



# BOAT

Bicton Overseas Agricultural Trust  
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## Friends of BOAT Spring'12

Honorary Patron; Richard McDonald, CBE, NFU Director General

### A New Hand on the Rudder

Having been chairman throughout this period Bill Vellacott MBE felt it was time for a new Chairman to take BOAT onwards to the next 20 years. The trust unanimously elected Prof. Fred Harper who many will know as the former Dean of Seale Hayne. Bill said, "I am delighted that Fred has agreed to be our chairman and would like to thank him for his tremendous support and input as vice-chairman and look forward to being his vice-chairman".



### Accredited Course

The Trust is pleased to announce that the highly successful training programme it has been running for a number of years has now been accredited by Plymouth University and for which upon successful completion a Certificate of Achievement will be awarded.

We thank the deputy principal of Bicton College Jane Townsend and BOAT Chairman Prof. Fred Harper for all the work they have done preparing many papers together with Bicton staff and BOAT Trustees.

The Institutional Management and Business Planning Course will be conducted each year and below are details of this year's participants.

#### 2012 Candidates

We welcome the following candidates who have been selected by the Trust to attend this year's training course running from mid-April to early June:

- Victor Kaimfa from Malawi • Tony Atah from Nigeria
- Florence Ddumba Namulindwa and Judith Nakayiza Byaruhanga from Uganda
- Maurice Jume Barasa from Kenya
- Agostinho Absur Paulo Cigarro from Mozambique

BOAT will also be carrying out training workshops with a group of extension trainers in Malawi during August.

### Friends of BOAT Evening

Before returning home there will be a chance to meet the group at a presentation evening and cold buffet which will be held on Monday 28 May at Sidbury Manor, Sidbury, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 0QE from 7pm, by kind permission of Sir John and Lady Cave. If you would like to attend please email [catrionamcp@onetel.com](mailto:catrionamcp@onetel.com) or phone 01404 812602 by Thursday 24th May.

### New leaflets

Fred Harper and David Wendover have put together new publicity leaflets, explaining the work of BOAT and what the training involves. Should you want copies please visit the website which has both leaflets in pdf format which you can download and print or contact BOAT secretary e-mail [catrionamcp@onetel.com](mailto:catrionamcp@onetel.com) if you require a number for promotional purposes.

The Trust would like to thank Steve Marsh of The Vapormatic Co. Ltd., Exeter ([stevejmarsh@me.com](mailto:stevejmarsh@me.com)) for his time and expertise in producing these leaflets and this newsletter.



### Tractor Number 10

The 2012 tractor is a 1972 Ford 3000, which can be seen being restored by Bicton College engineering team at the Devon County Show. Tickets are available at the shows or by sending a cheque made out to BOAT together with your telephone number and postcode and post to Bill Vellacott Middle Woodbeer Farm Plymtree Devon EX15 2LN. Please enclose a sae so that your tickets can be forwarded to you. Tickets are; £1 per ticket or £5 for a book with every £ from the Draw going to the work of BOAT thanks to our generous sponsors.

### Shows which BOAT will be attending in 2012

Put these dates in the diary, and visit the Stand, if you would like to help please contact Bill Vellacott by e-mail: [bv@woodbeer.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:bv@woodbeer.eclipse.co.uk) or phone on 01884 277329

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| • 7th May        | North Somerset Show | • 17th - 19th May  | Devon County Show |
| • 7th - 9th June | Royal Cornwall Show | • 23rd - 24th June | Axe Vale Festival |
| • 28th July      | Mid Devon Show      | • 29th July        | Totnes Show       |
| • 1st August     | North Devon Show    | • 2nd August       | Honiton Show      |
| • 9th August     | Okehampton Show     | • 16th August      | Chagford Show     |

*"Improving agriculture and livelihoods in the developing world by teaching trainers to train more effectively, and training institutes and organisations to deliver better quality training through improved management."*

Boat Mission Statement

**Chairman:** Prof. Fred Harper  
**Vice Chair:** Bill Vellacott MBE  
**Secretary:** Catriona Paton  
**Treasurer:** Richard Coley

**Trustees:**

Peter Reed • John Carter  
David Henley • Peter Dunning  
Malcolm Florey • John Russell  
David Wendover • Mick Merritt  
Mike Pash • Dr Alan Cooper  
Prof. Fred Harper • Ruth Strange

The Bicton Overseas Agricultural Trust was formed as a charity in 1991 by Devon Farmers. To date over 100 trainers working in the Developing World have completed Boat courses.

