

Muntons PRESS RELEASE

Melissa takes the Chair

On the 18th March 2010 Melissa Abbott, senior grain administrator of Muntons plc, takes over as Madam Chairman of the Eastern section of the Brewing, Food & Beverage Industry Suppliers Association (BFBi). Not only will Melissa be the first woman to have held the position of Chairman of the Eastern section, but she will also be the youngest.



Muntons are staunch supporters of the association and this will be the fifth occasion that they have undertaken the role of Chairman of the Eastern section. Alan Ridealgh, Managing director of Muntons, commented "The BFBi provides an important forum for businesses involved in supply to international food and drinks customers to meet and discuss common issues. It is good to have appropriate and relevant people from the trade involved in the association rather than have a bunch of dinosaurs sitting round a table!"

Melissa has seen many improvements to the activities of the association, with a host of events now being organised for the benefit of members such as quiz nights, cricket matches, golf days and even distillery tours. As Melissa explains, "This has helped greatly to break down barriers and encourage more face to face contact, which ultimately helps everyone when problems arise." She continued "I know that this new role will present challenges but I am confident that I will be able to continue the good work. I hope that I can encourage younger members to join and contribute to the good work of the Association." She added "I will have a tougher job than any previous Chairman – finding the right outfit is never easy!"

In addition to taking on the role of Chairman, Melissa has just successfully passed the first half of the Licensed crop inspector's exams and aims to complete this later in the year.

Muntons background information

The headquarters of Muntons plc is based in the county of Suffolk on the outskirts of the market town of Stowmarket, strategically located near to their main raw material, premium quality malting barley, and ideally positioned to access the UK's major port of Felixstowe and the major road route into the heart of England.

Additionally Muntons have a second manufacturing plant in Bridlington, Yorkshire, also located in one of the prime malting barley growing areas in the UK. Muntons purchase over a quarter of a million tonnes of UK assured grains annually and have a combined output of over 220,000 tonnes of malted products per year. Malted ingredients are used in a wide variety of applications within the food and baking industries and malt is the primary raw material in brewing and distilling.

Muntons export malt and malted ingredients to over 50 countries worldwide, are the largest malted ingredient producer in the world and one of the five largest sales maltsters in the UK.

Each year their Stowmarket headquarters produces in excess of 70,000 tonnes of malt and 27,000 tonnes of malt extract, with a capacity to manufacture 6,000 tonnes of Spray and Band dried extract per year and supply over 3,000 tonnes into the home beer-making market. They also have a 10,000 tonne malt flour milling and malted cereal flaking operation.

Muntons are committed to maintaining the highest standard for hygiene. Their Stowmarket plant is certified to the British Retail Consortium (BRC) global food standard (grade A) and all the malt sold is produced under the independently audited Assured UK malt scheme. They are certified under the ISO 9001/2000 quality assurance, ISO 14001: 2004 environmental scheme and ISO 22000:2005 Food safety management system.

Objects of the BFBi Suppliers Association

The Mission Statement:

To be the foremost Trade Association providing opportunities for its Members to develop within the Brewing, Food and Beverage Industry Sector.

The Objects of the Association are:

- To enable its Members to act together in all matters appertaining to their trade or professional interests.*
- To monitor legislative proposals and other public matters affecting Members in common within the Brewing, Food and Beverage Industry Sector and to take any necessary action thereon whether by way of petition to Parliament or otherwise so as to protect the interests of Members.*
- To form a centre for obtaining and diffusing information generally to meet the technical aspirations and social requirements of persons engaged in or interested or connected with that industry Sector;*
- To maintain the vital link between the many and various trades and services supplying the Brewing, Food and Beverage Industries;*
- To create the forum, which provides for the regular and frequent meetings of its Members, both formally and socially*
- To monitor and support the special interest Groups within the various trades; through specific trade committees, exhibitions, conferences and seminars.*
- To assist Member companies to identify and develop new market opportunities worldwide, through overseas exhibitions, conferences and seminars.*
- To continue to develop the Association whereby customers can rely on a quality of service and product being provided by Member Companies and to create the situation whereby membership of the Association will offer priority consideration when customers are sourcing their requirements.*
- To promote inter-trading between Member Companies.*

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