

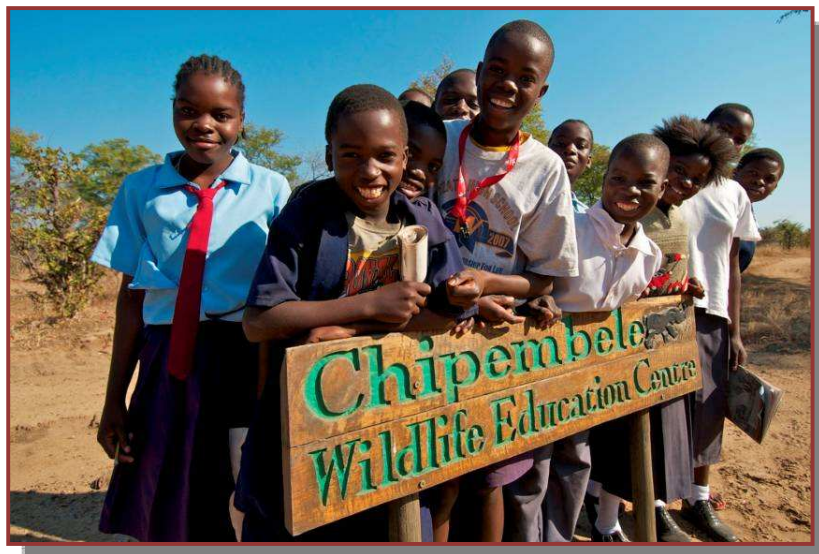


Chipembele News Oct to Dec 2010

Dear All

2010 was a very successful year for Chipembele for which we are all immensely grateful. At the start of the year we decided to focus more on conservation education than the wide range of schools improvement projects that we usually carry out each year as these are very time consuming and detract us away from our core mission, which is

... teaching local school children the value of wildlife and their environment so it may be conserved for present and future generations.



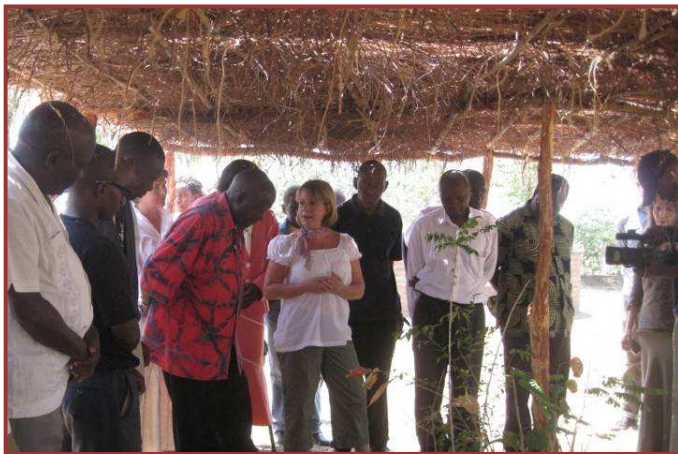
The programme took off beyond all expectations, and was particularly successful in the facilitation of conservation club activities in the local schools, a number of environmental campaigns and the Chipembele Rangers scheme. (We also squeezed in a few school improvement projects too!) We are hugely grateful to all our supporters and donors. Thanks to you the pupils of this area have benefitted more than ever this year and we have even better things planned for 2011. Please continue with your support, without it none of our achievements would have been possible.



Farewell Lisa!

Sadly, Lisa, our Conservation Education Manager, left Chipembele in December and has taken another career path. Initially she worked for us as a volunteer running our schools projects but went on to establish the new conservation education programme in the local schools, which started in March this year. She did an amazing job under sometimes difficult and trying conditions, such as frequent power cuts, frustratingly poor Internet connections, an access road with potholes the size of a hippo, pupils who phoned her at 3am when there was a free hour for mobile phones or called at her house with 'problems' before 6am just because it was light and they were up, and too many meetings with local officials who failed to show up, to name but a few.

However, she took it all in her stride. We also know that she loved the quirky lifestyle here and everyone in the local community thought very highly of her. Everywhere she went there would be children shouting "Lisa Lisa!" She worked hard to make the programme such a success and will be greatly missed by students, teachers and of course everyone at Chipembele. We wish her well in her new career, which remains in conservation in Mfuwe, and look forward to maintaining close contact in the future.



