

Show Newsletter 2026

Welcome to our pre-show newsletter. We look forward to welcoming everyone to the Show next month.

This newsletter is just a snippet of what we've got going on and the people involved at the Show on 12th September. Please visit our website www.romseyshow.co.uk and follow us on Instagram and Facebook @romseyshow for the most up to date news.

The Romsey Show is a **charity run event**, we have over 250+ volunteers supporting us with everything from setting up the showground to show day itself and beyond. Thank you to you all for your support and to our sponsors, exhibitors, and judges. We hope everyone has a wonderful show day and if you haven't got your tickets yet, there's still time to take advantage of the reduced e-ticket prices or to order Membership!

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NO SMOKING in the CAR PARKS - Please help us protect the showground.

What's On – The Modern Agricultural Machinery Display in the President's Main Ring

This year we are back with another agricultural machinery display, featuring a new topic and different machinery. The display will focus on the process of growing a silage crop. The machinery shown in the display will include tractors, a mower, a tedder, a forage harvester, a baler and more. Come and see the action unfold in the President's Main Ring at 1.35pm on show day.



Special thanks to the Smales family, Hunt Forest Group and a local group of machinery owners for bringing their machinery to the Show and co-ordinating the display. Thanks also go to our main ring display sponsor Peter Cooper Motor Group.

New for 2026 - The Hobby Horse Ring



This year we are pleased to be welcoming the UK Hobby Horse Association to the Show.

A great activity for children who already do this as a hobby or are looking to have a go! Enter the hobby horse classes either in advance or on the day.

For more information, visit the website: <https://horseevents.co.uk/events/?e=52518>

***New for 2026* - Live Music at the Busk Stops**

This year we have introduced some busk stops across the showground, this year's acts include live music from Michelmersh Silver Band, Saxophony, Romsey Ukulele Group, Tim Fulker and Paul Sharman Hewerdine.

Busk Stop Timetables

Busk Stop 1 - Main Entrance

09:45am – 10.45am Saxophony
11.00am – 11.45am Romsey Ukulele Group
12:30pm - 1:30pm Tim Fulker
1:45pm - 2:30pm Michelmersh Silver Band
3.00pm – 4.00pm Paul Sharman Hererdine

Busk Stop 2 - Members Enclosure

10.45am – 11.30am Tim Fulker
12.00pm – 12.30pm Michelmersh Silver Band

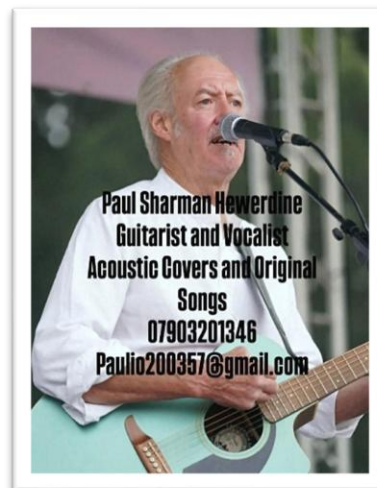
Busk Stop 3 - Top of Food Court 1

10:15am – 11.00am Michelmersh Silver Band
12:15pm - 1:15pm Paul Sharman Hererdine
2:30pm - 3:30pm Tim Faulker

About the Performers

Paul Sharman Hererdine

Local Guitarist and vocalist performing acoustic covers and original songs.



Saxophony

Saxophony was established in 2010 in the Winchester / Southampton area. Aimed at intermediate and advanced players the group rehearses every other Sunday from 5.30pm until 7.30pm. We rehearse at the Girlguiding Centre in Chandler's Ford and play a range of music from swing and jazz to musicals and pop songs.

Romsey Ukulele Group

The Romsey Ukulele Group (RUG) was formed in March 2015 and today has an email circulation list of over 150 people, with 50+ regularly coming to the weekly group sessions at The Romsey Comrades Club. Any surplus funds from their player subscriptions are donated throughout the year to their four chosen local charities; Jane Scarth House, Romsey Opportunity Group, Romsey Young Carers and Romsey Open Gate Stroke Club. Since 2015 the Romsey Ukulele Group has been able to present several cheques to these charities donating thousands of pounds to these worthwhile causes.



Michelmersh Silver Band

2026 is an auspicious year for Michelmersh Silver Band as the band celebrates 140 continuous years of music-making. From humble beginnings as a village Temperance Band playing instruments purchased with a loan from the village Rector, the band has survived two World Wars and the Covid pandemic, to achieve the success it enjoys today.

