

SMITHFIELD FORUM – UPDATE

Since its formation in September 2018, and with the support of all sectors of the British Red Meat Industry and Dairy producers, the Smithfield Forum has continued to gain considerable traction.



John Dracup

“The Forum is now coordinating an industry challenge on what it considers unsubstantiated reporting on the role that red meat plays in a healthy diet and its benefits to the environment. A newly-formed Strategy Group has met a number of times and is focused on challenging the anti-ruminants lobby position which has been dominating the agenda particularly in the run-up to the COP26 Summit being held in Glasgow in November 2021.”

Forward Action Plan

- To ensure consumers can make sound decisions on their diets based on robust and sound science
- Coordinate an industry-wide campaign to ensure effective reporting of the issues
- To ensure politicians and senior Civil Servants are accurately briefed
- Seek support from the devolved Governments
- Host an event to communicate the concerns to a wider audience

John Dracup, Industry Strategy Director, Royal Smithfield Club

2020 BICENTENARY TROPHY

Due to Coronavirus, Trustees have agreed to postpone the award of the Bicentenary Trophy until 2021 or until there is a suitable opportunity to present the award.

MEMBERS COUNTRY MEETING



It is hoped that the Royal Farms, Windsor, may yet play host to the next Members Country Meeting – due to be held in Autumn 2022.

We will keep you informed as to its progress in due course and look forward to bringing Members together for a farming-themed social gathering!

2021 WINTER FAIRS

Entries are now open for the various Club competitions being held as part of the forthcoming Winter Primestock circuit – please see the individual event websites or the RSC's online pages for schedules and entry forms. The Club is grateful for the continued support of Kepak.



AgriFest South West Weds 3 November



AgriFest South West Cattle Champion 2018

Organisers at Devon County are anticipating a great turnout as the show returns to Westpoint and once again plays host to the Club's Beef Ribs & Saddles of Lamb competitions.

Further RSC trophies are presented to the Champion Pair of Lambs and the Primestock Cattle Champion.

www.agrifestsouthwest.co.uk

Royal Ulster Beef & Lamb Championships Tue 23 November



2019 Royal Ulster Calf Champion

Being held at the Eikon Exhibition Centre, Balmoral Park, Lisburn, Northern Ireland.

Awards include the Club's trophy for the Champion Calf.

Please see www.beefandlamb.org.uk

LiveScot Sat 27 November



LiveScot 2019 Champion Beef Rib

Lanark Agricultural Centre is home to the Scottish National Fat Stock Club's LiveScot event on Saturday 27 November. We see a return of the Club's popular Beef Ribs & Saddles of Lamb competitions.

www.fatstockclub.co.uk.

Entries close Friday 8th October

English Winter Fair Sat 20 – Sun 21 November 2021



Duke of Norfolk Judging 2019

Very much looking forward to the RSC Beef Ribs & Lamb Saddles competitions alongside a repeat of the successful Duke of Norfolk competition held in 2019.

The Staffordshire Showground is also to host the Club's Annual Meeting of Club Members on Sunday 21st at 2pm.

www.staffscountyshowground.co.uk

2021 CLUB OFFICE BEARERS

- President Her Royal Highness The Countess of Wessex
- Deputy President Geoff Burgess
- Chairman Chris Riddle
- Deputy Chairman William Bedell
- Trustee Responsible for Finance & Governance Simon Orpwood
- Trustee John Campbell

Please note that the Club is looking to appoint up to two new Trustees for 2022 at their next meeting due to be held on 1st November.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Mon 1 November Trustees Meeting & AGM
- Weds 3 November Agrifest South West, Westpoint, Exeter
- Sat 20 to Sun 21 November English Winter Fair, Staffordshire
- Sun 21 November Annual Meeting of Club Members, Staffordshire
- Tues 23 November Royal Ulster Beef & Lamb Championships, Belfast
- Sat 27 November LiveScot, Lanark

ROYAL SMITHFIELD CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Trustees very much hope you will continue to lend your support to the Club in the coming year by renewing your membership subscriptions.

As a reminder, a new membership structure was introduced last year with different tiers of Membership with varied benefits and subscription levels. Membership of the Royal Smithfield Club is open to anyone who wishes to support the Club in its charitable aims: Full (£50pa), Life (£975), Corporate (£750pa), Independent (£95pa), Youth (£30pa).

To join, please complete the online form within the membership section of the Club's website. Corporate & Independent Membership is by invitation.

INDUSTRY WEBSITES



Partnering with the Smithfield Forum, the British Meat Processors Association (BMPA) has designed the website www.sustainablebritishmeat.org as home to a number of articles and features on the environment, trade, standards and food security.



A recent report by the British Nutrition Foundation (BNF) has highlighted the benefits of eating meat and dairy in a new review paper. www.nutrition.org.uk

It also warned that a widespread take-up of vegetarian or vegan diets could reduce intakes and availability of iron, zinc, calcium, iodine and vitamin B12.

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Please visit the Royal Smithfield website www.royalsmithfieldclub.co.uk for up-to-date news, reports and events. Please also 'like' the Royal Smithfield Club Facebook page and follow us on Instagram.

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