



The newsletter of the Nyika-Vwaza Trust and Nyika-Vwaza (UK) Trust
"working for the environment and wildlife conservation in northern Malawi"

Welcome to the Autumn issue of Nyika-Vwaza News.

Now that the season of mellow fruitfulness is upon us, we in the UK are gearing up for our annual fundraising event in London on 9 December. We hope you will join us in making this our biggest and most successful gathering so far. For more details, see below.

On the Nyika, large herds of eland, along with roan, zebra and reedbuck are returning to the high plateau, and the wildflowers are blooming. The dry season has been a period of intense activity in northern Malawi - for the highlights, see the "Field Diary" and "Serendipity" articles below.

Back in the UK, we have the exciting news that a substantial legacy has enabled us to establish an endowment fund. Rising fuel prices and labour costs in Malawi mean that our running expenses have risen dramatically in the last year. Over time, the endowment fund will secure an income stream to support the vital work we do in northern Malawi. We hope that you will help us grow the fund.

Other good news is that the Nyika tourism concession has been awarded to Wilderness Safaris. We have always believed that conservation and tourism can, and should, walk hand-in-hand and we look forward to a productive working relationship with the new concessionaire.

Our regular readers will know that the work we do in supporting Malawi's Department of National Parks and Wildlife on the Nyika and in Vwaza is grass roots conservation. We maintain roads, we build bridges and barrages and we cut firebreaks and run controlled burns to limit the damage of wildfires, among other things. These tasks are absolutely critical to the continued survival of these areas as wildernesses and we rely entirely on your support to fund our operations. We thank you wholeheartedly for making it possible, and we hope that you will continue to do so.

Jane Gallacher (Editor)

Animals, Anthu and Ancestors - RGS, 9 December 2009

Our annual UK fundraiser will take place on **Wednesday, 9 December 2009** at The Royal Geographical Society in London.

Professor Brian Morris will give an informal lecture on **Animals, Anthu and Ancestors: relationships between Malawians and the world of wildlife**. In what promises to be a lively talk, Brian will explore the forces that motivate Malawians in their relationships with, and attitudes to, the wildlife around them. If you don't understand what "animals, anthu and ancestors" means, then please do come along to find out!

Brian currently holds the post of Emeritus Professor of Anthropology at Goldsmiths College, University of London. He first set foot in Malawi more than 50 years ago and, since then, has explored almost every hill and mountain in the country looking for birds, mammals, medicines, epiphytic orchids or fungi. Earlier this year Brian spent five months travelling on a motorbike in Malawi whilst conducting fieldwork into the landscape history of the Shire Highlands.

Doors open at 6pm. At 6.45pm, we will give you an update on the trust's recent work, after which Brian will begin his talk (there will also be time for questions). A pay bar will be open before and after the evening's more formal events. Prints by Pastor Theo Campbell Barker, along with WESM 2010 calendars and new and second-hand books on Malawi, will be available for sale with all proceeds going to the trusts.

Our annual UK fundraiser is the most important event in our calendar. It is also a good opportunity for our friends to catch up with one another, as the photos below from last year's event show. We do hope that, as in previous years, you will join us and show your support for our work in northern Malawi.

PLEASE DON'T DELAY - APPLY FOR YOUR TICKETS NOW!

To purchase tickets, which are £15, please fill in the application form at the back of this newsletter or contact Harry Foot (telephone 01752 892632 or e-mail stowfoots@southdevon.org).



Seeing friends from the past at RGS



Molly Jackson, Carl Bruessow and Lucia van der Post at RGS 2008



Guests at our RGS 2008 event

The First Legacy

Towards the end of last year, the UK trustees received word that a significant legacy had been bequeathed to the trust by the late Mr Ian Hay (1935 - 2008). Now, we can tell you about our benefactor and about how a single act of exceptional generosity is having, and will continue to have, an extraordinary impact on our work to conserve and protect northern Malawi's wilderness heritage.

