



Welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter. Our theme for this issue is new beginnings. Your Town Council together with others is working hard to make things happen and we are making progress. This newsletter tells you about our plans to develop the town centre, the new retail and community facilities on the NE Carterton development and about the West Oxon Business Park opposite the main gate of RAF Brize Norton. Our Community Cinema is another exciting development and one which I hope you will all support. If you have any queries about anything relating to the town, or hear any rumours that you want to check out, contact the Town Hall staff on the number below. You'd be surprised by how much they know! Many thanks to all those of you who donated money to our Tsunami appeal which raised £5,500 and who supported the Mayor's New Year Day walk which raised £1,300.

Brian Crossland, Town Mayor

North East Carterton Development – things are moving!

A two-hectare site next to the school has been set aside for a **local centre**. It will include seven shops with flats above, a children's nursery, a community building and an open space for community use. There will also be space for about 80 cars. The plans for this centre were displayed at St John's School during January to allow residents to comment on the proposals. The District Council Planning Committee will consider these proposals and, if they are content, construction should start on site towards the end of 2005 with a completion date of Autumn 2007. A copy of the design brief is kept at the Town Hall if you would like to see more details.

The Town Council has set up a group of people to start drawing up plans for the **Community Centre**. We hope that this can be a multi-use facility open to all the residents of Carterton. If you belong to an organisation that might want to use the facility and you would like to have a say in its design, please contact the Town Hall.

During May **play equipment** for toddlers, older children and teenagers will be installed on the semi-circular space immediately in front of St John's School. The Town and District Council have worked together to obtain equipment which is exciting and challenging and which we are sure children will enjoy.

The West Oxfordshire Business and Retail Park

You will have noticed the buildings that are going up opposite the main gate to RAF Brize Norton. This is a new business and retail park.

When it is complete there will be five retail units which might include non-food goods, DIY and/or gardening products and tools, furniture, carpets and floor coverings, electrical goods and motor vehicle accessories. There will also be two units for mixed office, industrial and warehouse use. The other units will be for business use which includes research and development, distribution and storage. You can find more information at www.westoxonpark.co.uk

Cinema arrives in town

Supported by the UK Film Council, the Town Council, Cotsway Housing and Oxfordshire Community Foundation

Films are showing on Wednesday 6 April and Thursday 28 April at the Football Club
Watch out for details on posters and on the website

Tickets cost £3.50 from the Town Hall or at the door



Developing Carterton Town Centre – Volunteer needed

Following a positive report from retail specialists, the Carterton Fast Forward Town Centre Development Group has been working on proposals to develop the town centre to provide more shops. This has involved discussions with key landowners, but the group is also anxious to involve the community in a number of ways. There will be an opportunity at the next Partnership Meeting (held on March 29th after the Town Assembly). We are also looking for a volunteer to take part in an intensive one day workshop to be held on May 16, led by community planning experts to produce a 'Concept Statement' which will form the basis for further wider consultation. You do not need to be an expert, just be interested, have an open mind and no financial involvement in the development. Contact Catherine Chater at the Town Hall (tel 01993 842156) for further details.

OCTABUS Dial-a-Ride is a door-to-door service for those who are unable to use or find it difficult to use public transport. The drivers are able to assist wheelchair users and those with mobility problems and can take you to the shops, medical appointments, clubs and social centres and to visit friends and relative.

The service operates in the Carterton and Witney Areas every **Monday**. There is an annual membership fee of £5 and fares are £2 for a single journey or £4 return. **Call 01865 744478 for further information.**

St George's Day
The pictures for the colouring competition have been distributed via the schools. Further copies can be obtained from the Town Hall.
Do enter, there are prizes to be won!

CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2004/2005

Sixteen Councillors serve on Carterton Town Council representing five different wards. Councillors serve for four years and the last elections were held in May 2003. Councillors receive no payment for serving on the Town Council. The net budget for 2005/06 is £243,350, which is an increase of just over 3% on the previous year.

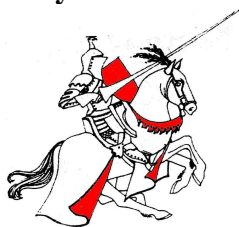
For 2005/06 the cost of the Carterton Fast Forward (CFF) Project has been shown as a separate line in the accounts. The CFF Project is supported financially by money from the Countryside Agency, Lottery funds, the District Council and other sources. Projects include the redevelopment of the town centre, preserving the heritage of the town and establishing a community cinema.

Some £110,000 has been allocated to recreation payments in the forthcoming year. This includes the maintenance of Alvescot and Swinbrook Road Recreation Grounds, Willow Meadows and The Dell, cutting the grass on highway verges and amenity areas, maintaining play areas including the new play area by the school on the Northeast Carterton development, and the skateboard park. This budget also funds the town centre planting and the Christmas lights.

Further details of the work of the Council, together with copies of our Annual Report, can be found on our website www.carterton-tc.gov.uk or from the Town Hall, Alvescot Road, Carterton, OX18 3JL. Tel 01993 842156.

2004/05				2005/06		
Expenditure	Income	Rates	Services	Expenditure	Income	Rates
20890	10500	10390	Town Hall	21650	11000	10650
159950	25000	134950	General Admin	122600	2000	120600
0	0	0	Carterton Fast Forward	53000	25000	28000
106600	9900	96700	Recreation	109900	9800	100100
6800	5000	1800	Cemeteries	4000	6000	-2000
		-16000	Interest			-14000
294240	50400	227840	Total	311150	53800	243350

ST. GEORGE' S DAY DINNER Saturday 23rd APRIL 2005



This Charity Dinner will be held in Greens Restaurant, Downs Road, Witney at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are available from the Town Hall. Price £27. Proceeds to the British Heart Foundation and the Carers Centre.

VILLAGE HALL

The Carterton and Black Bourton Village Hall (also known as the Carterton Social Centre) is looking for a new name to better represent its location and activities. If you have any ideas, please contact the Town Hall. There is a prize for the best name.

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