

Beggars Fair Newsletter



Hayes Music Announced as Headline Sponsor for Romsey's Iconic Beggars Fair

Hayes Music are thrilled to announce that they will be sponsoring the Beggars Fair again this year. Romsey is home to Hampshire's largest Musical Instrument Store and Yamaha Piano Centre and has officially signed on as the headline sponsor for this year's festivities on the 11th July. As a cornerstone of the local arts community, Hayes Music's partnership ensures the continued success of the region's largest free festival of music and dance. On Saturday, 11th July, the streets of Romsey will come alive with over 70 acts across 20 venues, a feat made possible by this vital local support.

"Music is at the heart of everything we do," says the team at Hayes Music. "Supporting the Beggars Fair is our way of giving back to the vibrant community that has supported us for years. If you haven't visited the store yet we supply everything from a Tin Whistle to a Tuba and everything in between, come and take a look."

Visitors can expect a day of exceptional talent, ranging from folk and rock to classical ensembles.



We sincerely thank you our key sponsors, whose support makes Romsey's largest and most vibrant event possible.

Update from The Chair

Welcome to our third newsletter (with one more to go) before the Beggars Fair on 11 July. With preparations now complete, our teams are shifting their focus to delivering a smooth, enjoyable day for everyone who joins us. The town is ready, our volunteers are briefed, and the excitement is building. As we count down to the big day, I want to thank everyone who has supported the Fair this year, your commitment and enthusiasm make all the difference. We're looking forward to welcoming you to Romsey for a brilliant celebration of music, community, and creativity.

Gary Poole – Chairman.



News From The Teams



Production Team

David

Well we've finally filled all of the times for the Beggars Fair but that doesn't mean that it will stay like that. In my experience there will be some cancellations. And we have introduced an idea we had a few years ago for the Busk Stops. These are points around the town where acts will play acoustically so watch out for these when you walk around. Headline acts for the Market Square are "The Soulcatchers", the Memorial Park are "Ken Wood" and "The Mixers", and in the Cornmarket are the "Polly Morris Band."



Publicity Team

Andy

We have produced this, our third newsletter! We are updating all our posters for this year's event. These will be put up all around town in advance of the event. They will also show our supporters and where programmes will be on sale. We have continued the process of designing this year's programme. They will also show who our sponsors and supporters are, as well as indicating where programmes will be on sale. We are producing a new set of signage to guide people to the parking areas.



Events Safety Team

Ann

We have submitted all necessary paperwork for the various permissions that are required to run the event smoothly and safely. These include road closures, parking etc. They are currently out for consultation. Hopefully they will be agreed by our next newsletter.

Volunteer Team

The Volunteers Fair was successful for us, resulting in a dozen new potential volunteers coming forward. We are currently planning our volunteers rota for the day. If anyone could come and sell programmes for an hour during the day, it would be much appreciated!

Please contact Sue, volunteer coordinator (volunteers@beggarsfair.org.uk)

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Volunteer On The Day

Would you like to help out the team on the day? From welcoming visitors to supporting performers and keeping The Beggars Fair running smoothly, volunteers are at the heart of the event. Meet new people, enjoy amazing live music, and be part of something special in Romsey.

Please contact Sue by emailing volunteers@beggarsfair.org.uk

Why Not Join The Team?

Whether you are wanting to gain experience or develop skills in event management, advertisement, finance, events safety or a bit of everything, come and join the team! Your support will help bring one of Hampshire's biggest music events to life.

Contact Us



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