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# *The Spring Newsletter 2025*

Welcome to the second newsletter of 2025. This edition includes an update on our 2025 President, a new marquee at the Show this year featuring the Romsey & District Railway Modellers and a taster of the equine classes.

**The 2025 show date is Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

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## **2025 Advance Tickets & Membership**

There are two options for entry to the Show:

**Standard entry tickets** – purchase either in advance or on the day

OR

**Show Membership** – Includes enhanced benefits - purchase in advance

For both options, children 11 years and under are free and don't require a ticket

Standard tickets can be purchased in advance with up to 20% off the Show day price. Adult tickets start from £20. Prices increase a week before the Show. Visit our website for more information:

[www.romseyshow.co.uk/the-show/buy-tickets](http://www.romseyshow.co.uk/the-show/buy-tickets)

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Purchase membership in advance of the Show to benefit from: a member's badge providing entry to the Show and Members' Enclosure. The enclosure includes ringside seating, the Members' Marquee featuring seating, the cafe and bar. VIP loos and the chance to purchase premium parking. Visit our website to book:

[www.romseyshow.co.uk/membership](http://www.romseyshow.co.uk/membership)

**Membership price for adults:** until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025: **£35** (after May: **£40**)

### **Premium Parking**

Premium parking is available to members and sponsors only. Cars must be parked by 11am and cannot leave until 3pm. Reserve your own space, located in a small car park behind the Members' Enclosure on the Showground. Email [info@romseyshow.co.uk](mailto:info@romseyshow.co.uk) to book.

**Premium parking price:** until 31st May 2025: **£20** (after May: **£40**)

## **2025 President – Dave Merrington**

In our last newsletter we announced Harry Redknapp as our 2025 President. Due to a recent change in his work schedule for September, Harry Redknapp has resigned from the role.



We are thrilled to announce that Dave Merrington has accepted the presidential role for this year.

Dave Merrington has lived in Romsey since the 1980's and raised his family here with his late wife Pauline. He is well known for his previous roles at Southampton Football Club, as both a coach and manager. Following this, Dave provided commentary on BBC Radio Solent, a role he still fills on the odd occasion today. He also has an active role at Testwood Baptist Church.

Dave is known by many in the Romsey community, and he is keen to get involved with the Show Society. He is looking forward to seeing everyone on show day, as well as meeting the volunteers who work hard at the Showground in the lead up to the Show.

## **Senior Vice Chairman – MJ Rawson-Smith**

At their latest meeting, the board of trustees were pleased to vote in MJ Rawson-Smith as the Senior Vice Chairman of the society. MJ will work alongside the current Chairman, Norton Welch.

MJ lives in Braishfield and has been a trustee of the society for several years.

MJ's association with the Show started when she was a child. She entered her Dartmoor pony called Christmas into a class, fell off and came last!

In more recent years she was the Horse and Livestock Secretary, as well as taking on the role of Chairman on the horse committee, which she retired from in 2023. From this, MJ has a wealth of knowledge about both the society and the Show.



## **Sponsor: Parker Bullen LLP**

Every year, both at the Show and in advance through our social media channels, we thank the Show Sponsors. Without individuals and businesses supporting the Show we would not be able to put on such a fantastic selection of entertainments, classes and activities on the day. We have sponsors supporting everything from our livestock and equine classes to main ring displays, smaller shows, car parking hangers and more.

Today we would like to share a piece from Karen Clarkson, Partner at Parker Bullen LLP and our exclusive e-ticket sponsor for the Show. Thank you for your support again this year.

*“Parker Bullen LLP is a local law firm with offices across the South, including Romsey, Totton, Andover, Salisbury and Witney. Approaching a lawyer will generally be a daunting experience, which is why our lawyers are dedicated to working with our clients to offer professional, tailored advice whether that is relating to your family, business or property needs.*

*With strong values relating to heritage, excellence, connection and versatility, supporting events across our regions is a key part of our purpose. The Romsey Show is one such event; one that we have supported for the last three years, specifically by sponsoring the e-tickets to help the Show remain as sustainable as possible by reducing print costs. The Romsey Show is an important part of our Hampshire heritage, bringing people from all walks of life together to enjoy a range of activities. Its ability to connect the community matches our values as a firm perfectly, and we are proud to support such a well-attended and successful local event.*



