



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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I hope that you all had a happy Christmas with family and friends and have stayed safe in the recent very cold weather. In this newsletter you will hear about plans we are developing for a weekend in the autumn to celebrate Carterton's history and heritage. You will also see plans for developing our town centre and for the possible longer term growth of the town. Do please take time to visit the various exhibitions that are being arranged by West Oxfordshire District Council on the dates given below.

Maxine Crossland, Town Mayor



Local Development Framework Core Strategy



WEST OXFORDSHIRE
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New Housing for Carterton – Your chance to comment on the proposals

West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) will shortly be consulting on the next stage of a major planning policy, called the Core Strategy Preferred Approach, which is about how West Oxfordshire could develop over the next 15 years. The Government has said that 7,300 new dwellings must be built in West Oxfordshire by 2026. Some 2,500 of these

have already been built, mainly at NE Carterton (Shilton Park) and at Madley Park in Witney. In addition there are about 1,600 homes with planning permission and allocated sites. This leaves at least 3,200 new dwellings to be built somewhere in the District.

WODC has completed an appraisal of a number of possible locations, looking at issues such as the impact of new developments on the environment, transport and employment. The District Council is now seeking comments, particularly about further major growth in Witney, Carterton and Chipping Norton. In the case of Carterton there are three possible sites: land to the west of Shillbrook; land between Carterton Road and Monahan Way and land to the north of Kilkenny Lane. You can find out more about these proposals and comment on them on the LDF (Local Development Framework) page of the WODC web site. In addition the District and Town Councils are arranging exhibitions on:

Wednesday 10th

February at the Town Hall between **3.00** and **7.30** p.m.

Thursday 11th February

at the Town Hall between **9.30** am and **1.00** p.m.

Monday 22nd February

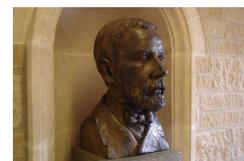
at Carterton Community Centre between **10.30** a.m. and **7.30** p.m.

It may also be possible to arrange additional short informal presentations to local groups during the consultation period – ring 01993 842156.

Please come along and have your say.

Carterton Celebrates

A weekend of varied and exciting events is planned for the weekend of September 11th and 12th to celebrate the founding of Carterton by William Carter.



We are hoping to attract significant funding so that we can make this a very special weekend which might include a Craft and Produce Show, an Art Exhibition, Family Entertainment on the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground, a Treasure Hunt, and Paintballing at The Dell. Once we know what funding we have secured by the beginning of March, we will begin detailed planning. We hope local groups and organisations will want to take part, with some organising their own events. Watch out for further details on www.carterton-tc.gov.uk news pages and we would welcome volunteers to help – call 01993 842156



A piece of public artwork in Carterton has been selected for an international exhibition. The Carterton Lily Pond mosaic, part of the Tower Square refurbishment carried out last year, will be included in the Mosaic Arts International 2010 exhibition, at The Smith Museum of Stained Glass at Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois. The project was funded by the People's Millions Lottery and undertaken by mosaic artist Gary Drostle.

Carterton mayor Maxine Crossland said: "We are absolutely delighted to have this recognition for a project which involved a large number of members of the community and which has enhanced an important area in the town centre."

The exhibition is a world showcase for mosaic art and is organised by the Society of American Artists (Sama). Sama received entries from more than 250 artists in eight countries, with just 48 pieces selected for the exhibition. It will be on display from March 1 to April 30.

The Town Centre

Box Clever Group, a local developer and Simons Developments who carried out the recently opened Marriotts Walk development in Witney, have entered into an agreement with the principle landowner in the centre of Carterton. R&D Health Care, the owners of the Market Site and the adjacent Care Home in the town centre have signed an agreement with the Developers to allow their land to be included together with land owned by the Town and District Councils, the Co-op and Wadworths, to enable a comprehensive redevelopment of the centre of Carterton. The Developers state that they intend to regenerate the town centre by the provision of a new retail-led, mixed-use scheme, which will include a major supermarket and a variety of other shops in addition to the provision of new homes. The scheme will reinvigorate the town by providing greater choice for shoppers and an enhanced shopping experience for residents and visitors to Carterton. In addition to a major long-term investment in the centre, the scheme will



The old market site



The Osprey site

The agent acting for the owners of the Osprey site has told the Town Council that he will soon be submitting two separate planning applications for the site. One will be for the rebuilding of the garage and the other for the housing and a shop.

The Town Council hopes to have advance copies of these applications which we will display at the Town Hall. Details of the plans should be available on the WODC website.

**A Continental Market will be held
at Marigold Square, Shilton Park, Carterton
on Sunday 21st March 2010
9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**



Sainsbury's Planning Application

At the time of going to print, the District Council Planning Committee had not considered the planning application from Sainsburys for a store on the West Oxfordshire Business Park. Please keep an eye on WODC's web site for further news.

SALT/GRIT BINS

A number of residents have complained about the lack of grit bins during the recent snow. This concern was put before the Town Council at its meeting on 19th January and it was agreed that this matter should be referred to the Policy Committee

HIGHWAYS

The Town Council is lobbying Oxfordshire County Council to repair roads in the town. Would residents please report any problems to their OCC Councillors:-

Cllr J Couchman (Carterton North East) – (tel: 01367 860289)
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Cllr P Handley (Carterton South West) - (tel: 01993 842147)
peter.handley@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Cllr R Rose (Cabinet Member for Transport) - (tel: 01865 810419)
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CARTERTON 10K ROAD RACE SUNDAY 28th MARCH 2010

The Town Council and RAF Brize Norton will again be organising a 10K Road Race in Carterton, which will take place on Sunday 28th March. Entry fees are £7/£9 and the closing date for postal entries is 20 March. Contact 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.

the fresher approach...



A branch of a new UK-wide supermarket chain will open its doors for business in Carterton next month.

Haldanes Stores Ltd., which is based in Grantham, Lincolnshire, is taking over the Somerfield store in Alvescot Road, and will start trading as Haldanes on March 20, with all 35 jobs guaranteed. This ends almost a year of uncertainty for the staff

since the acquisition of Somerfield by the Co-operative Group and the subsequent intervention by the Office of Fair Trading who asked for 133 outlets nationwide to be sold off on competition grounds.

Good news for local businesses is that Haldanes – with a chain from the far north of Scotland to Wales and as far south as Essex – has declared that more than a third of all its products and produce will come from suppliers in each store's area. Haldanes also pledges that it wants to engage with community groups and interests in the manner of local stores of yesteryear.