Ian Hay was a professional golfer. Born in Aberdeen, he spent some thirty years of his working life coaching in southern Africa, almost twenty of them at the Country Club Limbe in Malawi during the 1970's and 1980's. During this period he developed a love of Malawi, its people and its wildlife, visiting the various wildlife and nature parks, including the Nyika National Park where Major Ian Gordon was warden. He also formed a close friendship with Mr Harry Pease, the Technical Director of Lever Brothers in Limbe, who took golf lessons from Ian.

Ian progressed his golfing career by moving to Austria, where he managed a country club for several years and then retired to Spain. In 2005, he moved to the Isle of Man, where Harry Pease was already living in retirement. Their close friendship resumed once more along with their mutual interest and concern for Malawi and the progress of her people, assisted by Harry and Margaret Pease's continued contact with Ian and Avril Gordon.

Ian's bequest to the UK trust was his way of expressing his confidence in the people and future of Malawi, the country in which he had enjoyed the middle years of his life. It has enabled the UK trustees to establish a £50,000 nucleus Endowment Fund. It is the hope of both the UK and Malawi trustees that other friends who support the Nyika National Park and the Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve, and our work there, will add progressively to this permanent Endowment Fund, by donations or other legacies. This will help to source the future income of the trusts and so will contribute to the future of these wonderful wilderness areas.

If you would like further information on leaving a legacy to the UK trust, please contact Harry Foot (telephone 01752 892632, e-mail stowfoots@southdevon.org or write to Harry at Stowford Farm, Harford, Ivybridge, Devon PL21 0JD).



Ian Hay

Serendipity: further impressions

You may recall that Lisa Holyhead and Jerry Kent joined our team as volunteer trust managers back in the spring. Lisa now updates us on her impressions of living and working on the Nyika over the last seven months...

When you last heard from us, Jerry and I had been in our role as Nyika-Vwaza Trust Managers for a grand total of three days. We've now been here for over seven months, although it hardly seems it, and I can say hand on heart that it has been the experience of a lifetime.

We have been lucky enough to be living and working in a spectacularly beautiful place which has a very special place in the hearts of many people. Not many of us are able to look out of our office window and see herds of eland, roan antelopes and reedbucks grazing or buzzards hunting in the skies above (nor, for that matter, do they have to chase bushbucks out of their kitchen).

Visitors often say that what makes Malawi special is its people, earning it the title of "the warm heart of Africa". We have lived and worked with people who by our standards have very little in material terms but who have impressed us with their resilience and their optimistic outlook on life. We have learnt a tremendous amount from them; not least patience, perspective and the wisdom of being content with what you have and counting your blessings. Lessons I hope we'll remember next time someone barges into a parking space in front of us or we're kept waiting on the line to speak to someone at a call centre!



Rebuilding the bridge at North Rumphu

We have also come to understand just how much in our western world of endless possibilities we limit ourselves. Neither Jerry nor I have any pretensions to being engineers but, last month, using almost entirely local resources and people we reconstructed a bridge that had been burnt down over a decade ago. It took just a few days and has opened up a large area of the Nyika National Park to visitors and anti-poaching patrols.

And we have some memories that we'll treasure forever. Of people we've met, stunning views and thrilling encounters with the wildlife. We've seen leopards at dawn, civets and porcupine at night and huge herds of eland. The moment that stands out for me, though, was the eve of my birthday. After a glorious blue-skied day spent walking from Domwe to Jalawe, we headed back as

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the sun set, casting a honey glow over the rolling hills. As if to order, a herd of zebra, startled by the car, ran alongside us for a while. Not a bad way to spend your birthday...

Lisa and Jerry are due to leave us in early 2010 to continue their travels across Africa. Both the UK and Malawi trustees wish to extend their thanks and gratitude to this exceptional couple, who have done the most fantastic job for us in running the Malawi trust's operations on the Nyika and in Vwaza over the last year. Happily, a good friend of theirs, Andrew Jackson, will take over as Trust Manager in January 2010. More about him in the next issue.



