

September 2021

Dear Members,

Invitation to our PVS Autumn Meeting, 18th and 19th November – Wyboston Lakes

Who would have thought when we finished our meeting back in November 2019 that we would not be able to get back together for 2 years? It is therefore with much pleasure that I can confirm that our November meeting is going ahead face to face and I very much hope that you can join us at Wyboston Lakes in Bedfordshire on the 18th and 19th November. I am so looking forward to being able to greet you there. As we endeavour to keep everyone safe, we will require that all delegates have proof of double vaccination or a negative test result for Covid.

Events of the last eighteen months with a viral epidemic settling into a vaccine controlled endemic disease have in many ways mirrored our experience as pig vets with both PCV 2 and PRRS. It therefore seems apt that we start our meeting with an update on future approaches to PRRS control. We also have an update on the PRRS control element of England's Animal Health and Welfare Pathway which will involve many of you over the next few years.

Now that we are getting used to working with the new welfare codes and Red Tractor standards on farm, this also seems like a good time to look at how science can be used to improve pig welfare.

We will be finishing the meeting with a look at the latest developments in the long favourite topic of Brachyspira.

Away from the official program I know that I and the other officers look forward to having the chance to meet you again in person and discuss the on the ground issues in our industry.

We have over the last six months continued to make our opinions heard on the problems caused on farm by lack of slaughtering capacity whether caused by Covid, Brexit or no CO₂, contributed to DEFRA's consultation on welfare in transit, and started to develop a PVS position on Free Farrowing on top of the usual industry committees where we input. I would like to take this chance to thank all those who have volunteered their time for this.

I would like to remind you that there is an early bird discount, so please book as soon as you can.

Yours sincerely,

Jim

Jim Morris MRCVS
PVS President 2021-2022



The Pig Veterinary Society (PVS) is a specialist division of the British Veterinary Association. The membership of PVS includes veterinary surgeons and scientists who work in the pig sector, and the Society aims to assist its members in their professional lives by ensuring they have access to the latest information with regards pig health and production. PVS also represents the membership at a national level, making sure that pig welfare is a priority considering the latest research with regards health and management on farm.