

Annual Review to 31 March 2020

The LRA's constitution requires us to hold an Annual General Meeting within three months of our year end - that is by 30 June. Clearly this year, an "in person meeting" cannot take place within that timescale. Accordingly we have taken the decision to circulate this annual review instead but would nevertheless welcome comments and questions from you.

The current year will be a stark contrast to our previous financial year to 31 March. A copy of the accounts for that year, which also shows the results for the previous three years, is on the last page of this document.

EVENTS, CALENDAR & HANGING BASKETS

We held some highly successful events during the 2019/20 year. **GARDEN OPEN DAY**, having taken a sabbatical in 2018, enjoyed a record attendance and excellent weather and we are most grateful for all of you who opened your gardens and those who helped on the day.

THE VILLAGE FAIR was also blessed with good weather and Gerry Morris and her team put in a tremendous amount of work before and on the day. It is often a struggle to get sufficient helpers for the fair and if you might be able to help in 2021 please let us know as soon as possible. Planning starts in the early winter.

THE VILLAGE QUIZ was a sell out as usual and especially enjoyed by our Chairman as his team finally won after many years of trying! Laurence Curtis put together a stimulating, amusing and challenging evening.

There was the new event on the calendar, **THE OLDE TYME MUSIC HALL**, with three sold out performances at the Village Hall. The cast and master of ceremonies were kitted out in superb period costumes and performed some memorable acts (!) Well done and a big thank you to all involved, particularly Annie Roper who had been wanting to put on a show like this for a number of years. Hopefully we can do something similar again.

Another success last year was the production of **THE LALEHAM CALENDAR** featuring **Chris Pahler's** drawings of the village. Almost 150 copies were sold. Thank you to Dominic O'Malley for his enthusiasm in instigating this and to Chris' daughter Chloe for allowing us to reproduce his work. There are sufficient additional drawings to enable us to produce a 2021 calendar.

We took the decision early in the year to use LRA funds to finance all of the **HANGING BASKETS** this summer rather than ask you for contributions. In spite of the Virus, Spelthorne are continuing to provide this service and we purchased 20 baskets at the same locations as in previous years at a cost of £2,440. They were put in place earlier than in previous years and now are there for all to enjoy.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

We have spent a significant amount of time in the past year liaising with those promoting projects that would change the character of Laleham and affect the traffic flow through the village.

We are in touch with **TARMAC** about their plans to build 230 homes on Home Farm and the intention remains to hold a public meeting as soon as government guidelines enable us to do so. It is clear that residents have differing views ranging from those who oppose any development on green belt land to those who welcome this as the only realistic opportunity for a bypass to be built around the centre of Laleham. Those of you who attend our AGM's know that traffic is invariably the main topic of discussion. Our intention is to gauge, so far as we can, the views of residents and support the majority view. Whatever that may be, we will continue to liaise with Tarmac and seek to ensure that any proposal will maximise benefits to Laleham and minimise the adverse impact.

The outbreak has put many projects on hold and this includes obligations that **SHEPPERTON STUDIOS** had undertaken in conjunction with Surrey County Council to carry out following the granting of permission to expand the studios. This included the installation of signs at the entrances to the village, now long overdue, and a zebra crossing opposite best-one which was contractually required to be completed by early July this year under their S106 obligations. We are following this up.

We have written much about the recycling plant and industrial estate which has been operating for decades from **LITTLETON LANE**. Not only is this an unsightly scar on the landscape but much HGV traffic emanated from both parts of the site and flowed through Laleham. It is good news that the recycling plant has now been demolished. Also a number of unauthorised tenants on the site have been removed and traffic volumes have fallen considerably following meetings we instigated alongside Shepperton Residents Association with Bretts, Spelthorne Borough Council and Surrey County Council at a very high level. It proved impossible to require Bretts to restore the entire site to green belt due to both Spelthorne and Surrey having failed to enforce the eviction of unauthorised tenants over the years. Bretts have submitted a planning application for a modern low rise business park to replace the industrial estate and an "Award Winning Restoration" on the rest of the site with wildlife consideration and extensive public access. This will include public right of way with paths linking to Laleham Park and this should be in place by the summer of 2021. We are working with them on this project and believe it to be the best possible outcome in the circumstances.