Zebra on the Nyika

Field diary

To give you a sense of what we do on the ground day-to-day, and of what we are able to achieve with the money you donate, we thought you might enjoy this field diary. It comprises extracts from Jerry and Lisa's monthly reports to the trustees from earlier this year.

May

There is increasing evidence of elephant traffic on the main road. While checking the condition of the Domwe - Chisanga bridge road, we were treated to the spectacle of a group of 25 elephants, including infants and juveniles, heading purposefully north near Zungwara bridge.



Elephants at Domwe

Having two strong and reliable vehicles in the Massey Ferguson tractor (funded jointly by Tusk Trust, Rufford Maurice Laing Foundation and the UK Trust) and the Toyota Land Cruiser pick up (purchased with funds from the UK Trust) means we have the capacity for more work.

The tractor and the DNPW towed grader (which Trust mechanics Lameck and Yobi drove from Vwaza and restored) have graded the road all the way from Chelinda to the Zambian Resthouse. The tractor was driven by Baxter Schinga and the grader was controlled by the DNPW's former grading guru, Mr Mhango, who came out of retirement to teach our staff the dusty art of grading. The heavily rutted Chelinda football pitch was used as a training ground. The "Chelinda International Stadium" is unlikely to be considered an alternative venue for Malawi's remaining World Cup qualifying matches but it is much improved.



The towed grader

The road grading took seven days at an average of 30-35 litres of diesel per day.

The firebreaks around the Chelinda Plantation, the police radio mast, Lake Kaulime and Zovochipolo were completed in April, and the Juniper Forest was completed in May. On Election Day, while travelling in the area of the Juniper Forest, we spotted smoke - a wildfire almost certainly lit by poachers. We returned the following morning with a team of fire-fighters but, being early in the season, overnight dew had dampened the fire.

Slashing to remove vegetation from less-used roads can assist with fire control and also opens up new areas to visitors. With a few small exceptions, the Trust's road slashing programme for 2009 is complete. The bulk of the slashing was done in three sessions where a group of 20 casual workers, under Joe Kapira's supervision, spent several days in the field. The work was done well and ahead of schedule.

Towards the end of May, DNPW's Mr Msiska came to Chelinda to discuss plans for the 2009 controlled burn. Wet April weather has delayed this work but we will start in the next few days.

We have almost finalised the budget for the re-building of the North Rumphu, Chisanga and Upper Chelinda bridges. The donation of £1250 from Fortis Bank will cover materials, labour and diesel but not the purchase of the steel-work for the bridges or its transport to Chelinda.

We have begun the task of painting and mounting the 100 plus missing signposts to the plinths using the Trust's new drill.

DNPW are keen for the Trust to repeat the work of previous years in creating a temporary barrage (using maize sacks filled with soil/gravel) to help maintain the water level in Lake Kazuni at Vwaza Marsh to keep the wildlife

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(particularly the hippos) happy during the dry season.

June

Late rains in April and May mean that the early burning programme was delayed until the beginning of June and will continue until early July. The burning has progressed smoothly and DNPW are happy with the progress and results. Apart from a few sore eyes and minor burns, there were no injuries to any of our workers. Zebras seem very keen on the burnt ash, and green shoots have emerged very soon after burning.

The road grading project has been a great success, with DNPW and safari operators complimenting the Trust on the state of the roads. Grading has now stopped. As well as the road from Chelinda to the Zam-



Setting a controlled burn

bian Resthouse, the Chelinda - Chosi (via Dams 2 and 3) road and the road around the Chelinda plantation have now been graded. As can be seen from the appreciative roans in the photo, the tractor and the towed grader have the potential to improve access to the Nyika and Vwaza significantly.



Roan on the road

On bridge building, we have been unable so far to locate potential suppliers of the steel lorry chassis we need to build the three new bridges (see the report for May above).

Work on fixing signposts to the concrete and stone plinths has been suspended until a reliable mobile generator can be sourced to power the drill - but work painting the existing wooden signs and making some new signs has continued.

We have started work on controlling the Himalayan raspberry which is non-indigenous but is prolific at Chelinda and in some other areas on the Nyika.

