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welcome

About a year ago, representatives from this publication stood before local businesses in The Beehive at a Chamber of Trade networking event, pitching the magazine and its purpose.

Now here we are, one year on, bringing you Issue 5, having endeavoured each quarter to make you aware of what's happening in your town.

This remains and will always be our objective. As a result in these pages you'll find a guide to what's on in Carterton; a write up of Sam Bennett's visit to Crocodiles of the World (which he toured with all the excitement of a kid in a sweetshop, or croc in a supermarket); and a full listing of which charities the Mayor awarded cheques to in August. On top of this Carterton Community College's Bradley Langley writes about being baptised at Lourdes, and we welcome La Familia Tattoo Studio to the Crier via our **Carterton** feature.

Some of you will notice the absence of A Carterton Great from this issue, or you will now. Such can be the way when putting a magazine together that you have to lose certain things to make room for others, and so on this occasion we have rested A Carterton Great in favour of a feature that documents what a great 12 months Carterton and its people have had, A Year in Carterton, we couldn't not for this anniversary edition.

Before you turn over for a look through all this, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for reading us this past year. Our thanks also go to the individuals, businesses and organisations that have featured in the Crier thus far, you've made it so we've always had plenty to print.

We told people at the aforementioned networking event that with the Crier we wanted to create in print the atmosphere of a busy public house rife with familiarity, in which stories are plentiful and characters strong. We hope you feel we've delivered, but please, as always, get in touch if you think we're falling short in any way.

And finally, have a wonderful Christmas and terrific New Year. We'll be back in February.

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A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents,

I hope you all managed to enjoy the summer months, we certainly had some very nice weather.

June saw us lighting a beacon on the wonderful occasion that was Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday, and we also celebrated Armed Forces Day that month - with Fake Festival and an RAF Brize Norton Flypast. Thank you to all that were able to attend these two events. There were also three summer concerts at our bandstand, and thank you to those who braved the rain to support Shop Carterton Day.

Moreover, I was honoured to have the Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire visit the Town Hall in July to present cheques to the Mayor's Chosen Charities from money raised throughout the 2015/16 Mayoral Year.

I'm sure you will all agree with me that our flower arrangements this year have looked fabulous, including the Union Jack on the Monahan Way roundabout. As we approach autumn we will of course be replanting all of our flower beds and columns. In the spring you will hopefully see a display of crocuses on several of our roundabouts.

I can update you on the refurbishment of the skate park, a tender document has now gone out to potential bidders who wish to design and install the park. We hope the work will be completed by spring 2017.

It is wonderful to see so many of you making use of the benches on the Market Square, where we have now installed a litter bin as well. The Town Council will soon be putting in picnic benches on the Alvescot Road Recreation Ground, allowing families to relax whilst the children use the play equipment. You may also notice that the pavilion is undergoing a much needed refurbishment. This is to support the football teams that use it and also the Carterton Community Food Bank. Furthermore we are in the process of introducing new equipment to the Pampas Close Playground.

Let me also make you aware of the Carterton Lunch Club for Senior Citizens, the first of which was held on Thursday 7th October. This was a great success and two further clubs will be held on Thursday 3rd November and Thursday 8th December, 12-2pm.

I look forward to talking to you again soon.

Yours sincerely,
Cllr Mrs Lynn Little
Mayor of Carterton

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What's On

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

13th November | 9.45am |
St John's Church & Town Hall

A service at St John's Church at 9.45am, followed by a parade to the War Memorial in Alvescot Road for the laying of wreaths. After these proceedings Lynn Little will lay a wreath for our fallen at the Memorial Garden.

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THE SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY BUS TOUR IS COMING TO CARTERTON!

14th November | 10am-12pm |
Market Square

The Bus Tour is to start the excitement for Small Business Saturday (3rd December 2016). The bus will be travelling from Aberdeen to Bournemouth and Carterton is one of the stops! If you are a business owner please come along to Carterton Market Square on Monday 14th November 10am-12pm. There will be business support stalls and business talks on the bus every half an hour (starting at 10.30am). Don't let any rain put you off this great networking opportunity, as so much will be taking place inside the bus and the Town Hall will also be available should the heavens decide to open.

smallbusinesssaturdayuk.com

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

19th November | 11am-4pm | St John's Church

Mayor Lynn Little will officially open this traditional Christmas Fayre commencing at 11am and running until 4pm. Stalls include a raffle, homemade cakes, local crafts, jewellery, cards, tombola, table decorations and more. Father Christmas will also be in attendance. Refreshments will be available too.

ENTRY IS FREE TO ALL

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

2nd December | 6pm | Town Hall

A special guest comes to the Town Hall to switch on Carterton's Christmas lights. Christmas stalls will line Alvescot Road, carol singing will take place, plus there will be a children's funfair, refreshments and entertainment.



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SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN THINGUMYBOGS



9th-11th December | Friday
9th (7pm), Saturday 10th
(2pm & 7pm) and Sunday
11th (11am & 3pm) | Carterton
Community College

When Christmas is nearly upon us it can only mean one thing...pantomime! This year Carterton's amateur dramatics group, Acting Community Thingumybogs, presents *Snow White & the Seven Thingumybogs* – packed with songs, slapstick, silliness and fairytale magic for the whole family!

Come along and boo, hiss, clap, cheer and laugh as we follow Prince Charming and his sidekick Neil on their quest to find the mysterious Snow White. Meanwhile, the Wicked Queen and her villainous henchmen devise a poisonous plot!

Will the Prince be able to wake the beautiful princess from her eternal sleep? Will the Thingumybogs succeed in thwarting the Queen's evil plot? Who will become fairest of them all?

Tickets are on sale from Mon 7th November, priced at £6 each, from Wreal Sports in Carterton Town Centre.

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

actingcommunitythingumybogs.co.uk

NEW YEAR'S SWING EVENING

20th January | 7.30pm-midnight | Brownes Hall

A £12 ticket (which will be available from the Town Hall) includes a fish and chip supper and a performance from the superb Sisters of Swing.



CARTERTON U3A

Carterton U3A is a non-political and non-religious organisation.

U3A is quite frankly a modern version of the over 60s club. One of the differences being it's 50+. Our members range in ages, but what we all have in common is a love of life, and a sense of self-worth. Many people can become isolated without even realising it. U3A enriches your life; there are new friendships to be made and new hobbies to take up.

We have 25 hobby groups covering all sorts of things from steam engines, gardening, and wine to sewing, walking, and cards. We also hold plenty of social evenings and day trips to places of interest.

We meet at the community centre on Shilton Park on the last Tuesday of every month at 2pm. We have a different speaker every month and afterwards it's tea, coffee, biscuits and a good chat, as well as the opportunity to join a hobby group if you would like to.

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Milletts Farm Centre only has time to catch its breath before Halloween & PYO Pumpkin season kicks in then onto Christmas – in fact the Garden Centre has excelled this year with a beautiful display and certainly one the family will enjoy showing the children for that magical build up to the special day itself!





From Saturday 5th Nov until Saturday 24th Dec the Farm Shop opens it's Christmas Marquee alongside the farm shop so all your essentials from the Turkey, to stuffing, to chocolates, to gifts, to puddings, wine. Mead, beer and even "Creme de Menthe Turkish Delight" (!!!) are catered for – think Millets Farm Shop!

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A year in Carterton

It's one year since the first issue of the Carterton Crier came out. To mark our anniversary we thought we'd look back at some highlights from the last 12 months and see what the people we've featured in previous issues are up to...



23rd October 15

BRAVO!

The Brize Recognition Awards for Valued and Outstanding Service (BRAVOS) return for a third year. The Airplay Youth Project is given the Support to RAF Brize Norton Award, and the Mayor Lynn Little collects a BRAVO Special Award in recognition of her valued and outstanding service to the community and RAF BN.



1st March

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU...

After 40 years of dedicated service to the people of Carterton, the team behind Carterton Community magazine release their final issue.



4th March

TEA TIME...

