

DOUGLAS BOMFORD TRUST

Alan Plom, The Douglas Bomford Trust's new secretary, provides this update on the Trust's recent activities.

The Douglas Bomford Trust Prize.

The best Foundation Degree (FdSc) Agricultural Engineering student at Harper Adams University (HAU), was awarded this year to **Mark Palmer**, 21, from Ely, Cambs. Mark graduated with a Distinction and HAU's Programme Manager, Greg Rowsell, said: "Mark is a worthy recipient of the Prize. His outstanding performance while on placement with Claas UK led to him being offered a full time job, following graduation. Mark based his final year research project on a Claas product, entitled: 'Define an appropriate procedure for recovering broken-down Claas combine harvesters', and he is now working for Claas UK as a Service Engineer, based in Sleaford, Lincs."



Mark Palmer being presented with his Award by Dr Paul Miller (DBT Secretary) at HAU's Prize Giving Ceremony at the end of September.

DBT WEBSITE

(<http://www.dbt.org.uk/>)
Our website has been updated, with additional information on a selection of awards and projects sponsored by the Trust.

The Arkwright Scholarship Scheme

The Trust continues to be involved with the Scheme, sponsoring a school pupil who has shown an interest in agricultural engineering as a possible future career. The recipient this year is **Robert Gray**. We will be working with Robert to provide opportunities to experience commercial activities in the agricultural engineering sector, eg through visits to companies and short-term work experience placements – in collaboration with the Agricultural Engineers Association.



Robert Gray was presented with his award by Dr Paul Miller on 3 November at a prestigious ceremony, held at The Institution of Engineering and Technology headquarters in Savoy Place, London on 3 November.

Douglas Bomford Trust Scholarships

The Trust has again awarded a number of Scholarships to HAU undergraduates. The short-listed candidates for 2017-18 were interviewed recently by two Trustees and the Secretary. Six students will receive financial support to assist them with their studies.

Scholarship Panel Chairman **Paul Miller** said: "It was even more difficult to select those to receive awards this year. The students show

great potential and we hope our support will help and encourage them all to pursue careers in agricultural engineering. We were particularly pleased that one of the (first year) students had previously been an Arkwright Scholar, who was inspired to study agricultural engineering after visiting John Deere at Langar with us earlier in the year"

FAREWELLS

At the Trust's **Annual General Meeting** held at the Royal Agricultural University (RAU), Cirencester, on 8 November, we said farewell to **Peter Redman** (and also to **Dr Geoffrey Davies**, in his absence), both having served the maximum 6 year term as a Trustee. The Chairman thanked them for their work and commitment to the Trust. Of particular note is that Peter Redman has actually been involved with the Trust since 2003, having served as Secretary for 7 years before becoming a Trustee in 2010. Peter has also just retired from his role as a Trustee of the **AgriFood Charities Partnership (AFCP)** where he has effectively raised the profile of the Trust too. Peter's enthusiasm and wise counsel will be sorely missed. Speaking of which, the Trustees also said 'Thank you' to **Paul Miller**, who has relinquished his role as Secretary after 7 years. **Dr Malcolm Crabtree**, Chair of the Board of Trustees, recounted Paul's long list of successes and the significant developments

in the Trust during his tenure, and presented Paul with an engraved silver plate.

We are very fortunate that Paul will continue to support the Trust, [and thankfully help the new Secretary to settle in], as he has kindly agreed to join the Board as a Trustee. Also, although Elizabeth Stephens recently retired from IAgRE, she has agreed to continue as the Trust's Administrator. **Dr Keith Hawken** (known to many IAgRE members in his role as the Agricultural Engineers Association's Technical & Standards Director) has also agreed to stand as a Trustee.



Paul Miller (ex-Douglas Bomford Trust Secretary and new Trustee) takes 'centre stage' with his farewell gift from the Trust. New Secretary Alan Plom and the Trust's Administrator Elizabeth Stephens flank (from l to r): Richard Robinson (observer) and Trustees Dr Mark Moore, Prof Mark Kibblewhite, Nick August (Dep Chairman), Jonathan Bomford (Investment Officer), John Fox (Emeritus Trustee), Peter Redman and Dr Malcolm Crabtree (Chairman). [Dr David White participated remotely (by telephone), Mr Geoffrey Davies and Dr Keith Hawken were unable to attend the meeting.]