bidu and Peanut!

The show attracted a lot of media attention and even appeared in the Daily Mail and Woman's Weekly magazine. It is now also set to be aired across TV screens in Australia, America and Asia in the near future. Visit our Facebook page to get the latest dates so you do not miss it!

If you missed the original UK broadcast of Meet the Orangutans; Animal Planet show regular re-runs on their channel (Sky – 523) and it is also available to download on iTunes: <https://www.apple.com/itunes>

Our New Ambassadors

We are delighted to announce we have two new Ambassadors on board; TV presenter and stuntman **Nicholas Daines** and renowned wildlife artist **Jacha Potiegter**, both of whom are keen to promote the Appeal's work and spread awareness of the orangutans' plight.



Nicholas modelling one of Jacha's t-shirts

Nicholas, a professional gymnast, has performed stunts in top Hollywood movies such as Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, James Bond Die Another Day and Maleficent, as well as hit TV show Game of Thrones. In March 2015, Nicholas joined us on our trip to Borneo to experience first-hand the work we are involved in at Sepilok and he even had a close encounter with his own adoptive baby, Bidu-Bidu.

Nicholas documented his time in Sabah with a series of blogs, posts and videos, helping to spread the word about Sepilok and the Appeal's vital work. Watch Nicholas' videos on our website, including a clip (which received over 4,000 views) of him getting a slap round the head from mischievous little Peanut! www.orangutan-appeal.org.uk



Jacha and his paintings

Jacha, who holds a BA (Hons) degree in Fine Art and a Nature Conservation Diploma, paints amazing canvases and takes beautiful photographs of apes which he uses to raise awareness of their plight and to educate people on the destruction of their habitat. **Jacha** exhibits his work in the **Alpine Coffee Shop and Platform Galeri** in North Wales, which he owns and runs with his wife Gwen. The coffee shop only sells palm oil free products, and all of the proceeds from the artworks sold are sent directly to Orangutan Appeal UK and Ape Action Africa. In 2014, the **Alpine Coffee Shop and Galeri** became an official Business Partner with the Appeal and is now also selling a range of lovely organic printed cotton t-shirts, which can be purchased on our website.

Jacha's fantastic work was showcased at the Appeal's event in the House of Commons and the Getty Images Gallery in October 2014, and he has works in private collections in Australia, America, Turkey, France, Bermuda, Germany, Belgium, South Africa, Greece, Canada, Portugal, Norway, and in the UK.

For more information on our Ambassadors please visit their websites:

Nicholas: www.nicholasdaines.com

Jacha: www.jacha.co.uk

The House of Commons 2015:

“Grasp the Significance of Climate Change – The Primates’ Future”

After the success of last year’s House of Commons event; ‘Tragedy or Hope? The Plight of the Orangutan vs. Man’ we are delighted to say Bill Wiggin MP has invited us back to present another awareness evening.

This year’s event will focus on the detrimental effects climate change is having on the endangered orangutans and will take place on the 29th October 2015 in the Churchill Room, Houses of Parliament, London. The presentation titled “**Grasp the Significance of Climate Change – The Primates’ Future**” will host special guest speakers, including our primatologist James Robins.

We have a limited number of tickets available for our supporters to attend this monumental evening for just £55 each! This is fantastic opportunity to visit the House of Commons and be part of this exciting event, spreading awareness of the orangutan’s plight and the degradation of their rainforest home.

Attendees will be able to meet some very special guests, including Orangutan Appeal UK Founder and Chairperson Sue Sheward MBE, Ambassadors Nicholas Daines (wildlife TV presenter/stuntman) and Jacha Potgieter (renowned wildlife artist).

For an extra £15, attendees can also enjoy a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament incorporating The Commons and Lords Chambers, Central Lobby, St Stephens Hall and Westminster.

**HURRY HURRY HURRY
DON’T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO ATTEND
GET YOUR TICKET NOW**

To purchase tickets please visit our website for more information or call our office on 01590 623443.

OuTrop Report

Orangutan Appeal UK have been supporting OuTrop to help carry out their vital work since 2012. Here is their latest report.

The Sabangau peat-swamp forest is home to what is thought to be the largest population of orangutans, estimated at 5,800-6,500 individuals. Despite formal protection, the area remains at serious risk from swamp drainage owing to past illegal-logging timber-extraction canals. This swamp drainage drastically elevates the risk of fires, which in a matter of hours can destroy peat that took thousands of years to form, having devastating impacts on orangutan habitat. In response to these threats, a local Community Patrol Team was established in 2002, to prevent fire, swamp drainage and illegal activities in the area.