Lisa engaging everyone, including an international film crew and Zambia's first President, Dr Kenneth Kaunda, over the Chipembele/ Norman Carr Safaris Tree Conservation Project at Yosefe Basic School

P.S. A new replacement has been found for the post of Conservation Education Manager and we are awaiting approval of the work permit by the Department of Immigration... watch this space!

Human-Wildlife Conflict Workshop for Teachers

In October, Chipembele hosted and facilitated a Human-Wildlife Conflict (HWC) Workshop for local teachers. The day was sponsored by *Awely*, a French charitable organisation that supports human-wildlife conflict projects around the world. The workshop was also held in conjunction with the South Luangwa Conservation Society, which runs a HWC programme in the area, including a successful chilli fence programme to deter elephants from fields and food storage areas.





Local teachers and representatives from the Ministry of Education attended the workshop at Chipembele

Awely kindly sponsored the workshop and produced the materials, which were half in English and half in the local language of Chinyanja, including 5000 booklets for every pupil in the area from Grade 5 to 12 to take home with them, a large quantity and variety of high quality posters, and resource packs for 50 teachers. The main focus on the day was the problem of elephants in the area that sometimes raid crops, damage property and cause injury or even death to people. With the population in the area ever increasing, the conflict with wildlife is escalating and community based mitigation measures have to be urgently put in place so both elephants and people can live together in harmony.

The programme has the full support of the Ministry of Education and in the first term of 2011 the teachers will be taking lessons to teach the pupils what they have learnt. See <http://www.awely.org/>



The SLCS/Awely Redcaps demonstrate to teachers how to put up a chilli fence using sisal string, old engine oil, vehicle grease and plenty of crushed fiery chillies.



9th Inter Schools Wildlife Quiz

Here are some of the winners of the 9th annual Chipembele Inter Schools Wildlife Quiz. The questions were tough...well do you know how many species of birds there are in the world, what offensive chemical 'whip scorpions' squirt at their attackers or what you call a group of baby crocodiles? (Answers at bottom of page 9). Each of 6 schools entered a junior and senior team and many of the questions were based on what they had learnt at Chipembele throughout the year. Certificates, prizes and pupil of the year awards all provide them with incentives to work towards and the resulting competition is fierce but fun!



The Book Bus visits Mfuwe



On board volunteers spent a day at each of 5 schools in the Mfuwe area that are supported by Chipembele. They read books and did artwork, played games and sang songs with the pupils.

The Book Bus also donated books to the schools after the visits though their main aim is to 'promote reading in a way that is creative, inspiring and above all, fun'.

In October Chipembele were very pleased to facilitate a visit to South Luangwa by The Book Bus, a mobile library decorated by the renowned illustrator Quentin Blake. The Bus came to South Luangwa as part of an extensive trip from Livingstone to Malawi in which impoverished primary schools were visited along the way.



For more information about this uplifting organisation see <http://www.thebookbus.org>



Wol, Changa and Betty



Wol the wood owl is an orphan, rescued by staff at the Wildlife Camp. He was brought to us as ball of fluff in September but has grown into a magnificent young adult. Although now released to the wild, Wol still returns to the house in the evenings for some pieces of day-old chick. Wood owls are largely insectivorous so now it is the rainy season and insects are in abundance we are weaning him off meat onto a more natural diet.



Changa is a greater bushbaby who fell out of a tree at Tribal Textiles in October still with his umbilical cord attached. He is seen here, about 4 weeks old, happily playing with Ellie the squirrel.



Betty is an orphaned yellow baboon. She was handed to Anna by a local woman after someone in her village killed the mother for stealing mangoes. She is quite a handful and she needs care and contact 24/7 but is adorable. We have a long way to go until she can be rehabilitated to a troop but that is the long term goal. Our sincere thanks go to Karen Beattie and Dave Hopson for fostering Betty for a week while Anna was in Lusaka.



Changa meets Sprite, the bushbuck.



