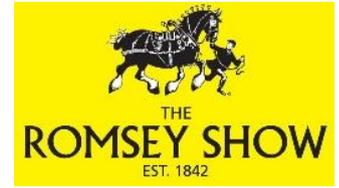


# RAHSS Winter Newsletter



## February 2026

Welcome to our first show society newsletter of 2026. Plans are well underway for The Romsey Show and additional events we are also holding this year.

**For your diary: The 2026 Romsey Show is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

### Show Day Tickets

We are pleased to announce we have frozen the 2026 show ticket prices at the 2025 rates. Starting at £20 for an adult in advance – this includes a 20% discount on show day prices. More to follow in our next newsletter when ticket sales open online.

### Membership & Parking are available to purchase now

Membership to the show society is due for renewal now. We also welcome new members to apply for membership. Membership covers the whole of 2026.

Membership can be purchased online via our Showing Scene Portal. For Life Members wishing to purchase parking only, please email [info@romseyshow.co.uk](mailto:info@romseyshow.co.uk).

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

**Membership prices have also been frozen at 2025 rates:**

Adult Membership price until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026: **£35** (From 1<sup>st</sup> June: **£40**)

### Benefits of membership include:

- To receive a membership badge which provides admission to The Romsey Show (Saturday 12th September 2026).
- Entry on show day to the Members' Enclosure. This includes access to the members' bar, café, VIP loos and seating around the Main President's Ring and within the marquee.
- Entitlement to Members' forward parking, located near the main admission gate at the show.
- The option to purchase guest badges to introduce friends to the members' Enclosure (show admission tickets are still required).
- To receive a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts and vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- Be entitled to reduced class entry fees for equine and livestock classes.
- Priority to apply for a premium or ringside parking space (these are strictly limited in number).

## Premium Parking

Premium parking is available to members and sponsors only until the end of May. Cars must be parked by 11am and cannot leave until 3pm. Spaces for premium parking are in a small car park directly behind the Members' Enclosure.

**Premium Parking price** until 31st May 2026: **£25** (from 1st June 2026: **£40**)

## Ringside Parking

We are trialling ringside parking on the showground this year, following feedback since we relocated to our current position on the estate in recent years.

Ringside parking is available to members and sponsors only until the end of May. Cars must be parked by 11am and cannot leave until the Show closes at 5:30pm/or as instructed. Spaces will be located around the main ring, with a gap for public viewing the ring in front of the space.

**Ringside Parking price:** Limited number available first come at **£60** Following this: **£70**

### Benefits of Premium and Ringside Parking include:

- A guaranteed reserved parking bay within the premium/ringside parking area on the showground.
- Arrange to meet and greet friends / families at your vehicle. Non-members can access on foot from the showground.
- Generous parking bay with room for picnics at the rear of the vehicle.
- If a member of your party enjoys a "retail experience", you can easily access your vehicle to store purchases.
- Worried about the weather? No problem, bring as much clothing / footwear as you want.

**Please note:** Vehicles are restricted to cars and 4 x 4s.

All vehicle occupants will be required to have valid showground entry tickets/badges, that must be purchased in advance of coming to the showground.

## Our AGM is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Open to Members of The Romsey Agricultural & Horse Show Society

Join us on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at Romsey Town Hall. The meeting starts at 7pm, followed by drinks and canapes. The meeting will be chaired by our 2025 President, Dave Merrington.

We look forward to seeing our society members at the meeting, with special thanks to our Social Events Group for providing and serving the canapes.

## Passion for the Saints Event – 24th April 2026

Additional events held by the society contribute towards funds and in particular funding The Romsey Show in September. Thank you to all our volunteers who support our additional events throughout the year.

Our first event of 2026 is Passion for The Saints on Friday 24th April. This event is being hosted in conjunction with Testwood Baptist Church. Thanks also go to Dave Merrington for helping us to bring this together.

Passion for the Saints is an auditorium show featuring a panel including Dave Merrington, Matt Le Tissier and Francis Benali. The event will be hosted by BBC Radio Solent Sports Editor, Adam Blackmore. The evening is a ticket only event taking place at the Crosfield Hall. We have two ticket options – The Meet and Greet followed by the auditorium show for £60 each or the show only ticket for £25 each. For the full details, please look on our website [www.romseyshow.co.uk](http://www.romseyshow.co.uk). To Book tickets, email us. We have limited availability left.



### Meet The Panel

#### **Dave Merrington**

In his playing career Dave played for Burnley, appearing in 98 league games and later for Bristol City. Following this, Dave was a coach at Southampton F.C. in 1983, before taking over as manager between 1995 and 1996. Later he returned to coaching the team for a short period and in more recent years he has been the well-known voice of BBC Radio Solent, commentating on Southampton matches.

