



## 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.

My charities this year are Macmillan Nurses, Oxfordshire Young Carers and TVCAA. Fund raising began on New Year's morning with the Mayor's Charity Walk. On Feb 24<sup>th</sup> we hope to raise the profile of the Air Ambulance locally by hosting the launch of their latest helicopter on Alvescot Road Recreation Ground – everybody welcome from midday.

There are lots of new things happening locally. Carterton Youth Council is working to produce a website listing the surprising number of activities available for young people in the town. The Community Centre is buzzing with activities involving people of all ages. Elsewhere, a History Society has just been formed, and the newly refurbished Squash Club is now able to offer Racket Ball which is "kinder" to the older generation. Details of both available from the Town Hall. Local-born Neil Thomas has been awarded an MBE for his services to sport and a book about our blind bowling champion, Madge Morgan, will be published on February 12th. Not bad for a small town!

**Maxine Crossland, Town Mayor**



### **CARTERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

We are delighted to announce that **HRH The Princess Royal** will officially open the Carterton Community Centre on **Friday 13th February 2009** at 2.00 pm. Invited guests will meet HRH inside the Centre and we hope that local residents will gather outside and along the route to welcome her.

If you would like to have the chance of being inside the Centre while the Royal Visit is taking place, please contact the Town Hall (842156) and your name will be included in a 'lucky dip' from which 4 local residents will be invited to attend.

HRH will leave the Centre at 3.15 p.m., after which a range of events are being planned for the market square including live music, a BBQ, a bouncy castle and other entertainment.

For bookings and general enquires, please contact the **Centre Manager, Gill Carver, on 01993 842807**

#### **Aldi Supermarket**

We have been told by Aldi that they are currently finalising the necessary legal agreements to allow them to build their new store on the Dowley's site. They expect planning permission to be issued shortly. They should soon be in a position to display a sign on the site advertising the development of the new store.

#### **2010 is Approaching**

In June 2003, *Fast Forward Towards 2010* was published, which was the Action Plan for Carterton, and the culmination of nine months of intensive research and development of ideas for projects, to improve the vitality of the town. Since then a great deal has happened, not all the proposals have been achieved, but others, not anticipated, have also happened.

The Town Council feels it is time to take stock, and so over the next six months, I will be working with Councillors and the local community to look at what has been achieved, what we have learnt, and to identify priorities for future projects. We shall not be embarking on a repeat of the exhaustive Market Town Health Check we carried out in 2002/03, but I do hope to involve members of the community and organise a number of events to help with the work.

Information on this initiative will be posted on the Town Council's website, but please do contact me directly if you would like to be involved in any way, or would like further information.

Catherine Chater, 01993 842156. Email: [cchater@carterton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:cchater@carterton-tc.gov.uk)



## SERVICES AT THE TOWN HALL, ALVESCOT ROAD, CARTERTON

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

### CASUAL STAFF NEEDED

The Carterton Community Centre is looking for casual staff who might be interested in occasional cleaning/caretaking jobs in the evenings and at weekends. Wages would be £5.80 per hour for over 22s and £4.80 per hour for 18-21s. Please apply to the Centre Manager, Gill Carver, at CCC, Trefoil Way, Carterton, OX18 1AX, with your name, address and telephone number and the name of one referee.



### CARTERTON 10K ROAD RACE SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009

The Town Council and RAF Brize Norton will again be organising a 10K Road Race in Carterton, which will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Entry fees are £7/£9 and the closing date is 20 March. Contact [tmarchant@carterton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:tmarchant@carterton-tc.gov.uk) for an entry form, telephone 842156 or call into the Town Hall. We are pleased that **Foxbury Farm** will again be holding a barbecue outside the Leisure Centre for the benefit of runners and spectators. Volunteer Marshals are also required – please let Tan know if you can help.

Contact Details of Town Councillors	Ward	Tel. No.
Councillor Mrs M Crossland - Mayor	Shillbrook	212654
Cllr N MacRae MBE – Deputy Mayor	Upavon	842156
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 P Madden	Milestone	843163
Cllr Mrs N J Miah	Rock Farm	843829
Cllr P L Scott	Upavon	842638
Councillor Mrs S Stone	Upavon	841165
Councillor Mrs. L. Walcott	Gateway	842156
Councillor W.O. Walcott MBE	Gateway	842156
Councillor E Wearing	Shillbrook	842263

### Your County Council Representatives are:

Cllr Jim Couchman – Burford & Carterton North East

Cllr Peter Handley – Carterton South West

### Your District Council Representatives are:

Cllr Norman MacRae MBE – Carterton North East

Cllr George Mason – Carterton North East

Cllr Peter Handley – Carterton North West

Cllr Dave King – Carterton North West

Cllr Peter Madden – Carterton South

Cllr Joe Walcott MBE – Carterton South

**BROWNES HALL** – Carterton and Black Bourton Village Hall, situated behind Dowley's Garage off the Alvescot Road, has now been renamed **Brownes Hall** after the benefactor who originally donated the land on which the premises were built.

### The Osprey Site

Sadly there is no positive news about the Osprey site. The downturn in the economy means that proposals to redevelop this area have been put on hold for the present. We will let you know, through this newsletter, as soon as this changes.