July

The weather on the Nyika has been colder with a few night frosts and when the cloud cover does not lift the chill remains all day.

In early July, we took 12 workers and two UK volunteers to Vwaza Marsh to build a temporary barrage across the South Rukuru river to prevent it draining Lake Kazuni during the dry season. If water levels drop too far, the hippos become distressed and may die or move away from the lake in search of water, causing friction with local communities living close to the lake. This is the fourth year the Trust has undertaken this work.



Elephants in camp!

The work involves filling several hundred maize sacks (this year we used 730) with sand, sewing them closed and laying them across the river supported by a wooden frame. We will request that sacks are retained for re-use next year. We stayed for a week. The work went well and the hippos kept their distance while we were working. Although they did not disrupt the work, we were visited by elephants on most days including a herd of up to 100 which took over the camp for a couple of hours. They were well behaved with the exception of one bad tempered bull which chased Jerry across the camp - Jerry reached the dining shelter with a few feet to spare!



The barrage

The controlled burning programme is now complete apart from one area to the left of the Chelinda Plantation, a small section near Chisanga bridge (where elephants brought an early end to the day's back burning in June) and the Nganda Peak/Wovwe catchment areas which are still too green.

Although road grading is finished for the year, work has continued on the mitre drainage ditches on the roads around Chelinda and Chosi Loop.

Work continues on cutting back and digging out the Himalayan raspberry.

UK trustee Mike Budgen and his mother have funded the purchase of a portable generator which will enable us to fix the remaining signposts to the concrete and stone plinths around the Park.

Look out for the next diary instalment in our spring newsletter.

A day in the life of ... Masewero Mghogho

We believe that it's important for our friends to see what day-to-day work for the Malawi trust involves for members of our team on the ground. Here, Masewero Mghogho describes a day in his working life...

I write to record the most wonderful and precious day I have experienced as Nyika-Vwaza Trust's Chief Storeman and Assistant Supervisor so far in the last six years.

It was on the 31st August in the year 2009 when my boss, the Nyika-Vwaza Trust Manager, assigned me to go and purchase food commodities after seeing that there was very little left in stock. I instantly left for Gamba and got to the buying point at around 10 o'clock. I bought enough of all the required commodities within a short time from local traders at good prices. Thereafter I travelled back quickly and I was in the office before lunchtime. From my point of view this took me the shortest time ever. This was indeed wonderful because everything was done in time.

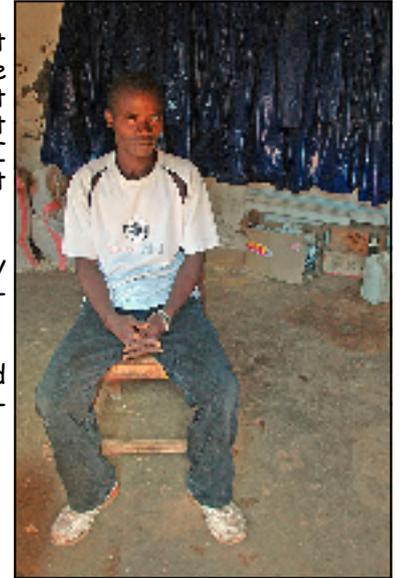
Thereafter I was also required to prepare paying documents to be used for the pay scheduled for the following day when I would assist Lisa with the pay and be responsible for collecting back Trust working equipment like overalls, shovels and hoes.

I am happy to say that I did my job successfully and my boss was also very pleased to see how quick I did these works in this day and he encouraged me to carry on doing so.

I am happy to record this wonderful day in the life with Nyika-Vwaza Trust.

Masewero Mghogho, Chief Storeman and Assistant Supervisor

Masewero is very keen to pursue his storekeeping career and, although Jerry and Lisa have been unable to find a storekeeping correspondence course for him, they have purchased the standard text book which should help Masewero in his work.