The Crier office hosts a tea party for a Cuppa campaign, welcoming local businesses and residents over to enjoy our homemade cakes and donate to the cause. In just a couple of hours we raise a total of £340.



14th March

EQUALITY...

Cartonians attend the Fly the Flag for the Commonwealth event in celebration of equality.

The GB flag in the Market Square is accompanied by that of the Commonwealth of Nations.



16th April

“DRUMS BEATING, COLOURS FLYING AND BAYONETS FIXED”...

RAF BN is granted the Freedom of Carterton, in the words of the Mayor, “in recognition of the station’s continuing support to the community.”

21st April

GRACIOUS AND NOBLE...

Carterton’s beacon for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II’s 90th birthday is lit.

17th May

LYNN’S IN...

An “honoured” Lynn Little is voted in as Mayor of Carterton for a fourth year.

10th June

THERE’S ANOTHER 90TH...

Carterton Primary School celebrates its 90th birthday. The day sees Ken Southam, number four on the first Carterton Primary register, return to the school and plant a tree to mark the occasion.



25th June

FAKING IT...

Carterton welcomes Fake Festival, the UK’s only touring tribute festival, to the Community College grounds as the town celebrates Armed Forces Day. Coldplace, Blondied, and Kazabian, as well as five local bands, all perform; and the event witnesses a flypast provided by the RAF 70 Squadron’s A400M.

Coldplace. © Stephens Photography

Where are they now?

In each of our issues we've come across remarkable people and places; this is the latest from a handful of them...



SAILING ON

Not long ago we met Cameron Tweedle (17), who was set on becoming a professional sailor after leaving school and sailing in Tokyo 2020. His enthusiasm for the sport has not wavered and his list of sailing accolades has got longer...

Since April 16 Cameron has regularly trained as part of the UK Finn Under 23 Squad which pulls together the six best young Finn sailors outside of the Olympic Squad. He has achieved some amazing results over the summer travelling across the UK and Europe, recently winning the Northern Areas Championships and regularly placing as the 1st U18.

July saw a trip to Denmark for the Silver Cup (Finn U23 World Champs) where in a fantastic series of races that included a 2nd place in Race 3, Cameron achieved an impressive placing of 19th overall and finished as the top U18 in the world.

He is heading into the winter season of training and Royal Yachting Association Ranking events with his sights firmly on that Olympic squad spot.

A BLUE UPDATE

In Issue 2 of the Crier we paid a visit to The Blue Cross Burford Rehoming Centre to discuss the major refurbishment it was embarking on. Here they tell us how they've been getting on...

“The Blue Cross Burford rehoming centre has been undergoing some exciting work and we are finally seeing our efforts come to fruition. Whilst we still have a long way to go, we are delighted to say that our new admissions cattery, with its isolation unit, is operational and just in need of some finishing touches. It also won't be long until the admissions kennels for our dogs is finished, and from there work can get underway on the new main kennels. Our supporters have been fantastic whilst these works have been underway; we are open as usual but the build has not been without its difficulties for the staff when doing their day to day jobs. We are also still fundraising; thank you again to everyone that supported our bungee jump and fun day in May, and to anyone that made it to our first ever Bluefest music event. In 2017 we will be having another fun day but this time at the centre and with a world record attempt which will be fantastic fun. We'll also be running car boot sales at the centre, and we're planning another Bluefest in August. If you'd like to find out more about any of these events, please contact the events team on 0300 777 1974 or events@bluecross.org.uk.”



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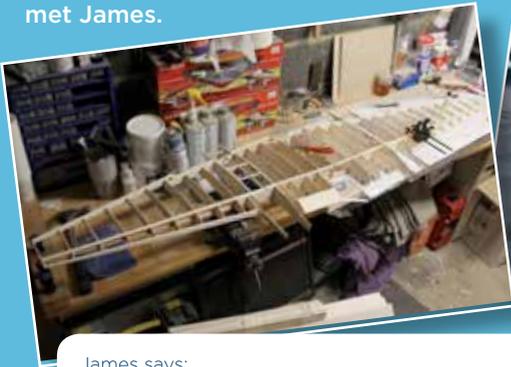
On Friday 18th February 1944, as the time approached 11am, aircraft carrying out a raid on Amiens Prison in France took off from a Hertfordshire airfield – 19 Mosquito Mk.VI aircraft, six aircraft of No. 487 (Royal New Zealand Air Force) Squadron, six of No. 464 (Royal Australian Air Force), six of No.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

Max Sparks, a former resident of Carterton, was the second pilot to take off, as part of the first wave of six aircraft (belonging to the RNZAF).

After the mission saw 258 prisoners escape from Amiens, Max returned in a written off aircraft. He died in 2013 at the age of 92. The Swinbrook Road house he left behind is lived in by James Mills, who told us in Issue 2 about his tribute to the pilot – a flying model replica of the plane he flew in Operation Jericho, which James predicted would be in the air in 2017.

This is the stage the model was at when we first met James.

And now...



James says:

“Work on Mosquito HX982 progressed significantly through the winter of 2015 and into the spring of 2016, at which point I decided to put the project on hold over the remainder of spring and the summer months – partly due to the arrival of our second daughter Edith in April, the further building of my IT consultancy business, and also my wanting time to enjoy the good weather and light evenings, ideal for flying my other models.

“As the cold draws in and the days get shorter, the project will be resumed and –

having now built 90% of the airframe (wings, fuselage, tailplane, and rudder) – it will be time to add the fittings and fixtures that will allow the model to be radio controlled before final assembly of the main superstructure.

“Once assembled, work will start on scale detailing (cockpit, armaments, panel lines, faux rivets, bomb bay etc.) and finally I’ll get painting. With some luck I’ll have the model ready to fly by the end of summer 2017, but this may be pushed back to ensure the model is as good as I can possibly make it”

MILITARY LIFE

Former Carterton Community College student Ciara McAleese was Issue 4’s Carterton Character. When we spoke to her she was hoping for a place at Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College. We are delighted to report that she got in – and that she’s loving it there...

“It’s amazing at Welbeck. I’m kept very busy and I’m being shown what military life is going to be like. I’m missing Carterton a lot, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of the town, and Carterton Community College, who supported me in getting where I am now. Without you everything would have been so much harder. See you soon.”

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| 11am Dance-fit | 5.20pm Cardio
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Yoga

9.30-10.25am at Carterton Leisure Centre,
Studio

Jazzercise

6.30pm at Carterton Primary School

Witney Clubbercise Fitness

6.30pm at Carterton
Community Centre

Zumba with Steph

7.30pm at Brownes Hall

FITBEING BootCamp

7.30-8.30pm at Carterton Community
College Gym

TUESDAY

JTAFit

9.10-9.55am Run Club Jog to Run
Brownes Hall

Fitfigures (school term timetable)

9.30am Resistance | 10am Dance-fit |
5.20pm Extreme core training
Fitfigures, Carterton South Industrial Estate

Jazzercise

6.30pm at Edith Moorhouse School

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8-9pm at Carterton Community College Gym

WEDNESDAY

Fitfigures (school term timetable)

9.30am Resistance,
Fitfigures, Carterton
South Industrial Estate

JTAFit

6.25-6.55pm Core HIIT,
Carterton Community
Centre

Jazzercise

6.30pm at Edith
Moorhouse School

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THURSDAY

Fitfigures (school term timetable)

9.30am Cardio | 12.30pm
Pilates | 5.20pm Just Step
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Extreme Interval Fitness

6.15-7pm at Carterton
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7.30-8.30pm at Shilton
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Fitfigures (school holiday timetable)

11.30am Anything Goes, Fitfigures, Carterton South Industrial Estate

Pilates

2-2.45pm at Carterton Leisure Centre, Studio

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6.30-7.30pm at Carterton Community College Gym

SATURDAY

TW-Fitness OUTFIT

9-10am at Shilton Estate adventure park

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10.30am Anything Goes Fitfigures, Carterton South Industrial Estate

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- Preheat oven to 180°C/Gas 4.
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 - Place cut side down on a non-stick baking tray and roast until tender - about 30 minutes.
 - Cook the quinoa in boiling water for 12 minutes, drain and leave to cool slightly, then mix with the feta, herbs and a drizzle of olive oil.
 - Scatter the cabbage, beetroot, onion and kale on a serving plate.
 - In a small bowl, whisk the olive oil, mustard and vinegar. Season, then drizzle over the veg.
 - Scatter over the seeds.
 - Serve the squash filled with the quinoa and feta, with the salad on the side.

