



Friends of BOAT Summer'14

Honorary Patron; Richard McDonald, CBE, former NFU Director General

"Gretel" - The 2014 Little Red Raffle Tractor

This year's tractor is a 1962 Massey Ferguson 35 petrol engine was imported from Germany and is known as Gretel was generously donated to BOAT by Tractor & Machinery magazine.

Once again Bicton College engineering staff and students will be carrying out Gretel's restoration at the Devon County Show commencing on Thursday, 22nd May and again our grateful thanks to sponsors Vapormatic and Firestone.

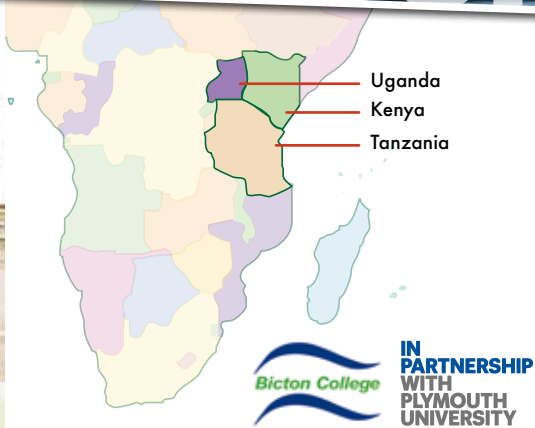
If you were unlucky last year this could be your lucky year! Tickets will be available online through the Bicton College website www.bicton.ac.uk or from our Secretary/Treasurer, (secretary@boatagtrust.co.uk)



Gretel



BOAT Students 2014 at the Welcoming Ceremony at Bicton House. From left to right: Pamela Kusolwa, Nelson Makezi, Joseph Mugagga, Fred Harper (Chairman), Kenneth Mukalazi, Peter Murage, Joyce Tibananuka and Josephine Yongo.



2014 BOAT Institutional Management Course

Over 20 applications were received from people in seven different African countries for the 2014 course. Seven mature students joined us for the start of six week accredited course on the 28th of April. Three are from Kenya, one from Tanzania and three from Uganda.

From Kenya:

- Josephine Yongo, Manager of Rarieda Training & Resource Centre under Rafiki wa Maendelo Trust, Kisumu
- Peter Murage, Founder 2000 & Director of Mount Kenya Organic Farming NGO
- Nelson Makezi, Programme Director for Concern Universal Kenya.

From Tanzania:

- Pamela Kusolwa, Assistant Coordinator of Studies and Principal Livestock Tutor, Livestock Training Agency, Morogoro.

From Uganda:

- Joseph Mugagga, Rural Project Manager, Kulika Uganda
- Joyce Tibananuka, Training Centre Manager, Kulika Uganda
- Kenneth Mukalazi, Executive Director of the Christian Development Association of Uganda.

We very much look forward to working with these students. They are all well-qualified, hold important and relevant posts and are highly committed. We wish them success in their studies and an enjoyable stay. We extend a warm welcome to them.

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Farewell to Two Good Servants

Dick Taylor has resigned from his role with BOAT. He has been involved with BOAT since 1998 and has hosted visiting students as well as developing the Friends of BOAT database and sending out Newsletters.

Richard Coley has decided to retire as Treasurer of BOAT and his duties will be taken on by Catriona Paton from 1st April 2014. Richard has been involved with BOAT from the outset as course organiser, secretary and treasurer.

I thank them both for the tremendous contribution that they have made to the work of BOAT.

Fred Harper (Chairman)



Dick Taylor giving some school equipment to the headmaster of Dumbuto school in the Gambia 2012. Richard Coley handing over the Treasurer reigns to Catriona Paton.

The Trustees would like to thank Vapormatic for producing this newsletter and to thank all its sponsors for their generous help.



The new owner, George Taylor, sits proudly on his prize in the presence Penny and Rebecca Mear and representatives of the sponsors of BOAT at the handing over ceremony on 13th December, 2013

“Kufbert” Finally Goes to His New Home

Kufbert, as he was affectionately known, was handed over to his new owner, on Friday 13th of December 2013. The event was held at Oakham Treasures, by kind permission of one of our generous sponsors and owner of the museum and visitor attraction, Keith Sherrell. The keys were handed over to the winner, George Taylor, by Penny and Rebecca Mear.

