



# Friends of BOAT Summer'08

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## Training the Trainer 2008

This years trainers were: Jerome Bahemu and Venance Tarimo from Tanzania, Tatwa Mwachi from Western Kenya, Magdalene Ogwang from Uganda and Dorothy Mkomba 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.

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



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rearing to 10 weeks. As an Organic Farm the making of Compost is necessary as a source for fertilizing the cereal crops. It has to be turned several times until it has broken down into small particles of Organic Matter. Apart from Livestock & Cereals some Barns have been converted to self catering accommodation for another source of income.

## Vapormatic lends a hand with MF53 rebuild



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Vapormatic staff descended on Bicton College this week to help with the finishing touches to the 2008 BOAT (Bicton Overseas Agricultural Trust) Massey Ferguson 35.

Parts for this rebuild have been donated by Vapormatic and the tractor will be raffled off towards the end of the year.

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

## Devon YFC, Mission Complete in Tanzania

12 members from Devon YFC (DFYFC) have just returned back from Tanzania where they have successfully completed the installation of a water pump for the Livestock Training Institute near Arusha. DFYFC twinned up with the Bicton Overseas Agricultural Trust (BOAT) to ensure running water was provided for the dairy unit at the college, this water will be used to supply fresh water for the pasteurisation of the milk which will in turn then be sold at the college farm shop.

DFYFC and BOAT would like to thank all the sponsors who made this project possible and if you would to come to one of open evenings where



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you can see a more detailed description of the project with supporting photos you are more than welcome, we shall be holding a presentation at the Devon YFC Centre, Retail Park Close, Marsh Barton on Monday 18th August 7.30pm and also at the Waie Inn, Zeal Monuchorum on Wednesday 27th August at 7.30pm

# BOAT delivers its first "in-country" workshop



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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 (LTI) 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.

The MLD&F was sufficiently impressed with the success of the LITI Tengeru initiative to request BOAT's help in replicating the process in their other LITIs. 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 since 2002, and have requested that BOAT organise more of these "in country" workshop so that more of

## 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, people from different countries most who had never met before.



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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](mailto:bv@woodbeer.eclipse.co.uk).

Month	Date	Event
<b>August</b>	21st	Chagford Agricultural Show
	24th & 25th	Honiton Hill Rally
	28th	Holsworthy & Stratton Show
<b>September</b>	6th	Kingsbridge Show
	21st - 25th	Irish Ploughing Championships
<b>October</b>	10th - 12th	National Ploughing Championships Kent
<b>November</b>	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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