

# PLANET <sup>OF THE</sup> APES



## FAN CLUB

7, St. Mary's Close, Panfield, Nr. Braintree, Essex.

MAY/JUNE

NEWSLETTER

Dear Member,

Now that the fan club is operating from new offices (again!!) set deep in the heart of the Essex countryside, with only the bleating of the sheep and mooing of the cattle to disturb me, I hope that this year will bring us.....  
.....newsletters that arrive on time!!!! Perhaps this issue will be the first.

There is something to clear up from the last newsletter, with reference to the drawing competition. Because many of you do not like to cut up your letter it has been decided not to bother with an entry form. Please please remember though to state clearly your name, age and address. Drawings should arrive now no later than June 15th. Remember... You do not need an entry form.

Great to see the film "Planet of the Apes" on television wasn't it. The I.B.A. told us last year that they had bought it for screening and promised to tell us the screening date well in advance so that we could let you know. Obviously they forgot. "Beneath" is also due to be shown later this year, and when I find out when, I will tell you.

Nice to see Roddy McDowall back on the box. He has been guesting in several programmes and one or two of his old films have been shown in some regions. Currently you can see him in the series "Fantastic Journey" in which he plays a nice but seedy character called Willaway.

Membership renewals are coming in nicely. I hope that all of you will want to stay on. Only through fans like you and me, can we keep the spirit of P.O.A. alive. NOT that the apes are dead yet. Far from it. Galen and Urko are frequently at Tesco superstores, (see personal appearances) and the live show is to be seen again in many parts of the country. A word of warning however... Beware of imposters! Last summer we found that there was a roving photographer at Scarborough with an "Urko". Now then, only the fan club and Television Character Promotions are allowed by 20th Century Fox, to present the characters and only we can bring you the original apes to meet you.

One of our Astronauts, Chris Creegan, has been appearing as a villain in the B.B.C. childrens serial "Out of Bounds". He was Rod Miller, The thug who wore a wooly hat most of the time. That must be quite a change from running away from Urko and his thugs.

OK, now then, turn the page and let's get started....

IN THIS ISSUE Behind the Scenes - "Beneath the planet of the Apes"  
Biographies of Natalie Trundy (Lisa) and Don Murray (Breck)  
A great new "Rescue Galen" competition.

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LETTERS PAGE. You are welcome to send in letters on any ape topic for this page.  
Please mark your letter for this page so that we know it may be printed

Dear Sir,  
When are you going to start selling  
POTA paperbacks, T-shirts, toys  
etc.  
What about a banana recipe comp. for  
the apes to try out. I have seen the  
first four films, is there any chance  
that "Battle" will come to Glasgow.  
Yours Apefully,  
Member 874.

(We cannot get the books at present-  
T-shirts, toys etc are steadily  
going out of production because the  
makers believe that there is no  
demand. Hence the T-shirt shortage  
we experienced last year. I like your  
banana idea. Individual cinema  
managers are responsible for the hire  
of old films for screening.-ED)

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Dear Peter,  
I have compiled a 180 card name index  
system, which gives details of every  
ape and human from the films and TV  
series. Unfortunately it is short on  
three quite important characters.  
1. the orangutan priest from "Planet"  
and "Beneath" 2. The orangutan  
president from the courtscene in "Planet"  
3. Brent's commander from "Beneath".  
in the 1st POA annual is a picture of  
Brent bending over his commander with  
an oxygen cylinder. At the bottom of  
the picture his nameplate is clear  
but the first few letters of his name  
are blocked, the others look like  
'addow'. Can you help?  
Yours sincerely  
Glen Johnson, No. 1393.

(OK, 1. The priest was cast simply as  
the "Minister" 2. The courtroom  
president was cast as the "President  
of the assembly" 3. Brent's commander  
seems to have been cast as "Skipper"  
Can any members supply any actual  
names? - ED)

Dear sir,  
I feel I must write and congratulate  
you on your hard work on the club  
and I think that you are doing a good  
job. Especially considering the "deaths"  
of the films, tv series and the ceasing  
of the Planet of the Apes magazine.  
Finally, If any one has the complete  
set of film picture cards, (not TV) I  
will pay £1.50 plus postage for them.  
Keep on ape-ing  
A. Proctor No. 910.

