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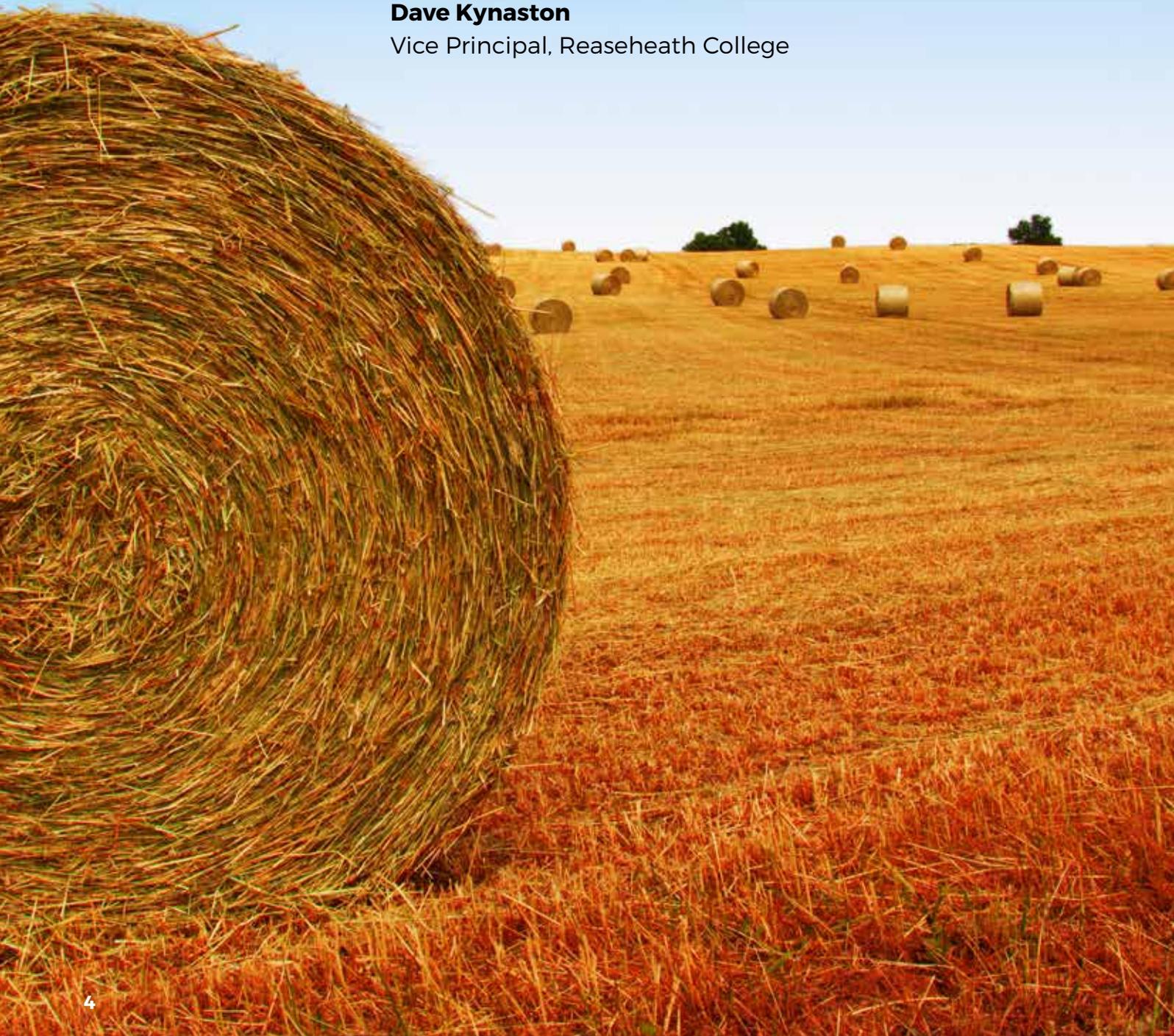
John Platt, OBE, DL, Hon DSc, FRAgS



“John always extolled the virtues of travel and the John Platt Travel Scholarship brings to life that opportunity for young people in the agricultural community.”

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Introducing the John Platt Travel Scholarship

In 2008, the Cheshire Agricultural Society joined forces with Reaseheath to launch a scholarship that aimed to give ambitious farmers the opportunity to travel overseas to research new ideas in agriculture or related industries with a view to enhancing best practice in the UK.

