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You must be aware that the team behind the Crier are totally at your disposal. Email or call with anything you think would contribute to the editorial of it. We want to know what your group or organisation has coming up so please tell us.

We have been lucky enough to meet, greet, and be supported by some amazing people whilst putting this mag together. Thank you all. We hope you enjoy the fruits of our labours as much as we've enjoyed working with you.

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## CARTERTON MASTER PLAN

The Carterton Town Council Master Plan is a vision for the development of Carterton from now until 2031.

The summary report is available in digital format from  
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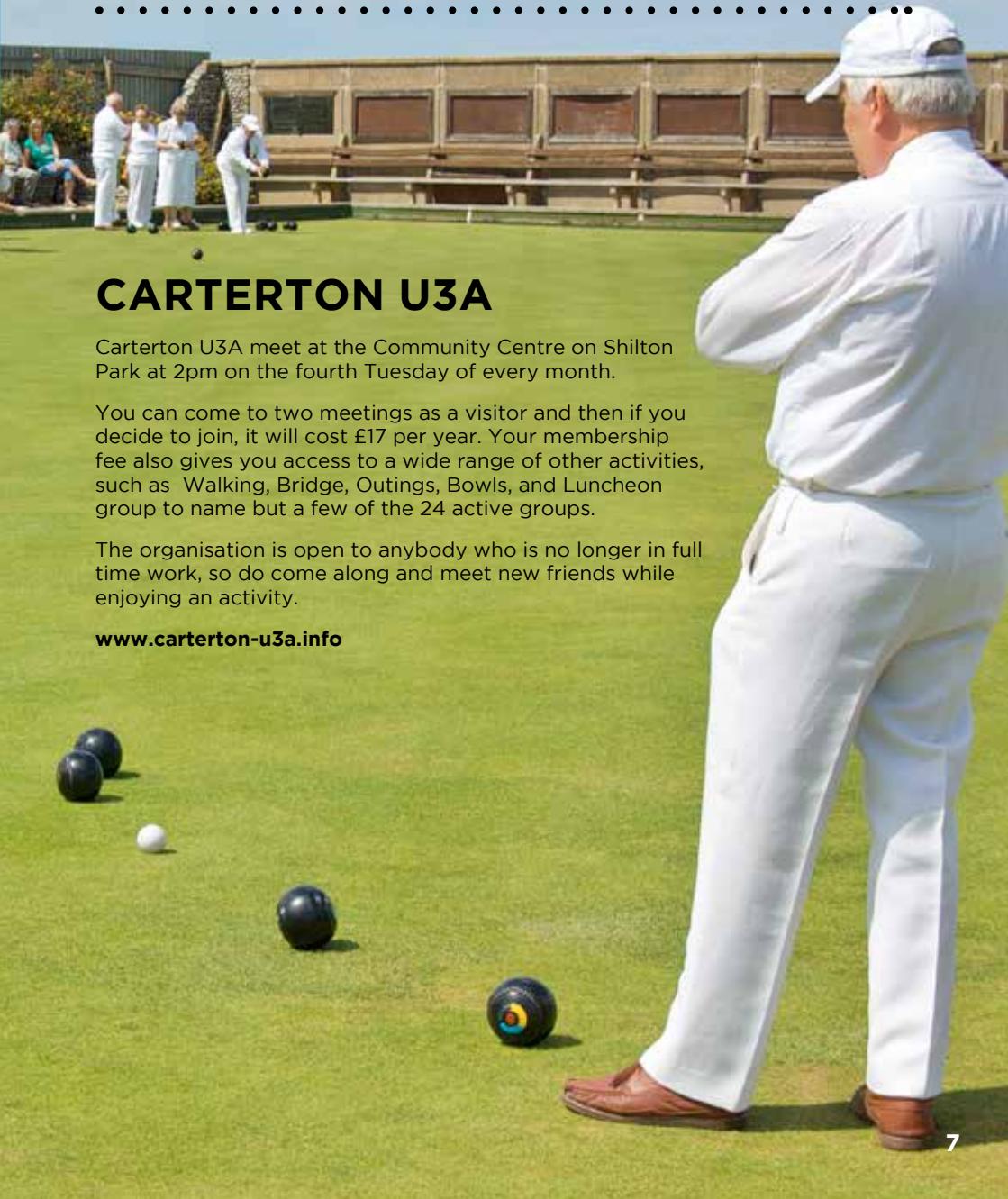


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## CARTERTON U3A

Carterton U3A meet at the Community Centre on Shilton Park at 2pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

You can come to two meetings as a visitor and then if you decide to join, it will cost £17 per year. Your membership fee also gives you access to a wide range of other activities, such as Walking, Bridge, Outings, Bowls, and Luncheon group to name but a few of the 24 active groups.

The organisation is open to anybody who is no longer in full time work, so do come along and meet new friends while enjoying an activity.

**[www.carterton-u3a.info](http://www.carterton-u3a.info)**



## TOYS

For Christmas we have sourced new products from across the world, including unusual jewellery, candles, books, fabulous tree decorations and for the children, cuddly penguins, polar bears and seals, in addition to our many games, hand crafted wooden toys, arks and stocking fillers.

Our Christmas food area includes mouth watering chocolates, biscuits, chutneys, gourmet mulled syrups, fruits in brandy syrup and so much more. We can make up a Christmas Hamper to your choice and size that makes a great present. (Please order in advance)

## Special Christmas Shopping Evenings

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

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## AIRPLAY RAF BRIZE NORTON

Airplay is the RAF Benevolent Fund's £24 million support programme for children and young people whose parents are serving in the Royal Air Force. Here at RAF Brize Norton the Airplay youth project run term time and holiday provision for young people aged 8-18 living in Carterton, benefitting not just the families of Service personnel but also the wider community.

The Airplay staff team is led by Hayley, who became Station Youth Worker in October 2014. Airplay currently operates out of the Allandale Youth Centre in the centre of Carterton on Monday and Wednesday evenings, and out of Flat 10, Ely Close on a Thursday evening.

Three weekly sessions include:

Mondays	6-8pm	8-11yrs	Allandale Youth Centre
Wednesdays	6.30-8.30pm	11-13yrs	Allandale Youth Centre
Thursdays	7.30-9.30pm	14+yrs	Flat 10, Ely Close

Over the last year the number of young people attending the three sessions per week has more than doubled. We continue to grow in number and are always on the lookout for anybody who might be interested in volunteering to help!

We work closely with Carterton Town Council and recently received a £500 donation from the Mayor's charities to the Airplay project.

In addition to the term time sessions that are held, Airplay run holiday provision during the school holidays. During the summer, the Airplay team worked in partnership with Carterton Community College to deliver 'Get Stuck In'.

**For more information please contact: Hayley Phillips, Station Youth Worker, 07887 498730 or Jenny Withers, Community Development Officer, 01993 897068**

# A CENTRE FOR ALL THE COMMUNITY

Carterton Community Centre opened its doors in October 2008. Now well into our seventh year, we are continuing to be seen as a hub of activity within the local area, hosting all kinds of events and providing a fantastic facility for the whole community. We have an excellent choice of rooms available for hire at very affordable prices.

The Community Centre has a Main Hall which seats up to 200 people theatre style (there is a stage, lighting & sound). The Small Hall seats up to 50 theatre style. Further meeting rooms and offices are also available.

We host a variety of events and often work in partnership with local groups. Every year we work alongside The Carterton Lions by hosting their annual art exhibition. As a perfect opportunity for local artists to display their talent, the exhibition is extremely popular and hugely successful.

Once again the Carterton Community Centre will be sponsoring the Carterton Winter Lights Project. We are working with West Oxfordshire

District Council to provide a weekend of free lantern making workshops at the Community Centre on Saturday 7 November & Sunday 8 November from 10am-4pm, so that families can come together to make amazing lanterns ready for the winter lights procession on Friday 27 November. You can drop in anytime during opening hours, receive expert guidance from our professional artist if needed, and make use of the free materials to create your lanterns.

The café will be open for light refreshments with proceeds going to St John the Evangelist Primary School, Shilton Park, Carterton.

We still have our annual Christmas Craft & Gift Fair to look forward to. This year it will be on Saturday 28 November from 10am-4pm. Over 30 fantastic stalls will be selling beautiful and unique handcrafted items and other Christmas gift ideas. Admission is free and the café will be open. Pick up some great presents in time for Christmas, then relax in the café with a hot drink and something to eat.

## 2016 Events

Our Table Top & Car Boot Sales will return. Dates being: Saturday 13 February, 12 March, 10 September & 8 October. We open from 9am -12noon. Table/pitch costs £5 Private, £10 Trade. Please call to book your place. Admission to public is free and the café will be open for refreshments.

We are planning to hold our annual Carterton Wedding Fayre in May – date yet to be confirmed. Christmas Craft & Gift Fair will be held on Saturday 3 December 2016 (10am-4pm).

We have plenty of regular activities held at the centre that include lots of different exercise classes, martial arts, dance & music, baby & toddler sessions, counselling, weight loss & nutritional groups, local church group, and over 50's group. We are also a venue for the National Blood Service which has various dates booked throughout the year if you would like to give blood.

If you would like to make a booking or would like more information about any of our classes or events, please contact Gill Carver on **01993 842807** or email **cartertoncommunitycentre@btconnect.com**

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# NOT QUITE SLEEPING BEAUTY

Christmas is nearly upon us and that can only mean one thing... pantomime! This year Carterton's amateur dramatics group, Acting Community Thingumybogs, present Not Quite Sleeping Beauty.

