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Becky Nesbitt

Welcome to Becky Nesbitt who has recently joined B/D Trust to help with corporate fundraising activities. Becky is enthusiastic and active with her beekeeping and lives in Wales. A background in environmental sciences and sustainable development makes her an excellent addition to the Trust.



Trust membership

2009 is the tenth anniversary year of the Trust. It is really important that this excellent work continues so please encourage as many people as you can to become Trust members.

A new **membership secretary** is needed. Also volunteers are needed to help the Trust, especially with publicity and fundraising. Please contact elainespencer@beesfordevelopment.org as the Trust needs more help with these activities.

Thomas Quayle, Friends of Bee Enterprise

Last November in Ghana, Thomas held a 3 day training session for members of **Habitat for Humanity**, a rural project providing housing at affordable costs to mostly cocoa and cashew nut farmers. This training was to help with their economic status and took place at a village called Duadaso No. 1 close to the border with Côte d'Ivoire.

Traditional and modern beekeeping practices were taught to the 15 participants as well as information on termites and common enemies of bees. Many other subjects were included in the sessions and they all appreciated this useful information.



'The Everest of UK Cycling'

Supporter **Els Vermeulen** is taking part in a cycle event from London to Edinburgh and back, to raise money for the Trust. This long cycle race/event takes place between 26th and 31st of July 2009. In April she joined the BfD stand at the Stoneleigh Spring Convention, complete with her bicycle. This created a lot of interest and she collected many donations that day.

Els is a passionate beekeeper and has seen the benefits of Bees *for* Development Trust in action on her travels overseas. Her fundraising site is www.justgiving.com/swarm_catcher_els where you can read her personal message and pledge a donation. The justgiving site adds gift aid and a supplement so that the money given will go further in support of the vital work continuing to be done by B/D Trust.



Forthcoming Events

Look out for the BfDT stand to recruit many more members at **ApiExpo** which is part of the **APIMONDIA** 41st Congress in Montpellier, France, 15th to 19th September 2009.

The Trust will also be at the **National Honey Show** Weybridge, 29th to 31st October 2009.

Launching of new BfD website



Patron, Bill Turnbull officially cut the ribbon at Stoneleigh, to launch the new website. It has been totally redesigned with hundreds of new pages and reference material to download from the Beekeeping Information Portal. This extensive facility was made possible with funding support from Anglo American Group Foundation. Also included on the new website and as explained in the previous Newsletter, there is the new African Beekeeping Information Portal funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and the Rowse Family Trust.

Sales Continue

The tamper evident seals, labels and the £5 bags have proved to be 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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Innovative fundraising by groups and individuals makes so much possible. Please encourage your friends to help. We use all financial contributions effectively to help alleviate poverty and preserve biodiversity, by means of bees and beekeeping.

Members of the Trust receive a welcome pack, BfD Journal, invitations to BfDT events, newsletters and 50 tamper evident seals when they join. Look at the website below for the different membership categories so that you can choose the amount of support you wish to give.

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Nicola Bradbear working with beekeepers in Chechnya

This month BfD has been working with beekeepers in Chechnya (Southern Russia). The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has been assisting internally displaced



people and vulnerable households to develop livelihoods by means of beekeeping. Nicola's work was to evaluate and advise the Project. Conflict destroys social links, and the Project is enabling social progress in this difficult part of the world. The new beekeepers report that they find beekeeping comforting, and that it helped them to recover a sense of purpose.

The Benet people of Mount Elgon, Uganda

In February, BfD was asked to work with IUCN-Uganda to advise them about beekeeping for the Benet community. This was recommended as an excellent way for them to earn additional income from the forest resources in an environmentally friendly way. They are forest people and until their eviction in the 1980s, lived deep inside what has now become Mount Elgon National Park. It was found that within the district, there is very little honey for sale, so the new beekeepers will easily find a local market for their honey.

Beekeeping Enterprise Development Guides



Two new booklets have been published by Bees for Development. The new titles in the series are *Guide 1: Market access for beekeepers* and *Guide 2: Information for honey packers*. These booklets are outputs from the **Bees for Development Uganda Honey Trade Project** (funded by Comic Relief) and are targeted towards the honey sector in Uganda. Guide 1 explains that selling honey outside local areas requires organisation to achieve efficiency, and suggests how this can be achieved for rural beekeepers. Guide 2 provides information about honey handling, storage and packing and is of value to anyone who packs honey as a business.

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