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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ISSUE



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In memory of W. W. Jones

Bill Jones died at the end of summer. He gave unstinting support to Bees for Development for many years, gathering a group of fellow Trustees and ensuring that Bees for Development Trust became established as a registered charity. Bill was the right man for the job in developing

a water-tight constitution and formulating workable rules for the new Charity. He supported us in all ventures, always offering sound advice. Despite tremendous mobility problems, Bill would until recently travel from Milton Keynes to Monmouth for meetings, and when that became too difficult, stayed in touch by e-mail. Bill supported several charities, especially 'Tools for Self Reliance', and there will be many other people missing him as we do.

Nicola Bradbear

Trust membership

Please remember to renew your Trust Membership subscription. It is important that the good work of BfD Trust continues, so please encourage as many people as you can to become Members. Volunteers are needed to help the Trust, especially with publicity and fundraising. Do get in touch if you can help.

Bees for Development is now registered with the American Fund for Charities that can issue US tax receipts, usually to large companies. This is good news and means that BfDT can now seek USA support for proposals.



Beekeeping in Sudan Much of the natural environment in southern Sudan is forested and unpolluted, and excellent for beekeeping and honey production. Beekeepers are skilled in the use of local resources for making beehives, and they produce significant quantities of honey. BfD's initial survey project was funded by the Big Lottery Fund in 2007/08. As a consequence, the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has now funded a larger scale survey. Dr Bradbear returned in November 2009 to southern Sudan to visit more beekeepers in this war torn country and to prepare a new proposal for FAO to support beekeeping longer term.



BfD Courses in 2010

Strengthening livelihoods in developing countries by means of beekeeping An overview of beekeeping in developing countries and an introduction to addressing the challenges. 12 March 2010, BfD offices at Wyastone, Monmouth.

Sustainable beekeeping An introduction to alternative, more sustainable approaches to beekeeping, with a UK focus. 10-11 April, 2010 Ragman's Lane Farm, Gloucestershire.

Feedback received from users of BfD's Information Service - how the information is used

'I will use the information by increasing my knowledge of how to know the best time of harvesting, the best site to place the beehives and how to overcome any diseases that affect the honeybee.' **Jonathan Banda, Malawi**

'I will build on what I've learnt from your website, then engage in community training for sustainable agriculture.' **Stephen Kamau, Kenya**

2010 BfD Safari destinations:

Trinidad & Tobago 25 January–4 February, 2010

Turkey 24 July–5 August, 2010

Rodrigues & Mauritius 24 November–4 December, 2010



Sunset in Trinidad

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Beekeeping projects in Ghana



Kwame Aidoo, a long time correspondent and partner with Bees for Development, is teaching local people how to make beehives using available resources.

This is part of BfD's sustainable beekeeping project funded by the Good Gifts project. Participants receive beehives as 'good gifts' after they have been trained in beekeeping.

To ensure sustainability they go away with the knowledge of how to make their own hives so that they are able to expand their beekeeping enterprises in the future.



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Bees for Development Trust at the National Honey Show in Weybridge, October 2009

The photograph below shows an innovative idea to attract supporters to the stand and help them to recognise the different tastes of honeys from around the world. The evening reception sponsored by E H Thorne was very enjoyable with Bill Turnbull (Patron of BfD Trust) recruiting more Members. Ruth Burbidge provided the musical interlude - playing beautifully.



Juliet Wright working at BfD is pictured below at the National Honey Show, standing between two of the Trust's Trustees, Bob Spencer and Gladstone Solomon. She has been working at Bees for Development for the last five months with funding from the Welsh Assembly's Wales for Africa programme. Juliet has been preparing new materials for the BfD Resource Boxes, training materials to send to Africa. The boxes consist of booklets and accompanying handouts and posters for extension workers.



Sales Continue

The tamper evident seals, labels and £5 bags are proving a big success. Buy on line at BfD or from E H Thorne (Beehives) Ltd., or by post from BfD Trust.



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Apimondia September 2009 in Montpellier

This was an ideal opportunity to meet Trust Members and friends from around the world. The reception sponsored by Vita (Europe) Ltd was a fantastic gathering where many ideas were exchanged. The Trust stand attracted much interest and the young volunteers communicated with many delegates.



There have been many more requests from beekeepers in developing countries to receive BfD Journal. Supporters may not realise it, but while £20 pounds helps one beekeeper to receive the Journal for a year, if £100 is donated then this will enable ten beekeepers in developing countries to receive the Journal. These Journals are shared with many others who find it an excellent, up to date information resource - always giving advice appropriate for local methods of beekeeping.