Come along and boo, hiss, clap, cheer and laugh as we follow Prince Hero and his unlucky sidekick Brian as they try and rescue the beautiful princess from her eternal sleep! Will they succeed in thwarting the evil Fairy Carabosse? Will Prince Hero ever discover the identity of the mysterious girl in the forest? Will Nanny Gaga be able to drink enough coffee to stay awake? Packed with songs, slapstick, silliness and fairytale magic for the whole family!

Performances are at Carterton Community College on Friday 11 December (7pm), Saturday 12 December (2pm & 7pm) & Sunday 13 December (2pm).

Tickets are on sale from Mon 2 November, priced at £6 each, from Wreal Sports in Carterton Town Centre.

All profits from our productions go to Save the Children Fund to help disadvantaged children in this country and abroad.

**[www.actingleycommunitythingumybogs.co.uk](http://www.actingleycommunitythingumybogs.co.uk)**

# GET FIT WITH RESPECT FITNESS MARTIAL ARTS AND PERSONAL TRAINING

**Martial artist Steven Clarke and his wife Dawn opened a Kuk Sool Won martial arts academy and a personal training suite on the Ventura Business Park, Carterton in May 2013 to promote a healthy lifestyle for children and adults whilst learning some vital life skills in a family friendly environment.**

**Steven has been studying martial arts for over 35 years and is a fourth degree black belt in the traditional Korean martial art of Kuk Sool Won, whilst Dawn is a second degree black belt and has been practicing for some 18 years.**

We started teaching Kuk Sool Won in Carterton at Edith Moorhouse Primary School back in 2006 where we developed a number of students to enable them to gain their coveted black belt.

On our growth with more martial arts classes as well as offering personal training services we moved to our current location. Edith Moorhouse Primary School had been very supportive of the club and we are continuing our association with them by supporting the school whenever possible.

Our academy also allows the latest venture, Chipmunks, to develop. Chipmunks is predominantly for pre-school children wishing to develop vital motor skills such as balance, coordination, listening, agility and working together.

We encourage parents to stay and watch their children train, that way they can see and understand the

benefits and developments. The adult classes have benefited from parents deciding what's good for their children is good for them.

We are members of the World Kuk Sool Association (WKSA) which regulates the code of conduct and quality control of the martial arts teaching to ensure all members promoted to the black belt level and beyond are of the correct standard.

November this year will see us hosting a WKSA seminar with our Grandmaster and WKSA Senior Masters at our academy. This will be the third consecutive year our academy has been chosen to support the Seminar tour which visits various Kuk Sool Won schools throughout the country.

**For more information on Kuk Sool Won Martial Arts and to book a free introductory lesson visit [www.kuksoolwonofwestoxfordshire.co.uk](http://www.kuksoolwonofwestoxfordshire.co.uk)**

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# *Christmas Lights*

The Switch-On of the Christmas lights will be on Friday 27 November at the Carterton Town Hall with commercial and charity stalls along the Alvescot Road and on the new Market Square. We have some new exciting stalls this year, plus Santa's Grotto. The Military Wives Choir are going to get us in the Christmas spirit with Christmas carols, there will be the annual Carterton Lantern Procession, and as always there will be children's entertainment and a funfair!





## PLANNING & TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday 17th November, 7:30pm, Carterton Town Hall

The Planning Committee will meet at Carterton Town Hall on Tuesday 17 November at 7.30pm, followed by the Town Council meeting at 7.45pm. Agendas will be displayed on the Town Council website and on the Town Hall noticeboard 5 days prior to the meetings.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Keep an eye on the website for dates and times of future meetings.

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# OTHER DATES TO NOTE

Sunday 8 November



## REMEMBRANCE DAY 2015

*Please join us on this special day*

### ORDER OF EVENTS

- 09:15** Wreaths can be left at the Town Hall
- 09:45** Church Service commences (St. John's Church, Burford Road)
- 10:40** Church Service ends
- 10:45** Parade (led by RAF) marches to the War Memorial
- 11:00** 2 minute silence
- 11:02** Reveille, followed by Kohima Prayer (raising of colours and Union Flag during reveille)
- 11:03** Wreath laying – at the same time, the parade reforms on Alvescot Road to march past the saluting Dais



Saturday 19 December (1-2pm)

## MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Everyone in Carterton should wander over to the market square on 19 December where Yarnton Band and a Carterton school choir will be playing your favourite Christmas carols. There will also be hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Market Square, Alvescot Road

Saturday 19 December (3.30-5.30pm)

## TED LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join SSAFA mascot and Carterton Crier writer Ted Little for this children's party with Christmas music, party games and food. Father Christmas will also pay a visit and will be assisted by Ted Little himself. Tickets for this event are £4 and will be available from the Town Hall reception from Monday 23 November.

Brownes Hall, Alvescot Road

24 December (12pm)-2 Jan

## CARTERTON TOWN COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

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# Raising funds for NPC

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Geri Fitzsimons on her nephew's fatal  
neuro-degenerative condition and what  
can be done to help...



Sam is 8 years old. He loves school, playing football, going on his scooter and running about in the park with his brother, sister and dog. If he had his way he'd have sausages and ice cream every mealtime! When Sam was a baby he was diagnosed with a rare genetic condition called Niemann-Pick Type C. It's a fatal neuro-degenerative condition with no cure. Most children with NPC don't make it to their teens. NPC makes Sam unsteady on his feet, fall often, and makes his speech sometimes difficult to understand. It will eventually confine him to a wheelchair, unable to move, talk or eat.

We are doing everything we can to help Sam now - to make each day filled with love and laughter. And we are working with doctors and scientists to try and get him access to therapy that may slow down the effects of NPC - and maybe just give him enough time until a cure is found.

On Shop Carterton Day Darcy Bear and Fit Figures raised £82.75. Here are a couple of other upcoming fundraisers.

**[www.niemann-pick.org.uk](http://www.niemann-pick.org.uk)**





## FESTIVE WINTER FAYRE

Monday 16 November | 6:15-8pm | Darcy Bear (Carterton South Industrial Estate, Black Bourton Road)

A Festive Fayre at Darcy Bear - which we are asking local businesses to support (£10 donation per table). It should also show people how much there is in Carterton and that they don't need to travel to other places. Adults pay an entrance fee which gives them a free drink and free raffle ticket. There is a reduced fee for children. My ladies at Fit Figures are contributing beautiful prizes and one of them is auctioning her husband as a butler for an evening!

- Fun for all | Great gift ideas | Refreshments
- £2.00 kiddies softs-play | Crafts for kids
- £3.00 adult entrance includes: alcoholic/soft drink and prize-draw tickets

## FIT FIGURES 4 HOUR DANCE-A-THON

Saturday 21 November | 10am-2pm | Fit Figures (Carterton South Industrial Estate, Black Bourton Road)

£2 donation for each session | Why not pick up a sponsor form today and help raise even more! | Includes fizz, cake, awards and prizes | Numbers are limited so please book in advance

10am - Just Dance | 10:30am - Fitsteps - Dancing that is 'Strictly Fun' | 11am - Salsa | 11:30am - Rock and Roll | 12pm - Irish Dancing | 12:30pm - Party Time | 1pm - Children and Dads | 1:30pm - Anything Goes | 2pm - Cake, Fizz, Raffle

You can help by telling people about NPC - the more people know the wider our network of supporters - and by donating to the NPDG, a charity that supports all families impacted by the condition. You can also donate to FIT4SAM on Just Giving.

# THE SIEGE OF ORLEANS...

*We then do what  
we want to do*

Wander down Carters Walk and you'll find the Siege – a micro-alehouse that opened on 8 May 2015 (matching the corresponding date in 1429 when the Siege of Orleans ended). It is the creation of local man Chris Jones, who researched the recent trend for micropubs as he sought to bring something new to Carterton. Micropubs have been in existence for about 10 years, the first being The Butchers Arms in Kent, opening for business in 2005. They now number over 100 and cover many areas of the UK. Oxfordshire, however, has seemingly resisted the trend, until now...

The Siege of Orleans seeks to offer something different to local pubs. Phil Lewis runs the bar on a day-to-day basis. "When you go into a pub you know what you want, be it a Guinness or a Stella." Phil says. "When you come through our doors, you look at the pumps and the products behind and think 'I don't recognise anything here.' It's up to us as bar staff then to educate customers

in what the products are and which ones will best suit them, to give them something different and – to use a Peter Kay phrase – 'a taste sensation!'" When the Crier popped into the Siege, Phil talked honestly about the ales, what he didn't like and why (it's always refreshing to hear people avoid the 'I love everything here' route), as well as allowing our reporter a taste before they committed to a larger measure – a pint of Loose Cannon Bandwagon, brewed in Abingdon, was opted for in the end.

Phil also informs of how the Siege refuses to conform to the micropub trend. "To be classed as a micropub you need to be part of the micropub association. There are quite a few rules that they like you to follow – no music, no lager, no spirits, no fruit machines and no televisions...just real ale and the art of conversation. We thought that we'd class ourselves as a micro-alehouse – a normal alehouse but on a smaller scale. And we then do what we want to do."



