

A MATCH FOR ELEPHANT 'LATABE'



An African Elephant at **West Midland Safari Park**, famed for her footy exploits has at last met her match, as two budding football stars from **Warndon Villages Football Club** tested her skills to the limit.

West Midland Safari Park were invited to support the Club by helping provide kit for two of their junior teams - the Rhinos (Under 9's) and Tigers (Under 11's) - and what better opportunity than showing off their new strip than at half term.

A chance to meet elephant Latabe was the icing on the cake for two members from the Club - Jack Davies (age 9) representing the Tigers and Alex Maund (age 8) the Rhinos. Both boys from Worcester were delighted to hear of Latabe's extraordinary football skills and enjoyed every moment.

Latabe's skills were first recognized last year, when she started kicking a ball around during playtime. As her Keeper was passionate about football too, Latabe proved to be the perfect opponent and appeared to know exactly how to play.

Warndon Villages Football Club was founded in 2001 and is now the premier children's football club in the city of Worcester. Having been awarded FA Charter standard Community Club Status in early 2009, WVFC as it is often known, now provides football for over 250 children and adults.

A spokesperson for West Midland Safari Park said, "It's been great working with WVFC; their aim of making the game accessible to all, requires great effort, support and dedication, which they certainly display. It was lovely to meet the boys and see their new kit - which looks super. We are delighted to have been able to help the Club and wish them a very successful season".

West Midland Safari Park closes for winter on Friday, 6th November 2009. Wild Winter Weekends start on Sunday, 8th November 2009 and the Park continues to open every weekend until 7th February 2010. The Park is open daily between 1st-24th December. Further information on special events - Bonfire Bonanza, 7th November and Santa Safari - is available from the Park's official website www.wmsp.co.uk or by telephone 01299 402114.

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