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and then many other small furries, fish, reptiles and parrots.

Parrot owners are much thinner on the ground, which means there aren't anything like the number of events for parrot people to attend. So what I like to think Think Parrots has achieved, is to bring like-minded people together from all parts of the country into one large event, which is now successfully established at Kempton Park. It is also encouraging to see that we now have visitors coming from many parts of Europe and, indeed, from far further afield as well.

This has made the Show an exciting event where parrot enthusiasts can meet up, can experience a wide array of goods and services, and be able to speak to the many experts who are attending.

I hope you will experience this unique event and catch up with other parrot enthusiasts, replenish your stocks of food and toys, and gain further information from the excellent Masterclass speakers.

I have my fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us and that we enjoy today as much as we have in previous years. I look forward to meeting many of you again.

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#### **Rosemary Low**

Rosemary has kept parrots since 1958, concentrating on Lories and South American parrots. She now keeps about 20 birds and considers the joy is in knowing every individual, its personality, needs and behaviour. She is a former curator of birds at Loro Parque in Tenerife, and Palmitos Park in Gran Caparia

A prolific writer with 25 books published on parrots, which have been translated into eight European languages. She has been contributing to specialist magazines worldwide, especially in the UK, Australia and Europe, since the 1970s, and has had hundreds of articles published, mainly on parrot conservation.

Rosemary has visited more than 20 countries to observe parrots in the wild, especially in South America. She has been involved with, and written widely about, bird conservation projects, and has spoken at many symposiums on the subject in Europe, Australia, the USA and Brazil. This is a theme in which she has a deep interest and great concern, and will be the subject of her next book.

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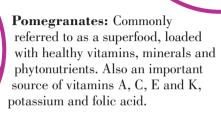
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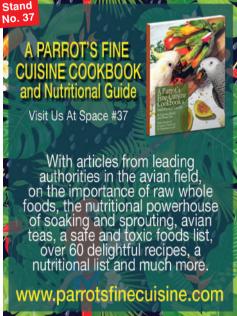
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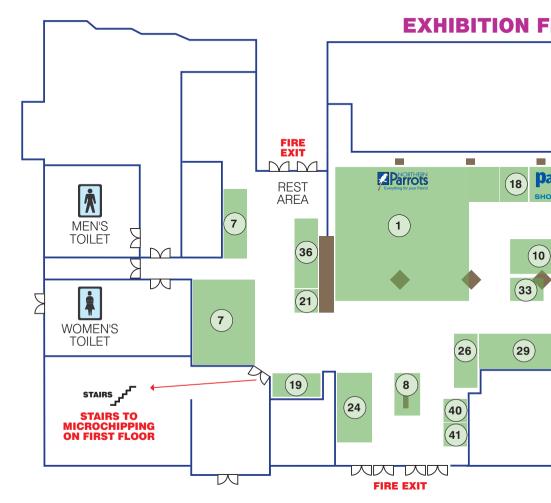
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