There's roughly 2000-3000 people who live in Carterton but don't drink in Carterton. If you're in that group, it is this micro-alehouse's aim to get you drinking here again. "We're changing our ales all the time" says Phil. There are so many different ales in circulation; when Phil opens his doors on a Monday morning there'll be three reps outside wanting to sell him their produce. It's not just the beverages that make this place what it is. "It's a nice relaxed atmosphere – it's got a good vibe to it. People like to come in because they can talk; they're not going to have their ears bleeding because of loud music or television: that's not what we're about". However, being a place that is not restricted by certain rules, the Siege still showed the Rugby World Cup this year despite the micropub bible banning television. Further, the bar serves spirits; they are sourced from all around the globe: before Phil spoke to the Crier he

had been on the phone to a supplier in Norway discussing vodka. In essence, this venue is new and quirky but does not go so far as to blacklist typical things that people do like to see in their pubs.

Recently the Siege was gripped with Beer Pong Fever as 32 teams battled to win a 3 night trip to Prague to visit the Royal Krusovice Brewery. There's more coming up, including a charity auction in November, plus Halloween and Christmas parties. The Siege will also be sponsoring Carterton Town Council's Christmas lights switch-on. On the last Sunday of every month, there is a chill-out evening with live music; November will feature James Morgan who recently appeared at Shop Carterton Day putting his own spin on The Fresh Prince of Bel Air and Arthur theme tunes.

So show your face in the Siege. It's here, and your drinking should be too.

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# A CARTERTON CHARACTER

## Ken Southam

Every town and village has its characters – the people that have been integral to the heart and history of wherever it may be.

A Carterton Character is a series of pieces focusing on the memories of a Cartonian; a unique history that will bring a smile to your face.

Sam Bennett visited our first character, Ken Southam, a Carterton resident old enough to have gone to school by donkey cart.



**Ken Southam's daughter, Sue, opened the door of his bungalow to me and Lynn Little. "She's always late" Sue said, gesturing towards Lynn. (In the Mayor's defence, she had been spending her day trying to find a place for a homeless war veteran to live.)**

Ken was sat waiting in the kitchen. The smell of his pipe lingered and he was quick to warn me of the cabinet positioned just inches above my head. "I'm a bit on the deaf side so shout" he said, just before our interview began. A touch of deafness is quite understandable given the fact he is 95. He came to Carterton when he was 4, and I asked him if the town had changed a lot in that time. He said it had but not for the best, putting this down to there being too much building taking place: "we're going to be in trouble before long up this road". He also doesn't believe the Co-op should have been allowed: "there was plenty of things going on without that. It's what killed the market. One day at the market there were 60 stalls, now they have about three don't they?"

We discussed the first bus service in Carterton. "Frank Jones bought this small bus for schools more than anything. The City of Oxford wanted to start a bus service from Carterton. Carterton people objected; they said: 'No, Mr Jones has got a bus here!' So what used to happen was at the time The City of Oxford bus was due to go, Mr Jones pulled up in his 10 or 12 seater and anybody in Carterton who had a car went with him - like a funeral procession! This went on for about 6 months until the law stepped in!" Transport came up more than once in our conversation. Ken remembers when the Americans were in Carterton. They used to leave their cars behind when they left. "We used to flog them," he said, "anyone would buy them for stock car racing, banger racing". (The

United States Air Force was given the Royal Air Force Brize Norton airfield in 1951. USAF remained in Carterton until 1965 - but kept making bomber detachments here until 1967).

You often hear kids talk about how there's nothing to do in their towns. I wondered if there was anything for the young Ken Southam to do. "The only thing we used to do was put a penny on the railway to see if a train would flatten it!" Ken went to Burford School when it was still a grammar school, and he used to run, once taking part in a schools competition at the White City - "I was unlucky, I was third". He didn't just run competitively. "We had a big fat man who was a policeman here, and he was always chasing us because we were being a bloody nuisance" Ken said. "He used to go out to Alvescot to the pub on his bike. The boys would go down there with a bit of string. When he went in to have a drink they'd tie his pedal to the frame!"

Ken Southam left school at the age of 14. He helped his dad, who owned a builder's yard, do decorating. "Did he give you any money for that?" I asked Ken. "I doubt it" he replied. "I was friendly with the pub landlord's son, Geoff Smith" he went on to say. Geoff was the son of Charles Samuel Smith, who is said to be the first landlord of Carterton's first pub, The Beehive, which opened in 1932. "Geoff used to be on the milk recording. We were often out together and he said 'You ought to get a driver's licence, why don't you come out milk recording with me and learn to drive?' So I used to go out with him driving, I knew all the farms he had to go to. One time the tyre burst when he was asleep - 'Christ, I thought we'd hit something!' he said." It's not all the pair got up to. "Geoff had a sister called Pam who lived with their gran in Essex. He rang me one night and said 'you'll have to pick me up later on.' I said 'why?'

He said 'Pam's getting married tomorrow, we mustn't miss that.' So nine o'clock at night we set off for Essex. When we got there we knocked on the door. 'What the bloody hell are you doing here?' Pam said. 'We've come for the wedding, my duck' Geoff said. 'It ain't half cold, you go get in Gran's bed with her and we'll have yours!"

Ken was in the airforce during the war, looking after Carterton. Asking him about his war experience led to a story about a driver he knew called Ted Bendall. One day the camp was being bombed as Ted drove so he got out and took shelter under his vehicle. When the all-clear was called he told his associates where he had taken cover...only to be told what he was carrying in the lorry was a load of explosives! Another tale involved a soldier providing a specimen as part of his medical and spilling it over the chap examining him!

Ken made himself useful in other ways during the war. "I used to drive for Archie Rose." Rose owned The Vineries which specialised in fruit and veg. "I had my day off on a Friday, so I'd come home on Thursday night, he'd have his van loaded up ready, I'd deliver around Oxford for him - all his tomatoes!" (Carterton's history is very tomato orientated: "everybody in Carterton had chickens and tomatoes" our Carterton character had already informed me).

Police, bombs, tomatoes...I could have talked to Ken for so much longer. But I didn't want to tire him out completely; he had just relayed years and years of Carterton life to me. Many thanks to him for being a fabulous first in what we hope will be a series full of cheer, charm and character!



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# News

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## WEST OXFORDSHIRE POSTCODE AREA NAMED A TOP FAMILY HOTSPOT



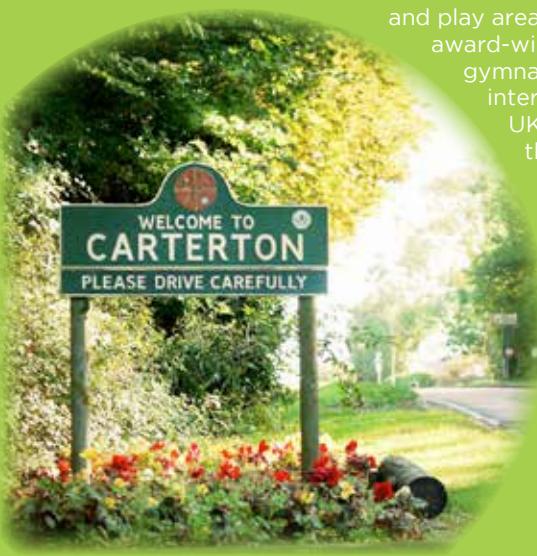
**The OX18 postcode area in West Oxfordshire has been named as one of the most desirable places in the country to raise a family.**

The area encompasses Bampton, Burford, Carterton and a number of villages and smaller settlements.

One Family ([www.onefamily.com](http://www.onefamily.com)) is an insurance, investments and savings mutual that produces a report every year listing the best locations in England and Wales for families to live.

The area was ranked 11th following an analysis of nearly 2,400 postcode areas across England and Wales using over 70 different sets of data. The analysis references key criteria important to parents when deciding where to settle and raise their family. It includes education, safety, childcare costs, local amenities, affordable property and green spaces.

As well as excellent local clubs and activities geared to families, the area has a modern Leisure Centre, an attractive country park and play area (Kilkenny Lane Country Park) and an award-winning gymnastics club at Carterton with gymnasts representing the UK in national and international events. It is also home to the UK's only crocodile zoo (Crocodiles of the World) and one of the UK's largest zoological collections at the Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens.



Burford is often referred to as the 'Gateway to the Cotswolds' and is one of many picturesque villages in this area. Around 25,000 people live in OX18; the largest town being Carterton with a population of 16,000. The town has more than trebled in size during the last 30 years.

# LION

## FROM THE CARTERTON LIONS' DEN...

### **People of Carterton and West Oxfordshire - celebrate!**

You have helped Carterton Lions to make a real difference to a lot of people in our area!

So far this year we have bought a very special wheelchair for stroke patients in our area, provided planting and pond equipment for some of our Primary Schools, given over £1,500 to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and donated books to local nursery schools. Our willing hands have been there for a number of groups and individuals needing our help - parking for the Carterton 10K and the Carterton Triathlon, providing the administration for the local music school concert, helping a couple in need to move house and providing the refreshments for the local patients' feedback day. Not to mention our monthly car boot sales!

And here comes Christmas...with the very special Santa Claus on hand to make the children (and the adults!) smile. Every year we are asked whether he will be coming around - and the answer is yes! So watch out for details of where he will be.

## **ANY QUESTIONS?**

Our secretary Maddy is on **01993 772241** or **[maddy@johnradburn.org.uk](mailto:maddy@johnradburn.org.uk)**

Who are the Lions? We are ordinary people doing as much as we can to help our town and our local villages. See you soon!

