

COLCHESTER SOUTH AND HARROW AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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It is with sadness the Board of Directors of Colchester South and Harrow Agricultural Society announce that the 166th presentation of the Harrow Fair will take place Thursday through Sunday of Labour Day Weekend, 2021 and not in 2020 as originally planned.

We will be forever grateful for the sacrifices made by the many front line workers during these times and are unwilling to put those sacrifices at risk by believing current restrictions will be lessened sufficiently within the next 100 days to hold the 166th presentation of the Harrow Fair in September 2020 as originally planned. It seems unreasonable to ask judges to taste and/or touch hundreds of entries so soon after this experience. It would be irresponsible to ask our volunteers to attend the gates, collect garbage and coordinate activities in such an uncertain time. Plexiglass barriers, masks and arrows directing the flow of the crowd are just not conducive to a fair atmosphere. There is too much to see and do at the Harrow Fair to put these types of restrictions in place.

The economic impact of this decision will be felt by many charitable groups, vendors, entertainers, and local businesses that rely on the Harrow Fair, some as their main/major source of revenue. We must consider the safety of all involved and pray that they survive this experience both from a health and fiscal perspective. In this regard we ask our supporters to practice social distancing and keep them in mind when making purchase decisions.

Start making plans now for the 166th presentation of the Harrow Fair September 2, 3, 4 and 5, 2021 (Labour Day Weekend), you know we are. Stay safe, be well and see you at the Fair, next year!

Respectfully



Ed Gibbs, President

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