



Lechlade-on-Thames

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Town Council Newsletter
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Welcome to the July issue of your newsletter.....

The Town Council meets on every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm. The next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Monday 12th July 2010. Please note the Council does not meet in August, the following meeting will be on Monday 13th September. All residents are welcome to come along to these meetings. Contact details for all Town Councillors are available on the website: www.lechladeonthames.co.uk.

Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting was held on 26th May. Copies of the Annual Report are available on the website or from the Town Council office. Thank you to all those who attended.

Lechlade's Flag Festival – June to August 2010

The flag festival is under way with flags representing local clubs, societies and businesses proudly displayed in the centre of town. Thank you to everyone who is supporting the festival.

Lechlade-on-Thames Website:

Please help us to keep our website www.lechladeonthames.co.uk up-to-date. We need all Clubs, Societies, Shops and Businesses to check their entries and let us know of any amendments? New entries are also welcome. To update or add your entries please email markmidwood@hotmail.com. Don't forget, you can advertise your local event or activity in the **forthcoming events** section of the Lechlade website by simply clicking on 'submit an event', fill in your details and press 'submit'.

Lechlade has a new Facebook page. Join our group at "Lechlade – A Great Place To Be!" and let us know your views.

Annual Litter pick - 5th June

Thank you to everyone who took part in the annual litter pick. In just a few hours we collected almost 20 bags of litter. There was a significant amount of litter and empty boxes along the south side of St Johns Street where the recycling bins used to be. May we remind people that the recycling area has moved to the lay-by on the north side of St Johns Street.

Bag it, tie it, bin it

Please can we remind all dog owners that it is their responsibility to **pick up after their dog and to put the bag into an appropriate bin**. We provide dog bins throughout the town, alternatively you can take the bag home and put it in your grey bin. Please do not leave the bag behind as this is almost as unpleasant as you not picking up at all. It is an offence under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 to not to clear up after your dog if it fouls a public place. If the dog mess is not disposed of properly then officers at Cotswold District Council can issue a fixed penalty notice for £75 or refer the matter for prosecution in the courts where the fine could be up to £1000.

Summer evening walks – Wednesdays through June, July and August starting at 7 pm

A series of walks in and around Lechlade are run on every Wednesday evening throughout the summer. Starting outside Barclay's Bank at 7 pm the walks range from 1 ½ to 2 hours depending on daylight and the average walking speed of the group. Please note that sensible shoes and long trousers are recommended as we will walk across rough ground. Climbing over stiles is also likely to be required on most walks. Well behaved dogs are welcome, but may need to be lifted over some of the less dog friendly stiles. **Contact: Councillor Sue Coakley 01367 253306**

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OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday

9.30-10.30am: brief enquiries

10.45-11.45am: appointments only

HALL BOOKINGS

Telephone 01367 253325

bookings@lechladeonthames.co.uk

Visit the town website for more information:
www.lechladeonthames.co.uk

First Farmers Market 17th June

The first Farmers Market was a huge success attracting new visitors as well as local residents to buy locally sourced produce direct from the farmer. The next market is on 15th July.

Please note that the Market Place will be closed to traffic from 6am on the third Thursday of each month in future.

Does your hedge need trimming?

Please consider the safety of those walking or cycling past your property by making sure that your hedge or tree does not overhang or obstruct the path in a way that could cause problems to others. The simple rule of thumb is that a double buggy should be able to get along the path without difficulty. Please check the boundaries of your property and cut back any overhanging branches / hedges as soon as the birds have finished nesting. If you only cut back the hedge once a year then please ensure that you make sufficient allowance for re growth so that the path is not obstructed in the next 12 months.

Lechlade volunteers to be trained in waterway clearance

The Emergency Response and Flood action Committee is working with the Environment Agency (EA) to arrange for volunteers to have training in how to clear local waterways. The idea is to enable volunteers to supplement the existing schedule of clearance by the EA so that waterways such as the Downington Ditch can be cleared twice each year (once by the EA and once by volunteers). Appropriate tools and safety equipment will be provided by the Town Council along with strict safety guidelines so that the work can be undertaken safely and effectively. The training will take place at the beginning of September - exact timing is still to be confirmed, but it will be over a weekend so that as many people as possible can take part. **For more information, contact Councillor Sue Coakley 01367 253306.**

Lechlade's first Food and Drink Festival

The Fairford and Lechlade Business Club's Food and Drink Festival in the Market Place on Sunday 2nd May was a huge success despite the cold weather. Thank you to everyone who took part and to those who braved the cold weather to support the event.

Friends of Fairford Hospital

People living in Fairford, Lechlade and Kempsford and surrounding villages have contributed more than £17,000 to health care in the area. The money was collected by the League of Friends of Fairford Hospital in its annual house-to-house appeal. In addition, another £2,325 was contributed by way of standing orders. "We are really most grateful to everyone who helped in raising this excellent sum," said League chairman David Phillips. In recent years, the League has provided more services in the community such as home nursing, physiotherapy, transport, counselling and terminal and respite care.

Refuse and garden waste - lid closed policy

In order to protect the collection crews' safety when placing bins on the vehicle lifting equipment SITA will only collect District Council issued grey wheeled bin or green garden waste bin with the **lid closed**. If you can't fit everything into the bin **and close the lid** then you will need to buy authorised bags to leave out next to your bins or take the excess refuse or garden waste to your nearest Household Recycling Centre (tip). The beige coloured refuse bags or garden waste sacks cost £1 each and are sold in rolls of 10 or 25 at the District Council's offices in Trinity Road, Cirencester. Additional recycling boxes, cardboard sacks and kitchen caddies can be collected from the District Council Offices.

Please use the non emergency number to report all incidents 0845 090 1234

The local Community Support Police Officers continue to ask residents to help them by calling the non emergency number **0845 090 1234** to report **all** incidents. If something happens that upsets or worries you then please report it straight away – don't wait for it to become a real nuisance before doing anything to stop it. The Community Support Officers won't come out straight away, but they will use your information to build up a picture of local incidents and to adjust their patrols accordingly. We are very lucky to live in a relatively low crime area and we want to keep it that way by responding pro actively to any potential problems and nipping them in the bud.