(oo-er, What is all this praise. Flattery  
will get you everywhere. Incidentally,  
"Swap Shop" is on page 4 -ED )

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Dear sir,  
would you please give me the running  
times and footage of the five ape films.  
Yours  
John Ray.

( In order of release John, they are:-  
1. 8423ft 1hour 34mins.  
2. 10,070ft 1hour 52mins.  
3. 8761ft 1hour 37mins.  
4. 7674ft 1hour 25mins.  
5. 7773ft 1hour 26mins.  
Always pleased to oblige. - ED)

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#### HOW TO EARN A YEARS FREE MEMBERSHIP.

Tell all your friends about the club to  
start with. If they want to join then  
write their names and addresses clearly  
on a sheet of paper. Ask them for their  
subscription and six stamped addressed  
envelopes. When you have all that, send  
it to us. If you can get five or more  
of your friends to join, the fan club  
will give you a years free membership.  
Remember the subscription is now 80p.

- ED.

STAR BIOGRAPHY Number one.

NATALIE TRUNDY as LISA.

Natalie Trundy plays a winsome chimpanzee taken under Roddy McDowall's protective wing.

She is, in real life, the wife of the films' producer, Arthur P. Jacobs. Miss Trundy is a veteran of such Broadway hits as "A Girl Can Tell" and "By The Beautiful Sea". Her career was interrupted by an automobile accident which broke her back some years ago, but she resumed acting in 1967 with many TV roles. She appeared as a mutated human in "Beneath the Planet Of The Apes" and as an investigator of animal behaviour in "Escape From The Planet Of The Apes". Here, in the apes films she became famous for her role of Lisa in "Conquest" and "Battle".

When she was only thirteen years old, she talked her way into the role of a sixteen year old girl in the F. Hubert comedy "A Girl Can Tell". Next she played a woman of twenty three in "By The Beautiful Sea", starring Shirley Booth. She again played a girl in her twenties in "Girls of Summer" with Shelly Winters.

Natalie's film debut was with Marlene Dietrich in "Monte Carlo Story" which was followed by "The Careless Years" and many others.

THE END

COMPETITIONS.

Thank you for the entries for the spot the difference competitions. Free memberships have been arranged for the winners. Congratulations. A full list of winners will be published at a later date.

PRIZE AMENDMENT - DRAWING COMPETITIONS.

Due to circumstances quite beyond our control we have had to make an alteration to the prize as described in the last newsletter. Each winner will now receive one not two 8x10 glossy photos of Kim Hunter. It will be of her as Zira, with an inset picture of her as herself. OK, Get drawing and good luck.

(Do not forget, that pen and ink, black & white line drawings stand more chance of being printed in the newsletter. For example, like the Spot the Difference drawings.)

THIS MONTHS NEW AND EXCITING COMPETITION IS ON PAGE FOUR.

PERSONAL APPEALS.

Sat. 28th May, .....Barclay Oval School, Woodford, Essex. Galen, Urko, Zako, or Dr. Zaius.

Tues. 7th June, .....Liphook, Hampshire, Full live action show.

Sat/Sun 25th/ 26th June....Plymouth, full live action show.

For those of you have not seen the live action show, I suggest you read members' reports in last year's March and May issues, and the theatre review in the July issue. That should give you some idea what to expect.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS.

Please do not forget to check the renewals box on the front page. If it has a tick in it then your renewal is due and you should get your 80p plus six SAE's by the end of JUNE.

\* Envelopes should not be smaller than 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Thank you.

# THIS MONTHS COMPETITIONS ? RESCUE GALEN!!!

A years free membership to be won. Closing date June 15th.

HOW TO ENTER - Study the map and reference key beside it. Galen is being held by Urko in the death cell of the prison. The only way to reach him is via the office, guardroom and anti-chamber. The prison is guarded at all times by five guards as shown. - With the help of two human slaves and two of Galens chimp relatives, Virdon and Burke have to rescue Galen before he is executed. YOU have to plan the rescue and escape route.