Competing in the National Championship Section and now considered one of the top bands in the Southwest, MSB as it is affectionately known, has achieved a standard of performance that its founders would never have dreamed possible. Descendants of the founder members still play in the band today, carrying the tradition into a fifth generation. MSB plays a huge role in Romsey life, providing music for civic events and performing regular sell-out concerts in the Abbey and the Plaza Theatre.

The band can be contacted through the Michelmersh Silver Band Facebook page or its website www.msband.co.uk.



Tim Fulker

Solo sax player Tim Faulker plays across the UK at a variety of events. Tim has 15 years of playing at the top level on cruise liners, including at the very top level as Musical Director for Cunard.

After studying Music at London University, Tim went on to form the award-winning street jazz band, Street Level, playing, amongst other venues, Cannes Film Festival, Edinburgh Fringe and London's Waldorf Hotel. From there, he based himself in London, providing session work for many top artists.

After returning to the UK, Tim was highly sought after to provide Saxophone and Clarinet and Flute at weddings, private functions and corporate events.



Charity of the Year 2026

Each year the trustees of the show society select a charity to support, providing them a platform at the show and the exit collection. In addition to this, the society also gives away a large number of tickets as prizes for raffles to local charities and schools to help with their fundraising for the year.

This year the trustees have chosen SCRATCH (Southampton City and Region Action to Combat Hardship).

Across Southampton and Hampshire, families move into properties with nothing. No bed, no table, no cooker, and in some cases, children sleeping on the floor. SCRATCH (Southampton City and Region Action to Combat Hardship) exists to change that. They collect good quality donated furniture and household goods, prepare them with the help of staff and volunteers, and deliver them to people referred to them by councils, housing associations and support agencies. Last year alone, their Furnish to Flourish project helped more than 5,000 people across the region.



SCRATCH have been supporting local people since 1999 and today run a range of projects tackling hardship, including furniture provision, welfare support, Christmas Complete and Community Repaint. Every donation of furniture, every volunteer hour and every financial contribution helps families rebuild their lives and create a place they can truly call home. If you would like to support their work, donate furniture, volunteer, or become a Friend of SCRATCH, they would love to hear from you.

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MasterChef: The Professionals Finalist in the Hampshire Fare Skills Kitchen



We are pleased to announce a fantastic line-up in the **Hampshire Fare Skills Kitchen** including MasterChef the Professionals finalist, **Luke Emmess**.

The Hampshire Fare Skills Kitchen will feature some of Hampshire's finest chefs, producers and hospitality businesses, sharing their passion, skills and delicious local food and drink.

Visit the Skills Kitchen on show day at the top of the Food Zone.

Hampshire Fare is the county's leading food, drink and craft membership organisation, proudly representing more than 350 businesses across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. For 35 years they have been championing local producers, connecting

businesses, and encouraging people to discover, support and enjoy the very best our region has to offer. The programme for the 2026 Skills Kitchen showcases the incredible talent found right on our doorstep. From inspiring chef demonstrations and expert cookery tips to producer tastings, flavour inspiration and cocktail masterclasses, there's something for every food lover to enjoy throughout the day!

Hampshire Fare Skills Kitchen Programme of Speakers

TIME	SPEAKER	COMPANY	TITLE
10:00 - 10:20	Stephen Greer	Black Bear	Beyond Bubbles: Discover the World of Sparkling Tea
10:30 - 11:15	James Barber	Bradbeers	Hampshire Venison Goes Thai: Fresh Flavours & Modern Cooking
11:30 - 11:50	Olly James	Ceason	Big Flavour, Made Simple: Chef-Crafted Condiments & Serving Inspiration
12:00 - 12.45	Luke Emmess	The Wykeham Arms MasterChef: The Professionals Finalist	Elevated Pub Classics: Restaurant Skills with Hampshire Ingredients
13.00 - 13.45	Connor Hurford	The Four Horseshoes	Modern Hampshire on a Plate: Seasonal Pub Cooking at Its Best
14.00 - 14.45	Daniel Rogan	AO	Bring Restaurant Cooking Home: Professional Tips for Every Kitchen
15.00 - 15.20	Sean Knight	The Cromwell Arms	Cocktail Masterclass: Crafting the Perfect Hampshire Serve

Sponsor Spotlight: Thrings Solicitors continues its support of the Romsey Show

Thrings is once again proud to support the Romsey Show as a lead sponsor, reinforcing its commitment to the local community and the agricultural sector.

An independent law firm with more than 300 years of heritage, Thrings has built a strong reputation for advising farmers, landowners, businesses and families across the South and Southwest of England. Its Romsey office, located on Salisbury Road, has been serving local clients since 2017 and will celebrate its 10th anniversary next year.

