



## CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

### *Carterton Town Crier*

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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.

*My term as Mayor comes to an end in May when a new Mayor will be elected by my fellow Councillors. I would like to express my thanks to all of you who have made Liz and I so welcome at your events. It is a huge privilege to serve the town. I have greatly enjoyed meeting so many of you and also representing Carterton at many events held across the County. The last two years have seen many changes and developments in our town. I particularly look forward to the opening of the new community centre in the autumn and I hope to see many of you there at one of the special celebratory events that we will be organising.*

*Phil Scott, Town Mayor*



#### **Open Gardens Day – Sunday 6 July 2008**

Contact Graham Evans, 842983, for further details

#### **MAY DAY FAIR**

Save the Children will be holding a May Day Fair on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2008 on the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground starting at 12 noon. There will be a dog show, six-a-side football, sideshows and stalls, a BBQ, refreshments, car boot sale, bouncy castle, swing boats and lots more. Contact Graham Evans on 01993 842983 for further details.

#### **CARTERTON 10K ROAD RACE SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May 2008**



The Town Council and RAF Brize Norton will again be jointly organising a 10K Road Race in Carterton, which will take place on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. Entry fees are £7/£9 and the closing date is 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Contact [tmarchant@carterton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:tmarchant@carterton-tc.gov.uk) for an entry form, or telephone 01993 842156. Volunteer Marshals are also required.

We are pleased that **Foxbury Farm** will again be holding a barbecue outside the Leisure Centre and grateful to the **Midcounties Co-op** for supplying fruit and water for all the runners.

#### **The Annual Town Assembly**

will be held at the Town Hall at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. This is your chance to find out what is going on in the town and to have your say: what's happening to the Osprey site? when will the shops open on the new estate? what is happening with the old market site? These are all questions we are regularly asked, so do come along and find out the answers.

#### **TOWER SQUARE REGENERATION**

Up to date plans to improve the square have been on display at the Library and HSBC bank during March and April and can be seen any time at the Town Hall during opening hours. We are very pleased that an experienced and exciting public artist, Gary Drostle, has agreed to work with us to develop the mosaic. Examples of his work can be seen on the website [www.drostle.com](http://www.drostle.com). Watch out for information on opportunities to be involved as he works on designing the mosaic, which will be an important feature of the improvements. We have gone to tender for the paving work which we expect to start in June. Meanwhile we would like to reassure everyone, that although you may see the tree receiving attention, it is simply to improve its shape and will be undertaken by experts.

## Carterton Town Council Annual Report 2007/8

Sixteen Councillors serve on Carterton Town Council representing five different wards. The net budget for 2008/09 is £314,440. Because of continuing new development in the town the charge to each household has increased by just 3 %.

Nearly £200,000 has been allocated to recreation in the forthcoming year. This includes the maintenance of the Council's land and facilities and of many of the verges in the town. All this work is carried out by contractors and is re-tendered every three years. The Recreation budget also funds the Christmas lights and part of the planned improvements to Tower Square. The Carterton Fast Forward Project (CFF) includes the redevelopment of the town centre and preserving the heritage of the town.

In late 2007, work started on the construction of a new community hall for the town. This is to cost £1.5 million in total and will be funded by contributions from developers, grants and the Town Council's own reserves. The hall will open in autumn 2008.

2007/08			Services	2008/09		
Expenditure	Income	Precept		Expenditure	Income	Precept
25,700	12,000	13,700	Town Hall	21,600	12,000	9,600
153,500	2,000	151,500	General Admin	156,890	1,000	155,890
36,900	19,800	17,100	Carterton Fast Forward	30,500	3,500	27,000
154,950	28,350	126,600	Recreation	199,600	28,750	170,850
6,100	6,000	100	Cemeteries	6,600	5,500	1,100
377,150	68,150	309,000	Total	415,190	50,750	364,440
		-15,000	Interest			-50,000
		294,000	Net requirements			314,440
		3.25	Number of Employees			3

### SERVICES AT THE TOWN HALL

The Town Hall staff can assist with a number of services for the residents of Carterton –

- We give out travel tokens on behalf of the District Council.
- We have a meeting room available for hire.
- We can pass on complaints about refuse collections, potholes, street lights not working, etc. to the relevant authority, or supply you with the contact number.
- A variety of useful leaflets and bus timetables are displayed in the town hall foyer
- Job vacancies are displayed on the town hall noticeboard
- We produce welcome packs for new residents in the town
- We have copies of planning applications for members of the public to view
- The town council website gives details of what's on together with lists of local clubs and organisations and other useful information

Contact Details	Ward	Tel. No.
Councillor P.L. Scott - Mayor	Upavon	842638
Cllr Mrs M Crossland - Deputy	Shillbrook	212654
Councillor Mrs. D.V. Bulley	Shillbrook	842427
Councillor A D Coomber	Upavon	844635
Councillor R W L Crapper	Milestone	843236
Councillor B Crossland	Upavon	212654
Councillor A Farmer	Milestone	842430
Councillor Miss E Liston	Rock Farm	840529
Councillor S D Lodge	Rock Farm	842948
Councillor N A MacRae MBE	Upavon	842156
Councillor P Madden	Milestone	843163
Cllr Mrs N J Miah	Rock Farm	843829
Councillor Mrs S Stone	Upavon	841165
Councillor Mrs. L. Walcott	Gateway	842156
Councillor W.O. Walcott	Gateway	842156
Councillor E Wearing	Shillbrook	842263



### CARTERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The new Community Centre in NE Carterton is taking shape rapidly and is on target for completion in the Autumn. If you are interested in using any part of the centre for classes, informal groups or large events such as weddings, it is not too soon to contact the Town Hall - the centre is already getting booked up. If you are interested in working at the Centre, watch out for adverts for a Hall Manager and Caretaker/Cleaner. Draft details are available from the Town Hall.