

## News from near and afar

This issue of the *Bees for Development* Trust Newsletter brings details of recent Trust events and also an article from one of our Journal readers in DR Congo. Corneille's article is just one of numerous letters of thanks that we receive and we know you are interested to see. Such feedback is always encouraging. Likewise it is good to receive requests for assistance: the work of *Bees for Development* is always in great demand. With the tremendous help from Trust supporters - in so many ways - we can continue to assist beekeepers individually and in rural development groups.

### Spreading the word...

Kwenge, a village 30km away from Kikwit, was our meeting place this April 23, 2006. The meeting foreseen for April 1, 2006 could not take place at that time as most of the villagers were not available. In the end nine representatives attended our awareness campaign which was centred on how to keep bees and significantly increase honey production. The villagers were very pleased with our campaign and promised to organise themselves and fight against the brutal burning of bees. New ways on how to make hives were explained to them following the information gathered from *Bees for Development* Journals number 67 and 76.

However, the villagers are discouraged and frustrated as they cannot find regular buyers of their honey. My role will consist in helping them find potential buyers and I believe that *Bees for Development* Journal will help us in this respect.

The villagers here speak little French and no English at all. My role here is very beneficial and I hope to go on reading the Journal and providing them with relevant information on honey issues. In my campaign I discovered that deforestation as well as the burning of bees to gather honey has significantly contributed to the relative disappearance of bees in the area.

Corneille Tshibanda  
Kinshasa  
DR Congo



### Tsunami Appeal

We are very pleased to report that the Appeal total reached over £12,000. Thank you to everyone who made a donation. The money has been used to assist with the reconstruction of beekeeping in Sri Lanka and to work with a group from the University of Banda Aceh, Indonesia.

Under the guidance of Dr Rosmaidar Djafruddin extensive areas of mangrove seedlings have been planted. This serves the dual purpose of coastal protection and providing excellent bee forage for local bees. The project is ongoing and further funding is being sought.



### Good Gifts

The Trust is pleased to be cooperating with Good Gifts Catalogue. The new catalogue will be available shortly and is on line at [www.goodgifts.org](http://www.goodgifts.org)

### Top-bar hives – another new initiative

Top-bar hives made to a design supplied by *Bees for Development* are now available to buy from E H Thorne (Beehives) Ltd. With a donation to BfDT for every hive sold you can try this truly different approach to beekeeping while supporting the Trust. Our grateful thanks go to Thorne's for their help with this innovative fundraising idea! Visit [www.thorne.co.uk](http://www.thorne.co.uk)

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## Trust Champions

Amongst the many supporters of the Trust three have interesting tales to tell. Sue Tonelli has again been in marathon form and has run the Hamburg Marathon this year to raise funds for the Trust. Sue further enhanced her donation to the Trust by holding an Open Day at her home in July. Another epic effort to help the Trust was made by Peter Grimes who raised funds through sponsorship when he completed the coast to coast walk from Robin Hoods Bay to St Bees Head. Rob Probyn completes the trio and, with sterling effort, successfully tackled the London Triathlon earlier this month. Well done and many thanks to Sue, Peter and Rob for their magnificent support.



## Like a pebble in a pool

Rippling out from an idea at the Trust meeting in March, the Bees for Development Trust honey jar label was launched by Bill Turnbull at Stoneleigh in April and is already an established favourite. Costing just 10p or €0.15 per label, beekeepers are adding them to their honey jars and showing support for the Trust.



10p from the sale of this honey is donated to **Bees for Development Trust.** Helping poor people to fight poverty by means of beekeeping  
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[www.beesfordevelopment.org](http://www.beesfordevelopment.org)

The idea has been developed by E H Thorne (Beehives) Ltd and the labels are available from their website or from the Trust.

Simple and good – like honey!

**NEW - A tamper evident seal with the same message will be available from the Trust soon. See the website for details.**



## First National Mead Week

This was organised recently by the Lurgashall Winery and the Lythe Hill Hotel in Surrey. Several events were staged over the week and Trustee, Bob Spencer, spoke about the work of the Trust to an interested lunch gathering. The Trust is to benefit from the fundraising - thank you to all concerned.

## Bees for Development Trust

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Bill Turnbull, News Broadcaster  
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**Looking ahead....**National Honey Show - Hendon, BfD safaris, Apimondia 2007 and more. Visit [www.beesfordevelopment.org](http://www.beesfordevelopment.org) for details.

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**Would you like to be part of the BfDT team?** We are currently seeking a Treasurer and will be pleased to hear from you if you are interested to know more.

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