

Mead's day at Muntons

One month ago there was Groundhog's day, an institution in the USA where the timing of the ending of winter is said to be predicted by this timorous creature. But at Muntons something far more interesting is happening - they are holding 'Mead's day'.

Meads day has nothing to do with the famous honey-based alcoholic beverage, but more to do with a special occasion for two of their employees. Tony Mead and Paul Mead, father and son respectively, have both received long service awards this week – Tony for 20 years service and Paul for 10 years. Mary Narey, Muntons HR Advisor, said “we have many family members working at Muntons but to have two long service awards for two family members on two consecutive days is unheard of in our company's history.”



Paul and Tony are both employed within the environmental and site services team with Paul specialising in the treatment of waste water and Tony looking after the site generally. And some site it is too! Muntons in Stowmarket is an impressive facility, spread over 40 acres, with tree lined avenues, mature woodland, roads, pathways and there is even a putting course and allotments!. So their roles are important contributing to the overall look and feel of this well run expanse.

February the 18th marked the anniversary of Tony Mead's twentieth year at Muntons, having joined the company in 1991 as a day shift worker in the grain intake team. Paul started work at Muntons in their laboratory as a lab analyst back in 2001 but swiftly moved on putting his technical prowess to great effect.

Muntons is a food plant, where locally sourced grains, barley and wheat, are carefully grown into malt, which is then used in the production of beer, whisky and in numerous food, baking and confectionery applications. With sales into over 60 countries, Muntons are an internationally recognised company and are justifiably proud of their record of long service award holders.

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Additional information:

The headquarters of Muntons plc is based in the county of Suffolk on the outskirts of the market town of Stowmarket in the UK. The location is 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.

Each year their Stowmarket headquarters produces in excess of 80,000 tonnes of malt and 40,000 tonnes of malt based extracts, 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.

Additionally Muntons have a second malting plant in Bridlington, Yorkshire, also located in one of the prime malting barley growing areas in the UK. This maltings has an annual capacity of 100,000 tonnes and supplies grain malt to breweries in the North of England and whisky distilleries in Scotland.

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 malt and 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.

Muntons are committed to maintaining the highest standard of 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 9001/2008 quality assurance, ISO 14001: 2004 environmental scheme and ISO 22000:2005 Food safety management system."

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