

Martin's wildlife adventure

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Smith, of
Fakenham, is
back in town
after a visit to
a national
reserve in
Kenya, via
Russia.

Martin (24), of
Norwich Road,
saw a lot of the
world while in
the Royal Navy,
and has con-
tinued his visits
to challenging
parts of the
world in civilian
life.

His latest holiday
took him to see
George Adamson,
whose late wife
was Joy Adamson,
of "Born Free"
fame. From
Nairobi, which he
reached via a two-
day stop in
Moscow, he
hitched a ride with
the local flying
doctor service to
George Adamson's
camp by the River
Tana, 200 miles
away, at the Kora
National Reserve.

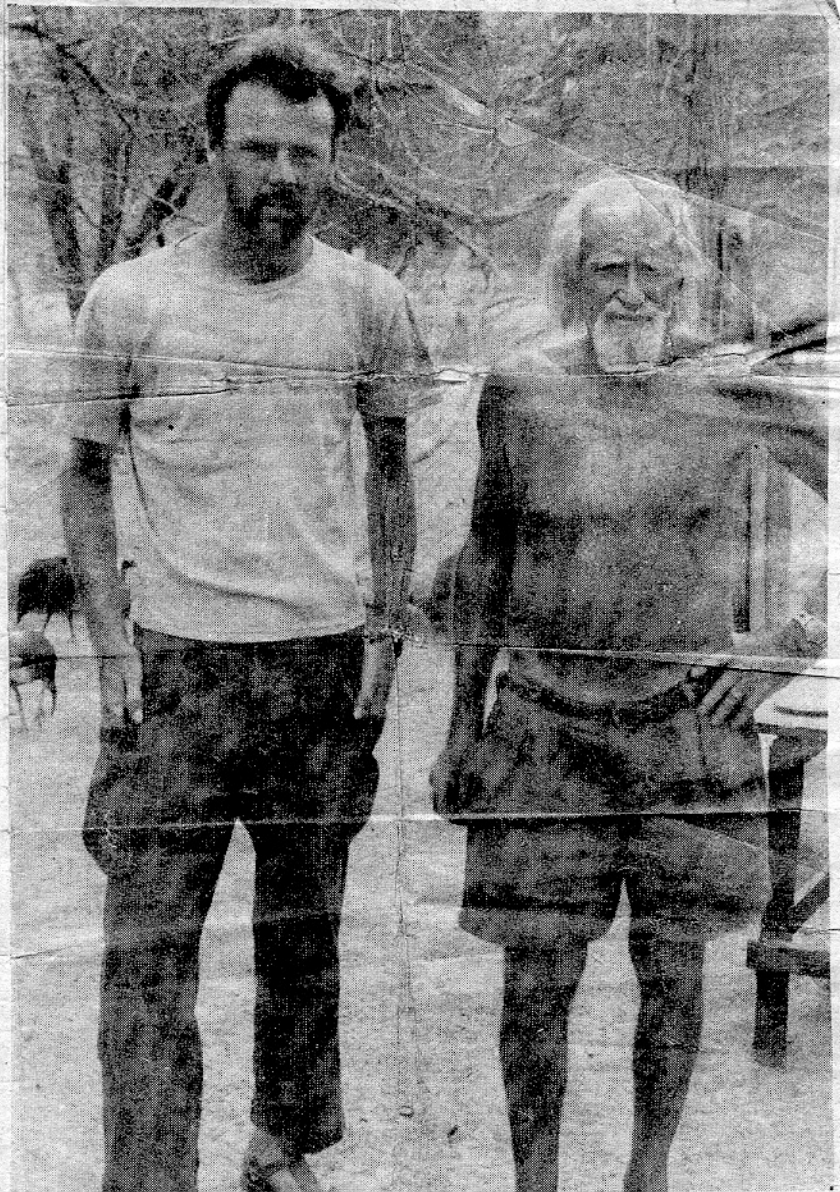
There Martin shared
a hut with a bat,
which slept under
his bed, a three-
foot long lizard,
and a variety of

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birds. Lions
wandered in the
near vicinity, close
to the compound
fence.

Martin got close to
much wildlife,
including the big
cats. In fact he got
a little too close to
a leopard, receiv-
ing a scratch on
the nose as he
tried to get a
close-up photo-
graph.

Last year Martin
went to the Hima-
layas, a trip which
included a river
run and trekking
in the mountain
areas.



● Deep in the heart of Kenya. Martin Smith, still sporting a scratch on his nose, with George Adamson at his camp 200 miles from Nairobi.