Ingredients

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- 1 small squash (about 600g)
 - Olive oil
 - 25g quinoa (red gives a nutty flavour)
 - 100g feta
 - 2 tbsp fresh mint & parsley, chopped
 - 1/4 red cabbage, leaves finely shredded
 - 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
 - 1 small beetroot, peeled & cut into thin matchsticks, or coarsely grated
 - 50g kale, leaves torn into small pieces
 - 1 tbsp olive oil
 - Splash cider vinegar
 - 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
 - 3 tbsp mixed seeds, toasted in a dry frying pan for 1 min
 - Salt & pepper

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Looking forward to our 50th...



The anniversary cake as baked by Erica

"IT'S NOT REALLY ABOUT BEING

Sam Bennett meets Shaun Foggett, the founder of the UK's only crocodile centre – CROCODILES OF THE WORLD.

The day I visited Crocodiles of the World the girls on the front desk had made it to 2pm without turning on the fan positioned next to them, quite an accomplishment given the temperature there, of course set to cater for the crocs that make up the Brize Norton facility's fabric.

I spoke to the founder of the attraction, Shaun Foggett, in the cooler café. His fondness for crocodiles began in childhood. He would end up keeping them privately for some years and always wanted to work with them, "but there were never any opportunities in this country or Europe to do so."

At the age of 24 he was nearly killed by aplastic anaemia, thus making him realise that life is far too short to not attempt his "dream job." In 2010 he left the carpenter/



joiner profession and went in search of premises for the UK's first and only crocodile centre. Money made from selling his house would be put towards setting up such a place.

"It didn't just happen overnight," he says. "It was very difficult in the beginning, trying to do something that had never been done in this country before. Lots of people from certain authorities were unsure about it."

However, in 2011 COTW opened at Crawley Mill, a location Shaun describes as "a stepping stone to get us going." Interest and the number of crocodiles soon grew to a level the Crawley spot couldn't support, hence the zoo moving to its current Brize Norton site, where it opened its doors in February 2014.

"There weren't any objections to what we were doing," Shaun tells me of the move to Brize. Different to when the attraction was opening in Crawley then, where there were protestations – something he understood, he was after all bringing predatory animals to the area. "So far at this site everyone has been really positive," he says.



Shaun Foggett

A VISITOR ATTRACTION"

"Crocodiles have been protected since the late seventies so no one can touch them in the wild," he tells me as we discuss how new additions are made to the zoo. "The crocodiles here always come from captive situations. They are either hatched from our adults' eggs or they come from other collections around the world where they have too many of one species." Also, somebody privately keeping a crocodile might meet with a situation that makes them unable to continue doing so. For example, a crocodile may grow too big for their owner to deal with. In a few instances COTW has turned into home for such animals.

The centre has "become so much more than just working with crocodiles. It's about the conservation of them and the important things that we need to do in the wild to try and help protect their habitats and ultimately them.

"It's not really about being a visitor attraction," continues Shaun. "It's about how we educate more people and create awareness about crocodiles and how we can protect them in the wild. We'd like to get all 23 different types of crocodiles there are; we've got 18 species at the moment, we're almost there. If visitors can see every single type it makes our job of raising awareness about the different species and the different threats to them a lot easier."

Shaun told BBC's Sally Taylor once about plans for a programme reintroducing the crocodiles in his charge to the wild. In frank fashion he informs me that these plans are "really no further forward. It's very, very difficult. It is something we're working on, but there are lots of different factors and politics involved. You can't just put animals back in the wild; there are lots of other things to think about. There are local people, who live by the river systems we'd be reintroducing the reptiles to, who may not have seen crocodiles for

40 years, because they've virtually become extinct. There are lots of community issues and you also have to concentrate on the safety of the animals you're putting back into the environment, whether they can fend for themselves."

I enquire about how reintroduction would occur, wondering if Shaun would take the crocodiles to the wild for weekends at first, then gradually upping the length of these trips until they are there full time - similarly to how I became fully embedded in journalism. But the crocodiles situated on Burford Road are already kept "in very similar habitats to those in which they're found in the wild."

Shaun outlines the reintroduction process. "We would take them over, and they would be put into a section of river that is all fenced in. They would acclimate to the area and become familiar with their surroundings, and start to hunt food that came into that area. We don't feed them live food at the centre, but they would still very comfortably and quickly learn to



Trigger is a Paleosuchus trigonatus, better known as a Schneider's Dwarf Caiman. He has a #Trigger as lots of visitors take selfies with him.

Batu the Komodo dragon



hunt their food – the instinct of hunting is just built into them.

“After a period of time they would be released from the fenced in area. We would also want to monitor them to know they’re alright, so there are radio tracking devices you can fit to them.”

The conservationist is not just managing crocodiles. When I met him he was not long back from a trip to Prague Zoo, having returned with Batu the Komodo dragon – an addition that required “a very long process” so as to obtain authorisation from the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria. I ask if it is all the technicalities, formalities and dull paperwork that at times somewhat dilute the excitement of running a crocodile zoo.

“That does get you down,” he admits. “But every time I’m feeling like that I just walk around the site and I remember why I’m doing it.

“There are always plans ticking along,” he says as we talk the pipeline. “The Komodo dragon is a classic; that development has been going on two years now and has finally come to fruition. We’re also getting

a greater visitor number and I think we can expand. And there are so many projects we’re now involved in in different countries – when I go to these places and see the work we’re contributing towards it’s very rewarding.”

Post interview there was time for Shaun to show me Batu. I then let him get on while I toured the rest of the centre on my own, leaving it knowing I wanted to come back at some point, not only to see any new species lurking behind its panels, but also to witness the girls maybe make it to close without switching the fan on.



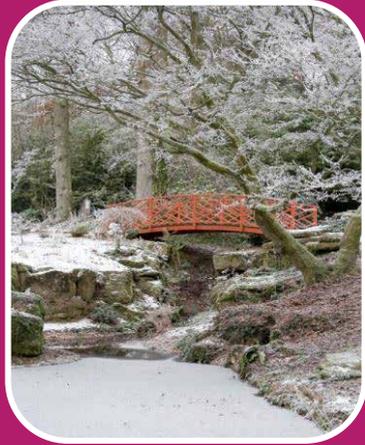
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News

“EXACTLY WHAT THE QUEEN ENCOURAGES”

In August 2016 Oxfordshire's Lord-Lieutenant, Tim Stevenson OBE, presented the Mayor's chosen charities with the following cheques:

The Visions Club - £300

Carterton Carers - £200

Allandale Youth Club - £500

Get Stuck In Summer Activities - £300

Lights Up Memory Club - £300

St Joseph's Catholic Church - £200

Carterton Educational Trust - £200

Royal National Lifeboat Institution - £150

Over 60s Club - £100

Town Council Mayor's Bench for the Market Square - £500

Ted Little's Veterans' House - £4,000

A special last minute amount of £365 was granted to a young boy, Tyler Cabell, from the town, whose mum is fundraising for him to receive a specially adapted bike to suit his disabilities.

Oxfordshire's Lord-Lieutenant Tim Stevenson OBE:

“It was a privilege to be asked to present cheques representing the Mayor's very successful fundraising efforts to such a wide variety of excellent causes local to Carterton. Both the fundraising, and the efforts that it will support, are a wonderful example of local community activity and commitment to the well-being of all. This kind of voluntary activity is exactly what the Queen encourages and supports, and as her representative in Oxfordshire it is good to be able to stand in for her at events of this kind.”