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The scholarship honours the life and work of the late John Platt OBE and recognises the support he gave to Cheshire’s thriving agricultural community. John was formerly chair of the Cheshire Agricultural Society, chair of governors at Reaseheath and he coordinated the Cheshire Show for many years.

John was passionate about the education of young people and he believed that much of his personal and professional success could be attributed to the wealth of experience he gained while on his many travels. He took an active role in the scholarship up until his untimely death in March 2013.

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How to apply

Every year, applications are invited from people aged between 18 - 35 years old who are employed in agriculture or a related industry and wish to broaden their knowledge of a specific area of focus. Applications for this year's scholarship close on 30th April.

Projects could explore:

- New technology
- Diversification
- Utilisation or sustainability of natural resources
- Improved profitability
- New or alternative farming methods

Two lucky winners will each receive a £2,000 scholarship bursary to fund their travel plans.

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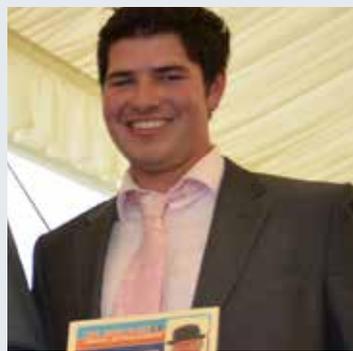
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The John Platt Scholarship
Meet the recipients



Rebecca Cracknell (2017)

Research: 'Disease control: Keeping up with the Johnes'

Rebecca's farming background and experience of working in the veterinary industry fostered her keen interest in disease control and the prevention of Johnes's disease in cattle.

Cattle affected by this debilitating and irreversible infection exhibit clinical symptoms that range from infertility and poor milk yield to severe weight loss and even death. Rebecca sought to identify practical solutions to help reduce the spread of the disease in Cheshire by researching hygiene and biosecurity measures.

Destination:

New South Wales, Australia

On being awarded the John Platt Travel Scholarship, Rebecca travelled to New South Wales in Australia where the government has introduced strict on-

farm biosecurity measures. Here, Johnes's disease is notifiable with infected animals being culled and farms being placed under quarantine restrictions pending compulsory herd tests.

Animal Health Australia has published a manual for accredited farmers with a strong emphasis applied to biosecurity practices. The manual encourages farmers, vets, ministry officers and visitors to be aware of how they can help reduce the spread of infection. The government has also encouraged an industry standard for requesting a farm's testing history when purchasing animals.

During her visit, Rebecca shadowed a farm vet from the University of Sydney and experienced a variety of farming styles and practices. She discovered that the measures introduced by the government have acted to raise standards in animal welfare, farm productivity, and efficiency while portraying a positive image to the consumer.

“I learnt so much on my visit to Australia and it will stay with me forever. I'm incredibly grateful that the John Platt Travel Scholarship offered me this experience. We must do everything we can to limit the spread of Johnes's disease and I continue to implement my findings in my own farming practice and advise others to do the same.”



Robert Yardley (2017)

Research: The potential benefits of farming methods with or without the use of glyphosate

Rob gained experience in the armed forces and as a chef before deciding to pursue a career in agriculture. With his sights firmly set on attaining a managerial position, he enrolled on a Foundation Degree in Agriculture at University Centre Reaseheath and graduated in 2017.

On being awarded the John Platt Travel Scholarship, Rob travelled to South America to investigate the potential benefits of farming methods with or without the use of glyphosate. The remit of his research also considered the methods and technology underpinning row crop production in differing climates.

Destination:

Mato Grosso, Brazil

As a Farm Manager for Velcourt Ltd, Rob analyses plant protection products and their implementation strategies and considers the benefits of differing methods of crop production.

His passion for agriculture and how the interlinking aspects of tillage farming interact

with nature and its evolution led Rob to base his research in Brazil, a country which is ranked as the world leader for agricultural productivity.

Rob's research sought to explore how the agricultural industry in Brazil has achieved these outstanding results while identifying potential practices and technology that could be utilised in the UK should the use of glyphosate for weed control not be renewed.

