



# Lechlade-on-Thames

Twinned with  
La Chapelle des Fougeretz  
Town Council Newsletter  
July 2009



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## Welcome.....to the July issue of your newsletter

At the annual meeting of the Town Council held on 11 May, Cllr Christine Eatwell was elected Chairman, with Cllr Jaime Maskell elected as Vice-Chairman. Christine thanked the outgoing Chairman, Cllr Nigel Jones for carrying out his duties over the past three years and for steering the Council. Christine also thanked Cllr Bob Dover who had served as Vice Chairman for his wise counsel over a long period. David Mannall has decided to resign as he feels he has increasingly less time to devote to the role that he feels it deserved. The Council thanked David for his contribution over the past couple of years. The process for co-opting a replacement Councillor is underway.

The Town Council meets on every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm. Forthcoming dates are 13 July and 14 September 2009. The public are welcome to come along to these meetings. Please note there will be no meeting in August.

## Town Council Committees

To enhance efficiency, the sub-committees have been slightly restructured into six main areas: Planning; Finance; Communications; Highways; Environmental Works and Services; and Emergency Response and Flood Action. To focus on and move forward particular projects, working groups report to these committees. These groups cover Cycleways, Footbridge, Allotments, Play & Recreation and Christmas Lights. **Remember;** details of the Town Councillors along with Committee and Town Council minutes are available from the town website, as well as from the information folders held in the Library and Town Council office.

## Coln Park – Lakes by Yoo

Members of the Town Council have recently met with the developers and have suggested a public meeting would be beneficial to bring the town up to speed on issues concerning sewage discharge, footpaths and the recent planning applications. At the time of writing this newsletter a date had not been sent. **Look out for posters with details.**

## Lechlade & District Twinning – La Chapelle des Fougeretz

2009 marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our signing of the Twinning Charter with La Chapelle des Fourgeretz in France. In May, a celebration weekend in France was enjoyed by members of our Twinning Association. A full report of the weekend is in the current edition of The Bridge (June/July 2009). In addition, in June, Lechlade welcomed 45 children with 3 teachers and a few parents from La Chapelle, all hosted by families within Lechlade. The return visit from Lechlade to La Chapelle included some 20 children and 3 teachers, from St Lawrence School. Everyone had a fabulous time. Thank you to the Lechlade “hosting” families.

## Litter Pick-Up

Once again, thank you to the volunteers who took part in the annual Litter Pick up on 13 June, with over 20 black bin bags being filled with rubbish. Thanks also to CDC for supplying the refuse sacks, litter-picking tools, etc. as well as thanks to the Environmental Agency and Peter Payne (St John's Lock) for organising the disposal of the refuse. Our appreciation goes to Cllr Sue Coakley for her co-ordination of this event again.

## Play Space Consultation

Thank you to everyone who attended the Open Event on 20 May to view proposed plans for the area. The event, along with a separate event at the School earlier in the week, attracted some 65 adults and even a Brownie Pack, came to give their opinions – thank you. Visitors were invited to put “sticky notes” on what they liked – and more importantly what they didn't like. This has now enabled the plans to be moved to a final stage, which will be available to view later in the summer.

## Flood Prevention.....sand and bags....

have been delivered to Downington. Residents who applied for bags are welcome to fill them and take them home, if they have not already done so. Special thanks go to Briony Roberts for helping with arrangements. For more information, please contact Sue Coakley on **01367 253306**.

## TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE CONTACT

### DETAILS:

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### OFFICE HOURS

The TC Office is (usually) open to the public every weekday, Monday to Friday from 9.15am to 12.15pm.

### HALL BOOKINGS

Telephone 01367 253325

[bookings@lechladeonthames.co.uk](mailto:bookings@lechladeonthames.co.uk)

Visit the town website for more local information:  
[www.lechladeonthames.co.uk](http://www.lechladeonthames.co.uk)

### **Flag Festival – 28 May to 3 September 2009**

You will all be aware of the flags flying throughout the town. Thanks go to Mike Cawsey again, for organising this annual event as well as thanks to all those who are flying flags, creating a festive look of the town throughout the summer months. Special thanks go to the Lechlade & District Lions for their support and assistance in putting up the flags. Please could all householders and business owners remember to check their flag/tree holders as you are responsible for their safety. If you have a holder and would be interested in displaying a flag, please contact Mike on **01367 252401**.