# THE LIONS CLUBS OF OXFORDSHIRE MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE SCHEME

## **The Emergency Information scheme from the Lions Clubs of Oxfordshire**

Everyone will be acutely aware of the problems faced by the emergency services when they are called into the home of someone who lives on their own and who has, perhaps, collapsed or been involved in an incident.

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- Are they allergic to anything?
- Who is their next of kin (or carer) for us to contact?
- Are there any pets in the house who will need attention if this patient has to be taken into hospital?

This is where the “Message in a Bottle” is invaluable as it is there to help just such people – vulnerable people who are potentially at risk.

The plastic bottle measures approximately 4” high and 2” diameter. Personal information, such as medical conditions, regular medications, allergies, doctor’s details and details of next of kin are written on a form provided and placed inside the bottle. The information inside could obviously prove critical in deciding any appropriate treatment or other necessary action. The bottle is placed in the fridge and a green sticker is placed on the outside door of the fridge. A second sticker is placed on the inside of the main entrance door (so that it is not visible to unwelcome callers) to alert all emergency services to its existence.



The scheme is strongly supported by our local emergency services who are impressed by the simplicity of the system. It is also now a national scheme, run throughout the country by Lions and some other organisations all with the same aim, ensuring that their community is being helped to the maximum. There are now over 81,000 of these little bottles in the fridges of Oxfordshire alone – proving invaluable day by day.

The Lions Clubs are very aware of the fact that this is not a “flash in the pan” – but an on-going commitment to our communities and we have been running this nationally since the year 2002. Our motto is “We Serve” and we therefore tend towards really practical and tangible methods of helping our communities. The Lions are very proud to be running a scheme which will give peace of mind to so many people and their families.

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David Cameron presented a cheque to SSAFA Carterton and Witney Division (Mayor Lynn Little holds SSAFA mascot Ted Little)

## A HUGE BENEFIT TO BEING MAYOR

Town Mayors are busy people. Part of their roles are civic but a huge part of their position enthusiastically taken up by our own Mayor Cllr Lynn Little is the opportunity to raise money for worthwhile causes.

These are the charities that benefited in 2014-15 (cheques were presented by The Rt Hon David Cameron MP): SSAFA Carterton and Witney Division, Carterton Visions Club, Carterton Lights Up Memory Club, Carterton Carers Group, Carterton Get Stuck In Holiday Activities, and the Allandale Youth Club/Airplay Carterton. Phil Lewis, manager at The Siege of Orleans in Carterton, also presented the Mayor with a charity donation of £85 which was raised from the sale of Spitfire Ale from the micro-alehouse during Armed Forces Week. The Prime Minister proceeded to have a chat with the invited guests and staff at Carterton Town Council.

The Mayor also took this opportunity to present the Prime Minister with a copy of the Carterton Masterplan, a book detailing Ted Little's worldly adventures raising awareness of SSAFA as well as a Shop Carterton bag.



A cheque was presented by the PM to Carterton Visions Club

# Why buy local?

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There has been a welcome trend over the last couple of years to embrace locally sourced products and support the men and women who work in our hometowns. If you're a regular customer with a local business then they're likely to throw in discounts and freebies, which is something that the structure of large businesses usually doesn't allow room for. Market stall holders can negotiate on price: When was the last time you negotiated with a Tesco self-service machine? Better advice is also given by small businesses, as local traders can provide you with more information about their products due to their more personal relationship with suppliers.

Purchasing from independent traders also gives you greater scope for buying unique and quirky items. Ordering bespoke furniture from a carpenter means that you have an item which is exclusive and produced with love and care. Ordering your entire living room from Ikea might be convenient but you'll be making your home design fit around what is available to buy, rather than commissioning furniture which is tailored to suit your needs. Similarly, buying handmade toys for your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews lets them enjoy something individual which has been made with love by a craftsman who genuinely appreciates your custom.

Visiting, say, your local greengrocer can also be a more charming and personal experience than what you get in supermarkets. Mr Clements at Adam's Orchard (Black Bourton Road) states: "When people do come in they like the experience insofar as they do see their neighbour, they talk to them, as well as to the staff; there is a

rapport between all the people".

Let's not forget the ethical benefits of supporting local business. Shopping at local butchers and greengrocers gives you the peace of mind that your food hasn't been stripped of nutrients, isn't covered in unnecessary packaging and hasn't damaged the environment by being flown halfway around the world. Local butchers are also much better equipped to ensure the welfare of their animals than the mass-produced meat that you can buy in supermarkets.

Barry's Family Butchers, the only butchers shop in Carterton, has been proudly serving the local community for more than 30 years, and prides itself on being a family run business. In addition to their traditional butcher range, they are the leading barbecue specialists in the local area, relying on their reputation to build and maintain the growing business – a reputation based on the quality and range of products they supply. This reputation brings customers from close and far to enjoy the quality meats. (They are now taking Christmas orders. To avoid disappointment please order early.)

Please continue to support local business. When you do a much higher percentage of what you spend goes back into the local economy. To lose the businesses detailed in this article and the like would be to lose charm, quality and uniqueness...and pretty soon, as pointed out by Adam's Orchard's Mr Clements, your local high street will look the same as every other one. "You should give the small people a chance." Mr Clements says. "If you don't support the local businesses soon they won't be here."



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# SHOP CARTERTON DAY

## Shop Carterton Day organiser, Sarah Scott-Stovold, talks business

Carterton's first Shop Carterton Day was a brilliant start to getting the residents to support their local shops! It was also nice for local businesses based from home to come in to the market square to show people what they have to offer. Free & Easy, the Charley Alan Band and James Morgan all performed. It was also the first give away of Shop Carterton Bags which tied in very well with shops starting to charge for plastic bags. I was very happy to hear that Adam's Orchard, Barry's Butchers and Barista Coffee Shop (who actually ran out of sausage rolls!) had a much busier Saturday than normal.

We had children's attractions such as a fairground ride supplied by Bradley Hatwell plus a Punch and Judy show, a bouncy castle, glitter tattoos, candy floss, popcorn and a hot dog machine

all courtesy of Steve Gibson and The Fun Factor.

I think events like this are important to show the shops in Carterton that the Town Council and Chamber of Trade want to work together to help improve business for them. Of course this will only work if the shops want to be helped. We hope to have more events like this to bring the community together and to make Carterton a better town for businesses to set up in.

I really want to make Carterton a town that businesses want to come to because of our excellent community spirit and capability to work together as a team and help each other's businesses become a big success. One step at a time but I think that community/ business events are a good start to making this dream come true!





## CARTERTON CHAMBER OF TRADE

The Carterton Chamber of Trade is a group of business owners/managers meeting every other month to network. We discuss business development ideas and development within Carterton. We have social events throughout the year such as brewery tours, BBQs, golf days and wine tasting! The members are all different age ranges with the youngest member being myself in my mid-twenties! Business ages range from one week old to over thirty years old. We have recently gained some new members that are from completely different industries - a green grocer, beauty salon, cleaning company, vets and accountancy company just to name a few!





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# CARTERTON WITH MIKE STEWARD



This is the first **CARTERTON** feature. Each issue we'll bring you something arty and Cartonian. In this first issue, we feature Mike Steward - "an ordinary chap who relaxes with a paintbrush and water." Carterton has been Mike's home for 30 years; he has painted various parts of it as well as producing the Mayor's Christmas card.

Mike doesn't describe himself as an artist, partly attributing this to his school days, where he was told not to pursue the subject beyond the age of 14. "Whilst I had enjoyed art as a pupil, I was told that I had no future as an artist and did not opt for it at O-level." Mike became a geography teacher, "many a labelled chalk drawn landscape appeared on my classroom board - only to be eradicated at the end of the lesson. I knew I could draw landscapes."

Nine years ago he retired from Carterton Community College at the age of 54 to take care of his sick mother. "Retirement saw me signing up for a 10 week evening class at Witney College - 'Water colour for beginners'. The course was inspirational and I loved the concentration and commitment that 2 hours of sitting in front of paper with paints and brushes gave me."

There are a fair few painters in Carterton but Mike does not believe this is something unique to the town - "I think if you delve into it, it would be the case in most places. Bampton has got its own little art group, Witney has too, scattered around are many people who pick up a paintbrush and palette and probably haven't got the opportunity to put their work before other people."



Mike's opportunity came when the Carterton Lions displayed his work in one of their exhibitions, something he regards as a big step in his life. It was a brave move on his part when you consider the nature of the man: "In a way I'm quite shy about it because I don't want to be ridiculed; I'm my biggest critic, I know what's gone wrong in a painting but don't want to hear other people telling me!" All was well with the exhibition, he put 4 paintings on show and remembers looking at them and thinking: "Yeah, I can live with these!" He is able to assess his work quite honestly (his mother didn't do this - "she liked everything I did no matter how bad it was!"), "I've got different paintings on the wall that I've done, and I know why I've got them there. In one of them I think the actual landscape is not very good but the sky is superb".

So what's going on at the moment? Mike's annual holiday to Okehampton is approaching, where he can paint Dartmoor in peace and quiet. Sadly his mother is no longer alive, "it will be strange to not have her loving eye over my next painting". What about the style of any upcoming art? And where can we next see it? "I still stay in the safe zone." He says. "Landscapes dominate my studies although I do enjoy painting flowers from nature or pictures. I do try to paint a picture for every Town Hall charity raffle/auction - it's usually the last to go but at least the frame is worth something!"