Rob travelled to the Mato Grosso region where the unique climate allows for double and triple cropping. He visited local farms to observe how weed resistance to glyphosate is counteracted and how farmers reduce the effects of compaction in clay-rich soils.

Rob's findings suggest that the introduction of penetrometer mapping and 'no-till' planting with a new prototype could be an option for weed control in the UK while reducing tractor size by 21% could limit the effects of soil compaction.

“I would like to thank the Cheshire Agricultural Society and Reaseheath College for providing the platform of the John Platt Travel Scholarship. UK agriculture must remove itself from the conditional way of thinking and challenge the conventional by developing a new mindset. By disrupting the common order and pushing the boundaries of what is possible by embracing the impossible, new opportunities can be created”



Neil Quinlan (2015)

Research: 'Heifer rearing the American way.'

Neil's experience of the dairy farming industry led him to research the often-overlooked topic of rearing heifer replacements and the possible impact of this on herd wellbeing. He wished to identify methods of colostrum management, determine techniques used in supporting calves in their first two weeks of life, and investigate how weight gains are maximised and growth targets achieved from weaning to bulling age.

Destinations: County Cork, Ireland

In 2016, Neil travelled to County Cork to attend the 'Positive Farmers Conference' where a session on calf rearing and youngstock disease management was led by industry experts. Representatives

from the national body for agriculture and food development (Teagasc) presented their findings and reinforced the importance of colostrum management techniques.

Wisconsin and Idaho, USA

A large part of Neil's research was conducted in the USA where he sought to identify how large-scale dairy units were able to successfully rear heifers to compare this to techniques used in the UK. Neil arranged farm visits in Wisconsin and Idaho with the support of the world's leading provider of bovine genetics and reproduction services 'Genus'.

“I found the scholarship hugely beneficial and much of what I learned has been put in to practice as we are now running our own heifer rearing unit. We've introduced weighing stock to make sure we meet growth targets, vaccination plans for our younger beef calves and we've increased consistency for group changes.”



Neil Roberts (2015)

Research: Dairy herd management

As a progressive dairy farmer, Neil wanted to advance his own knowledge of how to get the most out of his high-yielding dairy herd. Fluctuating milk prices have meant that traceability, record keeping, drug usage, welfare and compliance now dictate the top end of milk contracts in the UK. In response to this, Neil chose to use his scholarship to research ways of maximising the potential of his business while ensuring that the welfare of his cattle remained paramount.

Destinations: Bergharen, Holland

In June 2015, Neil travelled to Holland to attend the 'Cow Signals' conference where he spent time with Dr. Joep Driessen, a global advocate in identifying, analysing and discussing cow behaviours.

The ideology behind 'Cow Signals' encourages vets, advisors and dairy farmers to view the farm environment from a cow's perspective so that

methods of best practice can be employed. Now a Master Trainer for 'The Cow Signals Company', Neil advises fellow dairymen on how to improve the wellbeing of the modern dairy herd.

Wisconsin, USA

Neil's research took him to the heart of America's dairy land where he attended an advanced course in cow and people management at Alta University, Wisconsin.

This intense 5-day course brought together progressive dairy people from around the globe for a series of lectures led by industry experts in dairy economics, fertility, cow health, staff leadership, genetics and dairy automation. This was a unique opportunity to share information and knowledge, and to forge international contacts. During his stay, Neil also had the chance to visit and seek advice from some of the most successful dairy producers in the USA.

“The John Platt Travel Scholarship is a fantastic opportunity for young, progressive rural people to travel and learn from some of the best agricultural businesses in the world. These experiences encourage you to become more proactive and produce that extra ‘attention to detail’ that can make your business even more successful.”



Simon Bonner (2014)

Research: Maximising profitability

Simon used his travel scholarship to further his understanding of pasture-based systems in Ireland and New Zealand. His specific area of focus was maximising profitability.

Destinations:

County Cork, Ireland

In July 2014, Simon visited the Animal and Grassland Research Centre (Moorepark) in Fermoy, to gain valuable experience from industry experts and to learn about the research being undertaken. During his visit, he spent time with Mary McEvoy, a key figure in the development of the 'Pasture Profit Index' and Eva Lewis, a specialist in feed efficiency who explained her research into nutrition. Simon was introduced to Moorepark's various field trials into pasture management, breeding and grazing systems and arranged to meet individual farmers to learn what methods they employ to maximise the profitability of their businesses.

