



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

Welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter. This month we are celebrating news of two grants that have been awarded to the town. The first is a grant of £120,000 towards our new Community Hall and the second is a grant of more than £20,000 towards the second phase of the Carterton Heritage project. More details of both of these projects is given below.

For the first time in a number of years, there was a 10K Road Race in the town on the morning of Sunday 26 March. Even if you weren't running, I do hope you came along to give your support. Thank you to everyone involved.

Many thanks to all those of you who supported the Mayor's New Year's Day walk which raised £1,313 for Macmillan Nurses.  
**Brian Crossland, Town Mayor**

## Successful bid by the Carterton Fast Forward Partnership

The Carterton Fast Forward Partnership has made a successful bid for a £120,000 investment in a new Community Hall in Carterton. The investment has been secured from the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) Small Rural Towns Programme matched with support from West Oxfordshire District Council.

This project will provide a managed, new-build, multi-purpose community facility available for use by a wide range of community groups in Carterton. It will also enable the provision of accessible, integrated and co-ordinated training, education, and support and advice on housing, employment, and health. SEEDA funding will not only enable the hall to be better equipped, but to build one of a size to meet the needs of the whole of Carterton, not just a small facility for the north east of the town.

Once completed, it is hoped that the freehold of the hall and site will pass to Carterton Town Council which will be responsible for the running and the future funding of the hall. Carterton Town Council has established an informal group made up of representatives of potential user groups and service providers to take this project forward. Cllr. Brian Crossland, Mayor of Carterton and an active member of the Partnership, said:

*"The success of this bid, based on the priorities identified in the Carterton Action Plan—Carterton Fast Forward Towards 2010—stands as testament to the hard work of all the partners in the Carterton Fast Forward Partnership. We will seek to build upon this example of effective partnership working to deliver further action priorities in the Town Plan so that Carterton becomes an even better place in which to work, live and visit."*

Carterton



is now showing films at the Town Hall. The next film will be *THE CONSTANT GARDENER* on 20th April at 7.00 for 7.15 p.m. Tickets £3.50. Future showings will be 11 May, 8 June & 13 July. Tel 842156.

## Carterton Posterity Project



Following the success of the first stage of the Carterton Heritage project, we have been awarded another £20,000 from the Local Heritage Initiative to carry out the second phase which we have called the Carterton Posterity Project. The project will investigate and promote the heritage and archaeology of our town.

There are four parts to this project. The first is to produce a **DVD** which will record the remaining historic buildings in the town. The second is to prepare a script for and produce a **community play** which will be based on the many transcripts that we have already collected from our older residents. The third is to hold **workshops** within local organizations which will be based on the community play. And finally, we have been given money to carry out the **archaeological dig** of the Saxon burial ground at Black Bourton. All of these projects will be taken forward by volunteers. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Janet Eustace at the Town Hall.

**CARTERTON 10K ROAD RACE  
SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2006**

260 runners entered the 10K Road Race which was arranged jointly by RAF Brize Norton and the Town Council, and took place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

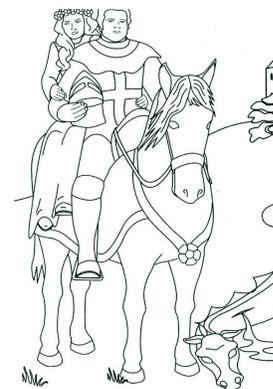
We will report on its success in the next issue of the Town Crier, but for now would like to thank everyone who took part.



**St. George's Day  
Colouring Competition**

The pictures for the colouring competition have been distributed to all the primary schools. Further copies can be obtained from the Town Hall. The competition is open to all Carterton children under the age of 10.

**Do enter - there are prizes to be won!**



**CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT 2005/2006**

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. The net budget for 2006/07 is £270,500. Because of continuing new development in the town the charge to each household has increased by 5%.

£125,000 has been allocated to recreation 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 one at Trefoil Way, the skateboard park and the BMX track. All these contracts are being re-tendered in 2006. The Recreation budget also funds the town centre planting and the Christmas lights.

The Carterton Fast Forward (CFF) Project is supported financially by money from the South East Economic Development Agency, the Lottery Heritage Initiative, 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. In 2006, the Town Council has been awarded grants totalling £150,000 which will be put towards the costs of a new Community Centre. Construction work should start on this in 2007.

2005/06 Expenditure	Income	Rates	Services	2006/07 Expenditure	Income	Rates
21650	11000	10650	Town Hall	23850	12000	11850
122600	2000	120600	General Admin	130250	2000	128250
53000	25000	28000	Carterton Fast Forward	34550	11250	23300
109900	9800	100100	Recreation	134850	11650	123200
4000	6000	-2000	Cemeteries	4400	6500	-2100
	14000	-14000	Interest		14000	-14000
<b>311150</b>	<b>67800</b>	<b>243350</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>327900</b>	<b>57400</b>	<b>270500</b>

**ST. GEORGE'S DAY DINNER  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2006**



This Charity Dinner will be held in The Officers Mess, RAF Brize Norton. Tickets are available from the Town Hall. Price £30. Proceeds to the British Heart Foundation and the Carers Centre.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

1 May - May Day Fair on the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground

9 May - 7.30 p.m. Town Assembly at the Town Hall - everyone welcome.

13 May - Carterton Lions Grand Spring Boot Sale at 9.30 a.m. on the market site, Black Bourton Road.

25 June - Carterton Open Gardens Day 2 p.m.

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Councillor D. King	Rock farm	212380
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Councillor P. Madden	Milestone	843163
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