Based on his work, this former geography teacher could describe himself as an artist, but perhaps for him to do so would be to damage the idea of a fun hobby - "I never thought of myself as an artist. I just enjoy drawing and painting."



## MIKE STEWARD



# CARTERTON OPEN ART EXHIBITION 2016

## **Dear Artists and Art Appreciators...**

Following the success of their previous five events, Carterton Lions have set the date for the Carterton Open Art Exhibition 2016, which will take place from Thursday 18 February until the afternoon of Sunday 21 February 2016 at Carterton Community Centre.

The last five exhibitions have been very popular, with increasing numbers both of entries and of those attending. February is evidently a good time for artists and for buyers and visitors - bringing a bit of cheer into the long days.

The Lions anticipate asking for your entries on Tuesday 16 February, with the preview on Wednesday 17 February.

Please hold the dates in your diaries, add it to your art group's agenda and spread the word amongst your colleagues.

**If you have any early enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the organiser, Lion Michael Lowe, who is available on 01992 842354 or via e-mail at [mlandjd17@btinternet.com](mailto:mlandjd17@btinternet.com).**

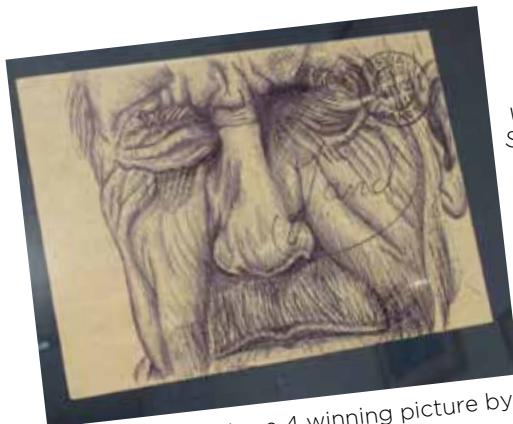
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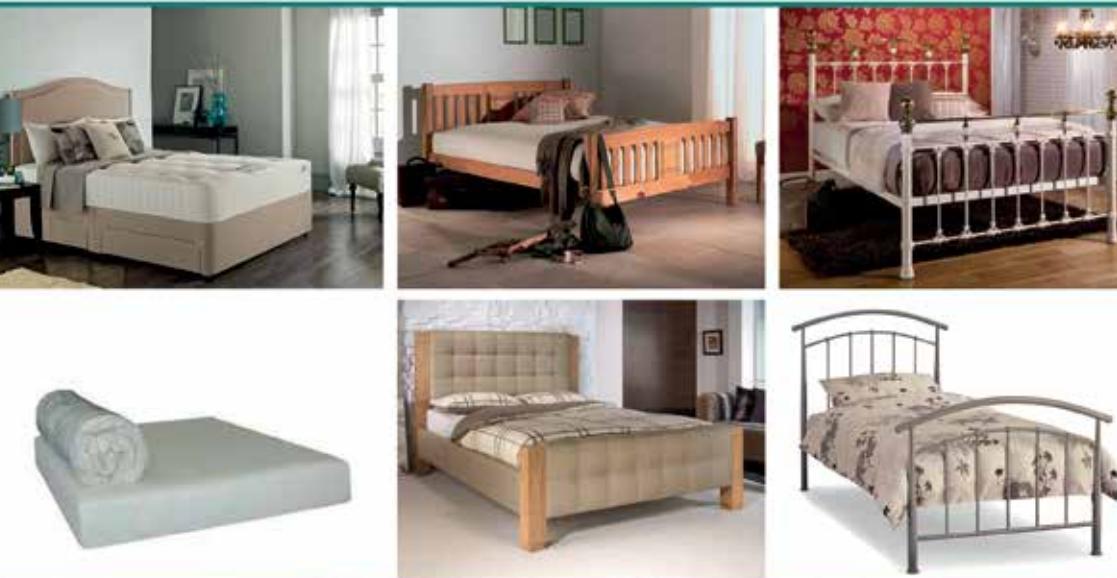
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The look I get asked for most often by my Cotswolds clients is 'contemporary country' – and nothing does the job better than natural materials and traditional techniques. Giving things a contemporary twist with modern shapes, a few statement pieces or retro-referencing designs keeps the overall look dynamic. Over the years, I've built up a portfolio of inspiring bespoke manufacturers and trusted craftsmen to deliver beautiful results; here are some of my top tips for getting the look in your own home.

#### FOCUS ON MATERIALS

Wood, wool, stone, leather, natural cane and paper: these finishes are tactile, warm and durable. They also offer a tantalising range of textures – a key skill of a designer like me is balancing colour and texture in a way that stimulates the senses but remains soothing, creating an elegant overall effect that's never dull or uniform.

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#### HONE IN ON HERITAGE

For impact and longevity, you're always going to get maximum value from great quality. That's why I love working with Vincent Sheppard; their versatile blend of classic heritage and chic contemporary updates sits perfectly in Cotswolds home interiors, but you'll also spot their furniture in luxury design hotels and buzzing bistros across the world, from Marbella's elegant Finca Cortesin to hip beach bars in Ibiza – a testament to their good looks, great value and durability (think of the high-traffic wear and tear they get put through!). Every piece is handmade; and with FSC accreditation, you know the materials used are sustainably sourced.



## Ask the expert...

**Q I have a big country-style kitchen diner, which I'd like to give a contemporary spin. Ideas?**

**A** The retro look can sit really well in traditional Cotswolds homes. I use Vincent Sheppard's Lloyd Loom pieces as they reference 20th-century designs and combine beautifully with my bespoke, hand-built kitchens. When it's not practical to replace your existing kitchen, a quick way to effect change is to invest in new dining chairs and table. My best-sellers include the classic beech-framed Marco chairs, and retro-style Lily seats in oak. You could look at your lighting, too; some new pendants can make all the difference. I can source a variety of shapes and styles; together we can find something that's perfect for you.



### MIX AND MATCH STYLES

I'm often asked how to make the retro look work in a period setting; the key is to source a new piece with a mid-century design lineage that blends in with a country interior – try using a statement chair in a reading nook or bedroom, for example, or placing a pair of bucket chairs and a coffee table in a conservatory.

I invite clients to my studio or go to their houses to help them select and customise products that work with their lifestyle; a modern mix of great-looking, stylish furniture to create a welcoming home that's unique to you.

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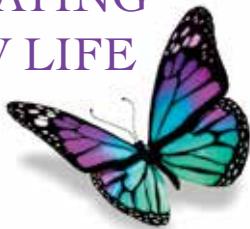
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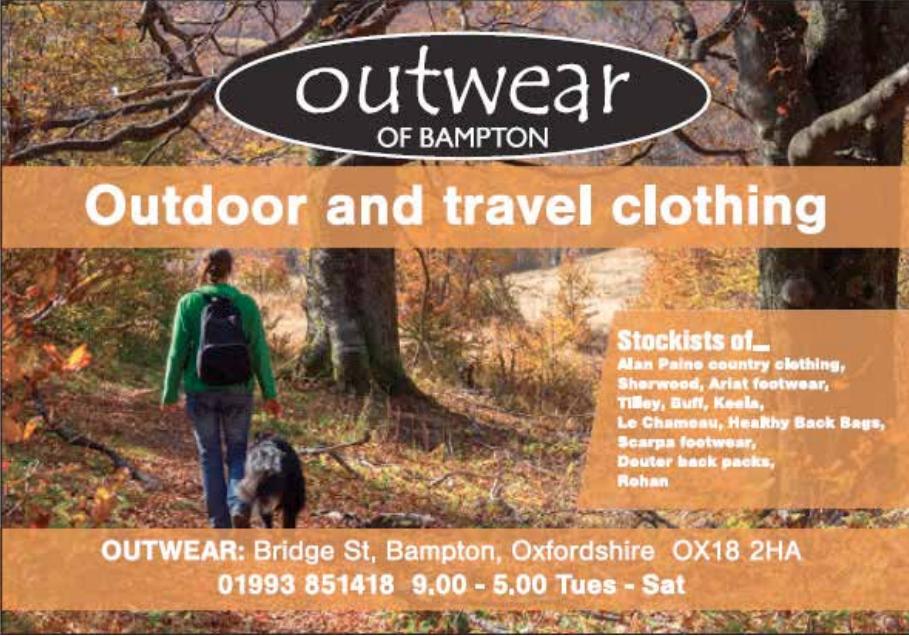
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Last year we worked with all children, parents, staff and governors to agree our new mission statement, 'Caring for Others, Achieving Excellence'. Our mission and values of respect, unity, self-belief, success, responsibility and inspiration now underpin all we do across our school community. This term we have been reflecting the meaning of our values through the arts. We are excited to be working with an artist in residence this term to create silk banners for our school corridor.

We are very lucky at St John's to be supported by a wonderful parent body and Home School Association. Last year we raised over £10,000 towards the development of a new school library. As I write, the library is being installed and will soon be a resource for all of our children and families. Our Home School Association plan a range of events over the course of the year. Forthcoming events will include our very popular annual Christmas Fayre.

Please see our website [www.st-john.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.st-john.oxon.sch.uk) or phone the school for more information on 01993 843124.

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# GATEWAY TO EXCELLENCE...