Various, New Zealand

Simon had previously worked in New Zealand and had built up a network of contacts, so after being awarded the John Platt Travel

Scholarship he decided to return. His research began in the North Island by visiting dairy farms in Waikato, Taranaki and Manawatu, before he travelled to Southland and Canterbury in South Island.

Drought is a major constraint to New Zealand's dairy industry and Simon learned what methods farmers use to overcome this problem, such as in the Waikato region where they rely on imported Palm Kernel Extract and crops like chicory to combat the effects of drought. The importance of low feed costs to reduce working farm expenses was reinforced with many farmers choosing to enter 'Sharemilking' agreements to ensure the profitability of their businesses.

In the South Island, Simon's focus was on corporate farming systems and his trip concluded with a visit to Lincoln University Farm where the use of irrigation technology has transformed the arid landscape into some of the most productive dairy land in the country.

“Being awarded the John Platt Travel Scholarship was a great privilege and one that has enabled me to further my understanding of pasture-based dairy systems by allowing me access to knowledgeable and insightful operators.”



Rachel Billington (2014)

Research: Farm diversification

Rachel's research considered farm diversification in the UK with a view to improving her knowledge of what made rural enterprises successful. With previous experience in food product development, her study centred on food-based projects and asked how the agricultural community can best promote their industry to develop links between agriculture and food.

Rachel believes that there is a lack of consumer understanding about agriculture, the countryside, and the food that eventually ends up on our plates. Diversification plays an important role in reconnecting consumers with how their food is produced and is a strategy for business growth.

Destinations:

Various, UK

Rachel conducted her research at a number of farm diversification businesses including 'Morwick Farm' an artisan ice-cream maker in Northumberland, Newlyn's Farm Shop and

Cookery School in Hampshire, award-winning artisan cheese producers 'Burt's Cheese' and 'Farm Creative', a Lancashire-based marketing and design agency.

These businesses had chosen to diversify for many reasons, alongside improved financial performance and job satisfaction, some were driven by fluctuating milk prices or the wish to safeguard the heritage of a long-standing family farm.

Rachel also attended the Farm Business Innovation Show in London and joined seminars led by Doug Jackson, Director of Agri-Business at Savills, who highlighted the importance of careful costings, creating demand, location, product and, most importantly, drive and determination when starting up a business venture.

Rachel's study of diversification has led to her gain a certificate in food and wine at Leith's Cookery School in London.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities that I gained through the John Platt Travel Scholarship and would recommend anyone who is interested in developing their knowledge and experience to apply."



Sara Pederson (2013)

Research: Foot health in dairy cattle

Lameness in dairy cattle is a widespread problem, both in the UK and worldwide. Vet Sara Pedersen believes that functional foot trimming plays a significant role in helping to reduce lameness levels. As a recipient of the John Platt Travel Scholarship, Sara wanted to broaden her knowledge of the latest research into foot trimming and lameness prevention.

Destinations:

Wisconsin and Minnesota, USA

In April 2014, Sara attended a 'Technical Foot Trimming Course' in Wisconsin, led by Karl Burgi, founder of the 'Dairyland Hoof Care Institute' who has modified the traditional Dutch 5-step trimming method. Sara was interested to learn more about the method and to see if it was applicable to UK herds. She also accompanied

Karl on his herd visits which gave her insight into how local farmers were managing foot health.

Whilst in Wisconsin she also spent time with Dr. Arturo Gomez of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, to discuss his latest research on digital dermatitis, as well as visiting the farm where he conducted many of his trials so she could see their impact first hand. She then travelled further north to Minnesota and the University of Minneapolis where she visited Dr. Gerard Cramer to learn about his research into foot trimming and lameness prevention.

Due to connections she made in Wisconsin, Sara was invited to attend the International Digital Dermatitis Summit in Amsterdam.

“The John Platt Travel Scholarship gave me the knowledge and confidence I needed to focus my career entirely on foot health in dairy cattle. My newly gained skills have enabled me to deliver a more direct and targeted approach on farm and I continue to work directly with dairy farmers as well as with agri-businesses. I’ve recently embarked on an AHDB Dairy funded PhD which will build on the knowledge and connections made during my John Platt Travel Scholarship.”