*"Give a man a fish, feed him for a day"*  
*"Teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime"*

**Trustees**

Prof John Wibberley and Mrs Celia Hyland have stood down as trustees and Mr David Henley the Principal of Bicton College, and Mr Mike Pash have agreed to become Trustees. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both John and Celia for all their work over the years and we know they will continue to help as and when time allows in the future. The Board of Trustees welcome onboard David and Mike, who have both been very active in their involvement with BOAT.

If you feel you have an area of expertise that would benefit BOAT feel free to discuss this with the Chairman Prof. Fred Harper harperdevon@aol.com

**2011 Saw BOAT Celebrate its 20th Anniversary**

To mark this occasion two events were held. Afternoon tea and a celebration cake cut By Rosemary Wamalwa one of our trainers from Kenya was held in the Bicton College marquee at the Devon County Show.

A Dinner was also held at Cadhay, Ottery St Mary by kind permission of Rupert Thistlethwayte, attended by the Acting High Commissioner for Tanzania, Mr Chubaka Kilumanga. It was a lovely sunny warm summer's evening with pre dinner drinks and canapés in the gardens with a musical accompaniment of African Drummers from Ottery St Mary. The cold buffet dinner was held in the tearooms at Cadhay and BOAT much enjoyed by 50 Friends of BOAT members and guests.



From left to right. Rosemary Wamalwa from Kenya, a 2011 trainee, cuts BOAT's 20th Birthday cake at the Devon County Show watched by the BOAT Chairman, Bicton College Principal, David Henley and Friends of BOAT. Acting High Commissioner for Tanzania, Mr Chabaka Kilumanga, Richard Coley, Rupert Thistlethwayte receiving a BOAT umbrella from Bill Vellacott. Bishop Michael Langrish congratulates Bill Vellacott.



Richard Shaw of General Manager of Vapormatic Ireland presents the keys of the tractor to Paddy Donahue from Co. Cavan.

**2011 Tractor Goes to the Emerald Isle**

The 1966 IH 434 tractor which was restored at last year's Devon County Show by the Bicton College agricultural engineering students led by Chris Jaworski has been won by Paddy Donahue from Co Cavan, Ireland.

The winning ticket was pulled by Andrew Baughan of Baughan's Recycling at the Newark Vintage Tractor and Heritage Show. This was quite fitting as Andrew had generously donated the tractor to BOAT to raise funds.

Bill Vellacott said, "I am delighted that this year's tractor has found a good home in Ireland because we have received tremendous support from the Emerald Isle over the past nine years of tractor restorations. I would particularly like to thank Vapormatic, Tractor and Machinery Magazine, Firestone and Bicton College for their fantastic sponsorship which together with our raffle ticket buyers for the nine tractors to date have helped raise over £120K. Second prize winner of £250 is Mr. John Edwards from Honiton, Devon and third prize of £100 went to Mrs. E. Larke from Trunch, Norfolk

**Proposed Friends of BOAT Visit to The Gambia**

The Trust is proposing to organise a fact finding cultural visit to The Gambia to see the work done by previous years candidates, either late 2012 or early 2013, more details in the next newsletter or the website.

**Social/Fundraising Event**

It is proposed to hold a Supper with a guest Speaker in Sep/Oct 2012 followed by an auction of promises, more details will put on the website.



**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.

Minimum annual membership: Single membership £10, Joint membership £12  
I enclose my cheque as a gift to the Bicton Overseas Agricultural Trust

Please Circle £10 / £12 / other £

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Gift aid declaration; I am a UK taxpayer and would like BOAT to reclaim tax on all my donations from 6th April 2012 until further notice.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

In order for the gift aid scheme to apply you must pay an amount of income or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount BOAT claims on your gift in the tax year; this is currently 28p for every pound you give.

Thank you for your donation, as a **Friend of BOAT** you will receive the newsletter, updating you with the activities of the Trust.

Your annual subscription as a **Friend of BOAT** can be made by Standing Order. Please tick this box to receive further information.

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