Carterton Community Schools Federation (CCSF) is coming to the end of its first year of existence. The governing body that looks after three schools in Carterton has worked extremely hard this year and staff at all three institutions (Carterton Primary School, Carterton Community College and Gateway Primary School) have all commented on how reassuring it has been to have volunteer governors with such a great knowledge of the educational agenda visit their school and support and challenge the work that teachers and leaders are doing.

Carterton Primary School was in special measures cited as inadequate last September. Through a continued drive for excellence and with the appointment of a new and dynamic head of school, it is now a "good" school. This transformation and jumping of two grades in terms of Ofsted has been down to providing the school with a clear vision, providing the teachers with clear guidance and providing the pupils with outstanding learning experiences. Gateway Primary School was also in special measures last September but with the support of the governing body and the leadership of their head teacher, we are delighted that Gateway have also had such a positive outcome from their most recent inspection and is now also a "good" school. Again, this demonstrates the usefulness of CCSF as a collaborative body.

This is central to our philosophy at Carterton Community College. We provide our students with continuous everyday excellent opportunities through well qualified and highly committed teachers. Our Challenge Partners report demonstrated how well we are performing as a college. This independent report from external professionals led by a qualified Ofsted inspector was rigorous and challenging but the outcome of "Outstanding" overall showed we are on the right track.



This year at Carterton Community College we have worked hard to market ourselves with our sixth form opening and we are delighted that the response from existing students has been so prolific. We have recruited over 60% of our Year 11 students and with so many wide ranging subjects on offer, we have certainly got a higher number of students than expected in our first year. We are confident that we have the capacity and skillset amongst our dedicated staff and the continued provision of Key Stage 5 lessons will be of high quality next academic year. This year will see our sixth form continuing to thrive and we look for more opportunities to be creative with our curriculum in order to help continue to raise standards. We will be concentrating on what additional support we can provide within the community.

As a college and a federation, we are always looking to improve the outcomes for all youngsters in Carterton and the surrounding villages. We are a true community school and welcome all comments whether supportive or challenging. We actively encourage community events to support all schools. Whenever the situation occurs to compliment us as a school, it is always appreciated and we look forward to engaging community stakeholders in conversation over the next 12 months as the federation of schools continues to expand.

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## CARTERTON MASTER PLAN

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# Commitment to an idea

16 year old Alana Jones, a Carterton Community College student, spoke to the Carterton Crier about cutting her hair for The Little Princess Trust

Alana Jones went up to her mum one morning before school started and told her she wanted a haircut. "Obviously my mum knows me very well and she knew that I wouldn't go through with it." Alana said. "Because I'm always a person who worries a lot, always thinking 'I can't do it, I can't do it'. She told me I needed a proper reason to commit to it. So she said to have a look online and find a couple of good reasons why I should cut my hair."

Alana plays football for Carterton Town (she spoke to us following a weekend 1-0 win in which she scored the winner). At first she thought of cutting her hair to raise money for the club; but then she decided to prioritise another cause...

The Little Princess Trust is a children's cancer charity and their mission is

to supply real hair wigs to children suffering with cancer, for the duration of their treatment. However, in addition they assist children with other conditions which also result in hair loss, the most common being alopecia. Alana set up a GoFundMe page through which people could sponsor her for the haircut; later her cousin, a hairdresser, took 14 inches off her hair..."I ponytailed it, tied it, put it in a plastic bag and posted it to them. It's been sent off to China to make a wig for a little girl." Alana raised £360 for the trust.

People, whether they're male or female, adults, teenagers or children, can be image conscious. This must have been quite a scary endeavour. "It was nerve-racking. But I've wanted to cut my hair for a year, mainly for practical reasons like football and



having to get up early in the morning to do my hair – it just didn't suit my lifestyle. So I knew I was going to do it. But when it came to it I was shaking!"

Should more people Alana's age do things like this? "I think it's a definite thing we need to encourage." The 16 year old said. "However it's more about personal spirit and it's commitment to an idea that we need to help kids with, especially with things that people are self-conscious of, I know a lot of girls would never do it purely because society wants them to have long hair." Is body image addressed well enough in schools? "Loads of the teachers have been extremely supportive of me and I've had advice from most of them. They're all really friendly at Carterton and you can trust any of the teachers. And I feel like most of the students here believe that as well. A lot of the girls and guys would believe that body image is not important. No-one's made any inappropriate comments

or said anything about my hair being distracting. The teachers have been doing a very good job there."

It doesn't sound like it's the end of Alana's charity work. She is considering growing her hair again which could mean another cut in 2-3 years' time. If this doesn't happen charity runs are in the pipeline, meaning she can use one of her passions, "I've never really thought about life without sport" she says, to help others – she still wants to raise money for Carterton Football Club and generally assist the progression in cancer research. Another idea doesn't involve as much distance as charity runs..."my twin sister and I were thinking about raising more money by doing a baked bean bath; we haven't found an appropriate date to do it yet – maybe one when it's slightly warmer!"

[www.littleprincesses.org.uk](http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk)

# THE ADVENTURES OF FLYING OFFICER TED LITTLE

Hello. I am Flying Officer Ted Little. Welcome to the first in a series I'll be writing for the Carterton Crier.

I am the son of the Mayor of Carterton, Lynn Little, and mascot fundraiser for SSAFA – for which I fly around the world with RAF Brize Norton, No.99 Squadron under the leadership of Flight Lieutenant Harry Slade. I was a Pilot Officer but I am proud to say I have been promoted following a recent top secret mission to Afghanistan to remove equipment from Camp Bastion.

Flight Lieutenant Harry Slade has been my boss for a year now and I've accompanied him to places that once upon a time I could only have dreamed of visiting. Neither myself or my mum can believe what's happened for me; that I came to be just two years ago courtesy of Giles in Alvescot Road (sadly now closed) and have since travelled to Kenya, Norway, and Cyprus, as well as Minneapolis, Texas and South Carolina. I have covered 70,000 miles of the globe and for what I believe to be a crucial and wonderful cause; it is my aim on these trips to raise money for SSAFA (Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association). So far I have raised £10,000.

Flight Lieutenant Slade suggested that I keep a photo diary of my year with 99 Sqn which he has kindly turned into a book. There are only 5 copies but fingers crossed a real publisher may turn it into a charity best seller for SSAFA. To raise even more money would be a wonderful thing, and a fantastic addition to the money I have already raised as SSAFA mascot fundraiser. Watch this space!

I would also like to thank all those who attended my Teddy Bears Picnic in September. I hope you took full advantage of the gloriously sunny day we had and were amazed by the awesome RAF Falcons. I was fortunate enough to drop into the picnic by parachute with them – spectacular! The Falcons have been the official parachute display team of the RAF since 1965; it was an honour to jump with them on their 50th anniversary. I also got to spend time with them for the close of their 2015 season...what a finish! A really moving display at the Spitfire & Hurricane Memorial Museum, Manston marked the Battle of Britain's 75th anniversary and I had an experience of what life was like on the airfield during the famous air campaign of World War 2.



I hope all of Carterton's residents are in attendance at this year's Christmas lights switch-on (last year I was lucky enough to turn the lights on alongside Millie Lindsell, Rachel Clarke and, last but not least, David Cameron). And it would be great to see the children of Carterton at my Christmas party, 19 December, 3.30-5.30pm at Browne's Hall, Alvescot Road - there'll be music and a magician and Airbus will be sponsoring the event!

I am currently with the Falcons again on a Detachment...I'm at a school in Korea! But more about that in my next column!

**Please support me and my charity work by donating here:  
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Ted Little



# A Green

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## KEEP YOUR TREE!

I have relatives from Kent who frequently camp in the Cotswolds and come into Carterton for their shopping. They like Carterton and always especially mention the trees lining the streets on all the main roads into the town.

However over the last couple of years the amount of trees being cut down is becoming increasingly worrying. We do not have the resources to fight developers on this issue but would like to persuade our residents to think twice before felling a tree on their property. If you really have no other choice, then plant another more suitable species to replace the tree you have removed.

I live with a large apple tree and 4 Damson trees, already in situ when I moved in. Yes it is inconvenient for a couple of months when the fruit is on the ground, getting trodden under foot and generally looking messy but this mulch also provides a wealth of wildlife with nourishment to sustain them through the winter months. There is another large tree in our garden (species unknown); apart from the amount of birds it offers safety and shelter to, it makes a really good anchor for my hammock! We have some variety of Pine to the side of the house. It sheds its needles everywhere, creating a horrible mess but again is a haven for birds and very nicely blocks out our view of a nearby sub-station. Try to look at the positive reasons for keeping your tree.

There are some very good tree surgeons in the area that can offer advice or undertake work that is not too expensive. One tip I learned from our tree surgeon is if you are having problems with birds sitting in trees near to your property and producing a lot of colourful droppings, which can ruin car paint work and look unsightly, just hang some old CD's amongst the branches of the tree. Even if you have to employ someone with a ladder to do this for you it will still be cheaper than the cost of felling.

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# HAVE YOU GOT A HEDGE AROUND YOUR GARDEN?

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# GARDEN WASTE BINS

## A REMINDER

It has been brought to the attention of the Town Council that some residents in Carterton are putting household waste and recycling into their garden waste bins.

Please note that these bins should be used for garden greenery and green waste only.