#### **Matt Le Tissier**

Matt is a former professional footballer, spending his entire professional club career with Southampton F.C. Born in Guernsey, Matt also opted to represent England, winning eight caps from 1994 to 1997. Following his retirement as a player, Matt has worked as a football pundit on shows including Sky Sports and Soccer Saturday.

#### **Francis Benali MBE**

Francis spent 16 years in the Premier League playing for Southampton F.C. Following his retirement, he has coached at Southampton's academy, as well as with our local semi-professional side Romsey Town. Francis is well known for his charitable activities and in 2020 he was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire in the New Year Honours, for services to cancer patients in the UK.

We had an excellent planning meeting with our contacts at the church, Matt Le Tissier, Adam Blackmore, and Dave Merrington at the Show Office this week (what knowledge those guys have). Compiling the running order and working to ensure that we have the right video content on screen at the appropriate moment. They are also very pleased to be able to welcome a special guest to the evening! We are not sure how they are going to be able to fit all the tales and stories into the time! There will be a Q & A session with a roving mic, so think about what questions you would like to ask on the night. This is going to be a tremendous evening!

## Corporate Hospitality – bring your guests to the 2026 Show

Following the success of a corporate hospitality area last year, we are offering additional hospitality space at the 2026 show. Invite your guests to enjoy the show, whilst also having your own private area to entertain them within our Members Enclosure. Your area can include access to a covered marquee space with seating and private catering. Guests can also view the Main Ring and access all the members facilities including the VIP loos.

Why not start the day with a hot breakfast or pastries and coffee, before exploring the attractions on offer around the showground. This could be followed by a leisurely picnic lunch and glass of wine whilst watching acts in the main ring. If lunch isn't on the agenda, how about the essentially British afternoon tea, with or without a glass of bubbly, from the comfort of your private reserved area. Packages are flexible and can be built to your requirements.

Your guests have entry to the show and to your area for the whole day and they can come and go as they please. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the show office and we would be happy to provide to discuss your requirements.

## Show Partnerships and Sponsorship



Every year we host a number of sponsors at the show. It wouldn't be possible to put on such a fantastic and varied day without their support. We have both cash and equipment sponsors supporting the event.

Get your business in front of thousands of people and support the local community, charities and countryside organisations. The Show is also a great place to network with other businesses via both sponsorship and trade spaces.

If you are interested in joining us as a sponsor, please email us today, we would love to have a chat with you!



### Do you have a spare office chair?

We are looking for an office chair to replace one in the show office (preferably blue, but we can't be too fussy!) If anyone has one in good condition, they would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful.

## Trade applications are open for the 2026 Romsey Show



If you are interested in promoting your business or selling products to a large audience at the show, please do contact us. We welcome a range of existing and new exhibitors every year. Please visit our website for more information. We have several areas including outside stands, the shopping & craft marquees and the Food Zone. For food and drink related products, please email the show office before applying as we get a large volume of interest every year.

Visit our website here to download our tradestand information booklet and to apply:

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

## Welcome to the Countryside Area



We have a fantastic countryside area at the Show located in front of the cattle area/next to the Food Zone. This part of the show is home to the Countryside Ring and organisations linked to the countryside, country skills and crafts.

We are looking forward to welcoming a variety of displays and attractions to the countryside section this year including South Wilts Falconry, the dog scurry competition, the gun dog display, ferret racing, have a go dog agility course and the hugely popular family dog show.

Other exhibits already confirmed for the countryside area include the Ringwood Branch of the Flydressers Guild, demonstrating the art of making artificial fishing flies and lures, Coppice Crafts, showcasing traditional gypsy crafts and Hampshire Bat Group, educating visitors on the exciting world of bats. Children can also make a bat finger puppet on the day. And finally, Forever Sewing, demonstrating traditional English smocking, through their handmade children's dresses.

## The Winter Fayre – 20th November 2026

We will be holding our Winter Fayre again this year at the Crosfield Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> November.

The fayre features a hall and annex full of local trade exhibitors selling everything from art and décor to jewellery, Christmas treats and more. We also have a café area with drinks, homemade cakes and light bites available, as well as musical entertainment.

If you are interested in having a stall, please look on our website under Trade Exhibitors or email [info@romseyshow.co.uk](mailto:info@romseyshow.co.uk) with some details of your business.



Thank you for reading our latest newsletter. We look forward to updating you again in a few months with an announcement on our 2026 Presidents, more information on show day ticket sales and what's on at the 2026 Romsey Show!

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