



## CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

# Carterton Town Crier

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

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*In this edition of the newsletter we are asking you for your views on the possible future expansion of the town. We really do value your comments so please take the time to visit one of the displays and complete a survey form. This edition also tells you about the fantastic new play area that we will be building on the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground. I am afraid that one corner of the Recreation Ground will have to be closed off for several months, but I can promise you that the new play area will be well worth the wait. Overleaf you will find details of the Switch-On of our Christmas Lights on 3rd December, and details of a magical Winter Lights Procession on 8th December. I look forward to meeting many of you at these events.*

*The Mayoress and I wish you a very Happy Christmas.*



**Norman MacRae MBE, Town Mayor**

### Future Development in Carterton

Last summer the Government announced it was scrapping Regional Spatial Strategies and returning decision making powers on housing and planning to local government. West Oxfordshire District Council will decide the number of new houses needed in the area and is now doing further work on housing targets. At this stage, we do not know how many houses might be needed in our area but the Town Council and the Carterton Fast Forward Partnership believe that the town needs to grow by about 1,000 new homes to:

- reduce our dependency on RAF Brize Norton for jobs
- provide more affordable houses and also some larger houses
- increase the population which will support existing services and facilities especially schools, shops and sports facilities.
- attract new shops to the town.

There are three possible locations for development on the scale required, West – beyond the Shill Brook  
North – beyond Kilkenny Lane,  
East – beyond the A40 Link Road .  
The Town Council and Carterton Fast Forward Partnership now want to consult the wider community in order to be in a position to inform West Oxfordshire District Council of its preferred site early in the new year. To do this we have prepared a small mobile display and a simple Questionnaire to find out what you think are the most important things to consider when choosing the best site to provide further development. We are

also consulting other interested groups including neighbouring parishes. To let us have your views, contact the Town Hall for a questionnaire, which can be collected or emailed to you. In addition we are happy to come and give a short explanation to specific groups if requested. **The displays will be in the Town Hall, Carterton Community Centre and Carterton Library from November 15<sup>th</sup> onwards.**

### Carterton Celebrated!

Comments on the weekend included 'a great event' and 'a real community success'. We were lucky with the weather on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of September and all the hard work by many volunteers and the Town Hall staff paid off.



People particularly mentioned the highly popular Quiz Night and the moving Civic Service, which included a live link to troops at Kandahar. The return of the attractive craft and produce show was very popular, as was the Treasure Hunt and the Family Fun afternoon on the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground. The Steering Group has met and considered a full report, and recommended that some form of community event should be held

in September 2011. The Town Council will now consider what it might be able to support. Meanwhile we would like to have your views. Tel 01993 842156, Town Hall, Alvescot Road, Carterton, OX18 3JL or email [cchater@carterton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:cchater@carterton-tc.gov.uk).



Some pictures of the event can be seen on the Town Council website [www.carterton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.carterton-tc.gov.uk). There is also an excellent video on the Witney TV Archive—see [www.witneytv.co.uk](http://www.witneytv.co.uk)

### Supporting Businesses in Carterton

The Town Council is anxious to do what it can to support existing and emerging local businesses and is working with the district and county councils to secure a modest amount of funding to do this. We would like to hear from small businesses and self-employed people based at home, about the kind of support that would be most helpful to them. Tel 01993 842156, Town Hall, Alvescot Road Carterton, OX18 3JL or email [cchater@carterton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:cchater@carterton-tc.gov.uk).

## ALVESCOT ROAD RECREATION GROUND

The Town Council carried out a public consultation on the proposals to refurbish the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground, and plans were on display as part of the Carterton Celebrates Family Fun Day in September. More than 120 people commented on the design. In summary the response was overwhelmingly positive with most people agreeing that the whole area was in need of improvement and the play area needed a new lease of life. There was support for maintaining a Full Size Football Pitch despite pitches elsewhere in the town, and for the installation of new paths to make it easier to cross the grass in wet weather.

Although some people were uncertain about the design of the bandstand which we plan to install towards the eastern end of the Recreation Ground, many people were supportive believing that it would provide a focus for events and live music. There were a number of detailed queries about the new play equipment and the location of some of the seating and these will be taken into account in finalising the design. A large scale plan is available to view at the Town Hall.



Work will start on site around 1<sup>st</sup> December, with completion expected by the end of March. During that time it will be necessary to close the play area, but access across the grassed area will be maintained.

The Recreation Ground was left by William Carter to the people of the town and is managed by the Town Council as trustees of a Charity. Councillors are very grateful to the people of Carterton for taking a close and constructive interest in the proposed refurbishment and we very much hope that we can meet their aspirations while remaining true to William Carter's wish that the Recreation Ground be an attractive open space accessible to all.

### CHRISTMAS EVENTS



The **Switch-On of the Christmas Lights** and Street Fair will take place on **Friday 3rd December 2010**, and will include The Oxford Caledonian Pipes and Drums. The event will run from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. and include carol singing, craft and gift stalls, refreshments and a funfair. Please contact the Town Hall if you would like to have a charity stall or require further information.

A **Winter Lights Procession** will take place on Wednesday 8th December at 6pm, starting and finishing at the Carterton Community Centre. Everyone welcome. Lantern-making workshops will be held on Sat 20 November and Sat 4 December, 10 am—4 pm. See our website for further details.

### Carterton 10K 2011

The Carterton 10K 2011 will be held on Sunday 27th March. Entry forms will be available after Christmas, email [tmarchant@carterton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:tmarchant@carterton-tc.gov.uk) or call into the Town Hall.

If you are free to help with marshalling the event, please make contact now so that we can put together a list. We are hoping to hold a Fun Run for the youngsters as well if we receive sufficient support.

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