### YES PLEASE:

- Hay/straw animal bedding from non-meat-eating animals
- Flowers and leaves
- Grass cuttings
- Bark and wood shavings
- Twigs, branches and small logs (maximum 150mm or 6 inches diameter)
- Small quantities of soil



### NO THANK YOU:

- General household rubbish
- Bagged up garden waste (please put garden waste directly in your bin)
- Compost bags
- Plant pots
- Noxious weeds such as Japanese Knotweed or Ragwort
- Large items of garden waste (eg tree trunks)
- Anything plastic
- Glass and metal
- Stone and rubble
- Large quantities of soil
- Nappies
- Dog/cat waste

Your garden waste is taken to a facility near Chipping Norton where it is composted. Having to remove non-compostable items causes serious operational issues and an increase in costs. Please remember that the garden waste service is currently free to all households.

West Oxfordshire District Council will be carrying out spot checks of garden waste bins in the following weeks and any containing non-green waste will not be emptied.

For more information on what can go in each of your bins, or to order additional recycling boxes or food caddies please visit [www.westoxon.gov.uk/bins](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/bins)

# Christmas recycling

Once the presents have been opened, the last mince pie eaten and the needles are dropping from the tree, please remember that most of your Christmas waste can be recycled...



## Recycling boxes

- Christmas cards
- Wrapping paper
- Cartons
- Food / drink cans
- Plastic pots, tubs and food trays
- Cardboard boxes (fold to fit in recycling box)
- Tin foil
- Unwanted clothes / shoes
- Batteries

## Extra recycling?

Leave in open cardboard boxes or clear bags on your collection day - sort items if possible. (Glass must go in your recycling box).

# reminder:



## Food caddy / bin

- Fruit / vegetable peelings
- Leftover meat and bones
- All plate scrapings
- Tea bags
- Uneaten bread and cakes
- Anything leftover in the fridge!

## Extra food waste?

Leave out your kitchen caddy for weekly collections too.

## Household rubbish bin

- Sweet wrappers
- Crisp packets
- Polystyrene
- Tissues/kitchen roll
- Sanitary products
- Nappies
- **No food waste**  
(If landfilled, food gives off the greenhouse gas Methane).

## Christmas tree recycling

Real Christmas trees, holly, ivy and mistletoe can be put out as garden waste. (Remove decorations, pot, wire etc). You do not need to be signed up for garden waste collections - simply leave out on your green collection week.



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# NEW WASTE AND RECYCLING CALENDARS NOW ONLINE

West Oxfordshire residents can now download their waste and recycling calendars for the next 12 months from: [www.westoxon.gov.uk](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk)

Those who live in the area can simply enter their address in the 'postcode search' section on the West Oxfordshire District Council website to access their bin collection calendar.

Here people can also register for handy weekly email alerts about waste collection dates, including a reminder the day before about which bins to put out and helpful information about changes to collection days over the Christmas period and bank holidays.

Cllr David Harvey, District Council Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "We recycle a lot of materials in West Oxfordshire. The calendar is an aide memoire that could go on your fridge door or noticeboard to help remind you what goes in each bin as well as when to put them out for collection.

"Many residents are already taking advantage of our free email reminders with over 5,500 households registered for our alerts service. It's easy to sign up and you can sit back knowing you'll get a reminder straight to your inbox before your next collection."

Paper copies of the waste calendars are available for those that do not have web access. These can be picked up from:

- The District Council's Town Centre Shop and Elmfield offices in Witney
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As well as bin collection information, residents can use the alerts service to receive information about planning applications registered near to their homes.





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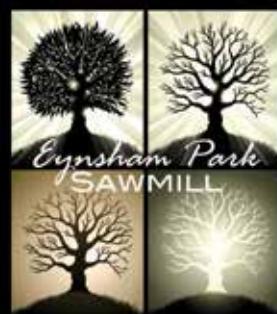
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# A CARTERTON GREAT MAX SPARKS

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A Carterton Great is a series of features about remarkable Carterton figures. This first piece is about Max Sparks, the last surviving pilot of a low-level World War 2 bombing mission.

Max was a resident of Carterton and originally from Carterton, New Zealand! He died in 2013 at the age of 92. This is the story of his involvement in the raid on Amiens Prison known as Operation Jericho.

On Friday 18 February 1944, as the time approached 11am, aircraft carrying out a raid on Amiens Prison took off from a Hertfordshire airfield - 19 Mosquito Mk.VI aircraft; 6 aircraft of No. 487 (Royal New Zealand Air Force) Squadron, 6 of No. 464 (Royal Australian Air Force), 6 of No. 21 and one Photographic Reconnaissance Unit (PRU) aircraft. This was Operation Jericho.

There is question as to what this mission was in aid of. Did the French Resistance ask MI6 for the raid in order to release résistants imprisoned at Amiens? Or was it all part of a plot to convince the Germans that when the invasion of France came it would be in the Pas-de-Calais? In *The Jail Busters* Michael Lyman describes it as "an unashamedly heroic rescue story: of

résistants (and possibly British agents also) incarcerated in the jail awaiting certain death or deportation to a concentration camp in the east (which meant the same thing)".

No matter what the reason for the attack was, Max Sparks was the second pilot to take off, as part of the first wave of 6 aircraft (belonging to the RNZAF) due to strike at 12 noon - as the German guards inside took their lunch. The job of this first wave was to break down the eastern wall of the target with their bombs - and to bomb the northern wall and the guard's quarters. All this was to come after flying at a very low level across the channel in horrible weather.

Sparks' goal was to strike the eastern wall. He would have released his bombs once his group leader, Charles Pickard, had dropped his. Once this had been done, there was no time to assess what had happened; he and his navigator Arthur Dunlop had to leave for home. They were struck by German flak on one of the wings and returned to base in a written off aircraft. Pickard and his navigator Bill Broadley were not so lucky: their aircraft was shot down by Focke-Wulf 190s, killing them both.



*Operation JERICHO: the daylight raid led by Group Captain P C Pickard, to free resistance members awaiting execution in Amiens Jail, France on 18 February 1944. Shown here is the 12 foot wide breach in the south side of the prison's outer wall, through which 258 prisoners escaped © IWM (C 4740)*



*Mosquitos of No. 487 Squadron RNZAF clear the target at low level as the first 500-lb bombs to be dropped detonate near the south wall of the prison © IWM (C 4732)*

Forty bombs were dropped in total. Enough of these were on target for the 3rd wave of aircraft – on standby – to not be called in. Both ends of the prison and the guard's quarters were successfully hit, and Governor Eugene Schwarzenholzer was apparently decapitated in the process. Reportedly 712 people were incarcerated in Amiens Prison, 190 of which were résistants. Taking recapture, injury and death into account, Michael Lyman estimates that “around 84 résistants would have secured their liberty on that momentous day”.

Max took a huge risk to save the lives of many others, but when he died so few were at the service commemorating his. There are no family back home in New Zealand and his daughter tragically died from a blood clot when she was in Cyprus. He is survived only by his wife; ill in a nursing home, she does not even know he is dead. So we see it as right to offer a form of tribute to Max Sparks: our first Carterton Great.

**Was Max a friend, neighbour or associate of yours? If so it would be wonderful if you have a photograph of him that we can share. Please call 01235 856300 or email [sam@fyne.co.uk](mailto:sam@fyne.co.uk). Thank you.**



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# CARTERTON MASTER PLAN

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The summary report is available in digital format from  
**[www.carterton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.carterton-tc.gov.uk)**

The full report is available for you to read at the Town Hall.

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## TICKETS TO BRITAIN'S ULTIMATE FASHION FESTIVAL!

The Clothes Show in association with ALCATEL ONETOUCH returns to the NEC Birmingham from 4-8 December 2015. With over 350 leading fashion and beauty brands, non-stop catwalk shows, makeovers, manicures, beauty demonstrations and style advice, 2015 will offer an all-new fashion experience.

Whether you're looking to update your wardrobe, fuel inspiration for a career in fashion, or meet your favourite celebrities, prepare to immerse yourself in the world's largest fashion festival. Take a stroll down The Clothes Show's, new Boutique Boulevard, and shop in pop up stores from the likes of Sugarhill Boutique, Playful Promises, Mink Pink, Wolf & Whistle, Little Mistress, Girls On Film, and Prey of London.

Style savvy shoppers can mix high-street buys with the most sought-after labels in the Designer Outlet.

New to the show, Pringle, Mawi, MuuBaa and Bolongaro Trevor will sit alongside Gushlow & Cole to offer must-have brands with a discounted designer price tag. Paul's Boutique, Oasis, South Beach, Motel, Religion, Jeffrey Boutique and Glamorous will also add to the line-up with their

must-have AW15 collections. Take some time out to relax by visiting the 1 Cocktail Bar, in association with Reveal. Here you can treat yourself to a fruity glass of Lambrini or a delicious, sparkling cocktail.

Every ticket to the show includes a seat in the ALCATEL ONETOUCH Fashion Theatre showcasing a high-energy spectacle of fashion, music and dance. Head stylist Karl Willett will bring together the very best in high-street and designer brands to the show, while Charli XCX, Rae Morris and Ella Eyre will take to the stage for live performances.

Expect to see some familiar faces this year as broadcaster and writer Rick Edwards, TV favourites Jamie Laing and Radio 1 presenters Alice Levine and Gemma Cairney host the Fashion Theatre stage across the five days.

