



Lechlade-on-Thames

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Barclays 'Hole in the Wall'

You will have all seen the presence of our new cash machine and we are aware that many of you have been using the facility. Thanks go to Cllr Don Gillard for his tireless efforts in negotiating between CDC and Barclays to get this installed. In addition, Barclays have given £100 to the Heritage Trust to recognise the importance of the cash point to the town.

Library – Do you use it?

A reminder that the Library is a facility for use by all ages and provides a wide range of services. As these essential services are always subject to scrutiny by County planners, we need to show that the community values the services and makes best use of the opening hours. Please remember the Library is also open on a Saturday morning.

Butlers Court Roundabout

In the October/November issue of the newsletter, it was reported that Lechlade Garden Centre had offered to plant out and maintain the roundabout at the entrance to the new Butlers Court development. The Garden Centre have informed us that the plants have now been ordered and they will be planted as soon as the weather conditions are more suitable.

Lechlade & District Lions – Minibus

Did you know that the Lions Minibus is available for hire to groups within the community? Currently, it is not being used enough to fully support its existence. The availability of the minibus is essential to some members of our community. If you would like more information on hiring the minibus, please contact Steve Jones on 01367 253025. Separately, the Lions are always looking for more volunteer drivers for regular commitments. If you think you could help, again please contact Steve Jones.

Sunhill Action Group

Many of you will be aware of the above group concerned with the proposed waste processing at The Agricultural Supply Company in Sunhill, who are planning to submit a new application for mixed waste processing. This has not yet materialised. It is now believed that Gloucester County Council is in the process of acquiring its own In Vessel Composting Facility and this would hopefully take the problem away from our country lanes. For more information, please visit the Action Group's website at www.sunhillactiongroup.co.uk.

The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital

We reported in the last newsletter, that the go-ahead had been given for negotiations to begin towards the development of a new medical facility in Fairford. The League of Friends is now working with Shaw Healthcare, the private sector provider, to draw up more detailed plans and a business case to present to the new Gloucestershire PCT, CDC planners and the county highway authorities. This great starting point has been reached primarily as a result of a big financial commitment by the League of Friends and the support of the local community, in Fairford and Lechlade, but there is still a long way to go. The annual fund raising takes place in March. In the past, the League has had some very faithful collectors within the Lechlade community but they are always looking for new co-ordinators and collectors. If you think you could help in some way, please contact Cllr Sharon Wilson on 01367 253346.

Town Website

The new website is now up and running on www.lechladeonthames.co.uk. If you have used the site in the past, you may need to press the "refresh" button to see the new look site. Societies and clubs – please check your current details and let Cllr Sharon Wilson know of any changes you would like made. There is now a facility to include a website/email address on the community information. In addition, there is a 'Forthcoming Events' page where you can advertise your activities. Please contact Sharon on 01367 253346.

New Business Club

Lechlade Chamber of Commerce and Fairford Chamber of Commerce have now combined to form a Business Club with financial support from Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum and the Gloucestershire Chambers of Trade. If you are a business in Lechlade and would like more information, please contact Cllr Peter Whistler on 01367 252377.

First Responders – Lechlade, Fairford & District

The legacy of Edna Dawes has funded a First Response (FR) unit for the area. The aim is to precede the Paramedics within minutes of a call. First Responders are trained to administer life saving aid, including oxygen, CPR and defibrillation. Response in the first few minutes saves lives. Training has started and there are 10 FRs in the district but there are only 2 FRs in Lechlade and many more volunteers are needed. The next round of training by St Johns is 3, 10, 17 February in the Pavilion followed by 21, 22, 23 February, again in the Pavilion. Join the training and you can give something back to the community. For more information, contact Mike or Ruth Read on 252023.

Skateboard Park

It has been noted that the Skateboard Park could be in need of resurfacing. As an important part of provision for youth within the town, it is essential that this facility is maintained. In the past, money was raised to fund the maintenance. If you would like to help, or would like more information, please contact the Town Council.

Cotswold Canals Partnership

The Cotswold Canals Partnership has launched its own website: www.cotswoldcanalsproject.org. This is a one-stop information resource for the project and includes sections on fundraising, training, conservation and volunteering. The photo album feature includes aerial photographs of the full length of the canals from Saul to Sapperton.

The Clementson Trust

The Clementson Trust is a local charity established to assist the sick and needy of Lechlade, Southrop and Eastleach. If you know of anyone of any age who is suffering from ill health and would appreciate assistance, please contact Rev'd Christopher Bryan on 01367 252262 for more information.

Dog Waste

Complaints have been received of people disposing of dog waste bags inappropriately and dogs being allowed to foul the footpaths, without the waste being removed. This is an offence with a fine of up to £1,000 if caught, imposed by Cotswold District Council. To keep our town clean, we must all be diligent about ensuring these offences do not occur. Information can be given to CDC in complete confidence.

Cycling on footpaths

It has been reported that footpaths within the town are being used as race tracks! The footpaths in Lechlade are designated for pedestrians and cyclists, with the view that cyclists are conscious of pedestrians. We would kindly ask that the cyclists respect the other users of the footpaths.

Recycle for Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire Waste Partnership has issued a draft waste management strategy for public consultation, which will run until 22 January 2007. To find out more about what you can recycle, their plans for the future and to complete their survey, please go to their website at: www.recycleforgloucestershire.com

Tennis Court Hire

Are you aware that a Tennis Court in the playing fields is available for hire to the public all year round? For more information, or to hire, please see the notice outside the Memorial Hall regarding charges.

Footpaths

We have been aware that the two footpaths by Moorgate and Fairford Road have been closed to the public recently. These are now open and should be passable however we appreciate and apologise for the difficulty in using both of these footpaths.