Masewero

Road building in Nyasaland

Any regular reader of this newsletter will know just how crucial a well-functioning network of roads is in Malawi's wilderness areas - both to enable tourists to enjoy them and, of even greater significance, to assist the Department for National Parks and Wildlife in managing the parks and, in particular, in making anti-poaching patrols effective. We also know that many of our friends have a keen interest in the history of Malawi. In this article, Robin Gray explores the road building projects his father, Michael Gray, managed in the 1950s.

My father, Michael Gray, after war service in the Royal Engineers joined the Colonial Civil Service and was posted to the Nyasaland Public Works Department in 1946. His first tour was based in Lilongwe and was largely involved in road building in the Central Province. There was very little money and most work was carried out by hand labour; the picture shows a typical road on an approach to a stream crossing. The pillars of soil have pegs on top on which the depth of excavation was marked by the engineer. The capitao (foreman) directed the gang to dig to the levels leaving the pegs in place. On his next visit the engineer would check that the excavation had been done correctly and then the peg and soil pillar could be removed. Where possible the roads followed watersheds so that there was a minimal requirement for drainage structures and bridges.



Road alignment excavated by hand



Typical bush pole bridge

In his second tour he was appointed Provincial Engineer for the Northern Province that was very undeveloped. The provincial capital was Mzimba where he was based. Mzuzu town did not exist but its development was being planned by the Colonial Development Corporation to be a centre for forestry, coffee and tung oil production. The main road north ran from Mzimba to Rumpi with a spur off to the east to Ekwendeni and Nkhata Bay. The road divided at Rumpi with one branch going through Northern Rhodesia to Fort Hill

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(Chitipa) and another branch through Nchenachena to Livingstonia and then, via the 26 hairpin bends on the rift valley escarpment, to Deep Bay (Chilumba) and Karonga. There was a link road from Karonga to Fort Hill. All the roads were earth construction without even a gravel surface and were generally impassable in the wet season north of Rumpi and Livingstonia. Bridges were generally of bush pole construction.



Grader cutting initial trace on the Nyika

The developments around Mzuzu necessitated the construction of better links to the south and road construction could be speeded with the arrival of motor graders which were becoming available. The first entirely new road was from Mzimba to Mzuzu across the Vipya via Chikangawa and the second was from Katumbi onto the Nyika via Chelinda and on to Kasaramba. The roads were planned using air photographs which were available through advances in techniques developed during



Grader reconnoitring a road route

the war. Using stereoscopes a road line following the watershed could be marked on the photographs. The line could be walked to establish its viability: in open country such as the Nyika, this could be speeded up by riding on a grader. One can still see the original road alignment when driving to Kasaramba: in some places the gradients were too severe and so alternative alignments have been made and in other places the route has been shortened by leaving the ridge and following the contour. However there are also some places where the diversions have not stood the test of time and the road has reverted to the original alignment.



The Governor, Sir Geoffrey Colby, and George Hodgson inspect the Nyika road

On our recent visit we went to the cabin at the Juniper Forest near Kasaramba and were told that it used to be a favourite spot for the Governor and others to go trout fishing - perhaps that is why I found a picture of Sir Geoffrey Colby ostensibly viewing the road in 1952.

I imagine that the Nyika road network was expanded by the Forestry Department and, in the early 1970s, by the British Army Royal Engineers as part of their training programme.

Many thanks to Robin for providing us with these insights into 1950s road-building on the Nyika.

The most recent gifts and how they keep the work going

We are most grateful to Tusk Trust (£3,000) and the Rufford Maurice Laing Foundation (£5,000) for their ongoing support of our project needs in Malawi. These new grants, recently awarded, support our bridge building and vehicle replacement programmes. As we go to press, a Landrover owned by our previous Trust manager, Nigel Hawker, that suffered severe bodywork damage and which he donated to the Malawi trust, is in the process of being restored by the acquisition of a sound body from another written-off Landrover. We expect to show you a photo of the "marriage" in the next issue.

Nyika Tourism Concession

After a wait of two years, we were pleased to learn in June that the Malawi Government had awarded the Nyika Tourism concession to Central Africa Wilderness Safaris.

