

## THE ROYAL SMITHFIELD CLUB



### MEMBERS COUNTRY MEETING 26-29 JUNE 2019



The 2019 Members Country Meeting is being held 26-29 June in and around Ludlow, Shropshire and the Earl of Plymouth Estate with its award-winning Ludlow Farm Shop. Our theme this year is 'Field to Plate' and there is no better place to see this in action. We will have an exclusive tour of the artisan producers making much of the food you will eat during your three days in Shropshire!

The Earl of Plymouth Estate extends to approximately 8,000 acres with all of the beef, lamb and Gloucester Old Spot pork coming off the farm along with the milk used to make its cheese and dairy products. The livestock enterprise includes 300 head of dairy, 2,000 ewes comprising Welsh Mules and purebred Lleys as well as a dairy-bred suckler herd – all put to AI.

This year's Members Country Meeting will be a three-night stay with Members arriving on the afternoon of the Wednesday (26<sup>th</sup>) and departing after breakfast on the Saturday (29<sup>th</sup>). The Club has reserved two hotels (Fishmore Hall & The Cliffe at Dinham) however Members may wish to make alternative accommodation arrangements or, for those living locally, join us as day guests.

We are delighted to inform you that our President, HRH The Countess of Wessex, will be joining us on the Thursday including for the Members Meeting, with Lord Digby Jones also present during Thursday when he stays on to be our guest after-dinner speaker that evening.

On the Friday, we visit ABP's flagship facility at Ellesmere, Shropshire - one of Europe's most advanced, efficient and energy sustainable beef processing operations. An alternative to ABP is a visit to the nearby Stokesay Court which includes a guided tour of this magnificent mansion set within extensive landscaped grounds and gardens, including a behind-the-scenes insight into the filming of the critically-acclaimed 'Atonement.'

With a full and varied programme on offer, we very much hope as many Members as possible will be able to attend for what promises to be a fantastic gathering!

Full details including various accommodation and day guest options, costs and booking form can be found on [www.royalsmithfieldclub.co.uk](http://www.royalsmithfieldclub.co.uk) or by contacting Club Secretary Richard Saunders at [richard@royalsmithfieldclub.co.uk](mailto:richard@royalsmithfieldclub.co.uk) or 07901768904. *Please book by 31 May.*