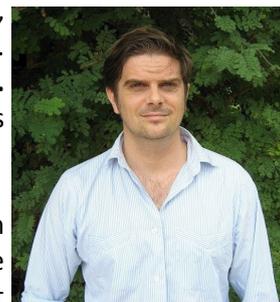




NVT Event, 6 November 2019

The Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, London SE1 8UJ (near Waterloo station)

We are delighted to have Jonny Vaughan, the founding director of the Lilongwe Wildlife Trust, to tell us about the wildlife conservation programme to which NVT UK has been contributing. His title for the talk is **"The Role of Environmental Education in Conservation in Malawi"**. Jonny is closer to it than anyone, so can inspire us with the stories that lie behind the statistics and about the many people who help make the programme a success.



Jonny Vaughan
© J Vaughan

He will start by talking about the conservation work right across Malawi, before focusing on the Northern project. Of particular interest will be his views on the role of learning outside the classroom and the value of education in policing wildlife crime. He will show us footage that brings the stories to life.

If you've heard Jonny speak, you will know that he is passionate about his subject, and inspiring. This was recognised when he was awarded an MBE in this April's Queen's Awards. **Don't miss it. Make sure it's in your diary and you have booked your tickets.** The event will also be an opportunity for you to network with old and new friends who share an interest in Malawi.

6.00 doors open, Gascony Room. Networking, sale of merchandise and cash bar
6.45 update from Chairman, Tom Lupton
7.00 Jonny Vaughan's talk, followed by questions from the audience
8.00 networking continues. Cash bar
9.30 evening ends.

Details of the event can be found at www.nyika-vwaza-trust.org/UJC-2019.html. Tickets for the evening (£16, students £8) are available from Peter Lawrance: e-mail: secretary@nyika-vwaza-trust.org Address: 50 Brewery Road, Woking, GU21 4NA. Alternatively, please complete the application form included with this newsletter.

Union Jack Club, directions and facilities:

The Union Jack Club is in Sandell St, directly opposite the Waterloo Station ticket hall for the Jubilee underground line. Cross Waterloo Rd at the traffic lights and Sandell St is 10m to your left. The club entrance is 15m down Sandell St on the right. Depending on availability, you can book a table in the restaurant (open 17.00-21.30) or accommodation for the night. For the restaurant, ring 020 7902 6062 and for accommodation ring 020 7928 4814. Both can be booked on-line: www.ujclub.co.uk

Jonathan Timberlake to visit Malawi

Trustee Jonathan Timberlake is planning to visit Malawi in October this year, including a trip to the Nyika National Park and Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve. Apart from looking at achievements and impacts of both Stages 1 and 2 of the conservation education projects being implemented by the

Lilongwe Wildlife Trust, he will look at the current conservation and management situation in the two areas, with a view to providing a better focus for NVT's research grants in the future. He will also meet up with some recent recipients of our funding and help establish future links with Mzuzu University and others. There will be a full report in the spring newsletter.

Conservation Education Programme

Stage 1 of the programme has been completed and has met objectives in terms of getting conservation education into the communities and schools in the Nyika and Vwaza areas. It is evident that the activities are attracting interest, increasing understanding and just beginning to create some changes in behaviour. Between April 2016 and April 2019, NVT (UK) provided funding of around £125,000 for the work carried out by the Lilongwe Wildlife Trust.

Stage 2 of the programme, agreed between NVT (UK) and LWT, started in April 2019.

The aim continues to be to inspire, teach and engage youth and the communities about wildlife conservation, so that they care enough to change harmful behaviours. It *is* possible to change behaviour but it takes time. When children learn the importance of living sustainably and harmoniously with wildlife, they often influence the adults.



Children listening hard © LWT

NVT's main focus is to continue the education programme funded over the past three years, as there is a great deal more work to be done in reaching further communities and in reinforcing the green shoots of behaviour change. NVT (UK) has committed to funding of £120,000 over three years.