Wilderness Safaris is well established in Malawi and is renowned throughout the seven countries in which it operates in Africa for its policy of responsible eco-tourism and for its active support of environmental conservation, including the protection of the welfare of local communities. These are values that we share.

Dennis and Georgina Stack, who are familiar with Malawi, are in post at Chelinda to manage the tourism operation, ably assisted by Samuel Chihana and Peter Mtumbuka. For the moment, visitors' accommodation is confined to the chalets and the camp site, whilst the lodge is being rebuilt with a tentative opening date of July 2010.

Positive discussions have been held between the Malawi trustees and Chris Badger, the Managing Director of Wilderness Safaris in Malawi, concerning methods by which the two organisations can co-operate as they conduct their respective operations within the Nyika National Park. We look forward to a mutually happy and productive relationship.

To contact Wilderness Safaris email info@wilderness.mw

Marathon News

Our warmest thanks to Drew Williams, who ran the 2009 London Marathon raising £546 (net of gift aid tax) for the trusts.

Sadly, one of our supporters who had hoped to run for us in the 2010 Marathon has applied too late for a place in the public ballot. We do, though, have a runner for 2011 and UK trustee, Paul Langton, is also hoping to run again if he gets a place through the public ballot. These individuals are our "pioneers". It is their hope, and ours, that others - you perhaps? - will follow in their footsteps year by year. But one needs to plan ahead and be quick off the mark - the public ballot for 2012 entries is expected to open on 26 April 2010.

Malawiana - Second Hand Books at the RGS on 9 December

In our Spring 2009 issue, we invited readers to donate second hand books about Malawi to the trust for sale at our annual fundraiser at the RGS on 9 December.

Since then, Chris Renwick has kindly offered to provide advice on the value of rare books, whilst Mick and Marianne Lavery have kindly undertaken to man the 'book stall' at the RGS. Several offers of books have been received, including new books, with all sale proceeds going to the trust for use in our conservation work. For all of these kindnesses and generosity we are most grateful. However, more books would be welcome!

Books may be brought to the RGS on 9 December or delivered in advance to either Harry Foot in Devon (that could be expensive!) or to Miss Pip Hayes at 70 Ethelburga Street, Battersea, London SW11 4AQ. Tel. (Evenings) 020 7228 6598.

Please provide details of books that you intend to donate - your name, book title, author, condition and your recommended selling price - to Harry Foot, allowing him to set the actual selling price (e-mail stowfoots@southdevon.org Tel: 01752892632). Thank you.

The Boy with the Bicycle Tyre - Auction at the RGS on 9 December

Those of you who attended our 2006 fundraising gathering in London may recall that, among the paintings for sale, there was a very fetching portrait entitled Boy with Bicycle Tyre. The painting is oil on canvas by Nyangu Chodola and measures 24" x 36" (600mm x 900mm). The portrait was purchased by Chris and Claire Grimshaw but they have offered the painting back to the trust, since they no longer have room for it in their home. Originally priced at £400, we will be auctioning it at the RGS on 9 December. So, if you are interested in buying it, be sure to have your cheque book with you!



Boy on a bicycle

What the UK trustees do with your money

During the financial year 2008-09, the UK trustees provided the following money to the Malawi trust to support the conservation of the Nyika National Park and the Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve:

Malawian staff remuneration, fuel and other running costs	£ 25,260
2. Chelinda office, workshop and general equipment	5,600
3. Volunteer Trust Manager - board, expenses and air fare	4,349
4. Training and costs for the Thadzima Permaculture project	2,785
5. Tractor & trailer (part - grant from Rufford ML Foundation)	7,500
	<u>45,494</u>

Expenditure incurred locally in the UK was as follows:

1. Fund raising, publicity and "Nyika-Vwaza News" costs	5,632
2. Administration and Accountancy	430
3. Bank charges on remitting grants	196
	<u>6,258</u>

The UK trustees are most grateful for all donations and other assistance given to the UK trust.

Readers' Corner - The Tilapia Trail

Readers' Corner is intended to promote books about Malawi's precious fauna and flora, in their widest meanings. We welcome recommendations with brief commentaries for inclusion in future editions of Nyika-Vwaza News.