The Romsey team provides specialist legal advice across agriculture, private client matters and commercial dispute resolution, while drawing on the expertise of more than 300 lawyers and support staff across the firm. This approach ensures clients have access to specialist advice tailored to their circumstances, whether for business, land, property or family matters.

Thrings is recognised as one of The Times Best Law Firms 2026. Most recently, the firm was named among the most recommended law firms in the Southwest.

Known for its people-first approach, Thrings places a strong emphasis on building lasting relationships with clients and supporting the communities in which it operates.

Mark Charter, Thrings Partner, said: "We're delighted to be sponsoring the Romsey Show once again. It's a fantastic event that celebrates the region's agricultural heritage, rural businesses and local communities. Agriculture remains at the heart of so many local businesses and families, and we're proud to support an event that showcases the very best of the sector while bringing people together from across the area."



Thank you to Thrings for their support again this year. The Thrings Countryside Ring has a full timetable from 9.40am, don't miss out on the action featuring all the countryside classics from rare breed spaniels and gundogs to falconry, flyball and Hampshire Young Farmers Tractor Tug of War. The ring displays will be followed by the popular Family Dog Show starting at 2:30pm.

Special thanks to the 1391 (Romsey) Squadron Air Training Corps



On a warm summers evening, our 2025 President, Dave Merrington, had the pleasure of visiting 1391 (Romsey) Squadron Air Training Corps to present them with a cheque in recognition of their support to The Romsey Show.

The corps is a uniformed youth group, supported by The Royal Air Force, which provides the opportunity for cadets to take part in a huge range of activities such as flying, gliding, adventure training, camping, shooting, sports, drill, Duke of Edinburgh awards and overseas travel. They learn valuable skills which can stay with them after they leave the corps.

Recently cadets have completed their Duke of Edinburgh Gold award, played with the National Air Cadets Marching Band, taken to the skies, flying from Boscombe Down in Grob Tutor two-seater training aircraft and visited Ypres for commemorations for the 100th anniversary of the Great War.

Dave thanked the group for their help at The Romsey Show, not just last year but for many years, where they assist in the cattle lines and forming a guard at the trophy stand. They also help with raising and lowering the flags as well as having a stand at the show. He told them how impressed he was with the corps smartness, discipline and respect for each other and explained that, as a former manager of a football team, working together was important. He praised the leaders for the time they dedicate to supporting young people and wished them well for their future. He was shown around their headquarters, looking at photos of various activities and saw this year's aeroplane model being constructed. Be sure to visit their stand at this year's Romsey Show and we thank them for their continued support again this year and hopefully for many years to come.

Romsey Air Cadets meet at Montfort Hall on Tuesday and Friday evenings and are always ready to welcome new recruits.

If you run a group that would be interested in supporting the show, please get in touch, we would love to hear from you. We are so grateful to Romsey Sea Cadets, Army Cadets, Scouts and Girl Guides for their support as well this year.

2026 Advance Tickets & Membership for the Show

There are two options which provide entry to the Show:

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

OR

Society Membership – Includes enhanced benefits - purchase in advance by 4th September.

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

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Premium & Ringside Parking

Premium and ringside parking are available to members and sponsors for £40 for premium & £70 for ringside. Access your vehicle throughout the day, bring a picnic and meet friends.

Premium parking – Reserve a space in a small car park behind the Members' Enclosure. Cars must be parked by 11am and cannot leave until 3pm. Standard ticket holders can also access your space from the main showground. Everyone entering in the vehicle must have an advance ticket/badge.

Ringside parking – Reserve a space overlooking the Main Ring. Cars must be parked by 10:30am and cannot leave until the Show closes at 5:30pm (or otherwise instructed). Everyone entering in the vehicle must have an advance ticket/badge.

Email info@romseyshow.co.uk to book, spaces are reserved on a first come basis with full payment.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this newsletter. If you would like to include a feature in future editions please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you!

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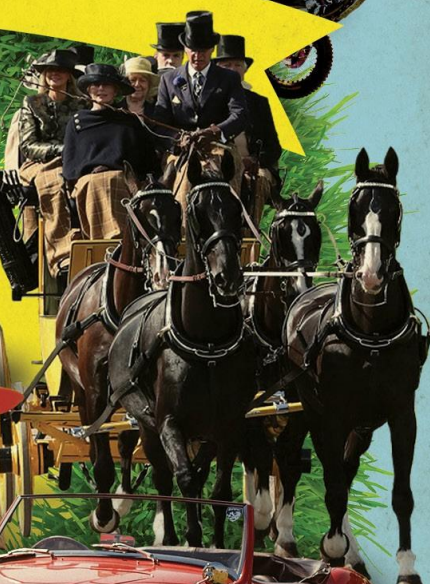
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