

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the Spring edition of your Newsletter. We start the New Year with a lot of exciting plans and events for Laleham in 2008. See diary dates overleaf.

Tickets are still available for our French-themed Spring Dance in the Village Hall. Lots of fun and 'ooh la-la!' so put on your dancing shoes and come and join us.

We are getting preparations under way for our annual village fair – July 5th at 12 noon. **Please contact me if you would like to take a stall, either for your charity, business or personal use.**

Our profuse thanks to Danny Fairfax who organised a well attended and most enjoyable charity sponsored dog walk. Once again, it was a great success and we plan to make this a regular event.

I hope you will be pleased to hear that, following last year's success, we plan to enter Laleham in the South and South East in Bloom competition, in the Large Village category. We really do need

volunteers, so if you can spare even half an hour, let us know. Making our village look beautiful is in everyone's interest and we are sure you would be happy to help.

Don't forget that membership renewal is now due, so please contact Peter Clark, our Membership Secretary. If you have not yet joined, please do, as we need all the support we can get to fund our initiatives for this year and beyond.

We are waiting to hear if we have planning permission for our lovely new village sign, so please look out for this in the centre of the village in the next few months.

On a pessimistic note, we have been made aware of a number of burglaries in the village, so please ensure your valuables are safe at all times and be alert for any unusual activity in your area. The Police are very supportive, and you can also contact your committee members for help.

Please also remember the 100th Anniversary of Laleham Village Hall, celebrations for which will take place in the Hall on June 21st.

Finally, I would like to thank Steve Bartlett for all his hard work on the new LRA website. Please have a look at this and send your contributions and any ideas direct to Steve for inclusion on the web site, see below for details.

I look forward to welcoming you to one or more (!) of our LRA events during 2008. Thank you.

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Visit our website for lots of interesting information about Laleham and details of the LRA's organised events. Contributions very welcome. Please email us at:- web@lalehamonthames.com

LALEHAM VILLAGE FAIR—JULY 2008

As many Laleham residents know, the LRA organises and hosts the Laleham Village Fair every year. With a heritage of well over 60 years, this is a wonderful, fun-filled family day out in the traditional style, with a great variety of entertainment for all. This year the fair takes place on Saturday 5th July 2008, from noon until 4pm. The Mayor will officially open the Fair at 1pm. It will be held at the Laleham Recreation Ground. As well as the many arts and craft stalls, there will be Punch and Judy shows throughout the afternoon, a children's fun fair, a dog show, arch-

ery, bird show and much more. There is also plenty of adult entertainment; the Pavilion lounge and a licensed bar will be open all day with the Alley Cats Jazz band playing throughout the afternoon and many fantastic prizes to be won in the grand draw, including an all-inclusive luxury holiday to France and tickets to the Southampton Boat Show! Please support this village tradition and come along with the whole family.

If you would like to make a donation or contribute a prize please contact us.

GARDENS OPEN DAY 24TH MAY 2008

This event is earlier than in previous years to take advantage of the early summer blooms. We thank all of those willing to open their beautiful gardens for this special day. If anyone would like to participate, please contact Beryl Shattock; Tel. 01784 253869.

LALEHAM Residents Association www.lalehamonthames.com



Britain in Bloom
2008

In 2007 Laleham Village was judged an "Outstanding" Neighbourhood
In 2008 we have entered "Best Large Village"
Judging Day 2nd July 2008

Gardening volunteers needed throughout April, May & June

If you are available to help please contact Danny or Steve Fairfax
Fairfax Hair Salon
23 Shepperton Road, Laleham Village.
Telephone: 01784 466603

Inspiration Behind the New Village Sign

One of our most recent and exciting projects, made possible by LRA fundraising events, has been the commissioning of a new village sign to commemorate this historic and charming village (we are currently waiting for approval, which we hope will be granted in May).

After the recent renovation of the village sign opposite the school, it is hoped that this sign can be placed not so much as a boundary marker but in the centre of the village more as a symbol of arrival and welcome!

As you will see from the image, a willow tree and ducks were chosen for the new sign. The word Laleham in Anglo Saxon means "Great bend or village where withies grow"; withies being willow trees. It is also thought that Laleham could come from "lael" meaning twig and "ham" meaning water meadow or village.

Together with its Anglo Saxon meaning and its long association with the Thames and its water meadows, it was thought that the graceful willow tree perfectly represented the village.

Whilst we have many families of swans at Laleham, this is the emblem of Staines, so the humble but characterful duck was chosen which is a much loved resident of Laleham and during the summer can be fed by hand on the river bank by Laleham Park.

Such a wonderful sign can't be erected without due pomp and ceremony and plans are afoot to how best achieve this involving as many of the village residents and businesses as possible. So if you have any ideas, please contact us!

Dates for Your Diary in 2008

- April 26th** Village Spring Dance in the Village Hall - **tickets available see below**
 - May 24th** Gardens Open Day (tickets available outside Heritage Centre on the day), Laleham Pond Open, Art Club Exhibition (in the Village Hall)
 - June 15th** Charity Coffee Morning - Venue Fairfax Hair Salon
 - June 21st** Laleham Primary School Summer Fair 12 noon.
 - July 2nd** South & South-East in Bloom Judging Day
 - July 5th** Laleham Village Fair at Lucan Cricket Ground
 - July 26th** Staines Amateur Regatta Staines Regatta
 - July 27th** Veteran and Junior Regatta (Burway Rowing Club)
- Please check village notice board or our website for regular updates.**

Laleham Residents Association Presents

“Spring Dance Francais”

French themed live music & entertainment
& disco dancing to music from "Bow Tie Disco" until 11pm

Rustic Bread & Cheese Buffet provided – Please BYOB & Glasses
Raffle
Laleham Village Hall, The Broadway, Laleham-on-Thames, TW18 1RZ

Saturday 26th April 2008
7.30 for 8pm until 11pm

Lucky Number Tickets: £12.50 per head, available from:-

Danny at Fairfax Hair Salon, 23 Shepperton Road, Laleham Village - Tel.: 01784 466603
Or
Jo Bartlett - Tel.: 01784 440007




Come along in French Fancy Dress if you like!!!

RENEW OR BECOME A NEW MEMBER OF THE LALEHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION FOR 2008

Laleham Resident's Association exists for the benefit of all Laleham residents, to protect the beauty and integrity of the village, support local charities and safeguard community interests. We therefore encourage as many households as possible to give their support to the association by becoming a member.

To become a new member or renew your membership for 2008 please fill in the form below and return with membership fee to Mr Peter Clark, 222 Thames Side, Laleham, TW18 1UQ. Thank you.

NAME **ADDRESS**

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

RENEWAL ? [YES \ NO]

May we contact you via email with information regarding the Residents Association ? Please delete as appropriate:
YES / NO

Please enclose membership fee with application, cheques should be made payable to 'Laleham Residents Association'. Suggested membership fees £3 for Individuals and £5 for Household Membership.