A new Monitoring and Evaluation framework aims to establish the extent of real change in mind-set and behaviour. Comments are encouraging and show an enthusiasm. Ellen Mtonga from Rumphu Secondary School said: *"Now I believe that history exists. This is an unforgettable moment of my life"*. Kelphas Nkhomba from Mhujū Community Day Secondary school was angry at the poachers: *"I wish if those found poaching or damaging the forests should be in prison for ever, because nature is beautiful and Malawi is so beautiful"*.

The move to tougher penalties for those caught poaching will help. Poachers under custodial sentences are receiving vocational training, funded by NVT, in order to help reduce re-offending due to a lack of alternative income. Increased trust means that children involved in the programme have been more willing to come forward and report wildlife crimes.

It is also encouraging that some participants have expressed interest in a career in environmental conservation. Dr Dalo Niela (Head of Mzuzu University's Forestry Department), found NVT's guide to the Nyika National Park of great value, commenting: *"The guide will assist the students enrolled in forestry and environmental programmes during their study as well as for their academic research."*



Reading the Nyika Guide © LWT

One of the great successes of the conservation education programme is how collaborative and supportive all the stakeholders have been, in particular the involvement of the Department of National Parks & Wildlife.



Providing transport for educators © LWT

2018-2019 Accounts

Main headings of income and expenditure

2018-19

Donation Income (Including gift aid relief where applicable)

>£1,000

£500-999

£250-499

£1-249

Other income (merchandise, promotions, investments)

Transfers from Investments

Expenditure

In Malawi Education programme run by LWT

Research grants

In UK – newsletter, events, merchandise, activity review, expenses

	Unrestricted projects or activities		Restricted (Education Programme)	
	£	No	£	No
>£1,000			8,000	1
£500-999	625	1	875	1
£250-499	612	2		
£1-249	3,653	34	677	5
Other income (merchandise, promotions, investments)	5,705			
Transfers from Investments	30,000			
	40,595		9,552	
Expenditure				
In Malawi Education programme run by LWT	32,948		7,052	
Research grants	758			
In UK – newsletter, events, merchandise, activity review, expenses	5,213			
	38,919		7,052	

News from Chelinda

In our spring newsletter, Central African Wilderness Safaris (CAWS) had reported the first lion sighting on the Nyika Plateau for decades. This April, several guests and CAWS staff members saw not one, but two lions crossing the road, just 200m from Chelinda Lodge. They were spotted again during the Easter break and, since then, the team has heard them roaring throughout the park. CAWS staff at Chelinda are conducting a regular lion patrol, to establish their location and movements. It is not clear if they are here to stay or simply moving through the area. Keep up to date through the Chelinda Camp and Chelinda Lodge Facebook and Instagram pages.



Nyika Lion © Rohin Bakshi

If you are planning a trip to Nyika, you can now fly in direct to Chelinda with Ulendo Airlink. It is only a two-hour flight from Lilongwe and the views on the way are spectacular, giving a real sense of the sheer vastness of the plateau and its rolling montane grasslands.

CAWS tell us that Nyika has been bursting with activity throughout the year. Herds of eland, roan antelope and zebra can be seen grazing almost year-round with highlights including regular sightings of leopards, hyenas, porcupines, honey badgers, Egyptian mongooses and side-striped jackals. White-backed and lappet-faced vultures have been sighted. Some of the bird regulars spotted are Denham's Bustard, blue swallow, rufous-breasted sparrowhawk, augur buzzards, grey-headed herons, giant kingfishers and eagle owls.



Leopard © CAWS

A big thank you to the CAWS marketing team for sharing this information with us and for sending these stunning photos.

Research grants

In May, some of the Trustees met up with two NVT grant recipients – Heejoo Lee and Maganizo Namoto – while they were attending a conference on orchids at Kew, London. Both have almost finished their studies on the illegal orchid trade and reports will be available soon on the NVT website.



