

The 'Anthroposophical Agricultural Foundation' was more connected with the A.S. in G.B. whilst a twin organisation the 'Bio-Dynamic Agricultural Coun.' (B.D.A.) more connected with the 'General Anthroposophical Soc' in Dorloch, gradually formed itself. The B.D.A. grew out of a number of information centres set up at Kings Langley by Miss Cross; at Edenbridge by Lady Mackinnon and in Pentre Pembrokehire by Miss Saunders-Davies. These supplied information and preparations to enquirers and led to the formation of the B.D.A. in 1938 with some 66 members & associates.

In 1936 Dr Pfeiffer visited Kings Langley and Pembrokeshire where B.D. work had begun on several farms and gardens. Mr L.H. Birnie gave an account of his 5 years experience in changing over a farm to B.D. methods at the Kings Langley meeting.

After the 1938 official founding of the B.D.A. in April a general meeting in June led to Lady Merthyr being elected President H. Collison and F. Ferguson becoming vice Presidents, O.W. Saunders-Davies Chairman and Dr H. Poppelbava Hon. Sec & Treasurer, other council members elected were Lady Mackinnon, Miss H Cross, & G Bacchus. Dr Pfeiffer addressed the 'British Section of the General Experimental Circle' in November. This group connected directly to Dorloch met at High Dully, Lady Mackinnon's home in Edenbridge. He then visited Sunjald Hall Maidstone <sup>where an information centre had been set up.</sup> and farms in Cheshire and Scotland.

Also in 1938 Carl Meier resigned from the council in order to take on work at the Sunjald Agriculture Centre. In 1940 Dr Kolisko who had been a frequent lecturer at meetings of the Experimental Circle died. It was not until 1946 that his book, written together with his wife,

Circle, the first since 1942 took place on July 12<sup>th</sup> Derek Duffly who had been active in agricultural training work at Clont a West Hall Farm Schools in Oyne reported on his work. At a second meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept George Adams suggested weekend meetings including one for members of all agricultural groups (including associates) This initiative seems to have been the beginning of a uniting of the B.D. work in the UK

Also in 1945/46 Marna Pease had to relinquish the co-ordinatorship of Notes & Correspondence as well as her other work as Hon Sec & Treasurer. As mark of respect and appreciation of her devoted work for the Assn she was elected President. At this time Carl Mier took on the secretarial work of the Assn based at Longbridge House, Warminster. Marna Pease died on 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 1947 at Bray and in this period the office was moved to Clont where an active centre had formed around the Sunchild Childrens Home, Braine Farm and the Science Foundation.

An important event at this time was a joint initiative by the members of the two Experimental Circle groups to work under the auspices of the Soil Assn in having a stand at the Chelsea Flower Show in May 1947 and at the Royal Agricultural Show in July at Lincoln

In 1950 Dr Pfeiffer on a visit from the U.S.A. expressed a wish that the B.D.A. or the A.A.F. would be able to unite. In the Spring 1951 the names of the two groups the A.A.F. & the B.D.A. appeared for the first time on the cover of Notes & Correspondence. This event signalled a final healing of the split which had so grievously held back the work in the UK

It was about this time that George Corrie took on the advisory work for the Bio-Dynomic Agricultural



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David Clement\*, Mornie Wood, Doris Dary, Marjorie Milllett and other stalwarts piloted the B.D.A.A. through the next few years. In 1960 Mornie Wood died and this ended an era. How much the B.D.A.A. owes to such pioneers is difficult to express. Without the ideals - guiding stars one would like to call them - there would be little hope for mankind. Only when those who find themselves in a position to contribute something to an ideal, grasp the fact that there are many who cannot, will the responsibility of their opportunity become clear. Our present generation have been handed the baton let us hope the same love for these ideals will find a place in their hearts.

\* The great contribution that David Clement has made to the B.D. work in the U.K. cannot be overstated. Brome farm became the pivot point for the whole work for many years, not only the office but preparation making a dispatch, council meetings and farm visits.