The Mayor Lynn Little:

“My thanks go to all the people that regularly donate to my charity box and the people that come to my dinner supporting the charities of Carterton. One of the nice things about being a mayor is what you're able to do for other people and that gives me great pleasure. I'm also thrilled that the Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire gave up his valuable time to come along and present the cheques.”



Lynn Little shows the Lord-Lieutenant the new Market Square bench.



Tim Stevenson OBE presents Lights Up Memory Club with a cheque for £300.



Town Clerk Ron Spurs and Lions secretary Maddy Radburn with Carterton's new defibrillator.

FROM THE LIONS' DEN

Something good has arrived in Carterton. Take a look at the wall of the Town Hall, near to the entrance door, and you will see the new AED (automated external defibrillator) which the Lions have bought thanks to your donations last Christmas. While we hope that it doesn't have to be used too often, you can have peace of mind that it is there for you in an emergency. Thank you to everyone who helped towards this really important purchase.

Local people from Carterton and the surrounding villages frequently use some of the specialist facilities in Witney. So during the summer your Lions gave a 'Story Bag' to Springfield School and also some funding for plants to the MIND centre in Witney where they have put together a beautiful peaceful garden.

What a great time some of our children had in the holidays. The Community Centre put on two really successful activity days for local children – with help from your local Lions, both financially and hands on.

Our new President took up her office in July. Lion Glenda Powell from Rock Close has the challenging task of teaching

Ethics to teenagers. But she has found the time to take on the leadership of our busy club and make sure that we are living up to our motto ('We Serve') during the year ahead.

Plans are already underway for the sixth Open Art Exhibition in February – but before then you will be pleased to hear that Father Christmas has agreed to come along to meet with the children in Carterton and will be around and about to hear their plans for the Festive Season and check that they are all being good!

With winter on the way, it's time to keep busy and keep warm. So why not join Carterton Lions for good company, good laughs and an opportunity to help your local community. Ask any Lion or contact our secretary as below.

Our Car Boot Sales will be back in the spring and full details will be in the next edition of the Carterton Crier.

To keep up with our news then follow us on Facebook (Carterton Lions) or take a look at our website cartertonlions.org.uk. And you can always get hold of us by contacting our secretary, Lion Maddy, on 01993 772241. See you soon.

Jan Farr, editor of the Carterton Crier, New Zealand continues her series of updates from overseas...

Ancient cuisine

Fire regulations have prevented the local Hurunui-o-Rangi Marae (meeting house) from cooking food in a traditional hāngi (underground oven). In August and September landscape architectural students from Victoria University of Wellington visited to talk to residents about small improvements the students might make. After discussions the students came up with the idea of a portable, fireproof hāngi. We can't wait to see the modernisation of this ancient cooking process.

Vintage birthday

Carterton's Vintage Car Club helped to celebrate the 103rd birthday of Dorrie Bolland, resident of Carter Court Rest Home. They drove her into the countryside and then to high tea and entertainment at the rest home where staff dressed in period costume.

Carter Court Rest Home exists

because when Charles Rooking Carter (Carterton's founder) died he left behind money to provide a rest home for poor, aged, single road workers who first settled the town in the 1850s. We spoke to the manager of Carter Court and found that, while the name has changed and the entry criteria has relaxed (it's now open to all men and women over 65), the facility remains non-profit and community owned and governed, so that surplus funds are used to provide the care the community needs. With the average entry age rising they have created a permanently staffed hospital ward and there are plans for a secure dementia unit.

Carter Court still draws on the original bequest, along with others made through the years. It also relies on the kindness and interest of volunteers from the community.

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“EPIC” GET STUCK IN

Get Stuck In is a holiday provision that has run over the last four years. It takes place during the first three weeks of the summer holidays, and is for young people aged 8-14yrs. The project is a multi-agency partnership, working together with the aim to offer fun, memory making experiences for young people in their local community and surrounding areas. Thanks go to Airplay, RAF Brize Norton, Carterton Community College, Carterton Town Council and the Mayor for their support and input enabling this project to continue in 2016.

It has been a fantastic programme with great feedback from young people, parents and staff. The project has delivered a range of activities, from visits to Cotswold Wildlife Park and Hill End to sports, science, and cooking activities – with powder paint fights thrown in for good measure. The young people have been amazing and have participated fully in Get Stuck In; using the words of the youngsters attending the programme, “it’s been Epic.”

If you would like to find out more about youth provision in Carterton please contact Hayley Phillips, Airplay Station Youth Worker, on 07734 022413 or Jenny Withers, Community Development Officer, RAF BN, on 01993 897068.



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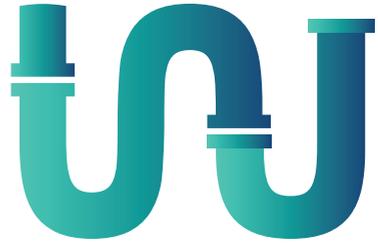
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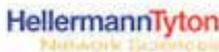
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By Jo Thoenes

With Alex on a break from his usual Breakfast Show, to do a three month detachment with our BFBS Global Operational Service, it has been great having Hermina Campbell as part of our team. She's brought so much of her forces broadcasting experience (from the Falklands Islands to Afghanistan) to BFBS BN that we've been able to continue apace with all our highlights. We are certainly going to miss her, but as ever, the kettle is always on, and we're a friendly bunch who like nothing better than a brew and a natter...so don't be a stranger, Hermina.

Whilst traditionally summer might be deemed a quieter time of year here at RAF Brize Norton, you wouldn't notice that from where we sit. Alongside all the day-to-day there has been an incredible summer programme put together by the Community Support Team for our families. Various kids' sports academies, deployed families outings and the pièce de résistance - Families Day and Brizefest - have reinforced just how all-encompassing forces life can be. And getting to see how personnel take on these additional duties and challenges with pride, commitment and dedication is amazing.

Just some of the highlights for us have been: kicking a rugby ball with the Wasps Rugby Development Squad (who held a first-of-its-kind camp on station), cuddling a baby camel on an organised families visit to the Cotswold Wildlife Park, and having the chance to see the station's squadrons and units showcase themselves brilliantly to countless visitors.

And yes, we believe we are allowed to blow the Brize Norton and Carterton trumpet, so that's why we were thrilled when a group of students took time from their summer holidays to ask us to support their National Citizen Service project to raise money for a local day care centre. Well done with your efforts, guys.

Next big dates in our diaries will of course include Remembrance Services both on station and in Carterton, events which never fail to remind us how valued our military community is here in West Oxfordshire. And then it's time to think about Christmas...

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The Adventures of Flying officer Ted Little

SSAFA mascot and son of the Mayor, Ted Little, tells of his recent endeavours with the RAF Falcons...

I knew becoming an RAF Falcon would be fun but I didn't know it was going to be this much adventure.

During the summer I have been here, there and everywhere with the team.

I have been involved in fund raising for the Falcons chosen charity, Make A Wish and helped them on their fitness day held in the gym at RAF Brize Norton which saw over 100 people get involved in spinning, circuits and Battle PT and helped raise some extra pounds which will go to helping those in need.

I went over to Bath to see the team jump into the Bath Rugby match but due to bad weather we had to cancel the display last minute but still managed to see the first half of what was a great game. Hopefully I will be back there next year (with better weather).

I travelled the furthest north I have ever been, to Sunderland to help the PR Team distribute brochures and tell people all about the kind team members who look after me whilst I'm away from Carterton.

I think when my mum hears of my weekends away she gets a little jealous!

This year the Americans were kind enough to invite me and the team over to RAF Lakenheath for their "Wings

N Wheels" celebrations and what a reception we got. I was very well looked after by our hosts and was even presented a special plaque which now sits proudly in the OC's office back on camp!

I also visited the Royal Norfolk Show which was spectacular, with animals of all shapes and sizes and extreme motorsports. The lads got in three out of their four planned jumps and even the sun decided to make an appearance - long enough for me to get caught catching a few rays on the Falcons Drop Zone Wagon!

