



Beryl's DAY OUT

Written from true stories of Bristol Zoo



Photography by Jack Willingham



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This prolific West Country Retro Theatre Company has performed 570 shows over 21 years! As always, incorporating stories from **you** and interlaced with iconic songs from the era.

PREVIEW FEEDBACK *****

"I haven't laughed so much for years."

"Hilarious."

"Kate McNab's singing was wonderful." "We had tears running down our faces."

It's 1962 here at Bristol Zoo. Beryl is having a well-deserved day out...

Written by
Kate McNab
& **Paul Crossthwaite**

Performed by
Kim Hicks
& **Kate McNab**

Away from her hectic salon in Weston-Super-Mare and not to mention those incessant blue rinses, Beryl wanders happily through the gorgeous gardens and enclosures. She daydreams about the excitement of trips here in her childhood when her whole family came on day trips. Nothing much has changed really. She recalls the excitement of seeing exotic wild animals right up close. Chatting to the staff, and the animals, heading for a Cona coffee in the restaurant, Beryl muses how perfectly calm and serene it is on this warm May morning.

Meanwhile... behind the scenes, all sort of mayhem is breaking out. The queue is getting longer and longer at the entrance. Who is that woman? It's mucking out time in the elephant enclosure and someone's kicked the bucket. A camel called Betty has gone missing. Or is she a dromedary? How do you pick a poisonous snake up? Will the grumpy aye-aye attack Charlie? Who left the gorilla's cage door unlocked? Who is Johnny Morris anyway?

Heading for the exit after the last fish has been thrown to the seals at 4.15, Beryl thinks she might just make it down to Broadmead in time to walk round that wonderful new Fairfax House. A perfect day out.