Here is some information to help you:- 1. at 9.30am fresh fruit and veg is delivered from the farmland area by ox and cart to the barracks. 2. The guards are changed everytwo hours, starting at 6am. 3. At the hut lives an old, retired gorilla warrior who is now almost blind. 4. The only equipment that could be found to use in the plan consisted of one rope, 30ft. long - some gunpowder, but not enough to blow a hole in the prison wall - two knives and a piece of canvas 5ft. x 5ft.

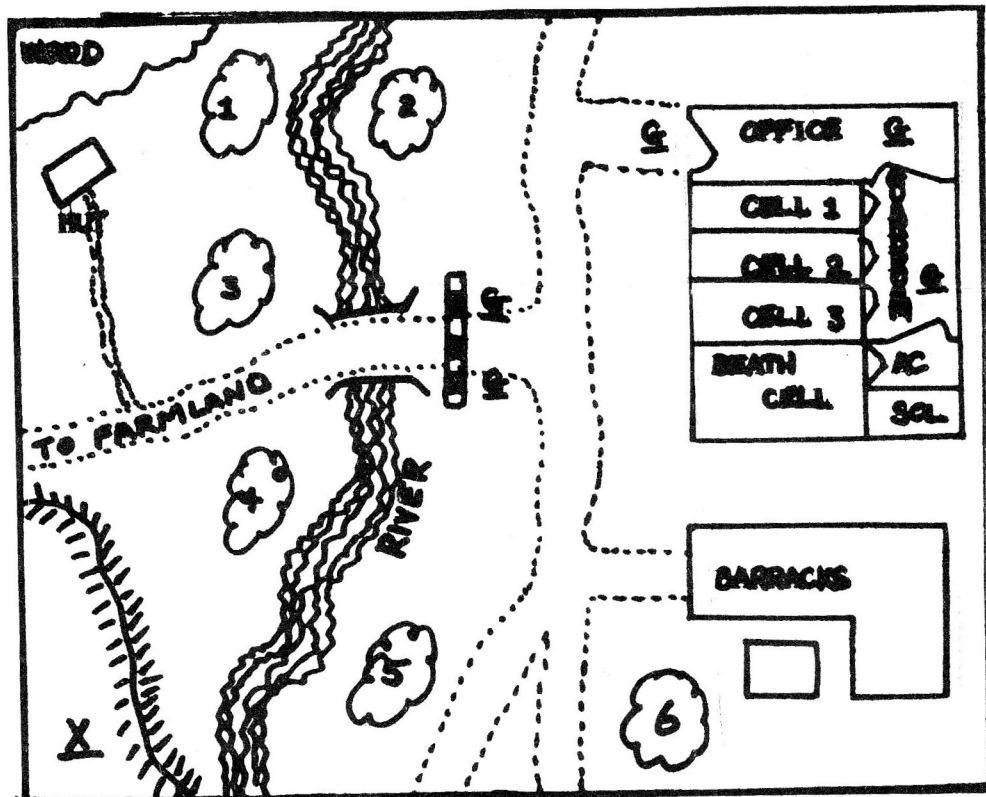
Work out your plan and describe it clearly, naming landmarks etc. For example:- "Fete and Alan run to tree 3 and wait. As the guard approaches the bridge, one of the chimps exits from the irrigation ditch....." If you wish you can cut out your map and mark your approach and escape routes on it, attaching it to your written description.

The winner will be the member who in the opinion of the judges has submitted the most original and feasible plan, making the most of the limited equipment and cover. And good luck.

## KEY

- G .....Guard.  
 3. ....Tree (each one is numbered)  
 X .....Rescuers start from here.  
 [Barrier] .....Barrier.  
 AC.....Anti-chamber.  
 SOL.....Solitary.  
 [Irrigation ditch] .....Irrigation ditch, 5ft deep.

Note that each cell has an outside window except for the Death Cell.



SWAP SHOP - OPEN - SWAP SHOP - OPEN - SWAP SHOP - OPEN - SWAP SHOP - OPEN - SWAP SHOP.