*With our values at the heart of how we work, we regularly support the local charities, initiatives and group close to our hearts. We are also a sponsor of the Romsey Relay Marathon, and Beggars Fair, and we attend the annual Romsey Mayor’s Picnic with our stall raising funds for the organisers. In the past have sponsored the Romsey Food Festival and Dogstival, when it was hosted at Broadlands. Being in the position to be able to give back and support our local community is one we take seriously, and we enjoy seeing the impact the events have on the communities we live and work in.”* **Karen Clarkson, Parker Bullen LLP.**

If you are interested in getting involved through sponsorship, please contact the Show Office. Benefits include premium show entry, forward parking, the opportunity to present prizes (if applicable), banner placement at the Show, PA announcements and more. By supporting the Show not only do you enable us to put on a wonderful event, but you also get promotion for your business and in turn support many other local organisations and charities the Show gives a platform to.

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### **Trade applications are still open!**

If you are interested in promoting your business or selling products to a large audience at the Show we would love to hear from you. We welcome a range of existing and new exhibitors to the Show every year.

Please visit our website for more information or to book a space. We have several areas including the outside stands, Shopping & Craft Marquee and Food Zone. For the sale of food and drink related products please email the Show office before applying.

**[www.romseyshow.co.uk/trade-stands/booking](http://www.romseyshow.co.uk/trade-stands/booking)**

## **Romsey & District Railway Modellers Society Exhibition at the Show**

To celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the steam railway this year, we are thrilled to be welcoming the Romsey & District Railway Modellers Society to the Show in September with their own marquee featuring a variety of railway models. The group has been running in Romsey since 1977 and currently meets every week. The layouts take hours to construct including track laying, electrics, and landscapes. The group had a large exhibition earlier in the year in the Crosfield Hall, attracting an engaged crowd. On show day they will be joined in the marquee by the team from the Romsey Signal Box. You can visit them between the Classic Cars and Members' Enclosure.

## **The 2025 equine schedule is nearly ready to go live!**

Following feedback from the 2024 show, our Equine Secretary Steph Janaway has introduced some changes to the schedule this year. The Show is featuring classes linked to the following affiliations and categories:

- New Forest Pony Breeding & Cattle Society.
- Traditional Gypsy Cob Association.
- British Miniature Horse Society – including a Royal International Qualifier.
- Senior Showing & Dressage – Direct Qualifier.
- Side Saddle Association.
- British Show Horse Association – Rising Star qualifiers to the London International Horse Show.
- National Pony Society – Silver Medal classes for both ridden and in-hand.
- Unaffiliated Welsh Pony classes.
- Unaffiliated coloured classes.
- A children's fun ring featuring classes for fancy dress, the prettiest mare, and the pony the judge would like to take home.

We are hoping these classes will offer something for everyone. Keep an eye on our social media for when entries open! We will also include details in our pre-show newsletter in July.

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## **Junior Ambassador Role for 2025**

Applications are still open for the 2025 Junior Ambassador role. We encourage anyone aged between 18 to 30 years old who can demonstrate an interest in The Romsey Show to apply, including previous applicants. The Ambassador will accompany the Show President on Show day morning and attend the President's Reception. They will receive two members' badges to bring a guest on the day and act as an ambassador for the society throughout the year, encouraging visitors of similar ages to support and attend the Show. Applications to [info@romseyshow.co.uk](mailto:info@romseyshow.co.uk) by the end of June please.

## **Merdon Castle Historical Walk**

**Saturday 12th July 2025, 10am for prompt 10.30am start**

**£10 per person**

With the kind permission of IBM and Fin and Diana O'Sullivan, owners of Home Farm in Hursley and the 12th Century Merdon Castle ruin, The Romsey Show Society has a small number of tickets still available for an exclusive historical tour. The tour will take place with local historian Dave Key, where he will talk about



Hursley Park House, the gathering of troops during WW1, as we walk to the Castle and then Merton Castle itself.

The visit will start promptly at 10.30am and we anticipate the visit lasting around three to four hours. The walk will be approximately two miles, with stops along the route for historical information and lunch. There is a limited number of tickets available with pre-booking only, which can be purchased via the Show Office at £10 per person for this exclusive and private visit.

You can find out more about Home Farm in Hursley and Merton Castle at [www.homefarmhursley.com](http://www.homefarmhursley.com) and for the full information or to book a place, please email [info@romseyshow.co.uk](mailto:info@romseyshow.co.uk) and we will confirm your booking and the payment options. We will also send you the full details and a map of the tour/parking location.



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