



# Lechlade-on-Thames

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Town Council Newsletter

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## Thank you.....

to everyone who attended the Annual Parish Meeting in April and have written to us. For those who were not able to attend, we confirmed that we currently have no plans for the Market Place to present. As and when possible options are identified and developed, we shall be able to set out proposals for consultation. It is early days in the process. [NOTE: Due to the timescales involved in producing this newsletter every two months, the last issue had to be printed before the meeting took place, hence this belated thank you.]

## Another thank you.....

to all those who volunteered to take part in the Litter Pick Up day in April. Although we were fairly small in numbers, the majority of the town was covered with over 20 black bin bags being filled with rubbish. Special thanks to the young lad, who came along to the Memorial Hall to collect his gloves and litter picker and then assisted one of the adult volunteers. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.

## Lechlade Emergency Plan

The July 2007 flooding identified the need for us all to be more aware and responsive to emergencies. The Town Council with guidance from Cotswold District Council is preparing an Emergency Plan to provide first response to flooding and other possible incidents. We have received a grant to provide equipment and material. The success of the Plan will depend on support from individuals and established groups in the Town. Please consider how you may be able to be part of our Plan, perhaps providing specialist input, manpower or welfare support. Please contact the Clerk on 252338.

## Additional volunteers?

As many of you are aware, Cotswold Water Park is in negotiations to acquire the land South of the river, currently owned by Swindon Borough Council. An ongoing issue with this side of the river is the litter. A few people have continued to walk the path from the Roundhouse to Ha'penny Bridge collecting litter on a weekly basis. The Council can provide black bins and somewhere to deposit the rubbish. If you are willing to volunteer to help, please contact the Clerk on 252338 who will put you in contact with the current volunteers.

## And more volunteers - Tourist Information in the Library

As mentioned in the last newsletter, there will be a trial of operating a tourist information 'desk' in the Library during the Library opening hours. However, your help is needed to 'man' the desk for, say, an hour at a time. Leaflets on local attractions and interests will be provided with the plan to have internet access available. If you are interested in helping with this project, welcoming our visitors or would like to find out more, please contact the Clerk on 252338.

## A growing interest.....

Several residents have expressed interest to the Town Council for the provision of allotments. Land in Lechlade is at a premium but there may be an alternative! Do you have a large garden which you find hard to manage? Would you be willing to 'share' a piece of your garden as an allotment with someone else doing all the hard work!? There could be an opportunity for residents to help each other. If you are interested in either providing a small piece of land or are happy to do the 'legwork', contact the Clerk on 252338.

## Town Council Meetings

Please remember that residents are welcome to come and listen to the monthly council meetings held in the Memorial Hall on the first Monday of each month, to keep up to date with ongoing matters.

### Town Council contact details:

Telephone: 01367 252338 (with answerphone)

Email: [clerk@lechladeonthames.co.uk](mailto:clerk@lechladeonthames.co.uk)

Peter Godfrey (Clerk)

Linda Kent (Assistant Clerk)

The TC Office is open to the public on

Monday 10am to 12 noon

Tuesday 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Wednesday 2pm to 4pm

Thursday 10am to 12noon

Friday 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Visit the town website for more local information:

[www.lechladeonthames.co.uk](http://www.lechladeonthames.co.uk)

### **RAF Fairford and the Air Tattoo - 11 to 13 July**

HM The Queen will be visiting RAF Fairford on Friday 11 July to present Colours to the RAF and the RAF Regiment on the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the service. So, look out on Monday afternoon 7 July for a rehearsal of the historic flypast (Wednesday 9 July if bad weather) and the real thing on the Friday morning. For the weekend, watch out for the Vulcan bomber..... we hope! The main traffic to RIAT through Lechlade will as usual be along the A361 from Burford and along the A419 through Downington. The relief route will be along Hambidge Lane. Some parking restrictions will apply.

### **Memorial Hall Bookings**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the booking of the Memorial Hall has been taken over by the Town Council. Thanks go to Mrs New who has administered this role for many years. If you would like to book the Hall, please either visit the Town Council offices during opening hours (see panel at top) or telephone 252338.

### **Flag Festival - 29 May to 4 September**

At the time of reading this, residents will be well aware of the flags flying throughout the town. Once again, thanks go to Councillor Mike Cawsey for his tireless efforts in organising this annual event, which most people must agree goes towards the festive look of the town throughout the summer months. Many thanks also go to those who are flying flags or at least responded to Mike's request and particular thanks go to the Lechlade and District Lions for their support and assistance in putting up the flags. You will remember that we reported in the last newsletter about a "Flag for Gloucestershire". From over 1,000 entries, a design was chosen and the Town Council were presented with a new flag at its June meeting. The flag is now flying as part of the Flag Festival.

### **"Get set.....Go!" - Waste collection and recycling from 23 June**

By the time residents read this newsletter, the new waste and recycling collection should be happening. The following is an extract from a press release from CDC at the beginning of June: *"Cotswold District Council's new waste and recycling collection service will be fully up and running from Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June. From 23<sup>rd</sup> June, the alternate weekly collection of non-recyclable household rubbish in Council-issued grey wheeled bins or beige bin bags will start right across the District, replacing the current weekly collection in black bin bags. The collection day will remain the same but the waste will be picked up fortnightly rather than weekly. Residents will also be able to put out card and cardboard every fortnight for recycling in new reusable blue sacks from 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The fortnightly kerbside recycling box collection of paper, glass, cans and aerosols will continue as normal throughout. Anyone requiring more information can visit [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk) or call the Waste Hotline on 01285 623123."*

### **New history information boards**

Two new information boards were formally 'unveiled' in April at St John's Lock and The Trout Inn. Keith Williams, Lechlade History Society Historian and Archivist was responsible for the research and production of the boards, and the Society would like to thank him and the Environment Agency's encouragement and financial support. Thanks also go to Bob and Penny Warren (The Trout Inn) for their hospitality on the day and their generous support for this project.

### **Summer Walks Programme**

The popular weekly Summer Walks have returned on a Wednesday evening. Starting at 7pm the guided walks last approximately 2 hours. Look out for details on the main noticeboard. Most of the walks can be found in the Fairford and Lechlade Walks book, priced at £4.95, available from the Town Council office, The Post Office or Lechlade News.

### **New PCSOs**

We have two new Police Community Support Officers covering Lechlade, Fairford and the surrounding villages. Angela Ruskin and Lesley Pooley, join Daniel Sinclair and can be contacted via Fairford Police Station on 0845 090 1234. You can also contact them via email on [angela.ruskin@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:angela.ruskin@gloucestershire.police.uk) or [lesley.pooley@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:lesley.pooley@gloucestershire.police.uk)

### **Pimms 'n' Jazz**

Back for its third year - with thanks to Sherborne House - is the Mid Summer Pimms 'n' Jazz event on Friday 11 July from 7pm to 10pm, with the "new" Pimms 'n' Jazz band: Chris Croft and his Jazzmen. Tickets are now available at £12.50 each (to include a free drink and canapes). Contact Sharon Wilson for tickets and information: 01367 253346.