

# WILDLIFE ZONE NEWSLETTER

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## HIS EXCELLENCY MR CHALISE

Early in the New Year, His Excellency, Mr Chalise, the Ambassador of Nepal to the UK joined the Foundation for Endangered Species. He is very supportive of the Carbon Offsetting Group (COG) and our HIMRAIN Project, as it is the programme that we use to replant the rainforests in this region of the Himalayas. Himrain is not yet a fully accredited Carbon Offsetting Scheme because of the red tape and bureaucracy needed to be an officially registered scheme. However, we have already had a lot of success with Himrain, especially in the Terai Arc Corridor that lies in Nepal's southern regions. FES plans to continue its tree planting, especially if we can get a greater income from the project. The brochure is now on the webshop and you can use it to sponsor new trees at £10.00 each.

FES would like to welcome His Excellency to the charity, and thank him for his continuing efforts to save the wildlife that lives in the wilderness areas of Nepal. FES has launched a further 5 more animals in the Sponsor-A-Wild-Animal Scheme.

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## Art, Photo and Educational Exhibition

This year's theme is 'survival against the odds' and is aimed at marginalized life and how they struggle to survive when there is no-one to represent their cause. Eva Schloss speaks on behalf of many such people from first-hand experience. Eva's favourite animals, which are central to this theme are the big cats. Many are facing difficulties all over the world, including lions (both African and Asian), tiger, snow leopard, jaguar, cheetah and leopard.

This year's exhibition will include many objects other than photographs. You will see big cat artwork, models, toys, photos and lots of information about how to support them.

The exhibition is open between Saturday 31st March and Thursday 12th April at Uxbridge Library.

It is situated in the High Street, near the bus and tube station; the Pavillions and the Chimes shopping centres are also



### **Andy interviewing Eva**

nearby and have very large car parks. The library telephone number is 01895 250714 for daily opening hours and it is also online.

## Radio Wexham. Andy Mydellton Wildlife Zone,

Broadcasts on Medium Wave 945Khz on Wednesday 7 - 9 pm  
(In some areas this may conflict with a stronger BBC 2 broadcast)



In the next few weeks the regular features of 'The Zone' will include;-

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSE;** These talks will include;- Survival above the tree line; Large animals above the timberline; Sheep and goats; Birds and small mammals; Communities of small animals. Then we will have a change of habitat from mountains, to include – Oceanic Islands; The birth and death of islands; Colonisation by plants and animals; Seabirds.

**ENDANGERED ANIMAL NICHE will include;-** Proboscis Monkey; Chimpanzee; Mountain Gorilla; Western Lowland Gorilla; Orang-Utan; Ruffed Lemur; African Elephant and Przewalski's Wild Horse.

**FEATURED SUBJECT.** I will be reading FES or Wildlife Zone articles that have been published in a number of independent magazines. Others may be published on the Pen and Ink Club website or here in the Newsletter.

**WILDLIFE MUSICAL MOMENT;** This is a selection of songs from the FES Christmas album 'The International Year of Forests'.

**THE WILDLIFE LITERARY CORNER ;**- We will be completing Gerald Durrell's 'How to Shoot an Amateur Naturalist' and be starting a new serialisation. This will be Stephen Fry reciting 'Rescuing the Spectacled Bear'.

If you wish to contact the radio programme, telephone the radio studio on Wednesday evening on 01753 570033 or any other times at the FES registered office at 01895 520184.

Alternatively email [andy@wildlifezone.org](mailto:andy@wildlifezone.org) for more information, or to share your thoughts on this newsletter, broadcasts or publication.

## Tiger

The tiger is truly wonderful and is probably the most popular animal in the world. There are five sub species of tiger, this one being the Royal Bengal Tiger, some of which live in Nepal.



The tiger has had huge swathes of its territories taken away by mankind, as people have needed ever more living space. Moreover, as land is cleared, the trees that are cut down form part of an illegal international trade in timber. Poaching is another huge problem, even though tigers are protected by law in many countries. This is because tiger parts fetch high prices in black markets and the traditional Chinese medicine trade. Tiger numbers in the wild are incredibly low, probably only about 3,000 throughout the world. If they are not protected at all, they would become extinct in the wild within the next decade or so.

We need to protect the present nature reserves and the tigers living inside them, by giving extra powers and resources to park rangers. This increases their front-line war capabilities against poachers and illegal hunters.

FES has been to Nepal frequently and has tracked tigers in Bardia and Chitwan national parks. Some years ago Bardia rangers presented Andy Mydellton with a terracotta paw print in recognition of FES help. The tiger is the FES and Wildlife Zone logo and a photograph taken by Andy Mydellton is on display at the Nepalese Embassy in London.

FES aims to conduct official tiger surveys in Nepal's national parks, as well as to replant many trees that have been previously cut down. This replanting scheme could also form part of the wildlife corridors that are needed to reconnect the national parks in the Terai Arc region of south Nepal. Furthermore the FES 'Chitwan Collaboration Project' includes a tiger swamp plan which will increase the quality of tiger habitat.