Chipembele on the World Wide Web

Our long time supporters and permanent volunteers, Jude Price and Kaye Brown, who live in Australia, have assisted us in various administrative and promotional activities over the past year. Kaye's production of two great 3 minute 'introduction' videos and the creation of the Chipembele YouTube Channel have had over 1000 viewings of the Wildlife Rescue and Wildlife Education Classes videos.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcq82GoOPgc>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Z1wsbIDWD8fe>



Jeffrey Johnson from the US also produced another short film, focussing on the wildlife education centre, and includes an interview with Anna about the Trust.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2dm0UNiH20>

Jude and Kaye have also helped with funding applications, development of our website and the administration of our Facebook Fan page – now with almost 1000 'friends'.+



Looking forward to 2011 – Jude and Kaye are coming to Chipembele at the end of April for a two month self-funded volunteer placement to assist us with organising celebrations of the 10-year anniversary of the opening of the Wildlife Education Centre in May. The planned events will be an opportunity to further engage with the local communities and raise the profile of conservation efforts and environmental stewardship of Chipembele and affiliated organisations in a fun and celebratory way. We'll be contacting you again in the New Year with more details.

"If we want children to flourish, to become truly empowered, then let us allow them to love the earth before we ask them to save it."

David Sobel, Beyond Ecophobia

Our sincerest thanks go to Oli Dreike for a new stock of photographs for Chipembele, which he took and very kindly provided free of charge. See www.olidreike.com



Chipembele Snippets...

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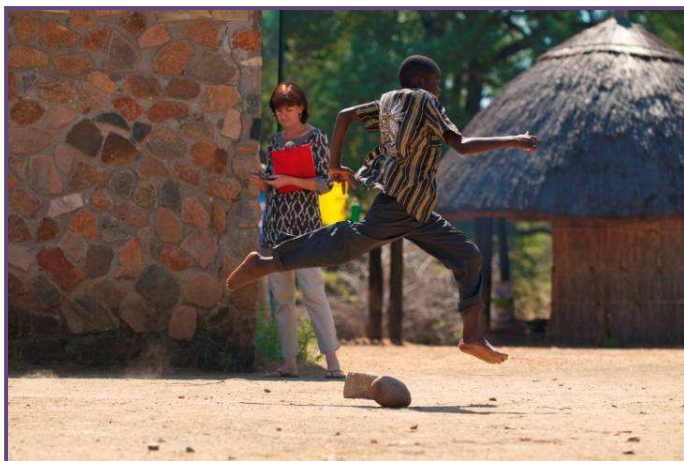
4 ex-Chipembele pupils who went on to train as teachers came back this year accompanying conservation classes of their own!

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We have a new logo - a simpler, more refined version of the previous one that will be launched in January. Our warmest thanks to Polly Hosp (Zambia) for drawing the rhino head and to Heather Grant (US) for the design work, both of whom kindly contributed their time and professional skills gratis for the Trust.

Steve has created a small lake at Chipembele with a retaining dam wall. It has a solar pump to keep it permanently full all year round, which should be a great resource for the wildlife in the dry season here, particularly in October and November when temperatures can reach the 40's. And it will be a great teaching facility for the pupils... lots of pond dipping planned in 2011!



Conserving trees whenever we can...

Many thanks to several Chipembele supporters who in the last few months paid for 172 all-metal desks for local schools (98 double and 74 single), all made by a local welder. Not only are they stronger than wooden ones, but they saved the felling of several mature hardwood trees.

THE FASTEST PUPILS AT CHIPEMBELE HAVE BEEN TIMED RUNNING AT 24KPH FROM A STANDING START. WHEN COMPARED WITH THE TOP SPEEDS OF CHEETAHS AT 112KPH, GIRAFFE AT 60KPH, LIONS AT 55KPH AND ELEPHANTS AT 30KPH IT SHOWS THEM JUST HOW SLOW PEOPLE REALLY ARE!



Once more, thank you for your support over the past year. Wishing you all the best of health, happiness and success in all you do in 2011, from Anna, Steve and the team at Chipembele.

Anna and Steve



Treble trouble!

**Ebonina the vervet monkey (now integrated to a local troop but still visits daily)
with Changa and Betty, December 2010**



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Answers from page 4: Over 4000; acetic acid (vinegar); a nursery

