



Kuti NEWS

Volume 1

Kuti Highlights

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WELCOME!

We'd like to welcome you back to the Kuti Newsletter! With so much revamping going on at Kuti we thought it would be important to keep you all up to date with all the changes that are happening, the upcoming events both at and for Kuti, as well as the success of those that you've already participated in.



We want to thank you for all your support and hope to be seeing you at a lot of events in the future!

Safari Elegance Ball Success

A big thank you to everyone who participated in and/or helped us with our big fund-raising evening, the Kuti Safari Elegance Ball. The evening was great fun and proved a big success. We raised a MK724,000 profit for Kuti, as well as MK95,000 for Friends of Kuti, and this will go a long way to helping our plans to upgrade the park for future visitors.



Many thanks to the "Kuti Ladies" who took the time to organise the evening for us and another big thank you to Valerie Seekings for taking the reigns to make sure everything went smoothly.



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Kuti's Camels



We are hoping to be receiving our camels on May 27th/28th. There will be a male (Mphatso), a female (Nguva) and a 10 month old calf (Diesel). Currently we are waiting on the proper certificates to be processed, but once the camels arrive we will be holding an event day at Kuti to officially welcome them to their new home.

We hope this will take place on the weekend of May 30th and we invite everyone to come for the day, have a relaxing bbq lunch and for the kids to get involved in games and activities around the ranch.

The finalised date for this will be confirmed via email so keep an eye out!

Toyota Fun Family Adventure Drive

During September, Kuti will be hosting a fun adventure drive. The course will start at The Shack in Lilongwe and will end at Kuti Community Wildlife Park, with plenty of challenges along the way.



The drive should be a really fun family day out and will be held to help raise money to install a solar panel system to provide Kuti with a constant power source. This will enable Kuti to be a little greener and economical in their electricity consumption by significantly reducing the amount of diesel we use!

Again, the finalised date will be sent out via email so please keep checking to make sure you don't miss out!



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Volunteer at Kuti

From July the new volunteer programme at Kuti will get underway. We have already accepted two interns, Sinead Rousseau and Nicola Toon (from Ireland and England respectively) who will commence their time with us in mid-July. They will be living at Kuti for a year and their role will be to help oversee the day to day running of the park. In September, a German university student will also be joining us to carry out research for her undergraduate thesis, an aspect we are keen to expand on in the future. We are also working with Ulendo Safaris to bring in volunteer tourists on a short-term basis to help around Kuti, particularly within the community.

If you are interested to help out or know someone who would like to get involved, email volunteer.kuti@gmail.com

Chalet Completion

Construction on the chalets at Kuti will finally be recommencing on June 1st. We want to thank Leon Swart for making this possible and expect the buildings to be completed and operational by August/September of this year. Updates will be provided as the project progresses!



Sponsorship and Donations

Kuti is still looking for more sponsorship and donations to help fund projects like our solar panel project. If you would like to help please contact: Eugenio Sabelli: 0888822346 or sabelli@costantini.mw



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Success in Numbers

We are all extremely impressed with the success of our animals at Kuti. From 2003, when most animals were brought into the park, the numbers of most species have climbed tremendously! Here are just a few examples of those we are particularly proud of:

Zebra – was 5, now 60+

Nyala – was 23, now 75+

Wildebeest – was 3, now 17

Impala – was 20, now 60+

Bushbuck – now 200+



Of course we are very grateful to the animals for loving Kuti as much as they do and we hope this will continue for a long time to come!

Your New Committee

The AGM on May 1st saw the election of a new committee for Kuti and WPHAM. Here are your new committee members!

National Executive Committee:

Chairman: Laurie Webb

Secretary: Christine Dewsnap

Treasurer: Eugenio Sabelli

Ex Officio Member: Kevin Stainton

Ex Officio Member: Terry Kelly

Central Region Committee:

Chairman: Leon Swart

Committee Members: Gordon Trindade, Mick Royle, Danny Moura, Francesco Sabelli