*"I've promoted the causes of these animals at the Houses of Parliament, the EU Parliament, and inside some United Nation's organisations. My work has only just begun as I feel that many animals are staring down the barrel of extinction every day."*  
*"We can all make a difference!"*



**Andy Mydellton FLS.**  
**Chairman & Environment Adviser to UNESCO Schools Group**

**His Excellency, MR CHALISE, Ambassador of Nepal.**



*I'm very pleased to be part of the Foundation for Endangered Species Carbon Offsetting Group (FES COG) and fully support their projects.*  
*Replanting trees is vital to Nepal, our people, our countryside, our animals and the spirit of our nation. We all benefit from this. If this project succeeds, how can we fail?*

## SURVIVAL AGAINST THE ODDS

A Wildlife Zone article that has appeared in several independent publications.

Normally in the Wildlife Zone radio programme we are engrossed with the survival problems that face endangered animals. But in this unique Wildlife Zone radio biography featuring Eva Schloss, entitled 'Survival Against The Odds', we have broadened these issues to include human survival in a hostile world. This is because Eva is an expert on a number of related subjects and has important things to tell us. In addition conservationists are comparing and contrasting present day human and non human problems. One recurring worry is what seems to be a lack of awareness, engagement and love of both marginalized people and wildlife. Moreover, in many cases it seems that the people in the majority have different values from those of the under-represented. The uncaring majority then act at the expense of others. Eva does not blindly follow 'the herd' but highlights the most important matters that should have priority.



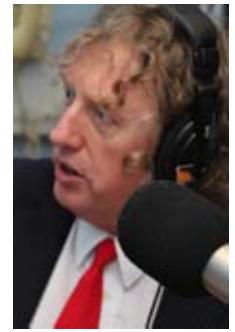
Eva Geiringer was born in Vienna, Austria on May 11th 1929 and grew up with her parents and older brother, Heinz. Within a few years, Hitler grabbed power in neighbouring Germany and soon annexed Austria. Many people were subsequently marginalized, including Jews, who became victims of racial oppression. Therefore to avoid Nazi victimization in the 1930s, the family migrated to Belgium. Soon

they moved onto Holland, settling down in Amsterdam where her father worked.

There they joined the established and thriving community at Merwedeplein where they met other families in similar situations. One of these was the Frank family. New adult relationships created a friendly neighbourhood, and children such as Eva Geiringer and Anne Frank, amongst others, cemented the burgeoning community bond. In many ways, this was an achievement, as it "was traumatic for some of the younger generation to learn a new language, create new friends and settle down in a strange land". Unfortunately for this neighbourhood the Second World War followed the migrants into Holland. Some families fled whilst others were forced into hiding, as were the Geiringers and the Franks. Both families hid at the same time for about two years before they were betrayed to the occupying Nazi forces within three months of each other. Sadly for Eva, this horrible moment came on her 15th birthday. In 1944, everyone involved were sent to Westerbork concentration camp before moving onto Auschwitz-Birkenau. Finally, in 1945 liberation came when Russian troops occupied Poland. It was just in time to save Eva, her mother and many hundreds of others. Unfortunately they were a few days too late to save her father and brother. After a few weeks of freedom, Eva and her mother were repatriated to Holland where they tried once more to restore their lives in Amsterdam.

After some years Eva's mother married Otto Frank who had also survived Auschwitz. Sadly, Otto's friends from their hideout at Prisengracht

and his own family died in the concentration camps, including his wife and two daughters Anne and Margot. Upon this marriage, Eva would have become stepsister to Anne Frank had she lived. However, it was not possible at that time to for see that the post humorous sisterhood would continue to have a strong influence on people, many decades later. Eva became interested in photography at the time when she had to make an adult life for herself, which she did. In 1952 she married Zvi Schloss, moved to England and settled down in London. After some years, she opened an antique shop and focused on developing a very happy family life. Many years later, she can look back on having a successful and large family including three children and five grandchildren. After years of keeping her life secret, she happened to meet Ken Livingstone, and was encouraged to talk about her experiences.



Eva's brother Heinz Geiringer, who did not survive the holocaust, was a musician who played the guitar and the piano to the compositions of Gershwin and Chopin. He was also an accomplished artist whose works are still exhibited. Nowadays Heinz is a symbol of unfulfilled potential as his early death prevents many of us from fully appreciating what might have been. Eva signed the Anne Frank Peace Declaration at the United Nations with the niece of Raul Wallenburg, another hero of World War II, and Kofi Anan, the UN Secretary General at the time. The roles of the Anne Frank Declaration and the UN will also be discussed.

