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Community Update

Here is a round-up of what has been happening in Laleham over the past couple of months, along with news of events and activities coming up soon.

Laleham Village Fair

Preparations began before 8am on Saturday 4th July, with the village already bathed in glorious sunshine. The splendid weather continued as hundreds of visitors arrived to enjoy a lively and varied programme of entertainment. The fair was officially opened by Lincoln Jopp MC MP for Spelthorne, before the Staines Lammas Band struck up, filling the air with music and adding to the traditional village atmosphere. Visitors were also treated to energetic dance displays, an entertaining fun dog show and an exciting array of activities for all ages. A colourful collection of stalls showcased local charities, community groups and businesses, alongside a tempting choice of delicious food and refreshing drinks. The Classic Car Show was the best yet, featuring more than 40 impressive vehicles. Festivities drew to a lively close with a keenly contested tug-of-war and the eagerly anticipated drawing of the grand prize raffle.

The LRA is enormously grateful to the dedicated volunteers who made the day possible, as well as the generous contributors, enthusiastic stallholders and everyone who donated, attended and supported the fair. Over £1500 was raised which will contribute to supporting future LRA projects and activities, including village planting and the hanging baskets.

Film Night

The LRA, in conjunction with Shepperton Studios, will be holding a free film night on Friday 18th September, 7pm at Laleham Recreation Ground. Everyone is welcome. Food will be available from burger and ice cream vans, and the Pavilion will also be open. Seating will not be provided, so please bring your own chairs. Alternatively, bring a blanket and a picnic and make an evening of it. The film will be announced soon.

LRA Quiz Night

Laleham's biggest quiz night of the year is coming soon, with the date to be announced. Back by popular demand, quizmaster Laurence will host a fun and fast-paced evening featuring general knowledge, lateral thinking and those all-important hidden links between the answers.

Heritage Centre: Preserving Local History

The LRA is proud to support the Laleham Heritage Centre, which is run by a dedicated team of volunteers. The centre houses photographs, documents, artefacts and displays that tell the story of Laleham and the people who have lived here. The next Saturday openings will take place from 10am to 2pm on 5th September and 3rd October. The centre will then continue to open on the first Saturday of each month. Residents with photographs, documents, memorabilia or stories connected to Laleham are encouraged to contact curator Dominic O'Malley at dom.omalley@hotmail.co.uk

A Message from Laleham Players

Laleham Players would love to bring another village pantomime to the stage, but we need more people to help make it happen. We are looking for new members, and no previous experience is needed. Whether you would like to perform, join the chorus, help backstage, or assist with costumes, props, lighting or sound, there is a place for you. We are a friendly and welcoming group with a shared passion for creating great entertainment for the local community. Joining is also a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills and become involved in village life. To join us and help keep live entertainment thriving in Laleham, email info@lalehamplayers.com or visit www.lalehamplayers.com for more information.

Join the LRA Community

The Laleham Residents Association gives the village a strong voice by representing residents, supporting local initiatives, organising community events and helping to preserve the character of Laleham Village. Members are kept informed through Town Cry newsletters, email updates, social media and local publications, helping them stay up to date with village news, community events and important local issues.

Membership costs just £10 per household each year and directly supports the work of the Association.

New members and volunteers are always welcome. To join or find out more, visit the LRA website or contact the membership secretary.