**ADAMSTOWN SHOW SOCIETY**

Chairman’s Letter 2023

Welcome to the Adamstown Show, this year’s preparations are in full swing for the 74th Adamstown Show, taking place Saturday 1st July. Our Show couldn’t continue without our wonderful volunteering committee, who work so hard in all aspects of the show to ensure it is a safe and enjoyable day for all. Our volunteers give 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 I was delighted to take on the role of Chairman with the responsibility of ensuring the show continues to evolve and goes from strength to strength.

Once again we are putting an emphasis on all our competitors/exhibitors to enter online and to download the entry forms too, both of which are available on our website. With the implementation of payment over the phone, it’s never being easier to enter.However, please note our entries close Thursday 22nd June. There is such an expense with the printing and posting of the schedules that making these little changes will assist in reducing our day to day expenses and this way we feel we are doing our bit for the environment too!

Our Home produce, baking, flower, craft etc will again be in a dedicated marquee which proves very popular with spectators and exhibitors alike. It will be hosting class 166 The Odlums All Ireland Home Baking Championship and for the second year we have classes for The Terry McDonald Sweet Treat & The Peter Kelly, Banana Bread these classes are a tribute to two wonderful men taken too soon, both who were stalwarts of the show, always contributing generously with their valuable time, hard work and their vast wealth of knowledge was invaluable.

It is with great pleasure to announce, we have secured Class 27 the Tattersalls & Redmills All Ireland Thoroughbred Broodmare Championship with a prize fund of €1500 , along with nominations to stallions to be won eg from Almighwar, Hunting Horn to Idaho. In our Show Jumping section we have the Mervue 1.35 part of the Leinster Summer Tour which is a great honour to have, which has a prize fund of €3500. Rules and Conditions apply to all classes. Sheep and lamb owners will be in high spirits once again in the sheep classes with a catalogue of top-quality competition classes. We’re not kidding around this year with the introduction of 4 new classes in our Goat & Pygmy Goat classes! Other highlights of the show include the dog show which takes place at 2 p.m. and a wide range of trade stands. 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 members of our Adamstown Show Community whom we have lost over the last number of years, these people always gave their time so generously and willingly to enrich the show for which we are ever grateful. They are sorely missed within the Adamstown Show community and beyond, not just on show day but every day.

The Committee would like to thank most sincerely the land owners, who offer their land each year to host the 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

Walter Kent, Chairperson