Orchid bulbs © Heejoo Lee

Heejoo has since been back to Malawi and reports that: “One of my key objectives in the villages was to visit communal lands where Chinaka were found. It was a success beyond expectation. Within an hour, just up the hills behind people’s homes, different species of Chinaka orchids were found. We dug a handful and even baked cake to share. We discussed ideas about experimenting to safeguard such hills. We pondered if these areas could be protected – by the community members, from the community members – to avoid becoming farmlands. Such ideas seemed to be so foreign – enough to again draw those benign giggles – and there were no conclusive commitments. But I was grateful that every member in the ideas group actually looked at one another, mused and discussed. To me this was hope for the beginning of a novel idea.”



The cake © Heejoo Lee

Andrew Kanzunguze, who was doing a study on bracken invasion on the plateau with fieldwork funded under a small grant, has now finished his Masters, and his report should also be available soon. However, the plant survey of the Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve by Sopani Sichinga has been slightly delayed, but fieldwork is now finished. Finally, the proposal to look at the tree *Prunus africana* in the Nyika forests is still being finalised by Paston Simkoko, who will undertake the study as part of his Masters thesis, with support from NVT for the fieldwork.

We can't do it without you!

Do come to the talk on 6 Nov and learn more about how the programme is working.

As we go into Stage 2 we will need significant regular investment to ensure we make a lasting positive impact on the conservation of the Nyika National Park and Vwaza Marsh. We are very grateful to all of you who have already donated towards our programmes and hope that this newsletter will encourage others of you to support this important programme. Please note the change in our bank arrangements, moving the account to Lloyds Bank, details of which you can find on the donation form at the end of this newsletter. Or donate online at www.nyika-vwaza-trust.org.

[Thank you for your support.](#)

Keeping you up-to-date

We have redesigned the NVT website so that it is easier to find your way around. We think it looks cleaner and better. Do have a look on www.nyika-vwaza-trust.org

Our Twitter account is active and messages are being shared between a range of stakeholders. Follow us on Twitter @NyikaVwazaTrust to stay up-to-date, and don't forget to 'like' and 'retweet' NVT tweets!



Avril Gordon - obituary

Avril Gordon, widow of Ian Gordon, a founding trustee of the Nyika Vwaza Trust, died on 9 May 2019.

Avril, nee Thomson, grew up in Ayrshire and first met Ian Gordon in 1954 but it was not until 1970 that she visited Ian in Malawi while he was still with the Malawi Army. They were married in 1971 and a few months later travelled by sea to Cape Town and drove in a Ford Escort estate to Malawi and the Nyika. Ian took up the post of Game Ranger and Avril was appointed Camp Manageress, responsible for the visitors' accommodation and the shop, which served both staff and visitors. She also acted as a first-aider, using a small quantity of medical supplies provided by the British Army. Upon arrival, the Senior Game Ranger announced he and his wife would be going on leave in five days' time and not be returning. Such was their introduction to life in Malawi, compensated for by being able to watch the host of birds and the herds of eland, zebra and reedbuck outside the window and at night watching the eyes in the torchlight outside the back door, usually jackal or hyena eyeing up their chickens. In 1974 they took their first six-month leave back to Scotland and by chance met Laurens van der Post, who had visited Nyika in 1949, on the boat from Cape Town so they had much to talk about. On return from leave, a pleasant surprise greeted Avril when she called to a common duiker female named Bokkie who appeared out of the plantation with a youngster. During their second tour, the Nyika was greatly extended and many infrastructural developments took place. With the increased number of staff Avril's duties as dispensary nurse increased, she appreciated help from the Royal Engineers, building the new road to the north, the Zambian Flying Doctor service and Rumphu Hospital. They retired from the Nyika in March 1977 to Gatehouse of Fleet in Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

