



Bees for development

Bees for Development Newsletter - April 2019

Dear friend,

Bees are working on cherry blossom here in the Wye Valley, and we expect to hear of the first swarms any day now - how are bees doing in your region? Read on to see beekeeping work in progress and exciting events ahead.



This month's photo

This month we feature Ms Aidah Kuloba who lives in Bududa, Uganda. Aidah uses propolis for home-made medicine. "We collect honey and propolis from the hives. We clean and prepare the propolis, and let it dissolve in alcohol for three months. Then we sell at the market."

Our impact around the world

Bees for Development Ethiopia



Bees for Development Ethiopia is recovering degraded land in the **Lake Tana** catchment area. This image shows one of the stone arc weirs we have built to stem the erosion in this active gully in **Yisala**. We are working to reverse land degradation and to **restore bee habitat and safeguard the livelihoods of Lake Tana beekeepers**.

"We were doing conservation activities though we lacked skills and materials. Your help has meant a lot to us - and now we will achieve good results. We are committed to the success of this work". Shiferaw Chekle, Yisala, March 2019.



Trees are regenerating in the site we began to protect in 2016

Uganda



Colleagues from **TUNADO** (The Uganda National Apiculture Development Organisation) and **Bwindi Mgahinga Conservation Trust** visited south west Uganda in March. The **Batwa forest people** were evicted from Bwindi National Park and thus deprived of access to stingless bee honey, their **'most important food and medicine'**. The Batwa can identify and track stingless bees, yet do not know how to keep them in hives. **Bees for Development** is now seeking funds to help the Batwa people to keep stingless bees in a sustainable way. Please help if you can.

Fitmukeza Kaben, a beekeeper from the Batwa community, shows the queen from a just-arrived swarm

Bees for Development Ghana

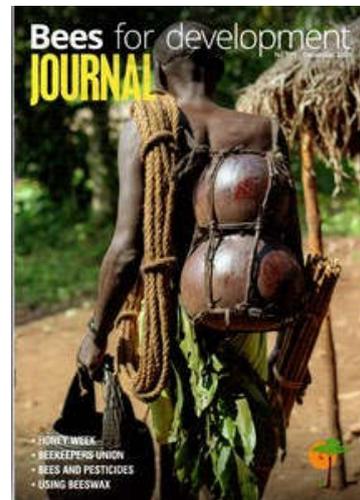


Last week Dr Kwame Aidoo, Director of **Bees for Development Ghana** visited Mim Cashew Company, to provide technical support to the company's beekeeping team. Mim Cashew Company has been integrating sustainable beekeeping in the cashew orchards since 2014, based on research done by Kwame, and has enjoyed a fruitful collaboration with BfDG ever since. They now have 60 beehives on their 300 ha cashew plantation, and by the end of the beekeeping season in 2020 they plan to have established 500 colonies.

The gift that keeps on giving

Sponsor a subscription to *Bees for Development Journal* for a beekeeper working in a remote and poor nation, or a **Resource Box** for a school or beekeeping club.

The BERUDA organisation in Cameroon received a sponsored Resource Box: "We want to immensely thank you for your teaching materials. They have been of great help to our whole community. So far we have carried out three major training sessions. This has created a lot of awareness to the community and has enabled some people to have a stable source of income."



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Other News

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- presents -
BEE  **SAFARI**

Treat yourself to a wonderful holiday while supporting BfD's work with beekeepers.

November 2019 - Ethiopia

Experience the richness of Ethiopian culture, meet the lovely people whose lives have been transformed by beekeeping, and see how they make basket hives and catch swarms. You will visit also the famous rock churches of Lalibela, see the source of the Blue Nile and explore Africa's largest market in Addis Ababa.

[See website](#)

Feb 2020 - Trinidad & Tobago

Your host's extraordinary hospitality will enable you to experience tropical beekeeping while you enjoy the dramatic tropical fauna and flora of the islands, bathe in the Caribbean, sample the famous cuisine, and learn how Caribbean beekeepers work. You will encounter Stingless bees and Africanised honey bees.

[See website](#)



Our Bee Safari Coordinator Francine Sagar and Trustee Gladstone Solomon interviewed by *Let's Talk Tobago* during the Trinidad & Tobago Bee Safari.



Bee Garden Party - Do you have your ticket?

Our fabulous **Bee Garden Party** takes place in the gardens of Marlborough House in Pall Mall in the heart of London on Wednesday June 12. Hosted by our charity's great beekeeping Patrons, **Martha Kearney** and **Bill Turnbull**, the **Bee Garden Party** will be a wonderful summer celebration of bees - graced by a VVIP beekeeper! New this year will be an abundance of Bee Art from well-known artists and celebrities. [Click here for more information](#)

[Early Bird tickets still available to buy here](#)

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beekeepers.

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Raising funds to help BfD This month: Go Whoosh!

During 3-7 May, 30 cyclists from Herne Hill will be cycling 300+ miles from Somerset to Lincolnshire, raising funds for Bees for Development as they go. We have no doubt they will succeed! [Find their fundraising page here.](#)

If you are planning to raise funds for BfD - good news is that *JustGiving* has removed *platform fees* from fundraising campaigns and charitable donations.



In our bee-shop



Planting for Honeybees

This grower's guide tells the best garden plants for honey bees, and where and how to grow them in the UK. The selected plants are those that provide honey bees with the nectar and pollen they need. An index of Latin and common names, bee friendly gardens to visit in the UK and other resources together provide a useful book for both beginner and experienced gardeners.

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2019 Dates Ahead

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Event	Date	Location
Monmouth Bee Festival	19 May 2019	Monmouth
Bee Garden Party	12 June 2019	London
Straw Skep Making Course with Chris Park	15 June 2019	Ross on Wye
Strengthening Livelihoods Course	21 June 2019	Monmouth
Willow Skep Weaving Course with Chris Park	29 June 2019	Ross on Wye
Hackle and Floor making with Chris Park	29 June 2019	Ross on Wye
Sustainable Beekeeping Course with BfD Team	12-13 October 2019	Forest of Dean
BfD Bee Safari to Ethiopia	2-12 November 2019	Ethiopia

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