Representatives from Vapormatic, Firestone and Tractor and Machinery magazine publishers were all there together with Les and Ruth Arnold. We are grateful to them all for their generous support.

It has been a long journey for Kufbert and we hope that he has a pleasant time in his new home. He helped to sell nearly 16,000 tickets to support the work of BOAT.

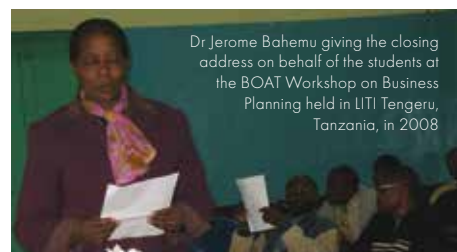
BOAT Assesses the Impact of its Work

As a Trust we have always been concerned to assess the quality and impact of our work. A group of Trustees, David Wendover, Alan Cooper, John Russell and Adrian Gaunt, have been working on a document to assess the impact of our recent work on the people and organisations that we have provided training for.

The Impact Assessment largely takes the form of case studies on organisations and individuals in The Gambia, Malawi, Tanzania and Uganda. From the studies undertaken, there is no doubt that the work of BOAT has had a big impact on the work of those touched by its activities. A classic example is that of Dr Jerome Bahemu (see photo) who was trained by BOAT both in the UK and in Tanzania. On retirement from government service she set up her own Skills Training Centre which is now recruiting strongly and is recognised by the Government.

Jerome said: I really thank BOAT for its move to target developing countries. Carry on with the team work attitude you have to inspire many. I believe that there is no success without working hard. I learnt that you are very hardworking BOAT Trustees.

The Impact Assessment will be used to support applications for external funding to support our continuing work in training key people in developing African countries. The document will be available on the BOAT web site.



Dr Jerome Bahemu giving the closing address on behalf of the students at the BOAT Workshop on Business Planning held in LITI Tengeru, Tanzania, in 2008



Dr Jerome Bahemu working with colleagues in the BOAT Workshop

New Associate Receives His Certificate

The Board of Trustees agreed to a proposal that Edrick Kapinga should be made an Associate of BOAT. Edrick was the Principal at the Livestock Training Institute at Tengeru near Arusha in Tanzania. He has been a great supporter of BOAT over many years and came to Bicton for a training course in 2004 when he also presented a paper to the Tropical Agriculture Association SW Area meeting.

Edrick has been our main link man in Tanzania and helped to encourage the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Resources to send people from the LITs (now LITA campuses) for training. He was also instrumental in arranging and hosting the two-week workshop which BOAT delivered at Tengeru in 2008. On retirement from his post at Tengeru in October 2013, he worked at Ministry HQ in Dar es Salaam before retiring to his home in the Morogoro area where he has 20 acres of land on which he is developing a small livestock demonstration unit for farmers. He has agreed to continue to promote and support the work of BOAT in Tanzania and will liaise with David Wendover.

Dr Nick Chapman, from Honiton, who is a colleague of David Wendover and a Monitoring and Evaluation specialist, kindly presented the Certificate of Associateship to Edrick at a Ceremony at Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) during a visit in February this year.



Course Feedback is Very Positive

The review of the 2013 course was completed in February 2014, thanks to the input of Mike Pash and the Chairman. As usual we collected feedback from the students immediately after the course finished and again some 6-7 months later. The questionnaires were then analysed and a report written which is available on request and is published on the website.

The feedback was again very positive. All respondents felt that the course was very relevant to their work back home. One participant said: I am no longer the same; the course will make a difference to my leadership and management skills. Keep up this good work of serving others to effectively manage rural development programmes. Some students would like a few other subjects included such as training needs analysis (more of it), project management, IT programmes and more self study time.

It was clear from the later feedback that all students have made changes to the way they do their jobs as a result of this training. In addition they have plans to implement more changes in the future. Importantly, the feedback showed that all students had passed on aspects of their learning to their colleagues at home. One respondent said: Keep up the good work! The course is very relevant and practical. I am now confidently taking up more responsibilities because of the course.

The External Examiner said that: The modules are well-designed and appropriate and the assessments provide appropriate challenges and meaningful learning experiences. This positive feedback is reassuring and should encourage BOAT, Bicton College, our sponsors and friends to keep up the good work.

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