The next edition of The Clothes Show in association with ALCATEL ONETOUCH will take place from 4-8 December 2015 at the NEC, Birmingham. For more information, please visit:

**[www.clothesshow.com](http://www.clothesshow.com)**

Carterton Crier has teamed up with The Clothes Show in association with ALCATEL ONETOUCH to offer lucky readers and their 'plus one' the chance to attend the year's most prestigious fashion event, absolutely free!

To be in with a chance of winning, email [Sam@fyne.co.uk](mailto:Sam@fyne.co.uk) before 27th November with your name and address- if you are picked you will receive a FREE pair of tickets.

Tickets are limited to one pair per winner and valid on Saturday only. So what are you waiting for? Send your entry today!

### Get your ticket

To guarantee your place at this must-visit event you can buy tickets to the show by visiting the website [clothesshow.com](http://clothesshow.com). For the best seats in the house, book early and upgrade to a Platinum ticket to be closer to the catwalk action.

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# Recruitment

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The Job Search Area at the Carterton Town Hall, Alvescot Road, is open on a daily basis, 9.30am-4.30pm, to assist job seekers in finding work.

Laptops are available for job searching, along with local newspapers and folders of job vacancies.

We can arrange for assistance with CV writing, application letters etc. Contact [scatt@carterton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:scatt@carterton-tc.gov.uk) or visit [www.carterton.net](http://www.carterton.net).

If you are seeking advice on Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit then a phone is provided for you to call 01993 861030 to talk to an advisor or make an appointment. Alternatively email [benefits@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@westoxon.gov.uk).

**For more information visit [www.carterton.net](http://www.carterton.net)**



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# Carterton Groups and Organisations

## Art and Creativity

### Ballroom and Sequence Dancing

Time: Fortnightly on Sundays 7.30pm-10.30pm  
Location: Carterton Social Centre, Alvescot Road  
Contact: Val and Terry Thomas on 01993 841246

### Military Wives Choir Brize Norton

Facebook: [facebook.com/MilitaryWivesChoirBrizeNorton](https://facebook.com/MilitaryWivesChoirBrizeNorton)

### Thingumybogs

Description: Community amateur dramatics theatre group based in Carterton  
Time: Tuesday 7.00pm-9.00pm  
Location: Community College  
Contact: Sue on 01993 212911

## Business

### Chamber of Trade

Description: A local business network  
Contact: 01993 842638

## Charity

### Age UK Oxfordshire

Description: Run a variety of activities each week for those 50+  
Time and Location: Free computer classes on Tuesday at Carterton Community College, Weekly Community lunch on Thursdays during term time at the college, Tai Chi on Thursdays from 1.00pm-2.00pm in the WI Hall.  
Contact: 03454 501276

### British Heart Foundation

Description: Carterton branch supporting main charity. The branch is responsible for organising local fundraising events  
Contact: Edith Richens (chairman) on 01993 841954

### Carterton Day Centre

Description: A friendly meeting place for Senior Citizens of Carterton and surrounding areas

Time: Monday-Wednesday 9.30am-2.00pm

Location: School Access Road, Edith Moorhouse School, Lawton Ave, Carterton, OX18 3JY

Contact: 01993 840162

### Carterton Educational Trust

Description: Provides funds to groups and individuals living or working within the town of Carterton for educational purposes

Web: [cartertoneducationaltrust.org.uk](http://cartertoneducationaltrust.org.uk)

### Carterton Lions Club

Description: A group that deals with the needs of the community and takes on a variety of projects in order to help the community

Time: First Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm

Location: Carterton Manor, Corbett Road, Carterton  
Contact: Alan Lewin on 01993 841815

### Royal Air Force Association, Carterton and Brize Norton

Description: A registered charity that supports RAF families

Time: Second Monday of each month at 8.00pm

Location: Carterton Bowls Club

Contact: Billy Moyse on 01993 704638

### Royal British Legion

Description: A benevolent charity giving help to those most in need; a membership organisation providing support to 360,000 members; a campaigning organisation challenging those in authority; a fundraising organisation reliant on a huge network of volunteers; the nation's custodian of Remembrance

Time: Third Monday of each month at 7.30pm

Location: The Pavilion, Monahan Way

Contact: Peter Madden (chairman) on 01993 843163

## Royal National Life Boat Institution, Windrush Valley Branch

Description: The RNLI are a 24 hour lifeboat search and rescue service

Web: [rnli.org](http://rnli.org)

Contact: Mr Roger Battley (chairman) on 01993 841859

## Royal Naval Association

Description: A group supporting the Royal Navy and made up of people currently or previously involved in the Royal Navy

Time: Second and fourth Monday of each month 8.00pm

Location: Social Centre, Brownes Lane

Web: [royal-naval-association.co.uk](http://royal-naval-association.co.uk)

Contact: Mr Kevin Martin (chairman) on 01993 845640

AJ Wixey (secretary) on 01993 844699

## SSAFA Forces Help, Carterton and Witney Division

Description: SSAFA provides lifelong support for our Forces (past and present personnel) and their families. The Carterton and Witney Division are seeking volunteers so please get in touch if you would like to be involved

Web: [ssafa.org.uk](http://ssafa.org.uk)

Contact: Lynn Little (Divisional Secretary and Mayor of Carterton) on 01993 842269

## Save the Children, Carterton, Witney and District Branch

Description: The charity supports vulnerable children both here in the UK and overseas

Contact: Pauline Evans (secretary) on 01993 842983

## Childcare and Pre-School

### Bright Start Pre-School, 2-4 yrs old

Time: Monday-Thursday 9.15am-2.45pm, Friday 9.15am-12.15pm

Contact: Jo Laurel or Georgina Ibsister on 07977 967340

## Carterton Children's Centre

Description: A range of activities, services, advice and support for children 0-5yrs old and their parents/carers during term time and holiday periods

Contact: call 01993 840318 or email [nicki.turner@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:nicki.turner@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

## Church

### Carterton Community Church

Web: [occ.org.uk/carterton](http://occ.org.uk/carterton)

Contact: Matt and Anna Biddlecombe on 01993 846510

### Carterton Methodist Church

Contact: Rev Fred Ireland on 01993 867301, 07557 402962 or [Ireland.fred@gmail.com](mailto:Ireland.fred@gmail.com)

### The Church of St John the Evangelist, Church of England

Web: [stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk](http://stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk)

Contact: Rev Bill Blakey on 01993 846996 or call the clergy mobile on 07504 824822

### St Joseph's Catholic Church

Contact: Father Andrew Foster on 01993 842463

## Community

### Alvescot Dog Club

Description: Dog Training Classes

Time: Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings (please phone to find out which session you and your dog should attend)

Contact: Judith Walker on 01993 703130

### Carterton Community Centre, Shilton Park

Description: Rooms for hire for meetings, parties etc.

Time: Café open Monday-Thursday 9.00am-4.00pm

Contact: 01993 842807

### Carterton Over 60s and Early Retired Club

Time: Fridays 2.00pm-4.00pm

Location: Social Centre, Alvescot Road

Contact: Heather O'Neill on 01993 842043

### Cotswold Flower Club

Time: First Wednesday of each month 7.30pm-9.30pm

Location: WI Hall

Contact: Betty Holmes (secretary) on 01993 841140

## Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes

Description: The order provides assistance to its needy members and their widows. It also supports local charities.

Time: Every Thursday evening

Location: The Social Centre, Browne's Lane

Contact: 01993 210129

## Swinbrook Road Allotments Association

Location: Swinbrook Road, Carterton

Contact: Mr M Alcock (secretary) on 01993 841704

## U3A Carterton: University of The Third Age

Description: A self-help organisation for people no longer in full time employment providing educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment

Time: Fourth Tuesday of every month 2.00pm

Location: Carterton Community Centre, Marigold Square, Shilton Park

Contact: Maxine Crossland on 01993 212654

## Women's Institute, Carterton

Time: Every second Tuesday of the month 7.30pm

Location: WI Hall, Brize Norton Road

Contact: Mrs Enston (president) on 01993 842949

Mrs Bamford (secretary) on 01993 843650

## Guiding

### Brize Norton and Carterton District Guiding

#### Third Carterton Rainbows

Thursday

Location: St John's Church

#### First Carterton Brownies

Monday

Location: St John's Church

#### Third Carterton Brownies

Wednesday

Location: St John's Church

#### First and Second Carterton Guides

Meet jointly Wednesday

Location: St John's Church

#### Senior Section

Friday (every 2 weeks)

Location: St John's Church

## First RAF Brize Norton Rainbows

Wednesday

Location: Millennium Activities Centre

## Second Carterton Rainbows

Thursdays

Location: Millennium Activities Centre

## Second RAF Brize Norton Brownies

Thursday

Location: Millennium Activities Centre

## Fourth RAF Brize Norton Brownies

Wednesday

Location: Millennium Activities Centre

## Third RAF Brize Norton Guides

Monday

Location: Millennium Activities Centre

## First Carterton Rainbows

Friday

Location: Methodist Church

## Second Carterton Brownies

Monday

Location: WI Hall

Contact: Pam Howard on 01993 844631 or Tracy Crouch on 07702 160256

## Health

### Broadshires Health Centre

Location: Broadshires Way, Carterton

Contact: 01993 845600

### Carterton Health Centre

Location: Alvescot Road

Contact: 01993 841718

If you have an event that you would like to tell people about please call or email Sam Bennett  
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