



CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

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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. Our theme for this issue is 'new beginnings'. Your Town Council is working hard to make things happen and progress is being made. This newsletter tells you about our plans to develop the town centre, the community facilities on the NE Carterton development and about possible improvements to the area by the HSBC bank. 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 supported the Mayor's New Year's Day Walk which raised over **£1,000** for Macmillan Nurses. Well done to all concerned!

Phil Scott, Town Mayor

News in Brief

Council Elections take place on Thursday 3rd May. This is your chance to vote for the people who will represent you on both the District and Town Councils for the next four years.

The Annual Town Assembly will be held at the Town Hall at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 8th May. This is your chance to find out what is going on the town and to have your say. Everyone is welcome.

Town Centre The Midcounties Co-op has bought the old market site. The Town and District Councils have been working in partnership with them to develop the site to provide more shops and facilities. There will be further public consultation as soon as there is a firm proposal to consider. Meanwhile the market has successfully relocated to the top end of Black Bourton Road. We are hoping that the number of stalls will increase, but in the meanwhile please give the market your support.

The New Community Hall After much hard work and contributions from community and user groups, a planning application for the new Carterton Community Hall has been made to the District Council. We hope to incorporate a community café and a range of flexible accommodation for local groups and organisations including a hall to seat up to 200. The next stage is to go to tender for a company to complete the detailed design and build the hall.

Tower Centre near HSBC The *Carterton Fast Forward* Environment Group identified improving Tower Square as a priority last year. An Architect from WODC has developed a concept design, which is being considered by the Group and by private landowners and tenants nearby. The main change will be to replace the muddy grassed area with patterned paving which would incorporate a feature, such as a pebble mosaic, to add interest. There could be additional groundcover planting and more attractive seating, bins and bike racks. The County Council has indicated that the tree nearest Lloyds chemist may have to be felled for safety reasons. When the plans are finalised they will be available for inspection at the Town Hall.

GRANTS

The Town Council is able to offer a small number of grants each year. Section 137 Grants can be used for any purpose which is in the interest of the area or its inhabitants. Such grants cannot be paid to individuals or to anybody providing a service for gain. Organisations are invited to submit applications in the form of a letter giving details of how the grant would be used together with a copy of the organisation's most recent audited accounts.

The Youth Opportunity Grant is for work with young people aged 13-19 years. Applications should be made by the youngsters with assistance from supporting adults and should show how the bid fits into five key areas which are Be healthy, Stay safe, Enjoy and achieve, Make a positive contribution and Achieve economic well being. Application forms are available from the Town Hall

Completed applications should be submitted to the Town Clerk at the Town Hall by the end of April and the end of September.

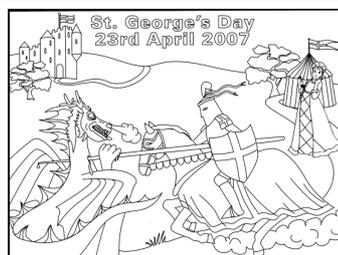
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Forthcoming films will be **KEEPING MUM** on 12th April and **KINKY BOOTS** on 10th May, both showing at the Town Hall, Alvescot Road. Tickets £3.50. Tel: 01993 842156.

**CARTERTON 10K ROAD RACE
SUNDAY 25th MARCH 2007**

The Town Council and RAF Brize Norton will again be jointly organising a 10K Road Race in Carterton, which will take place on Sunday 25th March. Entries fees are £7/£9 and the closing date is 16 March. Contact tmarchant@carterton-tc.gov.uk for an entry form, or telephone 842156. Volunteer Marshals are also required!



**St. George's
Day Colouring
Competition
2007**

The entry form for the colouring competition is included in the March edition of the Carterton Community Magazine. The competition is open to all Carterton children aged 10 or under on 23rd April 2007

**CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 2006/2007**

Sixteen Councillors serve on Carterton Town Council representing five different wards. Councillors serve for four years and the next elections are to be held in May 2007. The net budget for 2007/08 is £294,000. Because of continuing new development in the town the charge to each household has increased by less than 3%.

£150,000 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 were relet in 2006 following a competitive tendering exercise. The Recreation budget also funds the Christmas lights.

The Carterton Fast Forward (CFF) Project is supported financially by money from 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. The Town Council has been awarded grants totalling £340,000 and developer funding of more than £500,000 towards the costs of a new Community Centre. Construction work on this hall will start during 2007.

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.

2005/06			2006/07			
Expenditure	Income	Rates	Services	Expenditure	Income	Rates
23850	12000	11850	Town Hall	25700	12000	13700
130250	2000	128250	General Admin	153500	2000	151500
34550	11250	23300	Carterton Fast Forward	36900	19800	17100
134850	11650	123200	Recreation	154950	28350	126600
4400	6500	-2100	Cemetery	6100	6000	100
327900	43400	284500	Totals	377150	68150	309000
		-14000	Interest		14000	-15000
		£270500	Net requirements	£327900	£57400	£294000

**ST. GEORGE'S DAY
DINNER
Saturday 21st APRIL 2007**



This Charity Dinner will be held in Greens Restaurant, Witney Lakes Resort. Tickets are available from the Town Hall at £30 per head. All proceeds to Cancer Research

WHAT'S ON

2-5 April – Soccer at the Sports Pavilion 10am-2.30pm
Phone 861981 to book.

4 & 5 April – Archery at the Carterton Pavilion 10am – 1 pm. Contact the Leisure Centre on 861981 to book.

10-13 April – Tennis Courses at the Community College. Tel 07870 169215 to book.

7 May – Save the Children May Day Fair on Alvescot Road Recreation Ground

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

Contact Details	Ward	Tel. No.
Councillor P.L. Scott - Mayor	Upavon	842638
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Councillor Mrs. D.V. Bulley	Shillbrook	842427
Councillor R.W.L. Crapper	Milestone	843236
Councillor B. Crossland	Upavon	212654
Councillor Mrs. M. Crossland	Shillbrook	212654
Councillor L.H. Giles	Upavon	842736
Councillor D. King	Rock farm	212380
Councillor Mrs. A. Madden	Milestone	843163
Councillor P. Madden	Milestone	843163
Councillor K.W. Stone	Upavon	841165
Councillor M.A. Townsend	Rock farm	213490
Councillor N. Tully	Upavon	844488
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Councillor W.O. Walcott	Gateway	842156
Councillor P.G. Wesson	Rock farm	840452