



# Lechlade-on-Thames

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

Lechlade Town Council wishes all its residents a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

The Town Council meets on every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm. The next meeting is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010. All residents are welcome to come along to these meetings. Contact details for the town councillors are available on the website: [www.lechladeonthames.co.uk](http://www.lechladeonthames.co.uk).

## New office opening hours

The new opening hours for the public to visit the Town Clerk's office are working well. Residents are getting a faster response to quick queries and more detailed consideration is being given to more complex matters and the staff are able to complete their day-to-day work without interruption after the office is closed.

## Christmas Lights Success!

The annual switching on of the lights was a hugely successful event with excellent support from the community despite the cold and wet! Our thanks to all who made the event such a success – Lechlade and District Lions, Lechlade and District Society, Mrs Cotter, The Crown and Halfpenny Brewery, Lakes by Yoo, Andy Fidler, Lechlade Players, the Mack family, N Gould, Nick Sandhu, SL Transport UK Ltd, J Ali, Luke Skywalker Costumes, Londis, the Christmas Shop, St Lawrence Church and of course St Lawrence Primary School's teachers and children. Our thanks also to the Christmas Lights Committee – Chris Eatwell, Pat Mason, Freda Shrouder, Jaime Maskell, Jennie Rainsford and Sharon Wilson. If anyone would like to help organise next year's event please contact Chris Eatwell who would be very pleased to welcome your support.

## Emergency Response and Flood Action

The Town Council sponsored a Red Cross First Aid Training course for volunteers. This was very successful with all those who attended reporting that they felt better equipped and more confident to deal with emergencies as a result of the training. The Emergency Response Team were called out after a road traffic accident ruptured the gas main causing residents in The Wern and Downington to be evacuated from their homes. The Place of Safety was up and running within 20 minutes of the initial call. Our thanks to everyone in the community who helped with this.

## Lechlade Play Space - coming to Lechlade Memorial Field Spring 2010

Over the past year the Play space team, which includes Councillors and local parents have carried out extensive consultation with over 300 youngsters, obtained quotes from leading playground installers, locally sourced trees and oak seating, have held three public consultations and finally agreed on the design.

The Play Space installation will begin in January with completion by March 2010, ready for lots of use as the days get longer and weather improves. The equipment includes a dish roundabout, springy crocodile, toddler zone, pole spinner, triple bars, swings for teens & toddlers, seesaw, space net, nest swing, springboard, hill slide, teen active zone and a 30m zip wire, plus plenty of mounds, balancing logs and rocks to clamber on and play around.

We believe this will enhance the lives of our children and the wider community so a lot of care and attention has gone into involving the local young people, community organisations, together with other specialists in the field to ensure that it will be well used, maintained and any likelihood of vandalism greatly reduced. Special attention has been given to providing equipment suitable for all ages and abilities including the use of natural & imaginative play and the provision of a place to sit and relax.

Many late nights have been consumed in applying for funds from local and national organisations, to date we have secured over 90% of the projects £85K costs. In order to bridge the final gap we are inviting residents, businesses and local organisations to sponsor or make a donation towards the cost of trees, benches and equipment. Further details and sponsorship forms (including pictures of the scheme) are available from the Town Clerk or via e-mail [clerk@lechladeonthames.co.uk](mailto:clerk@lechladeonthames.co.uk) and there is the option to Gift Aid your donation courtesy of the Lechlade and Development Heritage Trust.

We would welcome your offers of support by post, phone or e-mail to the Town Clerk by the end of January 2010.

## TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS:

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## OFFICE OPENING HOURS

**Monday to Friday**

**9.30-10.30am:** brief enquiries and facility bookings.

**10.45-11.45am:** appointments only

## HALL BOOKINGS

Telephone 01367 253325

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

Visit the town website for more information:  
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