

WRONG NUMBER, RIGHT TICKET



Roger Nutt on his prize-winning tractor says: "Always make sure that whenever you fill in a draw ticket of any type you clearly enter the correct details to have a chance of winning."



Proud owners of the 2008 BOAT tractor – father and son Roger and Ryan Nutt.

In the meantime, Roger had almost thrown the winning ticket away when he found it in a coat pocket because he assumed the draw had taken place.

Fortunately, when the call came through from Bill, Julia was able to find it.

She explained: “When Bill rang, I thought one of our friends was playing a joke on us. Roger is an HGV driver and works permanent nights so was still asleep when Bill rang as he had only just finished working.

“Bill asked me to confirm that we had the winning ticket but at first I couldn’t find it as it was stuck to one of the other two tickets. When he said we had won the tractor I called Roger down to talk to Bill and also make sure it was not a friend playing a prank on us.”

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2009 BOAT tractor

2008 was a record for BOAT’s annual raffle with almost 20,000 tickets being sold. Because of the level of support BOAT receives from its sponsors, all funds raised are used to “train the trainers” from developing countries. Ticket funds are not used for expenses or other overheads, all monies raised do go to BOAT.

This year, the seventh tractor to be raffled for this worthy cause will be a 1967 David Brown 880 Selectamatic. The white and chocolate brown tractor has been donated by T&M and is to be fully restored by Chris Jaworski and his team, using parts supplied by Vapormatic.

Then it will be taken round the UK and Ireland by Bill and his wife June, or Les Arnold, who will be promoting BOAT and selling raffle tickets to win the tractor, which will make a worthy prize for any enthusiast.

Tickets are also available directly from Bill Vellacott, telephone: 01884 277329 or e-mail: bv@woodbeer.eclipse.co.uk




area for its lime spreading business, which operated mainly Ford tractors (the last that Roger used was a 7610).

He said: “Even though we operated Fords, many of my friends and neighbours

operated Massey Ferguson tractors and I enjoyed both makes. My enthusiasm for tractors had never waned and I had been considering buying an older model to restore but just hadn’t been able to find exactly what I was looking for.”

After tracking Roger down, Bill Vellacott looked for a suitable venue to present the tractor to him and it happened on January 14 at the Ashbourne & District Vintage Club, Derbyshire, where the main sponsors Richard Sivil for Vapormatic, Peter D Simpson for T&M and Les Arnold, who transported the BOAT tractor around the country, handed over the keys.

Roger insists that the tractor belongs to the whole of his family, whose members are now looking forward to showing their prized possession at local shows and rallies during the summer months. 

Left: The 1959 four-cylinder Massey Ferguson 35, donated by T&M and restored by the students of Bicton College using parts supplied by Vapormatic and tyres supplied by Bridgestone Firestone, now has a new home in Staffordshire.