### **Calor Gloucestershire Village of the Year Competition 2009** *(for communities with less than 5000 population)*

The TC submitted an application in May and Lechlade has been short-listed. By the time you read this, the judges would have visited us! There are five different categories covering young people, economic development, healthier communities, natural and built environments, and safety – with a winner for each category and an overall winner. Results will be known later in July!

### **Flower Tubs**

The Town Council would like to thank Barbara McNaught for her tireless efforts in keeping our Town Centre flower tubs in bloom over the last 10 years! Barbara is “retiring” from this voluntary position ...so could you help? If you would be willing to be part of a team to spend a few hours looking after and planting up the tubs throughout the seasons, then your Council needs you! Please contact the Clerk on **01367 252338** if you would like to help in any, even small, way. PS: Barbara has produced fantastic notes on how to keep the tubs in bloom all year!

### **Two Summer Events for our children and young people.....**

On Sunday 2 August (1pm-3pm) there will be a **Scratch N Sk8** session for ages 8+, involving MC'ing and skateboard coaching at the Recreation Field. Following the success of last year, **Summer Funtastic** returns to Lechlade on Saturday 22 August (2pm-5pm) for all young people and children. At the Recreation Field, activities will include MC'ing, DJ'ing, African Drumming, Model making, arts and crafts, henna tattoos, jewellery making, circus skills and much, much more. **Look out for posters with more details.**

### **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**

We have been asked to inform residents of the following concerning an incident in the South Cotswolds: “Have you seen a small van with a logo on the side? Can you throw any light on the possible owners? The van's logo appears to have a fish on a platter with the images of two chefs on either side; the fish is described as a dark blue/green in colour and the platter or oval surrounding it is burgundy in colour. The two chefs are in black and white hats with frilly bits on the top.” If you have any information, please contact Officer Bryan Griffiths at Stroud Tel 01452 335620. or [byran.griffiths@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:byran.griffiths@gloucestershire.police.uk) **REMEMBER the number for all non emergency incidents is 0845 090 1234. Without your call to the police, who knows what is happening?**

### **Christmas Lights - help**

Would you like to help the Lights Committee? You don't need to be a fully-fledged member ...especially if you don't like meetings. Could you help at events? If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Christine Eatwell on **01367 2520955**.

### **League of Friends of Fairford Hospital**

The annual house-to-house collection to support the work of the League of Friends of Fairford Hospital has raised more than £30,000. Collectors in Fairford, Lechlade and Kempsford and the surrounding villages have been thanked for helping to raise “this magnificent sum.” As well as supporting the hospital building itself, the League is continuing to provide a number of community services, including many that allow people to be treated at home. Since new X-ray facilities were introduced, courtesy of the League of Friends' donation, the hospital has been attracting a growing number of clinics.

### **The Cotswold Canal Trust.....**

is the Regional winner of a Thames Heritage Trust Annual Award 2008. This was announced at the Awards Ceremony at the recent River Thames Society AGM in Henley and the CCT will receive a certificate and cheque for £250. CONGRATULATIONS!

### **Cotswold Tree Project**

The Cotswold Tree Council's Tree Warden Scheme has launched an inter-parish competition to identify the most noteworthy tree and tree-related activities in the district. There are over 20 different categories including “tree with most interesting history”, “most fruit-laden tree”, “rarest tree” and “most oddly shaped tree”. Entries should be supported by photo, measurements, and description as appropriate. To find out more about the categories and the competition, please contact the Clerk on **01367 252338**.

**Remember** if you have any photos of Lechlade that you would like to see on our website, contact Cllr Sharon Wilson on **01367 253346** or email: [swilson@lechladeonthames.co.uk](mailto:swilson@lechladeonthames.co.uk)