Harry Foot writes: I have recently been given a copy of "The Tilapia Trail - The life story of a fish biologist". The author, Dr. Ro Lowe-McConnell, began her lifetime work in Malawi in 1945 as 'one of the early pioneers studying the ecology and evolution of the world's richest diversity of freshwater fishes in African lakes and South American rivers'. One of the principal subjects of her research on cichlid fishes was into how tilapia, which evolved in African waters but are now such important food fish worldwide, lived in their original habitats.

This book provides a relaxed and readable account not only of the enjoyment of exploring tropical waters but also of work on these fish and the African Great Lakes up to the present day. It is also a reminder of how science and society have changed over the past sixty years, with the advent of new equipment and changed paradigms. The author's experiences are well illustrated with photographs and delightful vignettes of events of which she was a part. Reading the book gave me much pleasure whilst simultaneously expanding my knowledge about the fish of Lake Malawi and other African lakes. I commend it to all who wish to deepen their knowledge of Malawi's wildlife and its ecology.

First published in 2006 by MPM Publishing, West Mains, London Road, Ascot, SL5 7DG. ISBN 0-9545596-4-9.

Making Donations to the Trust - guidance by our Hon.Treasurer

Our work depends on your continued generosity. You can make a donation:-

- by using the forms attached to this Nyika-Vwaza News; or
- via our website www.nyika-vwaza-trust.org (click "Support Us" on the tool bar or the orange oblong that invites you to donate); or
- by completing the donation form at the back of our information leaflets; or
- by posting a cheque to us at the address at the end of this Newsletter.

Gift Aid

A donation given by a UK taxpayer can be increased by the donor completing a "Gift Aid Declaration". This authorises the Trust to recover from the Revenue the amount of tax at the applicable rate that the donation attracts.

Types of donation

- **One-off donation**
This can be by cheque or CAF or by credit or debit card via our website.
- **Regular donations, usually via banker's orders or CAF**
You instruct your Bank or CAF to make regular payments to the Trust either monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annually. Regular, on-going gifts assist the Trustees to plan ahead.
- **Income Tax Overpaid**
UK taxpayers can instruct the Revenue to credit to the Nyika-Vwaza (UK) Trust the whole of, or part of, any overpaid tax which is due to be refunded to the taxpayer. For this purpose, in respect of the tax year 2008-09, the Revenue provides form SA100Charity2009. On page 2 of that form you will be required to insert our charity's unique code which is BAR31JG. Those who have donated this way tell us that it is 'painless' as the money has already left them, having been paid to the Revenue!

The Trust depends upon you

Every donation that is given to the Trust supports our work in assisting the Government's Department of National Parks and Wildlife with the conservation of The Nyika National Park and Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve and with the involvement of the local communities. Your support is our lifeblood. Thank you for your generosity.

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The Nyika-Vwaza Trust can only continue with the vital task of helping to conserve the Nyika and Vwaza Marsh with the continuing support of generous donations. We welcome further donations from current Friends of the Trust but we also endeavour to widen our scope for funding so please pass on copies of the newsletter to your friends and relations.

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Nyika-Vwaza (UK) Trust

Promotional Evening with Lecture by Professor Brian Morris
at the Royal Geographical Society,
Exhibition Road entrance, London SW7 2AR on Wednesday 09 December 2009

“Animals, Anthu and Ancestors”.

Application Form for Tickets

Admission tickets are £15 per person.

I would like to apply for _____ tickets to the Nyika-Vwaza (UK) Trust fundraising party on 9th December 2009 for the people named below.

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

(Please complete in block letters)

Name of Applicant:		Ticket No:
Organisation Name: (if applicable)		
Address:		Date Issued:
Contact Tel. No:		
Email Address:		

Names of other people for whom tickets are requested (see also Continuation Sheet):

Name:		Ticket No:
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Email Address:		

Please return this form, with your remittance, a.s.a.p. to Harry Foot, Stowford Farm, Ivybridge, Devon, PL21 0JD.

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