Adam Brown (2012)

Research: Anaerobic digestion

Dairy farmer and former Reaseheath agriculture student, Adam decided to use his scholarship to further his knowledge of anaerobic digestion (AD), a biological process where organic material is broken down in the absence of oxygen to form a sustainable energy source. Adam helped to develop a business plan to build an anaerobic digestion plant at his family's dairy farm in Holmes Chapel and approached international AD suppliers to assist him in his research.

Destinations:

Germany

Adam wanted to research AD in countries who are experienced producers and he found his trip to Germany particularly educational. With over 7,000 AD plants, 23,000 wind turbines and millions of solar panels, the German government is committed to utilising

renewable sources of energy. Farmers, in particular, can benefit from government initiatives such as grants and feed-in energy tariffs (FITs) and by producing sustainable energy, cheaper rates are enjoyed by consumers.

California, USA

Adam travelled to California to research a government initiative that generates renewable energy by utilising waste products such as food and slaughter waste (ETC). Adam was invited to visit one of the biggest AD plants in the country which processes waste products and has dramatically reduced the need for landfill sites and the associated harmful gases that may be produced. This AD plant produces heat and electricity, and the bi-product of the anaerobic process, the 'digestate', is used as a biofertiliser.

“I seriously recommend any young enthusiastic person to consider applying for this scholarship. It helped to fund my travels to Germany and America and enabled me to visit some of the biggest and most impressive AD plants in the world.”



Nicola Fair (2012)

Research: Cow welfare

The remit of Nicola's research was cow welfare and methods of combating consumer concerns over dairy production. Dairy vet Nicola, who is an Extension Officer for DairyCo AHDB, also wanted to further her knowledge of treating lameness and metabolic disease in cattle.

Destinations:

Guelph, Canada

Nicola was invited to attend the International Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium at Guelph University, an event that brought together professionals from around the globe. Here, Professor David Fraser from the University of British Columbia presented his findings on animal welfare and instilled the importance of professionalism in the farming industry when addressing consumer concerns.

Wisconsin, USA

Nicola travelled to the University of Wisconsin Madison to witness research being undertaken by the 'Dairyland' initiative. This project seeks

to promote higher welfare housing for cattle and Nicola gained valuable insight from their approach to building design, particularly calf ventilation systems.

Due to the extremes of temperature in the USA there are difficulties with using natural ventilation in farm buildings. Many farmers have tried to overcome this by using positive pressure ventilation tubes where a fan generates fresh air but while some systems work well, others fail to deliver. Nicola was shown some traditional Wisconsin barns where bespoke air tubes had been installed with better results.

Nicola took the opportunity to visit a range of dairy farms and benefited from meeting people working in the industry including members of the Wisconsin extension team. She learned much about their style of animal husbandry, such as using different bedding types like sand, recycled manure or compost and how housing is adapted to improve cow comfort.

“I'd like to thank everyone involved with the John Platt Travel Scholarship for providing me with this amazing opportunity. I continue to use my experiences out in the industry to help UK dairy farmers.”



Paul Billington (2012)

Research: Business expansion

Macclesfield-based farmer Paul, chose to use his travel scholarship to further his knowledge of how, in the aftermath of the removal of milk quotas, pasture-based Irish farms are managing to expand when land parcels are fragmented and values are high. Paul, who is committed to the expansion of his family's dairy business, wanted to consider what impact the removal of quotas would have on the UK dairy sector.

Destinations:

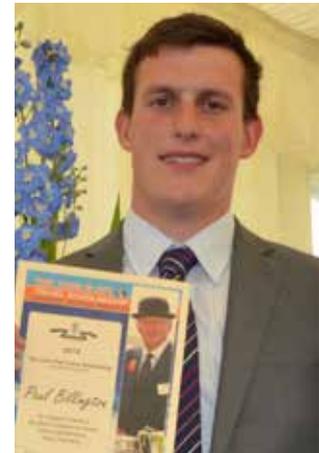
Limerick and County Cork, Ireland

In January 2013, Paul attended the 'Positive Farming' conference in Limerick where key speakers discussed the future of the world dairy market and considered profitable business

expansion, career development, integrated processing and marketing.