Alan Hearn of 77, Wood St. Chatteris, Cambs. Wants to swap comics Nos. 2 to 13,15,16,17, 22 and 26 to 62 for the Planet Of The Apes game.

A.G. Deckert, 19 Granville Road, St. Albans, Herts, is willing to pay up to £5 or swap a set of 8 x 10 colour stills for a set of 44 film cards and tv cards nos. 10,12,26,27,33,36,57, and 65. If possible two of each nos 12 and 65. He is also interested in swapping for back issues of "Look In" containing ICA articles.

Member 876, 64 Hillcrest Avenue, Paisley, Renfrewshire, PA2 8QA. wants the books of Planet and Beneath, or any others except the other film stories. He is willing to swap comics nos. 1,2,4,6,7,9,10,12,14,to29, 31,32,34,36 to 45,47,48,50 to 53, 56,58,59,60, 63,64,66,68,69,71,73 to 78, 80 to 90, 92, 105 plus 70 other s.



SWAP SHOP - STILL OPEN.

C. Bell of 5, Yardside Road, Barrow-in-furness, Cumbria, LA13 OES, is after three of the tv series bubble gum cards, Nos. 14, 52, and 44. He is willing to swap for cash or for other cards as he has many doubles, and the book "Monkey Planet. Also, For a set of film cards he will swap a Galen and Zaius action doll.

Guy Golman, 8, the Tracles, Callaways Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne, Kent, will swap tv cards 57 87, 14, 11 and 52 for tv card no. 56.

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SWAP OF THE MONTH From Miss Angel Fitzgerald, 67, Highgate Street, Highgate, Birmingham, B12 OXR.

Angel is saving up to buy the Apes films, so she would like money rather than real swaps. Here is a rundown of the ape material she wants to offer:-

Two annuals, 1976 , 1975. - complete tv card set - two giant jigsaws, Urko/Virdon and Burke with Galen - Six paperbacks, Escape Battle and Beneath, three from the tv series. - A giant scrapbook crammed with info and pics from the films and series -  
- Cassette tapes of these tv episodes:- The Interrogation c/w The Tyrant, The Horse Race c/w The Deception, The Horse Race c/w The Cure, The Lagacy c/w The Good Seeds, Escape From Tomorrow.

Please send Angel details of the item/s you want and how much you are prepared to pay.

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Please send a stamped addressed envelope to the swappers, with details of your offers. On no account send your swap before chacking with the swapper that it is acceptable.

STAR BIOGRAPHY - Number two.

DON MURRAY as Breck

Don Murray once again demonstrates his versatility. As Shuttle in "Happy Birthday" he was a high pressure but comedic vacuum cleaner salesman in love with Susannah York. In contrast he appears in the Apes films as Breck, the tyrannical governor of a state somewhere in North America.

Murray's performances on Broadway in "The Rose Tattoo" , "Skin Of Our Teeth" and "The Hot Corner" brought him wide notice and the star role opposite Marilyn Monroe in "Bus Stop". He has continued to give a series of fine performances on the screen and television that have won him unanimous acclaim. Movies, including "Batchelor Party" "A Hatful of Rain" "From Here To Texas" "Shake Hands With The Devil" and Many tv dramatic shows. Don is certainly well established in the acting world.

One of the few stars to be born in Hollywood, his birthday is on July 31st. Christened Donald Patrick Murray he is the son of Dennis Murray and Ethel Cook, a former Ziegfield dancer. At the age of nine months Murray was taken to New York by his parents. It was in New York that he eventually went to the American Accadamy.

Shortly after his graduation, he appeared with Jose Ferrer in "Insect Comedy" at the City Centre. Next he won a role in "The Rose Tattoo" and a revival of "The Skin of Our Teeth" followed. It was that, that brought Don to the attention of Joshua Logan, the stage director of "Bus Stop." He was looking for a co-star to work opposite Marilyn Monroe in the film version.

He is married to the former Betty Johnson.

THE END.