The need for this team became particularly apparent in September-November 2014. These few months were a very challenging and scary time for the conservation of orangutans and their habitat in Sabangau, as the exceedingly dry season provided perfect conditions for fires to take hold in the peat forest. These fires threatened to devastate the orangutans’ forest habitat and proved to be the most serious threat currently faced by this orangutan population.

In response, the local Community Patrol Team conducted daily fire patrols during the driest period, to detect smoke columns, mobilise emergency-response teams and fight fires before they got out of control. The work was intense and dangerous, but the team’s quick responses, coordinated action and community socialisation work enabled them

to successfully prevent forest loss in Sabangau Natural Laboratory. Despite the team’s best efforts, sadly some forest was lost in the eastern Sabangau area.

The Community Patrol Team’s overall success would have been impossible without the generous help and support of Orangutan Appeal UK. The Appeal funded the team’s patrols and fire fighters, fuelled their boats, maintained and replaced their equipment, and enabled them to spread awareness of the need for fire prevention within the local community.

Although, at the time of writing, the rains have returned and the immediate fire threat is reduced, the 2014 fire season was a stark reminder that to rest is a luxury we cannot afford. While drought is a key factor, these fires are ultimately caused by peat drainage: under natural flooded conditions, peat does not burn. Our focus therefore has shifted immediately to ensure we’re even better prepared for the arrival of the next dry season in just a few months.

We have much to do, including building dams, blocking drainage channels and continuing to patrol the area for fire detection. We are also investigating new drone technology for improving fire detection and forest mapping. These actions are sorely needed to help prevent fire in Sabangau and conserve its orangutans for the long term, and we thank OAUUK and all of its supporters as we would not be able to do this without their help.

Fire devastation at Sabangau

Community Patrol Team



Banana Tree Swing into Action

On June 16th Banana Tree held a special event at their Soho branch to celebrate their ongoing partnership with Orangutan Appeal UK. Banana Tree has supported the Appeal since 2011 and have raised a fantastic £25,500 in sponsorship of our vital work.

The event was a fantastic success and attracted special guests: Jeffrey Ong, double Olympian from Malaysia and former Malaysian Sportsman of the Year, Khairul Nizam, Malaysian Trade Commissioner and Bill Oddie OBE, Conservationist and Broadcaster.

Ann Chow gave a special speech about the collaboration between the restaurant chain and Orangutan Appeal UK and said they were delighted to be supporting such valuable and essential conservation work. Appeal Chairperson Sue Sheward MBE, expressed her grateful thanks to Ann and William Chow for all their support and to their customers for making this very substantial donation possible. Sue also introduced the Charity's two new ambassadors; Stuntman and Wildlife TV Presenter Nicholas Daines and renowned Wildlife Artist Jacha Potgieter.

Orangutan Appeal UK would like to say an enormous thank you to Banana Tree for hosting the event and for their ongoing and invaluable support.



Banana Tree event

Emma Bowring

Emma is a professional wildlife artist based in Devon, specialising in detailed, wildlife oil paintings. She and her husband Graham have a gallery and gift shop called 'Edwards & Parr' in Lyme Regis, where she displays and sells her work.



Emma Bowring Beryl Print

Emma is passionate about animal welfare and through her art she has been able to fulfil her childhood dream of helping animals through donations of her work to wildlife charities. Emma has been supporting Orangutan Appeal UK since 2014 and painted a beautiful oil painting of our adoptive baby Beryl; the money raised from the sale will be donated to the Appeal.

A limited edition print of Beryl and Beryl greetings cards are available to purchase from our website. You can also view and purchase Emma's work directly from her website www.emmabowring.co.uk.

We would like to express our thanks to Emma for her support of our Charity.

Supporter News

Runners

We have had a lot of supporters running for us in the past few months. A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who took part and raised a fantastic amount!

Jurassic Coast Challenge

Jessica Edney – £1,590

Brighton Marathon – Total of nearly £3,000!