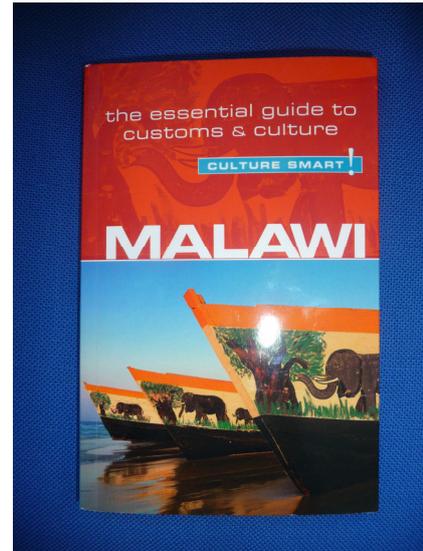


Scampi with Avril, Chilinda, Nyika National Park-1975 © Gordon family

Charming guide to Malawi's customs & culture

Some of you may remember Kondwani Munthali, an award-winning Malawi journalist who served as a diplomat at the Malawi High Commission in London. While in London, he came to many of NVT's events and was particularly interested in our work, having been born and brought up not far from the Nyika National Park.

He has turned his considerable skill to writing 'Malawi – Culture Smart!: The Essential Guide to Customs & Culture'. This is a charming book and available on Amazon: ISBN 978-1-85733-878-2.



The Essential Guide to Customs and Culture © Kondwani Munthali

Calendar 2020

We shall be offering Malawi WESM calendars once again for 2020. To be sure of a copy please send your order by email to: secretary@nyika-vwaza-trust.org or by post to Peter Lawrance, 50 Brewery Road, Woking GU21 4NA. The price is the same as last year, at £11 + UK p&p, but please do not send any money at this stage. We hope to have a supply available for sale at the NVT evening on 6 November.

