



Lechlade-on-Thames

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

The Town Council meets on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm. The next meeting is the Town Council AGM at 7.30 pm on Monday 10th May 2010. 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 Parish Meeting - 26th May

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 26th May at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. All are welcome and we would be delighted to see you there. This is your opportunity to hear what the Town Council has been doing over the past 12 months and to ask us any questions that you may have.

New Town Councillor

Welcome to Jim Ludlow who was recently co-opted onto the Town Council. Jim will attend his first meeting as a councillor in May.

Lechlade Play Space Committee

Our thanks to Julia McLellan for her involvement in the project and apologies for missing her out in the last newsletter.

Lechlade's Flag Festival – June to August 2010

The flag festival will run again from the beginning of June through to the end of August 2010. Ideally we will have flags representing all of the clubs and societies as well as the many businesses that operate in Lechlade. Please contact the Festival Co-ordinator **Councillor Sue Coakley on 01367 253306** if you would like to take part.

Lechlade's 800th Charter Market Anniversary

2010 sees the first Food & Drink Festival for the Cotswold towns of Fairford & Lechlade, organised by the Fairford and Lechlade Business Club. Events include a Food and Drink Festival in the Market Place on Sunday 2nd May. Local celebrity, Kate Moss, will make a guest appearance at the market in Lechlade on 2nd May.

The May Bank holiday weekend marks the 800th anniversary of the Market charter, granted by King John on 1st May 1210. **Please note:** The Market Place will be closed from midnight on 1st May to enable the stalls to be set up.

Lechlade-on-Thames Website

Please can all Clubs, Societies, Shops and Businesses check their entries on the website. www.lechladeonthames.co.uk. To update or add your entries please email markmidwood@hotmail.com. We also welcome new entries. 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', just fill in your details and press 'submit'. Lechlade has a new Facebook page. Join us at "Lechlade – A Great Place To Be!" and let us know your views.

Annual Litter pick - 5th June

Please come along and join the team who help to clean up our town by picking up litter. Pickers, gloves and bags are all provided. We meet at 10 am in the Memorial Hall car park and pick for as long as individuals wish – some only pick for an hour others keep at it all morning – it all helps. Each person, or group of people, is allocated an area of the town to clear so that between us we cover as much of the town as possible. If you can't help out on Saturday then give me a ring and I'll arrange to let you have pickers, bags etc to clear an area of town on a more convenient day. **Contact Councillor Sue Coakley 01367 253306.**

Farmers Market delayed until 17th June

The first Farmers Market has been put back until 15th June as the cold weather had severely limited the amount of produce available.

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

Bag it and bin it

Can we remind all dog owners that it is their responsibility not only to pick up after their dog, but also 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 it up at all.

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS:

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Lechlade-On-Thames, Glos.GL7 3AY.

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

Green bins are for food and garden waste only – please don't line your bins with plastic bags

Please use newspaper or the compostible bags available from local shops to line your green bins. If the bins contain plastic then they may not be emptied. The contents are limited to food and garden waste only so that they can be recycled as compost.

Help reduce fly tipping by checking that your contractor has a valid licence

If you are considering employing someone to carry out **any** improvements for you which involve taking **any** item of waste away from your property, such as soil, stones, hedge trimmings, a fridge, sofa or bathroom suite etc. you should ask to see their waste carriers licence before employing them. You can also look them up on the environment agency website by typing the following address into your browser:

<http://www2.environment-agency.gov.uk/epr/search.asp?id=EP8&&type=register>.

If they cannot be found on this website then it is highly unlikely that they plan to dispose of your waste legally. Naturally we would urge you to employ a more responsible contractor.

Potholes – please report dangerous potholes to Highways at GCC – 08000 514 514

GCC's Highways Department are fixing the potholes as quickly as they can. But the significant damage caused to the roads by the severe winter weather has meant that despite spending an additional £5 million on road repairs only the highest priority works have been completed to date. The Highways Department are asking for your help in identifying any dangerous potholes that have not yet been repaired. Please report the pothole by telephoning **08000 514 514** or log onto their website **www.gloucestershire.gov.uk** and report the problem online.

Friends of Fairford Hospital AGM 12th May 7.30 pm Fairford Hospital & open gardens in Hatherop May 9th

The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital is holding its AGM on Wednesday 12th May at Fairford Hospital at 7.30pm.

Lovers of other people's gardens have a treat in store in May when the League of Friends of Fairford Hospital launches an open gardens scheme. The Old Rectory will head a list of gardens in Hatherop, which will be opened to raise much-needed funds for the League's work in the community. The date for the event is Sunday, May 9, when visitors will also be able to enjoy home-made teas, buy plants for their own gardens or patronise a bring-and-buy marmalade stall. Offers of plants or cakes for sale at the event will be welcome. There will be an entrance charge of £3 for visitors.

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

A series of walks in and around Lechlade will again be run on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. Starting outside Barclays Bank at 7 pm on Wednesday evenings the walks range from 1 ½ to 2 hours depending on daylight and the average walking speed of the group. Over the summer we take in as many of the local footpaths as possible helping to keep these paths open for all to enjoy. 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**

Cotswold Water Park takes over the Riverside Car Park and the east bank of the Thames

Cotswold Water Park has officially taken over the management of the Riverside car park and the East bank of the Thames from Swindon Borough Council. They have introduced car park charges and will also be operating a food concession as well as organising summer events on the riverbank. All of these activities are aimed at raising income to pay for the building of new public toilets to replace the existing block which has been severely vandalised, to increase litter picking and to invest in conservation activities along the river.

Although the Town Council are prevented from investing money or resources in this area, as it is outside the boundary of the town, we are endeavouring to work closely with the Water Park Society to ensure that the interests of the Lechlade community are taken into account when they are making changes.

The Environment Agency are also closely involved and they have recently arranged for the redundant signpost on the St John's side of the bridge to be removed as this was attracting bags of dog mess and other litter.

The Town Council have arranged for a dog bin to be put on the Lechlade side of the bridge to try to encourage people not to leave poo bags by the riverside (see bag and bin it feature above).

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

The local Community Support Police Officers have again appealed to all residents to use the non emergency number **0845 090 1234** to report **all** incidents. This is a 24-hour telephone number provided by Gloucestershire Police Force to deal with non-emergency crime, community safety and anti-social behaviour issues.

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 Police Officers won't necessarily 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 proactively to any potential problems and nipping them in the bud.