



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.

There is so much going on in town at present. For young people there is a range of activities run by the Children's Centre, plus Play Ranger sessions on Shilton Park and a new play park on Swinbrook Road. Our Youth Council has just completed its first successful year. The Community College has won £10k to provide various new activities. The facelift of Tower Square is well under way. At long last bridges linking the old and new parts of town are going in, making us a proper community. Enjoy your summer holidays.

Maxine Crossland, Town Mayor

The Osprey Site

Some of you may have seen plans for the redevelopment of the old Osprey site and the neighbouring garage. This scheme was due to be considered by the District Council's planning committee in May but was withdrawn by the owner of the site. We understand that some revisions are being made to the plan and that it should be resubmitted later this summer. We will put a note on our website to let you know when we have received a copy of the application. Please feel free to call into the Town Hall to have a look at it.

Dowley's Garage

The land occupied by Dowley's Garage and Party Zone was sold to Aldi last year. We understand that they will be submitting a planning application to the District Council in July. Aldi operate 325 stores throughout Great Britain and specialise in selling own brand food products at discounted prices. The planning application will be copied to the Town Council and you will be able to inspect it at the Town Hall. It is also possible to look at planning applications on the West Oxfordshire District Council website (www.westoxon.gov.uk).



CARTERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

We need a manager for the Carterton Community Centre opening later this year.

We are looking for an enthusiastic person who is good with people and can work flexible hours.

Salary in the region of £10,000 for a 20 hour week

We are also want to recruit a reliable caretaker

Salary in the region of £6,000 for a 15 hour week

For further information and an application pack, contact the Carterton Community Management Committee
c/o the Town Hall, Alvescot Road, Carterton, OX18 3JL

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to **McCracken & Son Limited** for sponsoring the Town Council's Annual Best Kept Allotments Competition. We are very grateful for their continued support.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the 138 runners and all the volunteers who helped to make this year's 10K Run a success. We are grateful to the **Leisure Centre** for letting us take over their premises for the morning, to **Foxbury Farm** for providing a BBQ, to **Broadshires Health Centre** for letting us use their car park, and to the **Midcounties Co-op** for providing water and bananas for all the runners.

The date of the 10K next year will be **Sunday 29 March 2009**.

Extreme Wheels Day 2008

This popular event returns on Saturday 9th August at the Dell Skate Park. New attractions for 2008 include an Adult bouncy castle and a bungee run! There was no Extreme Wheels Day in 2007 due to a lack of volunteers to manage the project, but it's back and is set to be bigger and better than any of the previous years. The event runs from 10am to 10pm with live bands playing from 5.30pm onwards. The BBQ will be open from midday and will be serving food all afternoon, there will also be cold drinks on sale. The official Extreme Wheels T-shirts will be available to buy from the end of July and on the day itself. The ice cream man has been invited to sell his wares, as have SS20 Skate shop. An added attraction (To Be Confirmed) is the red bull promotional team who we hope will be there with lots of freebies.

The 2008 project has been running since January when the team first met in Carterton Town Hall. The meeting was attended by more than 30 young people all keen to make sure that Extreme Wheels Day 2008 becomes a reality. The project was then split down into four sections, namely OPERATIONS, PRODUCTION, MEDIA & ADVERTISING and SKATE & RIDE. Each section was assigned a youth leader who subsequently took on responsibility for their area of business. This event is now owned by young people, it's success is down to their own hard work. In order to ensure that the project is sustainable, the project team have sought additional funding from the Youth Council and have a number of planned initiatives to generate income from the event. In a society where we hear so many negative stories about young people, it makes me very proud to have been able to work with these respectful and enthusiastic young people of Carterton. So please put 9th August in your diary and come along to support the project and enjoy the music, entertainment, food and fun! For more information please visit the official website – www.exwsp.com or contact Cllr Adrian Coomber at adrian@adriancoomber.com

A U3A FOR CARTERTON

With the huge popularity of the U3A nationally, a branch is to be formed in Carterton. This is a club for people no longer in full-time employment. You don't need any qualifications to join and annual membership costs only a few pounds. It aims to provide interesting speakers, a varied programme of trips and activities, and new friendships.

The first full meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10 September** at 2 00pm in the Town Hall. Smaller special interest groups will also be formed from that meeting. We already have lots of ideas for groups including gardening, walking, handicrafts, scrabble, steam engines, lunch clubs, music and genealogy.

If you are not ready to put your feet up and take it easy, why not join us. If you have a special interest and want to meet like-minded people, this is your chance.

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TOWER SQUARE REGENERATION

Following a tendering process and with the Town Council procuring some of the work directly, mainly the seating and landscaping, we have engaged an experienced small building firm – Redlime Ltd. - to undertake the paving and installation of the furniture and mosaic, to our original standard and within budget. We hope you were able to take part in the consultation to choose which of the two final mosaic designs you would like to see installed in the square - by the time this newsletter reaches you the result will be known! The Mosaic Working Group felt that both the wheel and pond were of an excellent design standard and offered a real choice. As we go to press we are unable to tell you exactly when work will start, as the builders are currently co-ordinating their timetable with the mosaic artist, as the timing of installation of the art work is important and will dictate the overall programme. However the builders have said that they expect to have completed their work by the end of September, with the mosaic being installed around then. The mosaic artist, Gary Drostle, plans to visit Carterton again, bringing the partially completed mosaic for people to see and to hold a workshop for those interested in mosaic making. We do not have a firm date for this, but it is likely to be late August/early September. Look out for publicity for it nearer the time.

MARRIED QUARTERS

In mid June Defence Estates and Modern Housing Solutions began work on the demolition of the empty blocks of flats in Upwood Drive. The demolition work is expected to take about eight weeks because there is asbestos in the buildings which means that demolition is not straightforward.

IRON BRIDGE

Repainting of the iron bridge in Brize Norton Road will be carried out by the County Council during July and August, with the road being closed for the period 28 July to 10 August between the Abingdon Road and Wycombe Way turns. Diversion signs will be in operation.