During the year we met with HAL and Arora regarding their alternative plans for a third runway at **HEATHROW**. Our particular concerns are the impact on local traffic and aircraft noise on residents. With increasing uncertainty regarding the future of aviation it is unlikely that much will happen in the foreseeable future but we will keep an eye on developments.

The **ESSO PIPELINE** project has gone quiet for many months but no doubt will resurface in due course. We will also monitor this situation.

Gravel excavation at **MANOR FARM** has still not started - two years after receiving permission. We have a member on the local liaison committee and will monitor this situation too.

LALEHAM FRIENDS

With the Covid 19 outbreak came lockdown and I am delighted to say that 70 residents signed up as volunteers for **LALEHAM FRIENDS**. They have shopped and collected prescriptions for over 60 local households in difficulty, confined to their homes or unable to receive the help they normally have because friends and families have had to isolate. **LALEHAM FRIENDS** was initially set up by the LRA, All Saints Church and Laleham Good Neighbours but it was Laleham Good Neighbours who took up the mantle, got everything in place in a very short period of time and continue to operate the scheme. Thank you to our members who volunteered.

COMMITTEE

Two of our long standing committee members have retired from the committee and we are grateful for the hard work and enthusiasm that Gerry Morris and Dominic O'Malley have put in over the years. Gerry has been one of the principal organisers of the fair and has been stage manager and seamstress for the village panto and Olde Tyme Music Hall. Dominic continues to be curator of The Heritage Centre and is happy to continue to help at our events. He has now been appointed a Village Trustee. We wish them both well.

Following the recent email seeking additional committee members one of our members has been invited to attend our next meeting with a view being co-opted on to the committee. Ideally we would like to secure one more enthusiastic and hands on committee member to join the team. You will have a good idea from this review what we do. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more.

The first few months of this financial year have inevitably been quiet but we are gearing ourselves up for all that needs to be done going forward. Finally a big thank you to all our members for your support and encouragement. We hope it will be possible to hold some form of village event before too long. In the meantime please stay well and keep safe.

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Our Accounts to 31st March 2020 are on the next page....

ACCOUNTS

As you will have gathered last year was a very busy one for the LRA and the accounts show that a string of successful events with the added bonus of good weather made a significant financial contribution. Unfortunately due to Covid 19 we have been forced to cancel some if not all of our events this year, which will result in a deficit.

LALEHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION Accounts Year To 31 March 2020

	£			2019 Net	2018 Net	2017 Net
	Income	2020 Exp.	Net			
Membership	1,378.00	-	1,378.00	1,135.00	1,246.00	1,048.00
Donations, Legacies Rec'd	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
Hanging Baskets	1,405.00	(2,400.00)	(995.00)	(901.00)	-	-
Garden Open Day	1,347.20	(13.33)	1,333.87	-	757.00	560.00
Quiz Nights	1,002.00	(79.42)	922.58	818.00	499.97	442.22
Village Fair	2,765.00	(1,431.78)	1,333.22	956.00	1,649.74	1,228.73
Panto	-	-	-	655.00	1,248.00	1,506.00
Music Hall	3,067.00	(1,341.57)	1,725.43	-	-	-
Light up Laleham	-	(158.03)	(158.03)	(111.00)	(116.00)	(178.43)
Christmas Party	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage	-	(396.81)	(396.81)	(607.00)	(512.00)	-
LRA Calendar	297.06	-	297.06	-	-	-
Donations/Gifts Made	-	(677.00)	(677.00)	(882.00)	(1,330.00)	(1,340.00)
Village up-keep incl War Mem	-	(425.01)	(425.01)	(79.00)	(374.00)	(223.00)
Sundry Income	13.01	-	13.01	4.00	13.00	7.00
Gen Admin incl Insurance	-	(569.47)	(569.47)	(709.91)	(652.00)	(1,206.00)
Built in Cupboard Village Hall	-	-	-	-	-	(1,770.00)
Storage on Rec Ground	-	(196.36)	(196.36)	(2,750.00)	-	-
Net Surplus /- deficit	11,274.27	(7,688.78)	3,585.49	(2,471.91)	2,429.71	174.52

Reserves at 31 Mar 2019	10,320.32
Surplus/Deficit for year	3,585.49
Reserves 31 Mar 2020	13,905.81
Being	
Current Acc 31 Mar 2019	5,979.07
Savings Acc 31 Mar 2019	8,086.74
less 2020 Cash rec'd in advance	(160.00)
Net Assets 31 Mar 2019	13,905.81