Paul returned to Ireland to visit the Animal and Grassland Research and Innovation Centre at Moorepark, one of the world's leading dairy research centres specialising in pasture-based systems of milk production. Paul's visit improved his awareness of global dairy supply and demand and his appreciation of the competitive position of Ireland's pasture-based production methods. His experience persuaded him how effective planning and budgeting is paramount for any proposed business expansion.

"I'm hoping that, through this scholarship, I will be able to help to improve profitability within Cheshire's agricultural industry."



Richard Edge (2011)

Research: Holstein management

In 2012, Richard travelled to Canada with a group of international youth delegates to attend the inaugural World Youth Holstein Conference and to visit the renowned Royal Winter Fair.

Destinations:

Quebec and Ontario, Canada

The focus of the World Youth Holstein Conference was genomics and the many benefits that predicting genetic merit can bring to the industry such as identifying breed resistance to mastitis, metritis, ketosis, johnnes and genetic defects. Experts also presented their findings on fertility and feed efficiency to discuss how genomics can increase milk

production and fertility, while the ability to identify cattle who produce lower amounts of methane per unit of production could help in protecting the environment.

While in Canada, Richard attended farm tours to observe the different housing systems being used in the management of dairy herds. These ranged from loose housing on compost and tie-stall barns to deep sand cubicles, with each method being evaluated in terms of cow welfare and milk yield. The factors affecting transition cow management were also discussed including feed bunker space, health screening, the provision of large cubicles and the availability of sand as a source of bedding rather than using mats or concrete.

“I learned a great deal from my trip to Canada and I’ve been able to apply this back home on our dairy farm in Cheshire. It is with this in mind, that I would strongly recommend anyone who is interested in developing their knowledge and experience to apply for the John Platt Travel Scholarship.”



David Williams (2011)

Research: Fertility management

David used his scholarship funding to investigate how large-scale farming works in relation to the running of herds, staff and fertility management. Along with his wife Caroline, who is a large animal vet, David visited 12 farms across Canada and America to investigate their methods.

Destinations:

Manitoba and Guelph, Canada

David began his research in Manitoba where he planned to visit three farms a day, some of which were using computerised systems such as Lely or De Laval robots for milking and conveyor belts for feeding stock. Whether utilising manual or computerised systems, David observed that these farms had strict protocols in place to ensure consistency in all aspects of management and this had resulted in exceptional fertility figures.

David also visited Guelph University where he met Professor Steve Miller who is involved in genetics and genomics of dairy and beef cattle. Steve explained his work in matching genes to fertility traits in cattle.

Wisconsin and Michigan, USA

The state of Wisconsin boasts a range of grand scale dairy units and David arranged to spend time at Rosendale Dairy which is part of a large partnership called 'MilkSource'. This unit houses an impressive 8,200 cows in barns measuring 400 feet wide and a quarter of a mile long. All these cows are milked three times a-day through two eighty point rotaries and milking continues for up to 23 hours a day. David visited other farms to explore their methods of fertility management and to gain knowledge of heat detection, calving intervals and the rearing of youngstock.

“I will always be grateful to the John Platt Travel Scholarship for giving me the opportunity to broaden my mind. At home, I’ve implemented many of the things I learned such as ov/sync to help improve fertility. We are also changing the way we rear our heifers with a focus on attention to detail and cost effectiveness.”



Katy Waller (2010)

Research: Ice cream production

Katy Waller is a partner in her family business 'Blaze Farm Partners', a dairy farm that diversified in 2002 by opening an ice cream parlour to sell their homemade, award winning brand of 'Hilly Billy' ice cream to visitors. Further expansion has included the addition of tea rooms and a nature trail, and their efforts have been recognised by several business awards.

Destinations:

Michigan, USA

Katy applied for the John Platt Travel Scholarship with a view to attending the Great Lakes Ice Cream and Fast Food Association Convention in Lansing, Michigan. This convention hosts an exhibition trade show along with seminars and workshops led by industry experts.

The trade show housed a range of catering and shop equipment with company reps offering

advice, while demonstrations were given. Katy learned that American ice cream producers follow a custard-based method which differs from recipes in the UK and she was inspired by the range of natural flavours available. She benefitted from meeting American farmers who had chosen to diversify and attended seminars which ranged from cleaning schedules and internet advertising to branding and cake decoration. She was asked to speak about her experiences of diversification in the UK and about the ice cream making process she employs.

