

^{the} In Spring - the polar bear's fancy lightly turns to....Yes, Brumas has got a mate. The lucky chap is "Ulla" who came from Whipsnade - and they expect to hear the patter of tiny ^{paws} feet around the place about December.

A newsreel is often like turning the pages of the family album. This was Brumas seven Easters ago - when she was the rage of Regent's Park. This year, the attraction at the London Zoo will be the bear cubs - Nikki ~~and Rusk~~ and Rusk. NOW GROWING UP FAST.

Nikki, of course, was presented to Princess Anne by the Soviet leaders, Marshal Bulgannin and Mr Krushchev during their visit last year. Nikki - it seems - is a bit of a swing-fan - ~~and~~ ^{he'd} be quite content to rock himself around the clock...

But Rusk decides to apply the veto - and breaks in on an unfinished symphony.

The Easter news from the Warsaw Zoo features some more lusty infants, and the problem seems to be feeding them.

For bear cubs, a well-balanced diet is essential - so their foster-mother is a modern feeding-bottle.

Yes, they're hitting the bottle hard: at an early age, too...

Anyway, they still manage to put a brave face on things.

Oh dear! Perhaps he should have taken more milk with it.

Now a variation of an old theme: but this time, the young lady is taking the tiger for a ride - and it happened in Russia...

For a holiday outing, Margarita Nazarova, an animal trainer, took her pet tiger, "Pursh" to the local zoo. And the reunion was not exactly a friendly one.

There were roars and snarls from the caged inmates. After all, who wants to be stared at by a tame tiger..

But looking at ~~all those~~ ^{that angry lot} ~~chaps~~ ^{er} - chaps behind bars: "Pursh" decided that a tame life paid dividends, after all...

Finally, we put the cat among the pigeons, so to speak: but being Easter-time - they're day-old chicks. These strange bed-fellows

were filmed on a chicken farm, near Berlin. ~~Everyone~~ ^{who} seems perfectly happy about it - except Mother hen ~~who~~ ^{who} squawked ~~about~~ about cats having nine lives too many!