Cpl Rob Hetherington took me to the NATO Days in Ostrava, Czech Republic too. Whilst there I did my fair share of PR and autograph signing and also bumped into Tigger, who is another mascot. He was out with the Tiger Parachute Display Team and they had driven across from Paderborn in Germany to be there - a great bunch of lads and I look forward to seeing them on the road sometime in 2017.

There have been simply too many places to talk about them all, but with photos of me on most of the social media channels I feel like I will have to get my very own PR team soon as I am always getting asked for signatures...as well as whether or not I'm for sale.



RAF RESERVE

Being a member of the RAF Reserves is an automatic passport to both adventure and serving your country while still maintaining a day-to-day career.

And in this part of the country we are fortunate enough to have five Reserve squadrons to choose from, of which two, No 501 and No 4624, are specialist logistic squadrons.

The first of these, 501 Squadron (County of Gloucester) was created in 1929. With its distinguished war record, the squadron was reformed at RAF Brize Norton in 2001 to provide airfield security and operational support. Reserve personnel from 501 Squadron were deployed to both Iraq in 2003 and 2007 and Afghanistan in 2006.

In 2014 the squadron was relaunched as a Logistics Support Squadron to provide drivers and other personnel for RAF Operations at home and overseas.

Today its value has increased and as such 501 is now recruiting and training part-time volunteer reserves.

Drivers are initially taught to drive both articulated and heavy goods vehicles as well as passenger coaches, before moving on to military trucks and airfield support vehicles.

Volunteers applying to become suppliers learn the processes and procedures to work in the logistics chain including receipt and dispatch, warehousing and management of dangerous goods.

All training is recognised by civilian bodies – such as the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport – and once trained opportunities even exist for personnel to be deployed to support their regular colleagues in exercises and detachments.

4624 Squadron (County of Oxfordshire) was formed in 1982 as a direct response to the Falklands conflict and has since celebrated many milestones, including its 30th anniversary in 2012.

Now in its fourth decade, the squadron continues to play an ever increasing role in support of the RAF, both at home and abroad, and is the largest of all Royal Auxiliary Air Force units.

Its first major contribution to operations took place in 1991 when the entire squadron was mobilised for the first Gulf War, with personnel

SQUADRONS

deployed to RAF Brize Norton, Lyneham, Akrotiri and HQ RAF Germany.

Many remained mobilised after the war to assist in recovery and humanitarian support and indeed the squadron was honoured to receive a citation from Oxfordshire's Lord-Lieutenant in recognition of its achievements.

It's motto 'Ready to Move' sums up perfectly the squadron's ethos and anyone joining can look forward to an interesting and challenging

career with plenty of opportunity for hands-on work alongside their Regular counterparts, such as travel and adventure training including sailing, skiing and mountain walking.

Significantly, over the last five years it is estimated that at least 20 per cent of the RAF's deployed logistics support has been provided by Reserve personnel from 4624.

October 2014 saw the entire squadron parade through Oxford where it was awarded the Freedom of the County of Oxfordshire.

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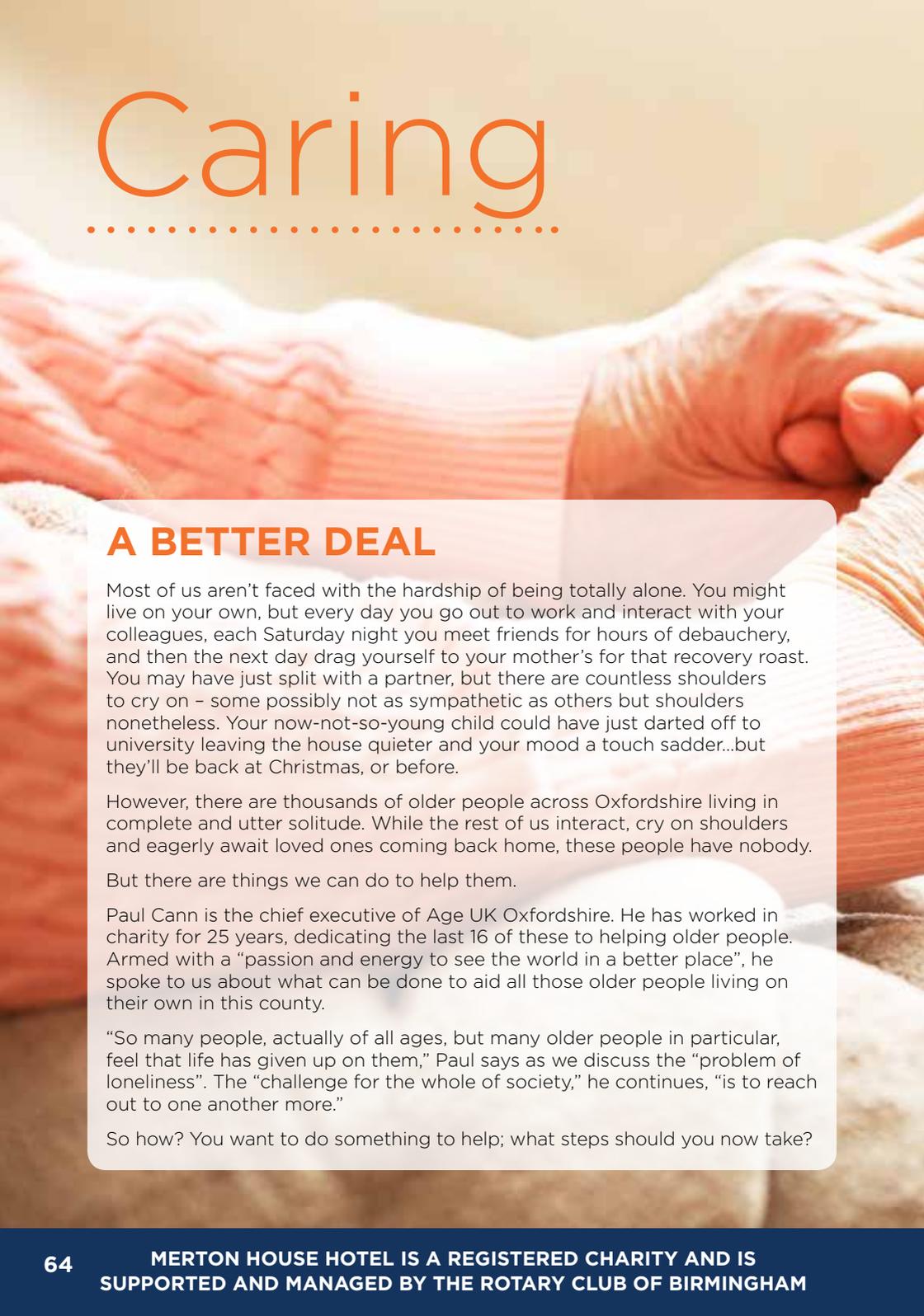
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However, there are thousands of older people across Oxfordshire living in complete and utter solitude. While the rest of us interact, cry on shoulders and eagerly await loved ones coming back home, these people have nobody.

But there are things we can do to help them.

Paul Cann is the chief executive of Age UK Oxfordshire. He has worked in charity for 25 years, dedicating the last 16 of these to helping older people. Armed with a "passion and energy to see the world in a better place", he spoke to us about what can be done to aid all those older people living on their own in this county.

"So many people, actually of all ages, but many older people in particular, feel that life has given up on them," Paul says as we discuss the "problem of loneliness". The "challenge for the whole of society," he continues, "is to reach out to one another more."

So how? You want to do something to help; what steps should you now take?

"You could be a volunteer Phone Friend," informs Paul. "They make calls to housebound and isolated older people simply to bond with them and give them the feeling that they haven't been forgotten."

Those wanting to give to Oxfordshire's older people can also volunteer to visit somebody in person – another befriending scheme Age UK run designed to make, as Paul states, "people feel they matter to somebody."