Eva has written her autobiography with Evelyn Julia Kent, entitled 'Eva's Story'. The play 'And Then They Came For Me' was written by James Still and produced by Nic Careem. It is a multi-media production that is about Eva's life, the world of Anne Frank and the Holocaust. I was honoured to be Eva's special guest for a performance of the play and found it to be a truly remarkable evening. Eva also wrote another book 'The Promise' with Barbara Powers from which J E Ballantyne wrote the play 'A Light in the Darkness'. This amazing biography finishes with Eva's thoughts and values that have emerged from a wide and varied life expressing her anti-bigotry, anti-war and anti-racist views. Eva will be making her choices for the Wildlife Zone Favourite Wild Animal Poll, and we await them with eager anticipation. What are her favourite animals? Are they threatened with problems of survival linked to humans? This will be included in one of the featured subjects along with the UNESCO study theme of 'Environmental Concern'. After their initial broadcast, the 'Wildlife Zone Interviews' will be published as part of a multi-media educational package of home video, audio recordings, photographs, articles, and other activities, as well as further links and reading. These will include further interviews by conservationists, radio presenters and educationalists and will be published for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Schools Group, and other educational institutes. There is also a Photographic Exhibition at Uxbridge Library planned for early April 2012 that will include the wildlife aspects of the 'Survival Against the Odds'. By all means contact us for further details. Written by **Andy Myddelton**

## VOLUNTEER SALES ROLE DESCRIPTION

### The Foundation for Endangered Species

Sales Representative

**Region:** South Buckinghamshire

**Role type:** to work from home and travelling to see people

**Where:** London, Home Counties and occasionally further afield

**Commitment:** flexible, but to be agreed

**When:** all year round depending on specific agreements made.

**Duration:** specific term agreed or ongoing.

**Activities:** recruitment and team building may be necessary. To pass on certain sales elements to other volunteers and contract personnel. To develop business opportunities or longer lines that have already been set up.

**Requirements:** enthusiasm and an interest in conservation is welcome. A variety of skills are needed including sales, commerce, business, representing and promotional skills. Also diligence with administrative skills and IT is necessary. A good personal presentation is necessary when meeting clients or the public.

**What is in it for you:** to help the Foundation for Endangered Species; to help animals from becoming extinct; and to educate the public. There are also excellent learning potentials.

**Why we want you:** we need volunteers to begin action in a new area; to develop the *Conserving Wildlife* magazine potential; and to get an income for the charity. All tasks are vital for the Foundation for Endangered Species as we need an income to develop our services.

#### Notes

Appropriate training will be provided and certain expenses could be reimbursed if they are agreed beforehand. The Foundation for Endangered Species works for a healthier environment rich in wildlife, and will protect and to promote the natural and physical environment. It relies on these support and generosity of volunteers to make a difference. The Foundation for Endangered Species is a member of UNESCO, the Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime (PAW) and other national organisations.

### Diary Dates:

#### Beach-cleaning

The provisional dates for Beach-cleaning are:-  
Spring.....Sunday 27th May  
Summer..Sunday 22nd July  
Autumn...Sunday 16th September. This will also be the international and global Beach Sweep.

#### THE CALENDAR OF UN DAYS FOR FES

##### April 22nd Mother Earth Day

Mother Earth is a common expression for the planet earth in a number of countries and regions, which reflects the interdependence that exists among human beings, other living species and the planet. For instance, Bolivians call Mother Earth Pachamama and Nicaraguans refer to her as Tonantzin. The proclamation of 22 April as International Mother Earth Day is an

acknowledgement that the Earth and its ecosystems provide its inhabitants with life and sustenance.

##### May 14 – 15th World Migratory Bird Day

##### May 22nd Biological Diversity Day

##### June 5th World Environment Day

##### June 8th World Ocean Day

The official designation of World Oceans Day is an opportunity to raise global awareness of the challenges faced by the international community in connection with the oceans. The lungs of our planet, providing most of the oxygen we breathe, the oceans are also a major source of food and medicines and a critical part of the biosphere.

The General Assembly recognized the important contribution of sustainable development and management of the resources and uses of the oceans and seas to the achievement of international development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration. The Wildlife Zone and FES are members of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission.

##### June 17th World Day to Combat Desertification

Forests are critical to the eradication of poverty in the drylands and they are also the first step towards healing the drylands and protecting them from desertification and drought. Dryland forests are also important biodiversity sanctuaries and provide ecosystem goods such as fuel, wood for construction, medicines and herbs. Dry forests are a buffer against drought and desertification and a safety net for the poor.

##### September 16th International Day for the Prevention of the Ozone Layer

##### October 3rd World Habitat Day

The effects of urbanization and climate change are converging in dangerous ways. The results of this convergence threaten to have unprecedented negative impacts on quality of life, and economic and social stability.

However, alongside these threats is an equally compelling set of opportunities. Although urban areas, with their high concentration of population, industries and infrastructure, are likely to face the most severe impacts of climate change, urbanization will also offer many opportunities to develop cohesive mitigation and adaptation strategies to deal with climate change. The populations, enterprises and authorities of urban centres will be fundamental players in developing these strategies.

##### October 24th United Nation's Day

##### November 6th International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Conflict

Though mankind has always counted its war casualties in terms of dead and wounded soldiers and civilians, destroyed cities and livelihoods, the environment has often remained the unpublished victim of war. Water wells have been polluted, crops torched, forests cut down, soils poisoned, and animals killed to gain military advantage.

##### 2012 is the International Year of Cooperatives

##### 2012 is the International Year of Sustainable Development for All.

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