

Chairman's Letter 2019

Welcome to the Adamstown Show, this year's preparations are in full swing for the 72nd annual Adamstown Show, taking place on Saturday July 6th, this show has become one of the highlights of the agricultural calendar in Co Wexford.

Our Show couldn't continue to go from strength to strength without our wonderful volunteering committee, who work hard in the run up to the show, on Show day and beyond, to ensure it is a safe and enjoyable day for all competitors, exhibitors and attendees. Each of these volunteers gives up their free time which is so valuable at this time of year to continue the tradition of generations to play a vital part in the running of the show. Following our AGM earlier this year we are delighted to announce that honorary member Mr Eddie Roche has been elected as our inaugural President of the Show. Eddie has been a fundamental member of the show committee making an immense contribution in all his years of volunteering.

Again this year, we are putting a much bigger emphasis on all our competitors/exhibitors to enter online and to download the entry forms too, both of which are available on our website and this can be done at a time convenient to you, however please note our entries close 26th June. There is such an expense with the printing and posting of the schedules that making these little changes will assist in reducing our expenses. Also this way we feel we are doing our bit for the environment too!

After the success of last year's Home produce, baking, flower, craft, art etc being in a marquee on the same grounds as the show, we will replicate this again in order to create the same convenience for our spectators and the superb atmosphere which was created.

Following on from the positive feedback on our Special Needs Classes last year we are delighted to expand these classes for this year and we look forward to viewing these works of art.

On the field on the day there will be a spectacular display of Vintage Cars, Tractors and machinery in great condition, so be sure to take a moment and appreciate the labour of love which goes into the maintenance of these vehicles.

It is with great pleasure to announce we have Class 26 the Tattersalls & Redmills All Ireland Thoroughbred Broodmare Championship with a prize fund of €1500, along with nominations to stallions to be won (14 in total) eg Idaho of Beeches Stud and the "Investec Wealth & Investment" All Ireland Broodmare and Foal Team Championship Class 9 with an Excellent prize fund of Approx. €4300. Again this year we have been chosen to host the Horse Sport Ireland Young Handlers Championship with a prize fund of €1400, with the final taking place at the National Ploughing Championship. In our Show Jumping section we have the Mervue 1.35 part of the Leinster Summer Tour which is a great honour to have along with the Cooney Furlong 1.10m which has a prize fund of €1000 and Slaney Foods, search for a star with a prize fund of €500. Lastly one to mention is the Qualifier for Supreme Champion of Champions Ridden Hunter with the final taking place in Tattersall. Rules and Conditions apply to all classes. With nearly 100 classes for Horses and Ponies it's sure to be a great fun filled day.

Other highlights of the show include a dog show which takes place at 2 p.m. and trade stands. There are limited number of children's amusements, an animal pet's corner, traditional butter making and lots more. There will be refreshments served all day at the show making it a perfect family day out with kids admitted free of charge.

We couldn't let this year's show pass without paying respect to the sudden passing of fellow committee member Peter Kelly. Never missing a meeting and never a man to stand idle and in keeping with his hard work ethic he took extreme pride in the show especially the home produce section which he was mainly involved in on show day. Peter will be sorely missed within the Adamstown Show community and beyond.

The Committee would like to thank most sincerely the owners of the land, who offer their land each year to host the Adamstown Show, this gesture is much appreciated by all involved.

Finally a word of thanks to all of our sponsors for making the Adamstown Show a success year after year, this year we have record prize money of nearly €40,000 it is with this generosity that the show grows from strength to strength each year.

For more information visit the show online at adamstownshow.com

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Chairperson