



# Lechlade-on-Thames Flag Festival 2009

Lechlade will again be holding a **Flag Festival starting on May 28th 2009** and running for three months closing on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The aim is to deck the town with flags, hoping to use all of the town centre Christmas tree holders as flagpole holders. This is intended to be a fun event, with an opportunity for those who wish to create and make their own flag. The topic of the flag can be almost anything, historical, business, organisational, but ideally it should be a fun flag made by an organisation, business, shop or group, or for a group. Due to various regulations it is now very difficult to have a carnival, and this provides an alternative avenue for those talents, which might have been used, dressing a float or children. At this point in time there are in excess of 60 pole holders in the town centre. Some of the buildings have agreed to look after their own flags. For the remainder the festival organisers are looking for offers to construct a fun flag. Most of the vacant holders already have a promise. All are encouraged to participate by hanging a flag out preferably one that has been made and represents a piece of history, farming, travel, youth or other organisation, club, troop, association, guild institute or family.

We have been able to offer advice on design and construction of suitably shaped flags. They can be rectangular but are likely to hang better if shaped as in the pattern, which is freely available. Also available is a list of subjects and how to make the pole.

The festival will run for about twelve weeks, clearance has been obtained from Highways and Planning for this event, there will be no external financial support to help offset the cost of the poles but the Town Council has a limited supply which have been made available on a first come basis.

The Town Council, The Business Club and the Lechlade and District Lions, are all enablers in this event. Please address all questions to myself on 01367 252401 or [flagpole@lechlade.com](mailto:flagpole@lechlade.com)

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