



# 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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Councillor Lynn Little took over the reins in May and has been out and about meeting the town's residents and groups. Having lived here in Carterton since 1963, Lynn is keen to promote the town and is one of its biggest advocates in the wider West Oxfordshire area. In addition to representing the town at Civic and Ceremonial events, Lynn is busy raising funds for her Mayor's Charities: the RAF Benevolent Fund and the Carterton Educational Trust. She is also keen to support as many as the local community organisations as possible, particularly local schools and any of their projects, and if you would like The Mayor to attend or open an event in Carterton, please let her know by contacting the Mayor's secretary, Stella Catt, by email at [scatt@carterton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:scatt@carterton-tc.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01993 842156.



Lynn Little,  
Town Mayor



**T**his new facility for Job Seekers at the Town Hall was launched on September 19<sup>th</sup> by Adrian Lockwood, Board Member of the Oxfordshire Enterprise Partnership.

Our existing Job Club is one of only 6 in the county and we understand that the Job Search Area is unique. It will complement the Job Club which provides in-depth support at its fortnightly sessions. It was clear that people needed to search for work more often, and now they will be able to do so with free internet access and photocopying, with staff on hand to help, every day during office hours.

The Job Club sessions will continue to run every two weeks alongside the Job Search Area.

### New Market Square

Plans are being finalised for the creation of the New Market Square in front of the Town Hall. This project has been developed by the Town Team, to house the Thursday Market and to provide a focal point to draw shoppers from the new Morrisons

Store into the Town Centre. Once the vets have moved into their new premises in part of the extended Town Hall, preparations will be made to remove the old bungalow, although this may take a little while. Once this is completed, work can begin on the new square.

The plan below shows the general layout, with the War Memorial retained in its current position, but with a new setting. There may also be some small changes to accommodate



differing ground levels.

A larger version of the plan is available at the Town Hall. Do let us have your comments

### New Town Clerk

A big welcome to the new Town Clerk of Carterton Town Council, Caroline Ramsey, who comes to us fresh from her work as an Economic Regeneration Officer with Wiltshire Council. Caroline has a long history both with the RAF and with Carterton.

Her mother and father both served in the RAF and Caroline arrived here from Singapore in the 70's, attending first the Gateway Primary School and then Carterton Community College. Caroline joined the RAF herself after a short career with the police and served until the mid 90's when she left to get married and start a family. She has since worked for the Country Land and Business Association and as an Independent Rural Development Consultant. Caroline's parents returned to the area in 1986, making their family home in Bampton, and it has always been her intention to move back to the area as soon as her son had finished his schooling.

It is a busy time in Carterton, with the Town Hall being extended to make a new Reception and Job Search area, a new Market Square to be sited in the area at the front of the Town Hall, and of course the imminent opening of a Morrisons superstore. Caroline is looking forward to the challenge and is keen to continue to ensure that Carterton's economic growth and development is in the best interests of its residents.



## Carterton Community Centre Events, Marigold Square, Carterton, OX18 1AX

### Christmas Craft & Gift Fair with Santa's Grotto:

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 4pm. Admission is free & the Cafe will be open. We have a fantastic variety of over 30 stalls with handmade crafts & lots of other great Christmas gift ideas. Plus bring the family along to visit Santa's grotto (money raised from this will go towards RAFA Calendar Girls). This should be a great opportunity to pop along to the Centre buy yourself some lovely gifts, see Santa, and then relax in our friendly cafe with a drink & something to eat!!

### Table Top & Car Boot Sales:

Table Top & Car Boot Sales will be returning in 2014 to the Centre from 9am – 12noon starting Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Please call Gill on 01993 842807 to book a table /pitch. Cafe will be open and admission is free, so pop along to get yourself a bargain, then relax in our friendly cafe with a drink & something to eat.

Subsequent dates will be: 8<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Please come along & support our events. We look forward to seeing you there

[www.cartertoncommunitycentre.com](http://www.cartertoncommunitycentre.com)



### Christmas Lights 2013

Carterton's Christmas Lights and Street Fair will take place on the evening of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013 commencing at 6.00 p.m. Stall application forms are available from the Town Hall – contact details overleaf or email [scatt@carterton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:scatt@carterton-tc.gov.uk)



### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2013

The Remembrance Service and Parade will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2013 commencing at 9.45 a.m. at St John's Church, Burford Road, and then proceeding to the War Memorial in Alvescot Road for the laying of wreaths.

### Lester's Alley

One of the priorities of the Town Team is to make sure the town's independent retailers don't miss out on the increase in visitors Morrisons will bring when it opens. The new Market Square will help, but we are also concerned about shops to the east of the centre. A project, with around £20,000 worth of funding to upgrade the alleyway along the side of Giles Toy Shop, is well underway. A small working group of local people and retailers is working with an officer at the District Council to commission work to highlight and improve this important link. The plan is to create metalwork arches and signage to draw shoppers into the Town Centre. Plans will be displayed once they are available.

### **A** Word from the Mayor and the Clerk

Carterton is a unique town. It is one of the newest towns in Oxfordshire and because of its proximity to RAF Brize Norton, it bears many of the characteristics of a garrison town. Many of its residents choose to live here whilst serving in the RAF, or even returning here following retirement from the services. We are both in that category and couldn't be more proud of our adopted town. This is an exciting time for Carterton, with a number of projects either underway, coming to fruition or in the planning stages. There are still many challenges in convincing others that 'we're worth it' but the race is on and we are both committed to putting Carterton firmly on the map and helping to make it an even better place to live and work .

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