



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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May is the end of the Civic year so I would like to start by thanking you all for your support over the last 12 months. I feel very privileged to have been able to meet many of you at different events and to learn how hard you work to support your community. Thank you for all you do.

There are big changes ahead with Repatriations moving here from Lyneham in the summer and the rebuilding of the married quarters. Both of these will be discussed at the Town Meeting on 24 May (details below) and I urge you to come along to find out about the future of your town. I cannot end without a mention of the fantastic new play area at the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground. Dog owners and litterbugs, please do not spoil it for the hundreds who are already enjoying it.



Norman MacRae MBE

A NNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting will be held at Brownes Hall on Tuesday 24 May at 7 pm. All residents of Carterton are very welcome to attend, to catch up with developments in the town and to ask questions. There will be a presentation from a representative of Oxfordshire County Council on Repatriations which will transfer to RAF Brize Norton when RAF Lyneham closes later this year, and also from the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (better known as Defence Estates) on the demolition and rebuilding of the married quarters in the eastern half of the town. Refreshments will be available during the evening.

CARTERTON JOB SEARCH

We are pleased to announce that the Carterton Job Club will open on **Tuesday May 12th 2011** at 9.30am at the Town Hall and thereafter will meet every other Thursday from 9.30 –11.00am . It has been set up to support those looking for a new job or training and will offer advice on topics such as interview techniques, presentation skills and volunteering. We also hope to provide expert advice on benefits. There will be free tea and coffee, use of laptops for job searches and the latest local vacancies displayed. There is no need to book, just drop in. If you would like to know more,

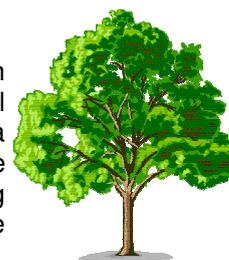
contact Catherine Chater on 01993 842156 or email cchater@carterton-tc.gov.uk . We have established a webpage at www.carterton-tc.gov.uk/jobclub which will continue to develop once the Job Club is running.

The Rt Hon David Cameron MP has said:

"I was very pleased to hear that the Carterton Fast Forward Partnership has set up a Job Club in Carterton. I understand that it is the first in my constituency and they will be working closely with the local Job Centres, RAF Brize Norton and local businesses. I hope the launch at the Town Hall is a great success and I am sure it will prove invaluable in helping those who are seeking work."

TREE PLANTING

The Town Council will be starting a programme of planting trees in the town centre. This will be phased over a number of years but we hope to be able to plant the first six in the town centre over the coming months, when weather conditions are suitable.



A lvescot Road Recreation Ground

The Mayor 'topped' out the new play area on the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground in early April, just in time for the Easter holidays. The new area is proving to be hugely popular. There will be an official opening event on 17 June. You will have noticed that the play equipment is not fenced in. Please will dog owners ensure that their dogs do not mess anywhere near the play equipment , and that any dog mess on the Recreation Ground is picked up and disposed of in the dog bins. Please use the litter bins provided or take your litter home. This is a lovely new play area and it would be a pity if it was spoiled by the thoughtless few.



Work is now continuing to create new pathways across the grass. There will be a central performing space which has been designed with help from Community College pupils. This should be in place by the summer. Further landscaping is being provided and will include seats and bins. Many thanks to the Carterton Lions who have sponsored a number of trees.



R EPATRIATIONS

The following is taken from a letter from Oxfordshire County Council and Thames Valley Police.



“As you will be aware from the national news there was an announcement on 16th March confirming that from 1st September 2011 the repatriation of service personnel would revert to RAF Brize Norton. ...There is a requirement for the Police and the Highways authority to ensure that a safe route is selected for the cortege, and this needs to account for the fact that there may be a continuation of public gatherings. ...We are now in a position to consult with key stakeholders and the public on the proposals from that working group. Final decisions on the routing will be taken at the end of May by Police, OCC and the West Oxfordshire District Council who have ownership of land around Carterton which it is proposed will be available for the public if required.

The Proposed Route

The RAF is currently constructing a repatriation centre on the south of the airfield with the intention of exiting the base from Gate 6 to minimise the disruption of military operations. A contingency plan is also being considered which would exit the base from Gate 3. The cortege will then turn left, as none of the right turn potential routes were accepted as safe in the event of public gatherings. At Brize Norton village the cortege will turn left into Carterton Road, and will progress along Norton Way, Monahan Way and then head out towards the A40 at Minister Lovell.

It is proposed that if there are families or friends wishing to pay respects that they are directed to Norton Way, where there is the ability to have temporary road closures with minimum disruption to local traffic and diversionary routes are available. Parking is being considered at the sports pavilion, where there are also some facilities ...Once on the A40 the cortege will progress on that road through to Oxford, linking to the current routing, exiting onto Marsh Lane at Marston and entering the John Radcliffe Hospital via Headley Way.

What happens next?

Responses from Stakeholders to the consultation will be considered at the end of May, and a final decision on the route will be taken. Whilst there is no plan to actively promote any event, we do anticipate that there will be continuing requirements for repatriations and that there is likely to be media interest in the initial repatriations after the transfer from RAF Lyneham.”

Carterton 10K 2011

190 runners took part in the 10K on 27th March 2011. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, including the Midcounties Co-op for bananas and water, Foxbury Farm for providing the BBQ, Carterton Lions members for acting as Marshals and, most importantly, the Carterton Leisure Centre for allowing us to use their premises. Without this level of support, the 10K could not take place.



Thank you!

Town Councillors as at 9 May	Ward	Phone Number
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To be advised—election pending	Milestone	
Cllr Miss E Liston	Rock Farm	840529
Cllr L Garfield	Rock Farm	842156
To be advised—election pending	Milestone	
Cllr Mrs N Miah	Rock Farm	358785
Cllr P Scott	Upavon	842638
Cllr Mrs C MacRae	Upavon	842156
Cllr Mrs L Walcott	Gateway	842156
Cllr W O Walcott MBE	Gateway	842156
Cllr Mrs L Little	Shillbrook	842156

County Councillors:

Cllr Jim Couchman & Cllr Peter Handley



We would like your views on expenditure on Christmas Lights

The Town Council is constantly reviewing expenditure to see whether savings can be made. Each year, we spend about £10,000 on providing Christmas lights. This works out at £2 for each household in the town. Do you consider this to be a good use of your money, or would you rather we cut back on expenditure in this area? And do you consider this newsletter, which we publish and distribute 4 times a year, to be value for money? It is costing each household about 50p a year. Please let us know your views. Contact details are overleaf and on our website. We look forward to hearing from you.