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### **Annual General Meeting:**

Around 40 local residents and Spelthorne Councillors Maureen Attewell and Darren Clarke gathered for our AGM. We breezed through the formalities—minutes approved—and then took a stroll through the highlights of 2024:

- A windswept but wonderful Village Fair
- A brain-bending quiz night (huge thanks to Laurence Curtis and team!)
- A heartfelt Light up Laleham service at All Saints Church

Sadly, the race night didn't go ahead due to low bookings—but our finances are in great shape to invest in more community projects in Laleham.

### **Updates from the committee:**

- River Thames Scheme: Slow but steady progress toward a Development Consent Order
- Laleham Pond: Secured a new lease from Thames Water
- Laleham Hub: Closed due to viability issues
- Spelthorne Local Plan 2024–39: Inspector reviewing main modifications

We also voted to revise the constitution—bringing the Heritage Centre back under LRA management—and welcomed new faces on the committee:

- Vice Chair: Ken Saunders (replacing Michelle Purnell)
- Membership Secretary: Mike Garrett (replacing John Thesiger)
- Social Media and Communications: Jo Bartlett

Both Michelle and John stay involved, which is great news. As required for charity status, we appointed three trustees: Mike Garrett, Steve Bartlett, and Rod Stamford. Full minutes will be available on our website soon.

**Post-AGM**, the focus shifted to two hot topics: Local Government Reorganisation and... well, more roadworks. Surrey Highways continues to deliver mixed messages—but we're trying to get to the bottom of it.

### **Laleham Residents Association membership:**

The annual membership fee is 10.00 per household, which covers an unlimited number of people in a household and runs for 12 months from the joining date.

### **Laleham Heritage Centre: open first Saturday of each month from 10.00am to 2.00pm**

Thanks to the generosity of Laleham Recreation Ground and Laleham Residents Association, the Centre has been able to invest in new modular display boards which can be more easily transported and are more stable. Heritage Centre curator can be contacted on: [dom.omalley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dom.omalley@hotmail.co.uk).