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Friends of BOAT Summer '08

Honorary Patron; Richard McDonald, CBE, NFU Director General

Training the Trainer 2008

This years trainers who arrived at the end of April for their six weeks program, were: Jerome Bahemu and Venance Tarimo from Tanzania, Tatwa Mwachi from Western Kenya, Magdalene Ogwang from Uganda and Dorothy Mkomba and Kingsley Mikwamba from Malawi.

Much of the Course is classroom based since the aim was to study techniques on managing a Training Establishment. Some of the main areas studied were: Governance, Curriculum and its delivery, financial and business planning, marketing and staff development. Developing Communication, Decision Making & IT skills is also part of the course. This program is designed to improve sustainable farm livelihoods through improved management of agricultural training.

The Course also offered the chance to visit Livestock Farms, especially those with small enterprises selling direct to the Public; Agricultural Shows and other Agricultural Training Establishments. One such business was the Organic Farm of Richard Burston, near Crediton. Apart from Cereals one of the main enterprises is the contract rearing of free range poultry for meat. The scheme operated by Lloyd Maunder (Two Sisters Food Group) supplies young chicks for rearing to 10 weeks. As an Organic Farm the making of Compost is necessary as a source for fertilising the cereal crops.



Above: Mary Quick of Quicks Farm, Newton St Cyres, talks to the group.



Left: The group learn about composting at the Organic Farm, Crediton

Vapormatic Lends a Hand With Raffle Tractor Rebuild



Above: Vapormatic staff put the finishing touches to the "little red tractor".

Right: Chris Jaworski with the completed MF35



Staff from the Vapormatic Co. Ltd., Exeter, descended on Bicton College to help with the finishing touches to the 2008 BOAT Massey Ferguson 35.

Whilst most of the hard work had already been completed by Chris Jaworski (MIAgE. IEng; Course Manager, Land Based Engineering) together with some of his students, there still remained several challenges, including reassembly of the brake drums, engine, fuel system and bodywork.

The fully restored "little red tractor" is first prize in this years fund raising raffle. The tractor donated by Tractor and Machinery magazine (tractor-and-machinery.com) and all of the parts and paint supplied by Vapormatic (vapormatic.com) for this complete restoration. New were tyres supplied Firestone and fitted by North Devon Tyres. This superb sponsorship results in every pound from the raffle tickets going to the work of BOAT.

Raffle tickets can be obtained from Bill Vellacott, Chairman of BOAT, on: 01884 277329 or bv@woodbeer.eclipse.co.uk. Draw to take place on Sunday 2nd November 2008 at the National Tractor Show, East of England Showground, Peterborough.

Devon YFC, Mission Completed in Tanzania

12 members from Devon YFC (DFYFC) led by Chairman Peter Reed and Lynda Bealey have just returned back from Tanzania where they have successfully completed the installation of a water driven water pumps for Tengru Livestock Training Institute in Arusha. The pumps were donated by Phil Selwin of PAPA Pumps (papapump.com), who impressed with this initiative, travelled out to Tanzania to assist with the installation.

DFYFC teamed up with BOAT to ensure running water was provided for the dairy unit at the college. This constant source of water not only serves the dairy unit, but will reduce the need for the ladies of Tengru to carry water from the spring.

DFYFC and BOAT would like to thank all the sponsors who made this project possible. And BOAT would like to congratulate the young members of the DFYFC for the all their dedication and hard work in making this project happen.



Above left: The water reaches the dairy unit.

Above right: Devon YFC volunteers dig the trench for the water pipe.

Left: Peter Reed DFYFC Chairman receives cheque from David Burke Chairman Mole Valley Farmers towards the Tanzanian project

BOAT delivers its first "in-country" workshop



Above: Workshop participants and invited guests. Below left: Opening ceremony with presentation on BOAT by David Wendover. Below right: One of the participants gives their presentation.



In June three BOAT Trustees (David Wendover, Fred Harper and Malcolm Florey) delivered a very successful two week workshop at Tengeru in North Tanzania to 24 Principals and senior staff from 7 Livestock Training Institutes (LITI) and the Ministry Headquarters at the request of the Tanzania Government Ministry of Livestock Development and Fisheries (MLD&F). The Workshop objective was to provide training in Business Planning and other aspects of Institute Management.

A key initiative carried out with BOAT's assistance (via email) was the development of a comprehensive rolling Business Plan which was achieved at low cost and with a high degree of local participation.

This program was as of a direct result of the successful initiatives put into place with Tengeru over a number of years leading to MLD&F requesting it's replication to other LITI's. In recognising this the Government of Tanzania has funded all "in country" costs. Since 2002 The Government of Tanzania has taken advantage of the annual six week BOAT UK residential course by sending 19 senior staff to Bicton College for training, and have requested that BOAT organise more of these "in country" workshops so that more of their LITI management could be trained more cost effectively.

Bon Voyage to New Friends

The Friends of BOAT evening at Bicton on 2nd June was a very friendly affair. It was attended by Friends, Trustees, YFC members, lecturers, students and all those who had helped with the visit. Arranged as a farewell gathering, to say goodbye and present certificates to the six African trainees who had successfully completed the BOAT six weeks course this year it particularly gave Friends and trustees the opportunity to meet and talk with the visitors in a warm friendly atmosphere.

On behalf of the group Tatwa Mwachi from Kenya thanked everybody for giving them such a valuable experience. He explained what they had gained from the course but also from working together with people from other African countries.



Chairman of Bicton College Governors, John Lee, presents the trainees with their certificates



Top: Royal Show, Stoneleigh. Above: Justin Leigh from BBC Spotlight tries the "little red tractor" out for size

The Shows Go On

As you can see it's been an exceptionally busy year for BOAT so far. Listed below are the remaining shows we will be attending this year. Anybody wishing to offer help in selling raffle tickets at these shows can obtain more information by contacting Bill Vellacott on: 01884 277329 or bv@woodbeer.eclipse.co.uk.

Month	Date	Event
August	21st	Chagford Agricultural Show
	24th & 25th	Honiton Hill Rally
	27th -31st	The Great Dorset Steam Show Fair
	28th	Holsworthy & Stratton Show
September	6th	Kingsbridge Show
	21st - 25th	Irish Ploughing Championships
October	10th - 12th	National Ploughing Championships Kent
November	1st - 2nd	National Tractor Show, Peterborough

Become a Friend of BOAT

The Bicton Overseas Agricultural Trust was formed in 1991 by Devon Farmers to enable men and women from developing countries to study practical agricultural husbandry and food processing techniques or other relevant skills.

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