SPECIAL OFFERS      SPECIAL OFFERS      SPECIAL OFFERS      SPECIAL OFFERS

BADGES:- Dr.Zaius - Galen - Urko - Astronauts - Usual price 20p each.  
Members special price 15p.

CAR STICKERS - "Ive seen the apes" Circular with ape on horse against red sun.  
Usual price 15p  
Members special price 10p.

BACK ISSUES OF NEWSLETTER:- May, July, Jan, 1976. @ 20p each.

BEHIND THE SCENES - WHO DOES WHAT. No.2. BENEATH THE PLANET OF THE APES.

Produced by.....Arthur P. Jacobs.  
Directed by.....Ted Post.  
Associate Producer.....Mort Abraham.  
Screenplay by.....Paul Dehn.  
Story by..Paul Dehn, and Mort Abraham.  
Based on Characters  
created by.....Pierre Boulle.  
Music.....Leonard Rosenman.  
Creative Makeup Design..John Chambers.  
Costumes Designed By....Morton Haack.  
Director of  
Photography.....Milton Krasner, A.S.C.  
Art Direction.....Jack Martin Smith.  
William Creber.

Set Direction.....Walter M. Scott.  
Sven Wickman.  
Makeup Supervision.....Dan Striepeke.  
Hair styling by.....Edith Lyndon.  
Orchestration.....Alfred Ferraro.  
Film Editor.....Marion Rothman.  
Sound...Stephen Bass, David Dockendorf  
Special Photographic  
Effects.....L.B. Abbott, A.S.C.  
Second unit director ..Chuck Roberson.  
Unit production Manager, Joseph C. Behm.  
Assistant Director.....Fred Simpson  
Art Illustrator.....Fred Harpman.  
S.P. Effects.....Art Cruickshank.

Produced by APJAC Productions Inc.  
Filmed in PANAVISION.

Released by Twentieth Century Fox.  
Colour by De Luxe.

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Member's Contribution.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

By

Glen Johnson 1393

A lot of people who are less familiar with ape history, get muddled when it comes to identifying two different apes with the same name.

Everybody has heard of Galen, but his name originated from the first film. In it was a chimpanzee called Dr. Galen, played by Wright King.

Another prominent character in the TV series is General Urko. Compare his name with General Ursus and you will immediately see the difference. But, in the comparison of pictures the apes can get muddled. Although they have more or less the same rank and importance, their appearance and birthdates are different.

Urko wore a leather uniform with a wide collar covering his shoulders. He lived in about 3085. Ursus wore a heavy armour-plated chest and back covering, with armoured shoulder plates and helmet. He lived around 3955, that is 870 years later.

Then of course there was Dr. Zaius, played by both Maurice Evans and Booth Coleman. They were completely different characters although both orangutans. Booth Coleman was the President of the supreme council of elders, in about 3085. Maurice Evans was slightly less important. He played the Minister for science and chief Defender of the Faith. He lived in about 3955.

The main ape character in 3 of the 5 films was Dr. Cornelius. His grandson, son of Lisa and Caesar, was also called Cornelius and was played by Bobby Porter. However, the original Cornelius was an archeologist and lived in 3955. It is interesting to note that this Cornelius, played by Roddy McDowall and David Watson, was that he died nearly 2000 years before he was born!!!.

Finally, there is the lesser known ape, Zoran. Played by David Shiner in the TV series he was the chief medical officer, and a chimpanzee. The other Zoran, was in Pierre Boulle's novel, and was the attendant at the human research compound. He was a gorilla. It is an altogether confusing business if you aren't familiar with your ape history. I hope that I may have helped to clear up a few facts.

THE END.

We welcome contributions from members, but the editor reserves the right to shorten and amend, depending on space available in the newsletter.

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THAT'S ALL FOLKS!!!

Well, that just about wraps up this issue. All I have to do is send it up to "Big Mike" in Leeds and he will have it printed on the press next door. Let's have some competition ideas from you, and ideas for prizes too. Swaps, letters, and contributions always welcome. Please do not forget that if you need to write to the club, please send an envelope for your reply. It all helps to keep the costs and subscriptions down.

Bye for now, Keep On Ape-ing.