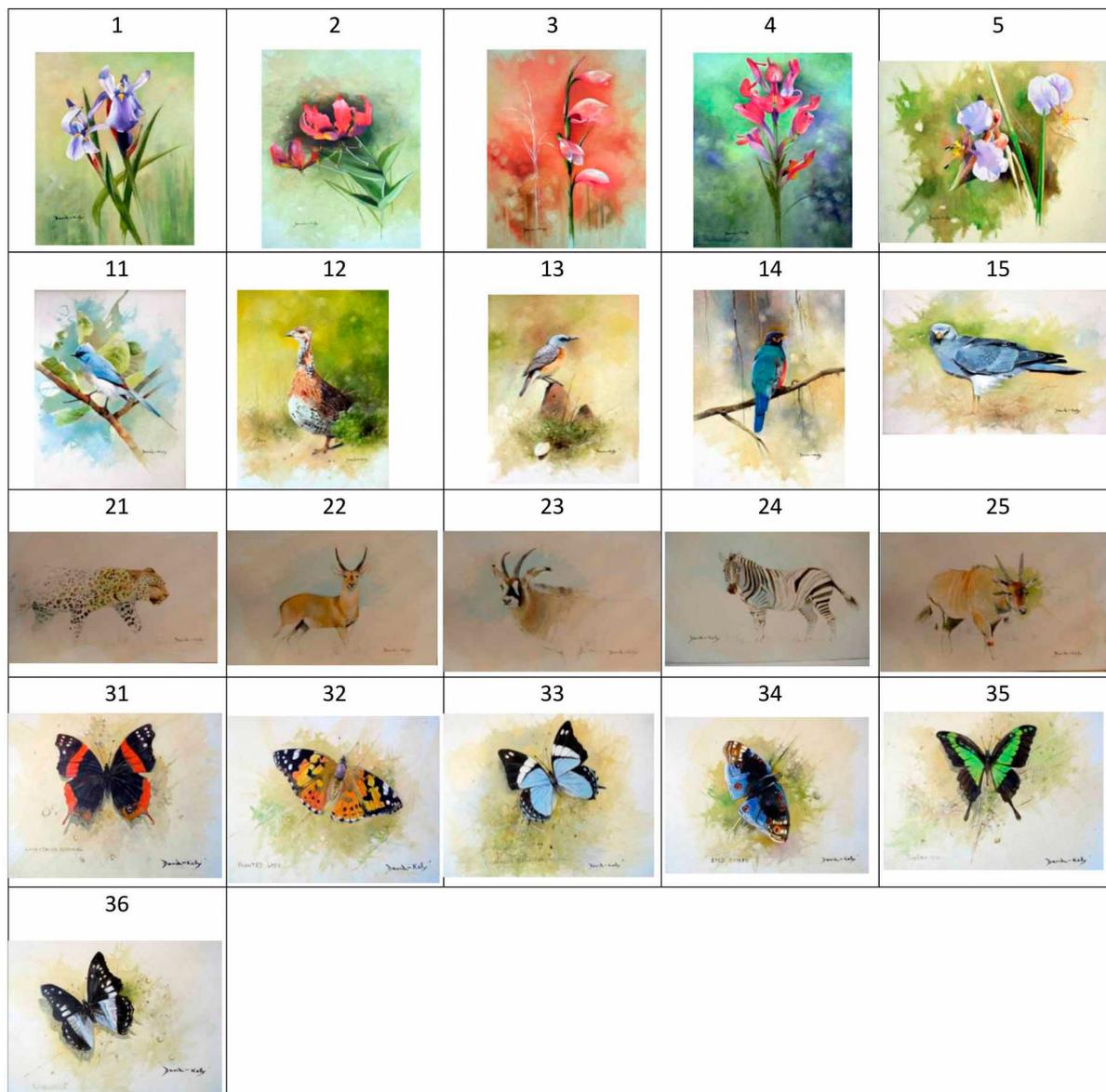


WESM 2020 Calendar © WESM

Cards for Christmas

As a special offer we shall once again be offering to sell NVT cards in any selection in any quantity, as illustrated below, they do not need to be in theme packs

To order please send your list of card number and number required to the Secretary, NVT at email secretary@nyika-vwaza-trust.org, or by post at 50 Brewery Road, Woking, Surrey GU21 4NA, UK .Cards are priced at £5.50 per 5 cards + P&P. Please let us have your order by 31 October 2019.



Available NVT cards © NVT

Note: Change of Bank Account

Over recent months the Trust has considered moving its bank account after a number of actual and attempted fraudulent transactions. A business charities account has been opened with Lloyds Bank plc. The existing account will be closed in due course. The website now has updated forms for making donations, either as one-off or as a standing order. If you would like a copy of either forms and do not have access to the website please request one from the Hon Secretary, 50 Brewery Road, Woking GU21 4NA, U.K.

Editor: Jennie Kettlewell
Designer: Mike Budgen

Order Form for Guide to Nyika National Park

To order "Nyika – A Guide to the Nyika National Park, Malawi", payment can be made by £sterling cheque (made out to Nyika-Vwaza Trust), via Paypal, or direct to NVT's UK bank – see details below.

Prices:

UK: £20, incl. p&p, or £21 via Paypal

Overseas: (direct to Lloyds Bank plc account or by bankers draft) £28, including p&p, or £30 via Paypal.

We rely on donations to the Nyika-Vwaza (UK) Trust to fund our programmes, so please consider adding a donation to the amount you are paying for the guide.

Please complete the following:

I would like copies of the book, "Nyika – A Guide to the Nyika National Park, Malawi."

I would like to add a donation of £.....

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Alternatively you may set up a standing order direct with your bank and advise us of your arrangement by email to:

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The Nyika-Vwaza (UK) Trust

Promotional Evening with a talk by Jonny Vaughan
at the Union Jack Club,
Sandell Street, London, SE1 8UJ on Wednesday 6th November 2019.

“The Role of Environmental Education in Conservation in Malawi”

Application Form for Tickets

Admission tickets are £16 per person or £8 per student. They will be issued from end-September 2019.

I hereby apply for _____ tickets for the people named below.

I enclose my cheque for £ _____ made payable to the ‘Nyika-Vwaza (UK) Trust.’

Alternatively you may email this application form to the Hon.Secretary, NVT (UK) Trust, sec.nvt@gmail.com and make payment direct to the Trust’s account at Lloyds Bank plc, sort code 30-90-89, account number 44504860 or use the Paypal button “Donate Now” on the website, but please note the ticket using PayPal is £17 per person to cover additional fees.

(Please complete in block letters)

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