

Celebrations **TOM PAINE 200**

The Thetford Society Thomas Paine 200th Anniversary Celebration Committee



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To: Interested Companies and Volunteer Organisations

Thomas Paine Celebrations 2009

As you may be aware this is the 200th anniversary of the death of Thomas Paine, the author of *The Rights of Man* who also was involved in America's declaration of Independence and also the French Revolution. He was born in Thetford and a statue of him is in front of King's House, Thetford. The Thetford Society along with many helpers are putting on a series of events to celebrate the anniversary which includes a two day event in June (Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th) where various enactments will take place and a full program for each day is being prepared. As part of this the organisers are proposing a time race using a form of transport of circa 18th Century i.e. a Sedan Chair. This will take place in the afternoon of Sunday 7th June.

The Thomas Paine celebrations committee would like as many volunteers as possible to make this part of the event a success. You are therefore cordially invited to join in the events and enter a team. This would involve construction of a simple "Sedan Chair", carried by either two or four man crew, to your design and entering a team of three or five, one being a lady (or small person), minimum weight 7stone, to be the passenger. The race will be over a 60 to 80-metre course. An entry form is shown below and should be returned to me by the 28th March 2009.

Thank you for your help, it is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely
Dennis Sully
Sedan Chair Organiser



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Name: Company/Volunteer Group/Individuals: _____

Names of participants (*if known at this stage*): _____

The above company/organisation wish to take part in the forthcoming Sedan Chair race/trial being held on Sunday 7th June. We agree to construct a sturdy "Sedan Chair" and will supply the necessary personnel required. We would like to be known as:

Signed: _____ (Print name): _____

On behalf of: _____ Date: _____