SDT Midlands and North of England Section visit to Reaseheath College

On Thursday 18th April 2024, almost 40 members and guests of the Society of Dairy Technology attended Reaseheath College to talk all things dairy.

It was fantastic to see so many people at the first regional event for some time. Personally, the meeting provided the perfect opportunity to catch up with many former Eden students, something that always gives me great satisfaction is seeing how well these students are doing for themselves since graduating, highlighting the clear benefits of this program.

The main objectives of the day were to promote the benefits of continued membership of the Society and to hear from our main event sponsors. Reaseheath College took the lead discussing what they have to offer the dairy industry by way of training and trial work, many thanks to Anna Harvey and her team for giving over their time.

I am also extremely grateful for the continued support of Kersia, with Richard Fine and his team; Martin Garland, Tim Rose and Roy Smith, providing a topical discussion on sustainability and the way in which Kersia are tackling this issue within the chemical industry. Martin shared insights into how Kersia is reshaping the global product portfolio through secure and sustainable design principles, whilst also driving disruptive innovation layered in new technologies, functional combinations of chemistry and biotechnology, service and digitalisation.

Reaseheath College put on several tours of the robotic milking parlour, to look at how technology is helping to improve the quality of raw milk, both chemical and microbial. This was followed by a tour of the processing halls facilities with specific focus on trial work and commercial opportunities.

Almost half of the group then went on to a local restaurant for a lovely meal and continued networking well into the night.

These events are hard to organise without the support, dedication, and commitment of organisations such as Reaseheath and Kersia. If anyone is interested in hosting or contributing to future events in any region, please contact the Society.

For further information on training or trial opportunities at Reaseheath, or the Eden program please contact me directly Michael.Bennett@reaseheath.ac.uk

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