



## CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

### *Carterton Town Crier*

A series of newsletters which aim to keep residents in touch. Please let us have your views and comments. Contact details are given below.

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In May, I was re-elected for a second term as Mayor of Carterton. It is an important position in this time of great change for the town. Repatriation of fallen servicemen and women is, I know, a very emotive subject, but please be assured that many people are working behind the scenes to ensure that each event will be a solemn and dignified occasion. A new memorial garden is under construction and will provide a safe space where people can gather to pay their respects. I am sure that many of you will wish to join those who will come from further afield, to show respect for men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice. You will find more details about repatriations below.



**Norman MacRae MBE**

### **Morrison's is coming to Carterton!**



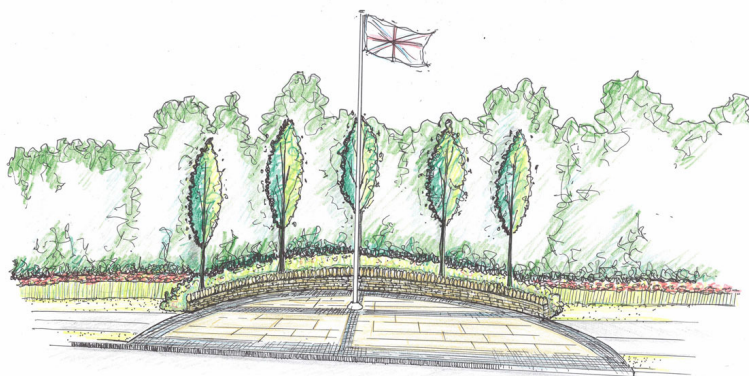
The good news that Morrison's has bought the old market site in the town centre was announced at the Town Assembly on May 24th. While our hopes have been raised and dashed before, we feel there are more grounds for optimism this time, as the supermarket has actually bought the land and we understand it is keen to develop a store as soon as possible.

The Town Centre Working Group has been reconvened to work with the District Planning Department, to consider how the site should be developed. While we need to be realistic about the scope for additional retail units in the current financial climate, we feel it is important to develop a vision for further stages of development when the opportunity arises.

### **Practical online information on Brize Norton Repatriations**

Partner organisations have published a new web page that will act as a practical one-stop shop for information on repatriations when they move to RAF Brize Norton from RAF Lyneham in September. It is expected that people will wish to gather and pay their respects along the route from RAF Brize Norton to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford so a Memorial Garden is being built at Norton Way to act as a focal point for people to pay their respects. At the centre of the garden will be a flag pole where the Union Flag from Royal Wootton Bassett will be flown on the days repatriations take place. The flag will be transported to the Memorial Garden on September 1 and a special handover ceremony, open to the public, will take place starting at 10.30 am. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Defence has created a new repatriations centre on RAF Brize Norton and re-named the exit gate adjacent to the centre 'Britannia Gate' - which is being refurbished. The cortege will exit the base from this gate.

From September onwards a new web page at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/repatriations](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/repatriations) will display dates and times when repatriations are due at RAF Brize Norton and due to pass the Norton Way Memorial Garden. The web page also gives information about the Sports Pavilion which will house toilet facilities and light refreshments. Car parking arrangements on repatriation days is a prominent part of the web page along with maps of the cortege route.



## CARTERTON JOB SEARCH

Since its launch in May, the Club has held (at the time of writing in July) five sessions with an average of around 15 clients each session. In addition there was a 'Special Edition' in June which was arranged for the Prime Minister to visit. He was impressed with what he saw.

The people who have attended say they appreciate the informal, welcoming atmosphere, where they can browse newspapers and job folders for the latest vacancies, and also get professional one to one advice from a Next Steps Adviser, a WODC benefits officer and a volunteer who is an expert

in writing CVs, along with staff from Witney Job Centre. They can also have direct contact with local employers who attend on a regular basis. If you run a business and are looking to recruit staff, you would be very welcome to attend.

Sessions are held every other Thursday at the Town Hall from 9.30 – 11.00am. There will not be a session on September 1st, but they will run on September 15th, September 29th, October 13th, October 27th, November 10th, November 24th, and December 8th. Sessions on December 22nd and January 5th 2012 are subject to confirmation. We are looking for volunteers to oversee the organisation of the club. For any further information, please contact Catherine Chater on 01993 842156 [cchater@carterton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:cchater@carterton-tc.gov.uk)

## Forthcoming Events

- **Sunday 18 September, 10.30 a.m. at St John's Church—Civic Service & RAF Battle of Britain Parade**
- **Saturday 1 October: Craft Fair & Local Photo Exhibition—10am – 4pm at Community Centre. Free Entry**
- **Saturday 22 October: Barn Dance with Hot supper in aid of Help for Heroes—Doors open : 7.30pm at Community Centre. Dancing to Grandma's Yo-Yo Barn Dance Band, caller Don Rouse. Tickets £15. Tel 01993 842807.**
- **Sunday 6 November, 4.00 p.m. at St John's Church—All Souls Service for those who are bereaved.**
- **Sunday 13 November, 9.45 a.m. at St John's Church—Remembrance Service**
- **Saturday 26 November: Christmas Fayre—10am – 4pm at Carterton Community Centre. Free Entry. Annual Fayre with a variety of stalls—plenty of great gift ideas for Christmas!! Cafe will be open. Tel 842807.**
- **Friday 2 December, 6.00 p.m.—Switch on of Christmas Lights and Street Fair. Also 'Open Church' at St. John's with hot drinks and children's activities during the evening.**
- **Sunday 18 December, 5.30 p.m.—Christingle Service at St. John's Church**
- **Wednesday 21 December, 7.00 p.m.—Carol Service at St John's Church**
- **Christmas Eve, 5.30 p.m.—Children's Nativity Play at St John's Church & Midnight Communion at 11.30 p.m.**

## Council Tax scam warning



Residents are urged not to give out personal information following reports of scam phone calls and e-mails in our district offering either refunds of overpaid Council Tax or asking for payment of an underpaid bill. If you are unsure about the validity of a call or e-mail, please contact West Oxfordshire District Council on 01993 861040 or online at [www.westoxon.gov.uk/online](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/online) before giving out any information.

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Clr Mrs N J Miah	Rock Farm	358785
Clr P Scott	Upavon	845338
Clr Mrs L Walcott	Gateway	842156
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### County Councillors:

Clr Jim Couchman & Clr Peter Handley

## Work starts soon on a new Aldi Store

You may have noticed that Aldi has begun preparatory work on the site opposite the Town Hall. Aldi's head office has confirmed that the new store will open next year. Unconfirmed reports are that the building work will start in the autumn and take about 20 weeks.

