



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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We all know that finances are tight. The Town Council has set its precept for 2011/12 at £326,690 which is £63.04 per dwelling per year. This is the same figure as last year, but we have set aside a contingency sum of just under £20,000 which we hope to use to fund services formerly provided by the County Council, in particular, activities for young people. This £20,000 has been found by cutting 5% from a number of other budget heads, and we are looking to see what savings we can make elsewhere. As ever, your views would be appreciated.

My Mayor's Charity is Helen & Douglas House, and I am pleased to say that we are well on the way to achieving a £1000+ donation, especially as a result of the success of Carterton Celebrates 2010. Thank you to everyone who has helped me to achieve this.



Norman MacRae MBE, Town Mayor

Future Development in Carterton

Thank you to those who responded to our consultation at the end of last year. The Town Council considered a report at its January meeting which took account of all the comments it had received, along with independent professional advice, to come to a view on how Carterton could best develop over the coming years. It **RESOLVED to inform West Oxfordshire District Council that on the basis of the information currently available to the Town Council, its preferred option on grounds of long term sustainability and reducing the impact on neighbouring parishes, is to develop to the west of the town. However, the Town Council does not rule out further discussions in the light of any new information coming forward.**

The District Council has embarked on a further consultation which runs **until March 11th**. There will be exhibitions at the Town Hall, Library and Carterton Community Centre, where there will be an opportunity to make your views known on a comments form. All households will receive information direct from the district council, and they have also arranged a session at Carterton Community Centre on **February 15th 5.00 – 9.00 pm when planning officers will be available** to explain the proposals and answer questions, and the landowner/developer proposals for extensions to the town to the east or west will be available to view. For more details, log onto http://www.carterton-tc.gov.uk/ff_strategic.

Carterton Celebrates 2011

Although we won't have the funding or staff resources to repeat the full



extent of last year's celebrations, a number of individuals and groups

have offered to put on some events again. We are planning to publicise a calendar of Carterton activities over the summer, possibly culminating in a weekend of events on September 17th and 18th. However this does rely on individuals and groups taking responsibility for some of the organisation. If you haven't been in touch with us, and are interested in being involved, please phone the Town Hall, 01993 842156, or email cchater@carterton-tc.gov.uk. For

more information, log on to http://www.carterton-tc.gov.uk/ff_news.



Aldi's
Dowleys Garage on Alvenscot Road has now been demolished. Aldi's have planning permission to construct a foodstore on the site but we have no news about when they are planning to do this. We will advise you as soon as we hear

Town Centre Food Store

Discussions are continuing between town centre landowners and a major food retailer about the construction of a food store on the old market site in Black Bourton Road.

ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION



The Mayor of Carterton is pleased to announce that he will be holding a St George's Day Celebration at The Vines Restaurant, Burford Road, Black Bourton, on Saturday 16th April 2011. The meal will be accompanied by music, and jazz singer Marie-Jane (Pussy) Barnett will entertain. £35 per person. Reserve your tickets now!!

Exceptional Citizen Awards

The Town Council is inviting nominations for the 2011 Exceptional Citizen Awards.

Any resident or former resident of Carterton is eligible for consideration. There is no age limit nor is there any limit on the number that may be awarded in a year but the presumption is that this award will only be given to mark a very high level of achievement/service. If you know someone who may qualify, please contact the Town Hall for a nomination form. Telephone 01993 842156, or email scatt@carterton-tc.gov.uk



CARTERTON TOWN MAYOR'S AWARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

This new award recognises and rewards a young person (under the age of 19 and who lives in Carterton) who has demonstrated exceptional volunteering, leadership, commitment or determination. The Mayor will present a prize to the winner in late April at the end of the civic year. Nominations may be made by Carterton Youth Council, schools, youth organisations or individuals. The Mayor will make the final decision as to who will receive the award but he will ask the Youth Council to advise him on the applications received.

If you wish to submit a nomination please write to or email the Town Clerk giving your name and contact details, your nominee's name, age and address, and a brief description of why you think they should receive the award. All applications will be treated as confidential, and all nominations should be submitted by 31 March 2011.

Supporting Businesses in Carterton

We are pleased to learn that West Oxfordshire District Council has finally agreed to extend the leases of tenants of the South Carterton Industrial Estate, thus enabling them to develop and invest in their businesses. Any enquiries about this should be addressed to David Thurlow at West Oxfordshire District Council on 01993 861583.

Country Park Facilities

We are aware of requests (via Town Councillors and others) to provide toilets at the Country Park. When the park was designed, it did not include specific adventure play areas for children, but subsequently funding was secured and a large play area was developed which has proved very popular and much used. The town and district councils have discussed the need for additional facilities and have concluded that the provision of conventional toilets is likely to be discounted as being too expensive and inappropriate. The town council is investigating the possibility of installing composting toilets, now increasingly provided in rural locations - by the National Trust for example. If you use the country park, especially with children, or live nearby, let us know what you think by calling 01993 842156 or emailing cchater@carterton-tc.gov.uk



Carterton 10K 2011

The Carterton 10K 2011 will be held on Sunday 27th March .

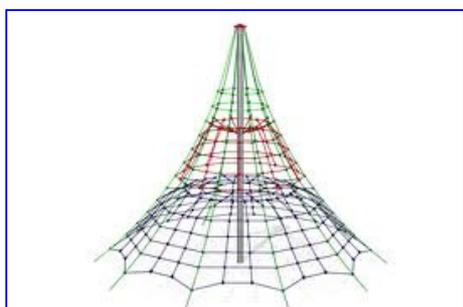
Entry forms are available from the Town Hall, or email tmarchant@carterton-tc.gov.uk .

If you are free to help with marshalling the event, please make contact now so that we can put together a list. Tel 01993 842156.



Town Councillor	Ward	Phone Number
ClIr Norman MacRae MBE – Mayor	Upavon	842156
ClIr Adrian Coomber – Deputy Mayor	Upavon	07896 574542
ClIr Mrs D Bulley	Shillbrook	842427
ClIr R Crapper	Milestone	842236
ClIr B Crossland	Upavon	212654
ClIr Mrs M Crossland	Shillbrook	212654
ClIr A Farmer	Milestone	842430
ClIr Miss E Liston	Rock Farm	840529
ClIr Mrs C MacRae	Rock Farm	842156
ClIr P Madden	Milestone	843163
ClIr Mrs N Miah	Rock Farm	358785
ClIr P Scott	Upavon	842638
ClIr Mrs S Stone	Upavon	841165
ClIr Mrs L Walcott	Gateway	842156
ClIr W O Walcott MBE	Gateway	842156
ClIr E Wearing	Shillbrook	842263

Alvescot Road Recreation Ground— Refurbishment began on 17th January 2011



Spire Net

County Councillors:

ClIr Jim Couchman and ClIr Peter Handley