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Friends of BOAT Summer'15

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

Chairman's Message

I would like to welcome you to our first Newsletter in 2015. Last November Professor Fred Harper stepped down from the Trust after 15 years outstanding service as a Trustee including the last 4 years as Chairman - a hard act to follow!

The past 6 months we have been busy preparing for our annual BOAT training course on Institutional Management & Business Planning (International) held at Bicton College and in April welcomed our 2015 participants from Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania and Uganda. We continue to believe that improving the Management and Business skills of senior personnel from Agricultural Training Colleges and Rural Development Projects who are in the position to influence the lives of so many of the poorest in their countries is a worthwhile investment. Through its training programme, BOAT has built a number of partnerships, particularly in East Africa. Since 2009, 8 senior staff from the Kulika Trust, Uganda, have attended the Bicton course and in April two Trustees, Viv Horton and Alan Cooper, travelled to Uganda to work with Kulika gathering information and exchanging ideas which will lead to the signing of a MoU and the development of a plan of cooperation particularly focussing on support for their new Farmer Training Centre at Lutisi outside Kampala.

As always, BOAT's major partner Bicton College has continued to provide valuable support even as it completed its merger with The Cornwall College Group. Needless to say our Trust would not be able to carry out its programme without enthusiastic volunteers, numerous fund raising activities and generous donations and I would like to thank all of you for your support.

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2015 BOAT Institutional Management Course

Seven mature students joined us for the start of the six week accredited course on the 27th of April. Two are from Uganda, two from Kenya, one from Tanzania and two from Malawi.

From Uganda:

- **Amen Emmanuel**, District coordinator Maracha, Creative Capacity Building Project, Kulika Trust
- **John Steven Onyango**, Assistant Project Officer, Kulika Trust, Kampala

From Kenya:

- **Kennedy Orwa**, Executive Director (Actg) Environment Liaison Centre International, Nairobi
- **Moses Ochieng**, Grant Co-ordinator. Rafiki wa Maendeleo Trust, Nairobi

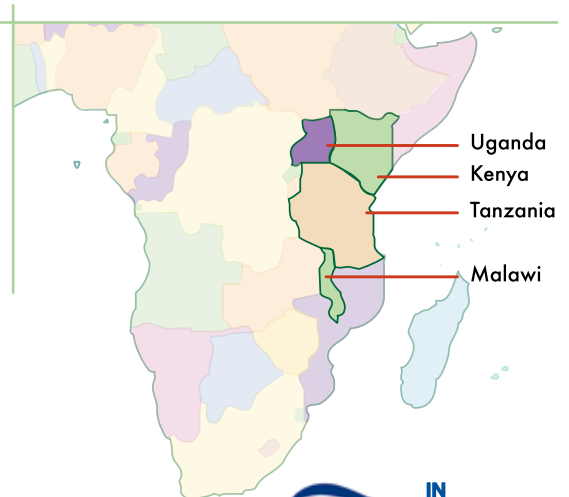
From Tanzania:

- **Margaret Pallangyo**, Acting CEO Livestock Training Agency HQ, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development, Dar es Salaam.

From Malawi:

- **Principal Mdolo**, Lecturer in Environmental & Resource Management, Natural Resources College, Lilongwe
- **Maxwell Chiputula**, Senior Project Manager. Concern Universal WASH Programme, Ntcheu, Southern Region

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.



Bicton College IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY

Friends of BOAT Concert at Seale Hayne

We are delighted to announce we have a concert with the Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir on Saturday 10th October at Seale Hayne, near Newton Abbot in conjunction with the Dame Hannah Rogers Trust. This is set to be an enjoyable evening and tickets are £10 from either calling 01626 325 800 or online at www.discoverhannahs.org. Please come along and bring friends and family with you.

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

Grand Draw

£5 a book. First Prize £1000 and other cash prizes.

Tickets can be obtained by sending a cheque made payable to "BOAT" in multiples of £5 along with a sae to C/o BOAT 8 Slade Close Ottery St Mary EX11 1SX.

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Winner, Simon Browning receiving the keys from Nickolas Dicks of Vapormatic with Bill Vellacott MBE of BOAT (far right) and Chris Jaworski, Bicton College (far left).

Gretel's New Home

Last year's tractor, known as 'Gretel', was a 1962 Massey Ferguson 35 Petrol model and has been restored with over £3,000's worth of Vapormatic new parts. 'Gretel' was presented to the lucky new owner, Mr Simon Browning from Redditch, Worcestershire at Carpenter & Goodwin's store in Leominster, a leading Vapormatic stockist in the area.

The tractor raffle raised over £12,000 for the charity. Simon bought his lucky ticket at the Malvern Tractor World show back in March 2014 and intends to take 'Gretel' on Road Runs and to shows in the future.

Nickolas Dicks, Vapormatic Marketing Manager said "It was a pleasure to present Simon with the tractor and to congratulate BOAT and Bicton College on another successful year of fund raising."

Vice Chairman of BOAT Bill Vellacott said, "I am delighted that this year's tractor has found a good home and extend BOAT's grateful thanks for the tremendous support received once again this year. 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 have helped raise more than £170K over the years."

Trustee to Cycle the 'North American Epic'

Viv Horton will be cycling the North American Epic from Anchorage in Alaska to Mexico City from 9th of July until 1st of November 2015, an interesting variant on the usual West - East crossing. The distance is 10,000 kilometres or just over 6,000 miles in old money and she would like to use the opportunity to fund raise for BOAT. Any support will be truly welcome and every penny will go directly towards the excellent work that BOAT does to improve rural livelihoods in Africa.

To sponsor Viv on this epic journey go to <https://www.charitycheckout.co.uk/1017527/Sponsor>



Quilted Throw Winner Announced

Back in January Draw tickets were sold at the Craft4crafters Show at Westpoint for two Quilted Throws which were handcrafted and donated by Barbara Gaskell of Plymtree. The Quilts have now been presented to the respective winners, Pamela Goldsmith and Jean Hadley, at various events recently. BOAT expresses its thanks to Mrs Gaskell for the Quilts, to Craft4crafters and Bicton College for their help to sell the Draw tickets, and to those members of the public who entered into the Draw by buying tickets.



First Prize Winner Pamela Goldsmith.



Second Prize Winner Jean Hadley being presented with her Quilted Throw by David Wendover Chairman of BOAT at lambing Sunday Bicton College.

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