



# Lechlade-on-Thames

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Town Council Newsletter  
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## Welcome to the March 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 8<sup>th</sup> March 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).

## Our thanks to outgoing Councillors

We are very grateful for the contribution made by Sharon Wilson and Paul Adey who have resigned from the Town Council recently. We were delighted that Sharon came along to cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony of the Play Space a project to which she had made such a sterling contribution.

## Also to the outgoing Clerk's Assistant...

We'd also like to record our thanks to Linda Kent who has resigned from her post as Clerk's Assistant to concentrate on her own administration business.

## And welcome to new Councillors

We are delighted to welcome two new councillors Steve Trotter and David Murphy.

## Play Space Opens!

The Play Space was officially opened on 13<sup>th</sup> February and local families are already enjoying this wonderful new facility. The project received national, county and district funding as well as £10,000 from the Town Council and many generous donations from local people. We are very grateful to the Play Space Committee of Neil James, Sharon Wilson, Chris Eatwell and Julia McLellan who worked so very hard to make this project such a great success.

## Please clear up after your dog

Dog fouling on Lechlade footpaths and verges has increased lately and whilst most of us love dogs none of us like to step in dog mess. Would all dog owners please ensure that if their dog does foul the footpath that they pick it up and either takes it home or dispose of it in the bins provided. The Town Council would also like to remind everyone that all dogs must be kept on a lead whilst on the Playing Fields by the Memorial Hall and again all fouling by dogs must be cleared from the playing fields and disposed of by the owner. We understand that it is only a very small minority of dog owners that allow their dogs to foul public areas and we would like to thank all of the responsible dog owners who already clear up after their dog for their responsible and considerate actions.

## Farmers Market

The first Farmers Market is scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> April in the Market Place. The market is organised by Made in Stroud who have a lot of experience of managing this type of event. Several local farmers will have stalls. This will mean that the Market Place will be closed to traffic from 6am until the market closes on the third Thursday of each month in future. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but believe that this will be far outweighed by the advantages to the town.

## Lechlade's 800<sup>th</sup> Charter Market Anniversary

The Lechlade and Fairford Business Club are co-ordinating this event so please contact Tim Small if you would like to be involved. Events include Food and Drink Awards, the new History Society information board outside Barclays Bank and of course the new Farmers Market (see above).

## League of Friends of Fairford Hospital

Olympic swimming star Sharon Davies has agreed to become Patron of the League of Friends of Fairford Hospital. In announcing that Sharon had agreed to be the League's Patron, chairman David Phillips said: "I am delighted that such a well-known sporting and television personality, tireless charity worker and prominent Fairford resident wishes to become associated with the important work that the League does in the community."

## 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:

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

**Memorial Hall Trustees kick off project to replace All Weather Pitch surface**

The Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground Trustees have applied to the Football Foundation for a grant to replace the surface of the All Weather Pitch which is badly worn having been well used by 5 a side teams and local youngsters over the last 17 years. The surface will need to be stripped back to the original asphalt, re-sanded and a new underlay and carpet laid. Together with repairs of the surrounding boards this is likely to cost in the region of £30,000. Local fundraising has already secured nearly £4,000 including a donation of £1,000 from Sweet Fuels and a pledge of £500 from the Lions. The Town Council and the Lechlade Heritage and Development Trust are working with the Trustees to help identify other sources of funding. If you would like to help with local fundraising for this community project please contact Sue Coakley on 01367 253306.

**Wessex Male Choir**

The Wessex Male Choir are celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2010 and would like to boost their number of choristers to 100. Currently the choir have over 65 choristers of various ages. The choir is well known in the Swindon and surrounding areas performing a variety of music in concerts for charities. They have recently passed the £60,000 mark for Parkinsons and will continue raising funds for that and other charities throughout the year. Because of their popularity their events now stretch up to 2012 but they hope to be performing in Fairford in November 2011 for the British Heart Foundation, during Children in Need week. If you are a male aged 18yrs and over and would like to join them please look at their website [www.wessexmalechoir.co.uk](http://www.wessexmalechoir.co.uk). Their events in 2010 are as follows:

- 20th March All Saints, Faringdon; 16 - 18th April Tour of Devon; 8th May Reading;
- June date to be fixed St Sampsons, Cricklade; 6th July Holyrood, Swindon;
- 9th October St Andrews, Chippenham; 13th November St Johns, Cirencester

**Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust appoint new warden**

The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust have used funding from the Aggregates Levy to pay for a full time warden for the 4 nature reserves around Lechlade (Richardson Amey, Horseshoe Lake, Whelford Pools and Bryworth Lane). The new warden, Steve Edmonds, is keen to involve the local community in the practical work of clearing scrub, coppicing reed cutting etc. If you'd like to learn more about this work please contact Steve on 07771 846696 or [steve.edmonds@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk](mailto:steve.edmonds@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk)

\*\*\*\*\*Cut out and keep\*\*\*\*\*

**Don't be afraid to clear snow from your homes and businesses as long as you improve the situation**

Local Government Legal Advice is that *"The position of an ordinary person who clears snow from outside their own or someone else's property is that they would only be liable for an accident if (a) their efforts actually made the pavement less safe than it was with the snow and ice undisturbed (b) they should have foreseen the likelihood of someone being injured as a result (c) someone actually gets injured (d) the injury is the result of their efforts and (e) the person injured decides to sue them. In most cases people will be improving the situation, we would have thought, in which case no liability could arise."* Tips include not using hot water, using a shovel with the widest blade available and spreading some ordinary table salt on the area cleared to prevent any ice forming.