Katy's trip concluded with a visit to the production rooms of a local dairy farm business. Here she learned how they sold all the milk produced onsite to visitors as ice cream, flavoured milk, household milk, cheese and butter.

“This scholarship really helped to broaden my ideas and it was the trip of a lifetime. It was truly inspiring to learn how farming families had developed their businesses through diversification projects. The experience gave me some great ideas on how to market and channel our own business.”



Jonny Hewitt (2009)

Research: Marketing and tourism

Jonny Hewitt has travelled the world to broaden his knowledge of farming innovations and to hone his PR and marketing skills. He now runs Red House Farm, a popular farm retail site in Dunham Massey, Cheshire which offers outdoor events, home-made produce and award-winning tea rooms. In 2009, Jonny was inaugurated as one of the youngest Cheshire County Chairman in the history of the National Farmers Union (NFU).

Destination:
Pennsylvania, USA

After being awarded the John Platt Travel Scholarship, Jonny travelled to Lancaster in

Pennsylvania to attend the North American Farmers Marketing Direct Association conference. This conference included a 3-day bus tour of farming businesses to learn how they engage in direct marketing with shops and farmers' markets, and 'agritourism'. Jonny joined over 200 fellow-marketeers and farm operators to learn more about how best to engage with the public. The ideas he gained have helped Jonny to expand and enhance his business while developing his knowledge of social media marketing.

“The John Platt Travel Scholarship enabled me to travel to new places, learn from new people and to stand on the shoulder of giants to see further. Travel is a very important part of what we need to do in business.”



Rich Beck (2008)

Research: Pasture management

Rich, a farm manager from Sandbach, decided to use his scholarship to help fund a 4-week study tour of New Zealand and Australia. Rich wanted to explore ways to maximise profits from his grass crop by considering whether low input systems create greater sustainability in an industry where costs are rapidly increasing.

Destinations:

Various, New Zealand

Rich joined dairy farmers from the UK and Ireland on a 14-day study tour of New Zealand organised by the Livestock Improvement Cooperation group. The group visited dairy farms across several regions of the North

and South Island to gain insight into pasture management, fertility-cross breeding, environmental issues and the economics of milk production.

Perth, Australia

Rich travelled to Perth in Western Australia, where he had arranged to spend time with a former Cheshire Young Farmer Ian Crawford on his arable farm. He then travelled southward to a dairy-rich region near Margaret River where he visited several dairy farms to further his knowledge of dairy commodity markets, factors influencing business growth and how issues relating to water supply and demand are overcome.

“My trip to New Zealand and Australia in recognition of the John Platt Travel Scholarship, has had a long lasting stamp on how our business has evolved over the last nine years and how it will continue to develop. I’ve utilised my knowledge of dairy farming on the other side of the globe and this has helped us to achieve business growth and development whilst simplifying our system to suit all aspects of our farm.”



James Hague (2008)

Research: Pasture management

James runs his family's dairy herd and wanted to research methods of adapting his home systems to improve efficiency and profitability. He chose to base his research in New Zealand with the aim of exploring methods of pasture management.

Destination:

South Island, New Zealand

James travelled to Christchurch and Southland due to their fast-growing dairy production rates. South Island has larger farms, larger herds, and a higher production rate per cow and per hectare than in the North Island and contributes over 30% of New Zealand's total solids production.

James arranged to spend time with a representative from 'Dairy NZ', an independent, farmer-controlled organisation who are

accountable solely to their members. Dairy NZ aims to secure and enhance the profitability, sustainability and competitiveness of New Zealand's dairy farming.

Throughout his trip, James visited working dairy farms to gain first-hand experience of how pasture management is put into practice. These included Lincoln University Dairy Farm, a 186-hectare irrigated property where 161 hectares form the milking platform, Kimihia Research Centre which is a plant breeding farm where research is undertaken into resilient strains of grass sward and Southland Demonstration Farm, a partner farm of Dairy NZ. This farm operates as a commercial demonstration unit to provide a focal point for the dissemination of information to local farmers.

“My scholarship allowed me to experience alternative farming methods and I am grateful to The Cheshire Agricultural Society and Reaseheath for giving me the opportunity to do so.”



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