



Over the summer months, the Council arranged a number of competitions and events for all age groups. Youngsters were very well represented at our Xtreme Wheels Day, our Dance Day and the swimming gala. Older residents enjoyed a Memory Lane coffee morning which produced lots of useful material for our ever growing archive. We also had our usual garden and allotments competitions. The summer saw the completion of the Carterton Town Centre Retail Survey and the award of a grant which will allow us to set up a Cinema Club in the town. More details on both of these can be found over the page. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Christmas Fayre in Alvescot Road on 26 November.

Cllr Brian Crossland, Town Mayor



'We Want More to Do'

Although we are fortunate to have a large number of thriving clubs in the town, many young people say they want 'more to do'. With help from other groups, the Council organised an 'Xtreme Wheels' day at The Dell Skateboard Park over the summer holidays and a dance taster session aimed specifically at teenage girls. We are talking to a number of youngsters to see how they would like the town to develop. Many want to see a better range of shops in the town centre or more sporting facilities and events. Others just want somewhere dry and well lit where they can hang out with their friends. We aim to offer a wider choice, particularly for teenagers, and will shortly be conducting a survey to find out where your priorities lie. Do give us your views. The Council's funds are limited but once we know the priorities we will do our best to give youngsters 'more to do.'

WEST OXFORDSHIRE RETAIL PARK

Things are starting to happen on the retail park opposite the main gate to the base. The developers' agents tell us that we can look forward to businesses such as a garden centre, a DIY shop, a white goods store or a pet shop.
www.westoxonpark.co.uk

NORTH EAST CARTERTON

The Town Council understands the frustration of those moving onto the new development at the absence of shops and other facilities. We are doing all we can to get the developers and the District Council to start the local centre and the play area. Plans for both should be published before Christmas.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade will be held this year on Sunday 14th November at **9.45 a.m.** at St. John's Church and afterwards at the War Memorial next to the Town Hall.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & STREET FAYRE

The switching on of the Christmas Lights and Street Fayre will be held on Friday 26th November starting at 6.00 p.m. There will be a funfair, stalls and fireworks. Application forms are available at the Town Hall.

****Father Christmas will switch on the lights****

CARTERTON SQUASH CLUB

There is a thriving Squash Club in Swinbrook Road.
Telephone Gavin Powell on 01993 845220
for further details.

BEST DECORATED SHOPS AND HOUSES AT CHRISTMAS

Every Christmas we see many beautifully decorated houses and each year the Council runs a competition to decide on the best. The Town Mayor will judge the competition in mid-December and entry forms are available from the Town Hall. Please enter and let everybody appreciate the wonder of your handiwork. First Prize Winners receive a splendid trophy and a certificate.

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL 2004/2005

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All Town Councillors serve in a voluntary capacity. Councillors are not paid and do not receive any allowances for attending meetings.



BIRTHS DEATHS & MARRIAGES

The Registrar will be available at the Town Hall on Thursday mornings for the registration of births deaths and marriages. Please telephone 0845 1295900 to make an appointment.

WELCOME!



Are you new to Carterton?
Do you need information
about local services? If so,
we'd be happy to send you a
'Welcome Pack'. Telephone
842156 to request your copy.



The Cinema comes to Carterton!

Carterton Fast Forward has obtained grants from a number of organisations with which to purchase DVD equipment. This will be used to show films at various locations in the town and surrounding villages.

We have set up a cinema club but need more members of all ages to help choose the films to be shown, to organise the showings, and to be a part of the committee. If you'd like to help, please ring Tan Marchant at the Town Hall – 01993 842156.

CARTERTON TOWN CENTRE

Earlier this year, Carterton Fast Forward employed a consultant to produce a report on the potential for developing the centre of Carterton. Having consulted a wide range of retailers, the report concludes that 'the town has the potential to substantially improve its retail facilities to meet the increased population and employment opportunities'. The report goes on to say that leaving the site as it is is not an option as we will lose out to competing towns such as Witney. These findings do not come as a surprise to those of us living here but it is important that we have an independent assessment if we are to get the support of the District Council and other important partners. Any development of the town centre must take account of the views of residents and the Council is committed to carrying out a full public consultation exercise as soon as this is possible.

The **Carterton Heritage Project** is now well under way and comprises:

- A photographic archive of existing material
- Tape recording memories of long-term residents (their little bit of immortality!)
- A book of reminiscences.
- Creating a textile 'tapestry' of highlights of the town (by a group of school children and senior citizens)
- Recording historic buildings, with a view to producing a leaflet and video tape which can be used by tourists and schools and also to put together a walking tour of the town's historic development.

The long term aim is to set up a museum within the town to house all these treasures.