As well as the above, Paul talks to us about the national Campaign to End Loneliness, which launched in 2011 and is "going great guns now". Independent Age, Manchester City Council, Royal Voluntary Service, Sense, and Age UK Oxfordshire join together in governing the initiative, which exists to "do something more to connect people who feel left behind in later life." With over 2,500 supporters, the campaign lists all the ways you can help the cause on campaigntoendloneliness.org.

A lot of people may be unaware of how many older people there are living alone in our county. "We have something like 35,000 older people in Oxfordshire who are living on their own," says Paul, "and we have to do something about that. Age UK's job is not only to give direct help but to raise awareness and campaign, and we will certainly campaign as hard as we can for a better deal for older people."

You can help Age UK Oxfordshire in various ways; visit ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire to find out more. To support the Campaign to End Loneliness go to campaigntoendloneliness.org.



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The PPG has as its principal aim: to ensure that Burford Surgery puts the patient and improving health at the heart of everything it does.

Working constructively with the Practice, our objectives are to:

- Improve two-way communication between the Burford Surgery and its patients.
- Establish the views and experiences of those that use the Practice.
- Advise the Practice on the patients' perspective.
- Encourage patients to take greater responsibility for their health.
- Organise health promotion events in collaboration with the Practice.

The PPG's initial tasks will include establishing access by patients to members of the PPG, taking forward to the Practice any recommendations patients may have and supporting the Practice in the production of newsletters and publications.

Burford's Surgery has a display screen in its foyer which the PPG will use and this material will also be on hand at Carterton. Additionally Burford's Bridge magazine and the Carterton Crier will be used to promote the PPG and The Practice's newsletters will contain PPG input.

Patients of the Burford Surgery are encouraged to bring constructive comments to the PPG either by email to burford.patientgroup@nhs.net or by writing to The Burford Patient Participation Group, c/o The Burford Surgery, 59 Sheep Street, Burford, OX18 4LS.

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Carterton Community Schools Federation

It has been the usual busy start to the school year for all three schools and it has been impressive to see how quickly all pupils and students are getting back into the routine of primary and secondary school life. As always, we have been extremely pleased with how well-prepared children are for lessons as we have a real focus on them taking personal responsibility and making sure they all have the right equipment every day.

Earlier this term Carterton Community College's annual Open Evening and open mornings gave us ample opportunity to showcase the outstanding work that is taking place at the College. It was a real pleasure to talk to prospective parents about the recent Challenge Partners inspection and the outstanding examination results from the summer. The students have acted as either guides or helpers in curriculum areas impressing everyone with their confidence and enthusiasm. The pride they show representing their school is second to none and they are fantastic ambassadors for us.

Our open events have been packed with prospective parents and students and we are incredibly proud of how well our staff and students have showed off the school. Year 5 and 6 children from Bampton, Brize Norton, Carterton and Clanfield have left here with a really positive experience CCC and the exciting learning that takes place here. We are very proud of our students and staff and eternally thankful for their hard work which contributed in making these events such a huge success.

In October, Carterton Community College also welcomed a thorough external inspection from Challenge Partners. Our vision is always to provide an outstanding educational experience for each and every student. Through high standards and high aspirations, we inspire excellence in a safe and happy environment every day which was highlighted numerous times throughout their written report. Their summary of "Over the last three years, progress for the best eight subjects is OUTSTANDING" is testament to the hard work that takes place every day.

As the year progresses at the College and within our Federation, a key message for all our pupils and students is about leadership and personal responsibility. It is always great to see children of all ages achieving success in their chosen fields of interest. All schools have an extraordinary range of undertakings that pupils and students can engage with, including sport, art, music, outdoor adventures and also countless academic opportunities. We always encourage children to have a go and to take a risk with whatever they are approaching. The young people in our care are truly amazing with what they can achieve. The Federation continues to be a place where talent is liberated, success is celebrated and achievement triumphs.

Iain Bilton, Head of School
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Burford Sixth Form

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As students in Year 11 are starting to think about their education post 16, we caught up with Ms Denny, Head of Burford Sixth Form, preparing for their Open Evening on Thursday 1st December.

What is it about the Sixth Form at Burford that attracts students to join it or stay on after their GCSEs?

A number of reasons encourage students to stay on or join us for Sixth Form. The choice of subjects and the ability to combine 'A' Levels and Level 3 courses is obviously key. This is the first time students have the opportunity to select subjects that really excite or enthuse them. They're the window to the next step – perhaps the rest of their lives. What the wide range of subjects provides is the ability to combine exactly what suits them.

The staff play a key role too. 'A' Levels and Level 3 courses are tough and there needs to be commitment from staff as well as students. At Burford we have that in spades. Classes are small and teachers knowledgeable so there's always time for individual attention. Their genuine and enduring interest in the success of every student means that they work with them right from the word go to ensure they achieve their very best whatever their next step.

A lively, comfortable atmosphere is also key, I think, and there's a great atmosphere at Burford. It's something to do with being a rural school, having space, and being offered opportunities and encouragement to 'have a go' right from Year 7. In the Sixth Form students have gained the respect of both the staff and those in the younger years. They're role models and are given lots of responsibility. It's a position they value and enjoy – and certainly something they rise to.

Burford's BASE winners; BASE is ICAEW's National Business and Accounting competition for students in school or college aged 16-19



You talk on your website about an Extended Curriculum. What is that?

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What sort of extra-curricular activities do Sixth Formers take part in?

The range of activities is almost endless. Our students take part in all the school sports, and the huge range of musical events we have throughout the year, but as Sixth Formers they can also take part in national competitions, MUNGA, Politics in Action etc. Some become Senior Leaders, others raise money for our Uganda link and go to Africa and others achieve their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Where do your students go on to after Burford?

Each year about 75-80% go on to university – Oxford, Cambridge, those in the Russell Group and others. Some go on to do Art Foundation courses or take up apprenticeships.

Do you provide them with any help with obtaining places at university, college or in employment?

Yes – loads. We run a comprehensive programme for those going through UCAS. This includes visits to Higher Education conferences with taster sessions in degree course studies. Students have one to one support selecting courses and universities, and, of course, lots of advice and guidance on personal statements.

Our full-time careers officer seeks out and gives advice on apprenticeships and plays a significant role in organising and running the Apprenticeship Fair for West Oxfordshire. She also invites in employers for workshops, mock interviews and presentations so students are thoroughly prepared for their next step.

What would be your advice to students beginning to think about post 16 education?

Select your subjects carefully to take you beyond the next two years. Choose what you enjoy because then you'll flourish and seize every opportunity that comes your way.