Joanna Smith £585.00 Nicole Johnston £820.90

Liz Rowlands £584.10 Nicola London £833.50

Alistair Potter £175.00

Paris Marathon & London Marathon

Nicolas Pilate – €298.17 (£222.80)

Rosie Wilson – £486

Edinburgh Marathon

Sharon & Eamonn Ward – £500.00

EMF Junior 2k run (Edinburgh)

Sofiyah Lawther – £152.24

Super Hero Run

Sophie Johnson – £75.00

Polly Armstrong-Beaver – £75.00

Great Baddow 10 Mile Run

Ross Kane – £248.40

Fundraising

Federica Carr held a fundraising dinner in which she invited chef Guan Chua to cook Malaysian cuisine to raise money for the Appeal. The dinner consisted of three starters, three mains and a dessert and was shared by 14 guests, as well as our **Ambassador Nicholas Daines!** Federica raised £428 on the night which was then matched by her employers, Blackrock, bringing the total to **£856!** Thank you Federica for your amazing efforts and raising awareness!



Federica Carr, Nicholas Daines and guests

Taxal & Fernilee C of E Primary School Class 3 put on a play about the rainforest and raised enough money to adopt orphan baby Bidu-Bidu for a year!

Supporter News continued...

IN MEMORY

In February **AYZEE HYNER** made a special donation in memory of her father, Robert "Olly" Holbrook. When Robert sadly passed away, Ayzee decided to ask friends and family for donations instead of flowers at his wake and raised **£550** for the Appeal.

Robert had a keen interest in orangutans as he was stationed at the RAF base in Kuching, Borneo with No. 26 Squadron from November 1963 until August 1964, and worked on Bristol Belvedere helicopters. His daughter Ayzee said: "It was an extremely happy time in his life, and he often told us stories about what he and his friends got up to, some more often than others! When he passed away we thought that yours would be a fitting charity, a reminder of the time he spent in Borneo." Orangutan Appeal UK would like to express our most heartfelt thanks to Ayzee and her family.

LADY

MANNER'S SCHOOL in Bakewell have been raising money to adopt orangutans for four years as part of the School's Year 9 Rainforest Geography topic. Within one week of launching the project for the fourth time, form group 9D had already raised over **£130** by making and selling orangutan earrings. The school has now continued their four orangutan adoptions for the next year – thank you for your ongoing support!



Lady Manner's School students

LORRAINE CHAPMAN is a long term supporter of the Appeal and raises funds for us by selling her handmade jewellery. In January, Lorraine donated **£350** to the Appeal and is planning jewellery sales in the coming year, proceeds from which will also be donated to the Appeal. Thank you Lorraine for all of your amazing work!

Following a presentation by our Primatologist James Robins, 22 students from the **LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY** raised a fantastic **£2821.71** by taking part in a range of sponsored events including: the Liverpool half marathon, climbing Mt. Snowdon and a bungee jump – wow! A big well done to all of you!

FIONA WILSON from Cumbria asked for donations from her work colleagues in celebration of her 50th birthday instead of gifts and raised **£150** towards the bucket project at Sepilok! A big thank you to Fiona and her colleagues!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN FOR US?

Contact Grace on:

Email: admin7@orangutan-appeal.org.uk

Tel: (+44) 01590 623443

ANTHONY WHEELER from Queensland, Australia held an orangutan party to mark his 65th birthday. Instead of presents, Anthony asked for donations for the orangutans and raised **\$220!** Thank you to Anthony and all his friends and family for their kind contributions.



Anthony Wheeler's orangutan party

GEORGE HERIOT'S SCHOOL in Edinburgh have been studying the rainforest under the guidance of Junior School Teacher Calum Johnstone. Calum advised us that when his P6 class pupils learnt about the orangutans' plight and the species' decline, they were so moved that they planned a fundraising day. Coincidentally, one of Calum's pupils, **Archie Simpson** was visiting Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre over the Easter break and was able to personally deliver a cheque for the funds raised.



Archie presenting the cheque to Head Ranger Elis and Liaison Officer Eilidh Wallace

When Archie arrived with his family at the Centre he was welcomed by Head Ranger Elis and the Appeal's Liaison Officer Eilidh and presented them with a cheque for a staggering **£628.56** which had been raised by his class! Archie and his family then went out into the reserve to see the orangutans who would benefit from this generous donation. The best was yet to come though, as Elis informed Archie of the ultimate accolade – a baby boy recently born to orangutan mum Mimi was to be named Archie in his school's honour! Many thanks to the P6 students of George Heriot's School for their amazing efforts.

