



Endana Womens' Conservation Agriculture Self Help Group and their adviser Patricia Wangui (BOAT 2016) in arid Laikipia.



### Chairman's Message

In January I travelled to Kenya to visit 19 alumni of our BOAT/Bicton training course in Institutional Management & Business Planning who have formed their own network which they have called "BOAT Kenya". After a two day meeting in Nairobi I travelled to the home bases of their 10 organisations to see their work in the field. The itinerary - entirely planned by them including transport and accommodation - took me to the Mount Kenya area (Embu, Meru, Nanyuki, Laikipia, Nyeri) in central Kenya as well as Kisumu, Kimilili and Bondo in the west near Lake Victoria. It was inspiring to see them at work and witness the positive changes they are bringing about in their communities. It was also very

gratifying to hear the value that they all placed on the BOAT UK training and their enthusiasm to continue the link and develop their own BOAT Kenya programme which we are busy assisting them with. Our Uganda programme is also shaping up.

We will not be holding the UK course this year while we formalise and carry out in-country training supporting these exciting initiatives from East Africa which come as a direct result of the highly successful BOAT course accredited by Plymouth University. However, we intend to hold this course again in 2019.

Raising funds to support the UK course and these developments continues to be a priority and I would like to thank all our numerous supporters who willingly volunteer their time and energy to allow us to continue with our mission of helping people less fortunate than ourselves.

*David Wendover* (Chairman)

### John Russell

John Russell, who has been a BOAT Trustee for more than 20 years, has moved to a retirement home in Yorkshire. With degrees in Geography from Cambridge and Agricultural Economics from Oxford, John spent 27 years overseas working with Huntings in Pakistan, 1961-65, before becoming Chief Farm Management Officer in Zambia, 1967-72. He then served as a Principal Agriculturalist with the World Bank from 1972-88 followed by short term consultancy principally for the International Fund for Agricultural Development, IFAD, in Rome (on project review, extension and research management and helping establish the Global Forum on Agricultural Research) and also for the EC and the Commonwealth Secretariat.

As a Trustee of BOAT John was instrumental in establishing the link with Tengeru Livestock Training College in Tanzania as well as lecturing on the BOAT/Bicton training course. We will miss his enthusiasm and wisdom based on huge development experience and philanthropy.



Complete with V5C documentation, this tractor will be the first prize in a competition organised by Kelsey Media, publisher of the Tractor & Machinery magazine. The tractor will be attending several events through the summer before the draw for the winning entry is made on Sunday 11 November 2018 at the Newark Vintage Tractor & Heritage Show.

The Massey Ferguson 35 is a four-cylinder model fitted with a Lambourn cab that will be on display at approximately 20 shows during the year, providing many opportunities for you to enter the competition. Entries cost £2 each and you can enter as many times as you like with the proceeds going to BOAT. All you have to do is answer a simple question and you will be in with a chance of winning the tractor. You can see the tractor at many of the shows in the South West, plus The Great Yorkshire and The Royal Welsh Show.

Entry forms and further info can be downloaded from the BOAT website <http://boatagtrust.co.uk/win-a-tractor/>

Bill Vellacott MBE, Deputy Chairman BOAT said "Once again, my sincere thanks go to Kelsey Media for the on-going support".

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



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Dr Steve Roderick (TCCG) next to David Wendover and Tim Roberts (BOAT Associate). Meeting chaired by Kennedy Orwa (BOAT 2015) CEO of Environmental Liaison Centre International (ELCI) nearest right.



Staff of Anglican Development Services Mount Kenya East with CEO Catharine Mwangi (BOAT 2016) on left.

## Friend of BOAT Evening

David Wendover will give an illustrated talk about his recent visit to Kenya to meet BOAT Alumni and how the course is changing their lives. Date – Oct tbd Venue Cheriton Bishop.

Further details will be available nearer the time posted on the website and or Facebook, or email: [secretary@boatagtrust.co.uk](mailto:secretary@boatagtrust.co.uk) .boatagtrust.co.uk

## Talks and Presentations

The Chairman and other Trustees are willing to give talks to societies and clubs, whether the local Gardening Club or Rotary, detailing the work of BOAT.

Should you wish to have someone come to your meetings to give a talk then contact [secretary@boatagtrust.co.uk](mailto:secretary@boatagtrust.co.uk) and she will pass on your details.

If your club would like to hold a fundraising event in aid of BOAT publicity material is also available.



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3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

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Thank you for your support.

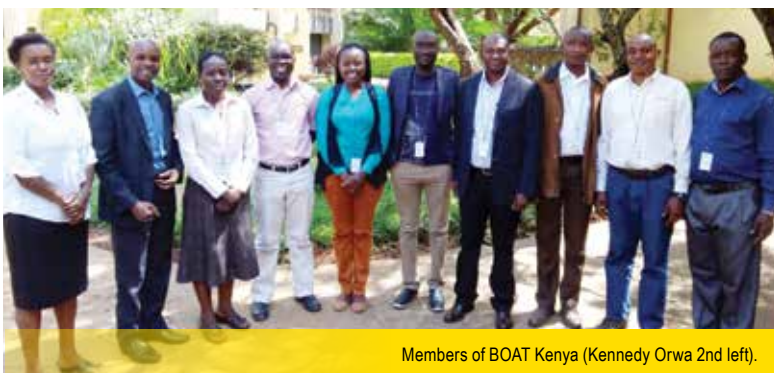
## BOAT Kenya, a Boost for Agricultural Communities in Kenya

by Kennedy Orwa, Chairman BOAT Kenya

Kenya is set to reap from years of BOAT UK training, which has yielded up to 20 Kenyan alumni with skills in Institutional Management and Business Planning (International). This follows the successful joint planning involving BOAT UK and BOAT Kenya, completed in January 2018, to establish a similar training programme in Kenya.

With the objective of boosting their contribution to development of the agriculture sector, BOAT UK alumni from Kenya formed BOAT Kenya to provide them with a framework for cooperation. BOAT Kenya is hosted at Environment Liaison Centre International (ELCI) offices in Nairobi.

Agriculture employs over 40 per cent of Kenyans, and over 70 per cent of Kenya's rural population. The sector accounts for 65 per cent of export earnings, and provides livelihood (employment, income and food security needs) for more than 80 per cent of Kenyans. This scenario inspired the mission of BOAT Kenya, which is to improve livelihoods and reduce poverty in rural populations in Africa, through providing high quality training in Institutional Management, Human Capital Development, Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management concerned with sustainable methods of food production and wider aspects of rural development.



Members of BOAT Kenya (Kennedy Orwa 2nd left).

Thank you to all those who have supported these events to raise funds for BOAT. If you would like to help by holding an event such as a coffee morning, cream tea or any other event either in your home or Village Hall please contact our secretary at the address in the newsletter and we can provide information and a speaker if required.

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