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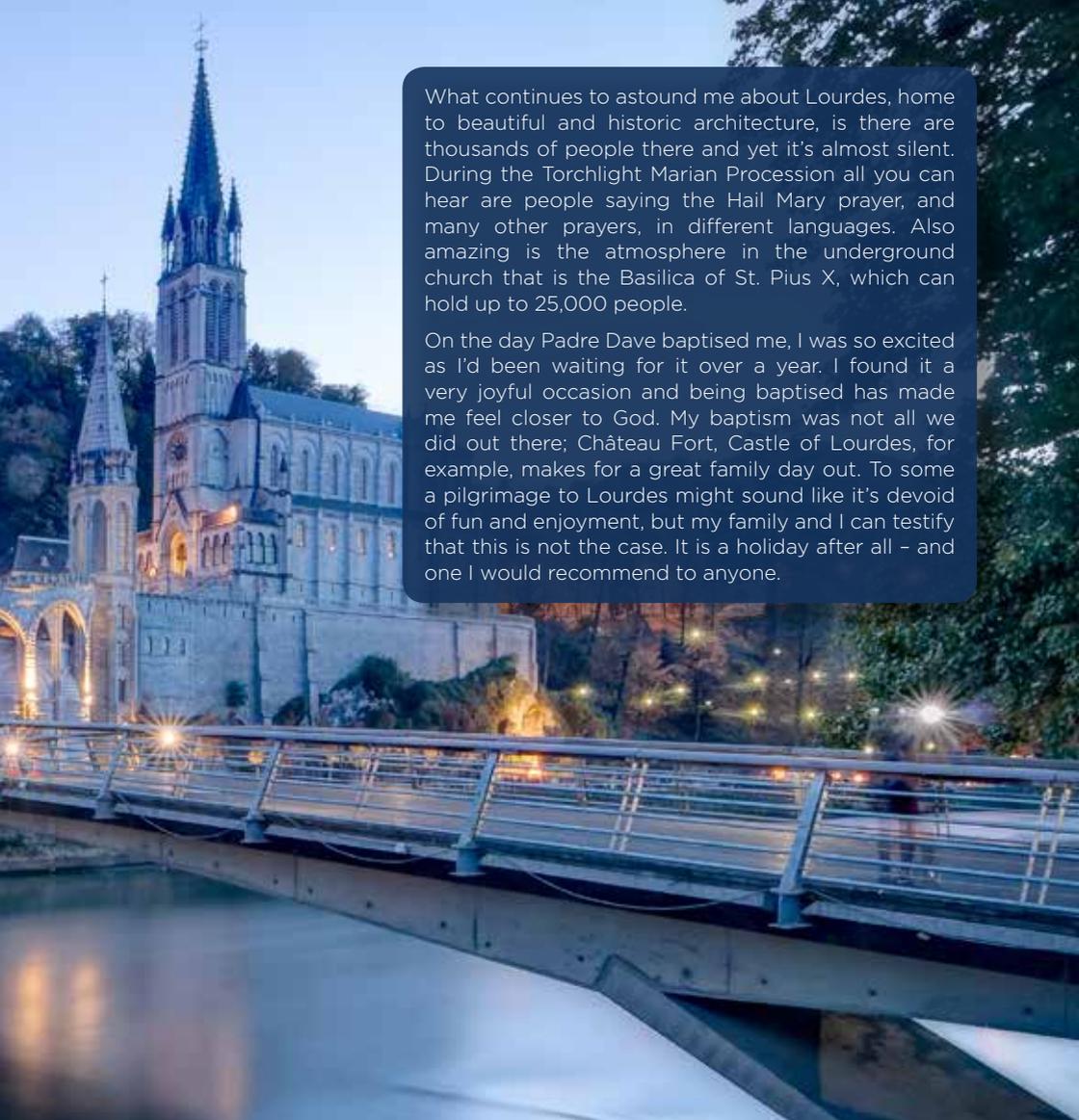
Carterton Community College student Bradley Langley tells us what it's like to take a pilgrimage to Lourdes...



The Charity HCPT, founded in 1956, takes disabled and disadvantaged people on pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes every year. I am autistic, and in Easter 2015 journeyed to the south of France with HCPT RAF and Army combined group 182/7. I was invited to go by Padre Dave Skillen who was serving at Brize at the time. Up until going I was very nervous. However, I ended up loving every minute of it. I found it was a very spiritually renewing trip – you just feel good about being there.

When I got back I started attending Catholic mass at St Joseph's Church; I then decided I wanted to be baptised – something which Father Andrew at St Joseph's would prepare me for. It was when I was talking with Padre Dave about where I wanted my baptism to take place that I mentioned Lourdes as a possibility; I'd wanted to be baptised there ever since first going. So Dave started to arrange another pilgrimage. This time though my whole family would be able to come with me, and we would like to acknowledge and thank both Fr James Caulfield (Principal Roman Catholic Chaplain, RAF) and The Cornelius Trust (Christian military charity) for the generous financial support which enabled the pilgrimage.

Catholics believe it was at Lourdes that the Virgin Mary appeared 18 times to Bernadette Soubirous in 1858. Because of this millions of people descend on the town every year.



What continues to astound me about Lourdes, home to beautiful and historic architecture, is there are thousands of people there and yet it's almost silent. During the Torchlight Marian Procession all you can hear are people saying the Hail Mary prayer, and many other prayers, in different languages. Also amazing is the atmosphere in the underground church that is the Basilica of St. Pius X, which can hold up to 25,000 people.

On the day Padre Dave baptised me, I was so excited as I'd been waiting for it over a year. I found it a very joyful occasion and being baptised has made me feel closer to God. My baptism was not all we did out there; Château Fort, Castle of Lourdes, for example, makes for a great family day out. To some a pilgrimage to Lourdes might sound like it's devoid of fun and enjoyment, but my family and I can testify that this is not the case. It is a holiday after all - and one I would recommend to anyone.

Bradley with Padre Dave Skillen



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Stella Dearman

By Sam Bennett

It was 1976 when Stella Dearman and her family came to Carterton. It was “a tiny little village with about half a dozen shops” back then. It seems Stella was part of a close-knit society, “I’m going to the market, I’ll be a couple of hours,” she would leave the house saying, knowing how many people she’d end up stopping to talk to. “You used to meet everybody,” she says. “It was a massive market when we first came, it was really good, it was like a get together because everybody knew everybody. Now you might meet one or two.”

Sat in her dining room, with a rather unique teapot display diagonally opposite her, she says that close-knit community “isn’t there anymore.” Why? “Because Carterton is so big; people do their own thing now, which you can understand.”

Stella’s husband, John, was an engineer in the RAF, and now works for Serco. I ask her if he has plans to retire. “When he’s 70,” she answers. For now his wages come in very handy – “I like going on cruises.” John was opposed to the idea of such holiday making once, owing to his past experience of ship travel. His job would take him to the Falklands at the end of the 1982 conflict. “He flew out from Brize,” tells Stella, “and then had to get a ship – that was horrible. That’s why he used to say he wasn’t going on a cruise.” Eventually Stella said: “well I’ve booked us

one, we’re going.” She claims he “loves it” now.

While John was in the services, Stella – who has mothered seven children, including twin boys – was out working too. “I’ve always worked,” she says. “Even though I’ve had all the kids, I’ve never been out of work, even when they were babies. You’re posted and you’ve got to find a job. I worked in a chip shop first when I got here, then I got a job in The Eagle.”

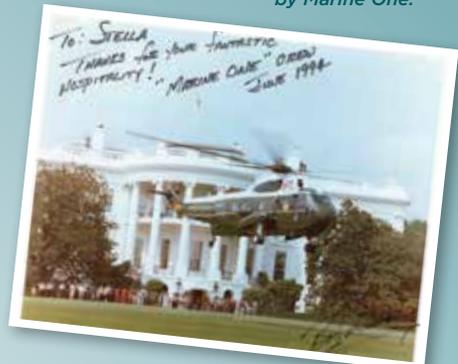
In the latter she worked under the “lovely” Wally Beaken, who she tells me lost both his legs as a result of being tortured in WW2. “You could never forget Wally,” she says.

Discussing further her time at The Eagle, Stella’s focus turns to customers she believed to be playing away from home. “You used to know who was having an affair. You can tell, can’t you? Some used to come all the way from Swindon so they wouldn’t get caught. You could tell straight away.”



A photo presented to Stella by Marine One.

Gateway House Fun Run; Stella is front row far right, with Lynn Little next to her.



*Stella (sat) with her
Gateway work colleagues.*

After The Eagle, Stella went on to work at the Gateway House Hotel - where service personnel stayed before and after operations. She was there for almost three decades, "mostly behind the bar", leaving 15 years ago.

"We always had something going on, definitely," she recalls, then recounting the time a group of lads, their transport delayed, flocked into the bar already with a bottle of something giddy to hand. "They didn't have to buy anything because it was just soda and lime being added to the bottle," she says. "They kept going 'you want one?' to me and my friend." It appears the pair partook in the fun. "We were dancing with them," Stella says, her laughter somewhat shrouding the last couple of words.

"I used to stick up for the lads," she remembers. "Some of them were kids. You don't let them get into trouble when you've got boys of your own. So I never did."

She uses an incident involving a strict sergeant to support this. "She was a bit over the top," Stella states of the sergeant. "This lad started a fight and I said to his mates, 'she's coming, she's got the police here in two minutes, move.' So they took him upstairs."

"Were the police angry?" I ask.

"No, I told them it was just an argument that was over in two minutes."

