

**Malting Diploma Association**  
AGM – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010 in Arbroath



11 members of the Malting Diploma Association met in Arbroath for their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

2 wives were brave enough to join the group for the day of tours.

A tour of the new plant at Bairds Malt Ltd gave members an opportunity to view the new 380 tonne batch size maltings designed to have a high level of hygiene and quality control. The malting process utilises barley washing to an Eco-Steep, two germination vessels and a separate kiln.

This was followed by a trip to Fettercairn Distillery where David Doig and his staff conducted groups around the process and then invited them to taste several different drams, both proving of great interest to the group.



Back to the hotel for the AGM business – reports from the Officers, election of the Committee, an update on activities during the past year and a discussion of plans for the year ahead.

The Chairman, in his report, noted the good quality training and development undertaken in the industry. The format of the Malting Diploma and Master Maltster qualifications have been adapted and updated to keep them in line with changes in the industry. This year, for the first time in several years, a “teach in” for MD candidates had taken place with very positive feedback. The criteria for registration for Malting Diploma, already open to international candidates, will be further adapted for 2011 to open it up to associated industries.

The day ended with a meal at the Roo's Leap Restaurant in Montrose.

George Irving of Boortmalt remarked that the whole event had been very successful, well organised and a pleasure to attend. He hoped the renewed interest in the Association would continue to develop.

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