Apparently others who Stella met at the Gateway ended up in situations far more tragic than a barroom scrap. She recalls two servicemen who, having been in the Falklands, were stopping in the hotel before journeying home by car. Sadly this drive saw both of them killed on the motorway.

"They were so pleased to be going home. To think they'd just come from a war zone... it was really upsetting."

I'm also told some would return home to find their parents had moved and not informed them. "You can't believe it, can you?" Stella says, before relaying a story about one person coming home to discover his wife had gone off with somebody next door.

"I said to him: 'calm down. You won't think it at the moment because it's really hurtful, very heartbreaking, but you will get over it.'

"Two weeks later he's back in the bar," she carries on. "I asked 'are you alright?'

"He said 'oh, God, yeah, I've got someone else. You told me to get on with it so I have done.'

"I didn't mean that quick," was her response.

Our interview also covers what present times mean for Stella. "The University of the Third Age is one of the best things for older people," she claims, "because they get out and go everywhere. We go to see all the shows, we just went to see Motown, have you seen it? It's really good."

She introduces certain criticisms of Carterton with the phrase: "I'm not being awful, but..." She does this prior to citing the town as lacking "a little shoe shop" and "a nice dress shop".

Despite this, and her identification of the house prices in this county as "absolutely horrendous", she maintains "it's been a good life", no doubt helped by the odd cruise here and there.



*Stella in
the Gateway
bar with
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Jean.*



Stella and her family

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CHRISTMAS WITH OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEKS

By Esther Lafferty, Festival Director

It's Christmas shopping season – as the TV rolls out the superstore adverts, delivery men are delivering identikit gifts to home after home across the country.

However, those who value individuality and creativity can avoid the hustle and bustle of the High Street and still contribute to the local economy as they shop for magical Christmas gifts during a gentle afternoon out.

In November and December, artists and designer-makers across Oxfordshire are opening their homes and studios and gathering together to host pop-up exhibitions. There's a wealth of places to visit and unique creations to discover.

There's something special about an original piece of art, jewellery, pottery or wood which is truly one of a kind, hand-crafted with a rare imagination and skill – you will never see another just like it. And yet choosing an original needn't be expensive, and not only does the piece personify the individuality of the artist, your own character shines through in your choice as well.

Furthermore, as well as carrying away a picture or piece that's captivated you, by buying

directly from an artist, you also carry away a trilogy of tales: the story of its inspiration, of its creation, and of how you found it and were charmed by it.

Philip Pullman described local novelist Sara Banerji's view of the world as "completely original and vivid", and in her London Place home in East Oxford, her resplendent sculptures are every bit as entrancing. They're quirky, colourful and bursting with character, each upcycled from old building materials, wood, wire and *The Times* newspaper. One example of her work is a rotund lady of a certain age, sporting a blue-green top, pink skirt, and jaunty yellow hat, sitting astride a rather chunky horse. Another is a lady of similar girth who typifies a certain Oxford eccentricity; also larger-than-life with her nose in the air, she's perched on a bike with a sleepy bulldog in the basket, as she enjoys life at a gentle pace.

Visit Iffley painter Elaine Allender and she'll describe to you her love of the glint of early frost on bare seed heads when the low winter sun catches the stalks exposing a natural architectural beauty.

Learn how she builds up each of her small wintry paintings in layers, starting with a cool sky to which she adds memories of local



Ann Batchelor



Sue Side

countryside or craggy Lakeland fells, softened by a blanket of snow. Then in the foreground she uses both ink and paint to suggest the bare stalks of the wildflowers and grasses, these serving as a reminder of summer stories past, be it a walk, picnic, or playful afternoon.

Across the city, Cumnor artist Sue Side enjoys capturing the striking seasonal murmurations or exultations of starlings, as tens of thousands of birds flock together creating balletic spectacles in the sky. "It all started when I listened to Elbow's 'Starlings' and I was intrigued. I had to explore this explosion of drama for myself," she explains. "I often find autumn inspiration amongst trees and winter woods, and then one day I looked up beyond tree tops and saw them, magical and breathtaking. The starlings just swept into the sky and performed the most complex acrobatic displays with such ease that it left me speechless. That's why my ink pen comes in handy!

"My murmuration pictures," the artist continues, 'are intense, with thousands of individually-drawn birds overlapping one another again and again. This creates depth, pattern and puts the fluidity of the aerial display onto paper and captures the joy of homecoming on darker winter days. From a distance they seem abstract, so you should step right up and look closely at the details and that's when you really see the pattern, the purpose and togetherness of these starling flocks."

For something with more colour, a trip to Lisa Marie, a designer goldsmith in North Leigh near Witney, can take you all the way to the Lightning Ridge Opal Mine in Australia, from where she returned with an extraordinary selection of stones containing every colour of the spectrum, like the Australian landscapes themselves: from deepest and clearest blues and iridescent greens, through to golden

orange, red and fuchsia; in hues that are both pale and delicate, and dark and brilliant. "Due to its structure," Lisa says, "opal may contain any combination of an infinite number of patterns and may reveal itself all at once – glorious from all directions – or it may be quiet and surprising, showing its greatest brilliance only during flashes of movement."

And inspired by the Lot-et-Garonne area of France and its mountain-top villages, Ann Batchelor, who is exhibiting in November with the Artists of Letcombe Regis, creates textile pots with wonderful colours and warmth. Gathering fabrics that catch her eye in the local brocantes and flea markets, she uses rope to create a coiled effect, and a trusty sewing machine with which she always travels. This region is largely undiscovered by tourists but was much travelled by pilgrims between Spain's Santiago de Compostela and the Vatican in the past. It was also a favourite of Van Gogh who loved the strength of the colours there.

"You can't help but feel cheerful there," says Ann, "and that's the essence I'm capturing in my pots and bowls. This, which I created from a pinky-red French scarf," she laughs, reaching for one of her newest pieces, a lidded pot, "reminds me of drinking French red wine in the sunshine! For my Christmas creations, I'm adding bells and other decorations."

When you've found something to treasure and carried it home, you add another story of your own. As well as the stories it came with, you'll also have tale of how this particular piece came to rest in your own home – perfect for a dinner table conversation.

For more information on the above artists and the dozens of other Artweeks venues you can visit, see artweeks.org.



La Familia Tattoo Studio

Not too comfortable

Sam Bennett pays a visit to La Familia Tattoo Studio to talk to tattoo artist Adam Jeffs about inking necks and the idea that he's practicing a "frowned upon art form"...

A Bloody Mary, a stiletto, and a gravy boat: these are a few of the tattoos that decorate my arms. There's no really deep and moving reason for any of my ink; they're just pictures and words I like based on television shows and songs I like. To me they look nice; to me they're good fun. I treat getting one with as much seriousness as I do buying a pair of shoes – i.e. not much. But if a professional told me to stop and consider what I was asking to have printed on my body, if they told me bluntly it was going to look woeful, I'd take note.

This is apparently the type of honesty I could expect from the team at La Familia, in situ on Black Bourton Road. It is run by Adam Jeffs, a tattoo artist with nine years' experience. "If we think something's going to look bad on someone and they've done it for a bet with their mates or something, we're not shy as a shop to tell them to think about what they're doing," he says, during a free window he had before a midday sitting.

"Do you tattoo faces?" I ask, not because I'm looking to have this done on me, I'm just interested in different studios' approach to such tattooing. Describing himself as "quite old school", Adam tells me generally speaking La Familia – which has been in Carterton for three years – won't do faces, necks or hands. "When

I started tattooing, which wasn't even that long ago, you couldn't walk in a shop and have stuff like that done," he recalls. "They had to know where you were in your life, you had to already have a lot of tattoos, and they had to know it wasn't going to affect your employment. I still work with that mentality.

"Say you've had two sleeves, your front, and your back done with us, and you say to me 'will you do my hand?' By the time I've tattooed both your sleeves, your front, and your back, I should know a bit about you, I should be able to assess the situation, whether I think it's going to affect you or not."

Adam isn't cautious about this for no reason. He's seen the consequences tats in blatant places can have. A neck tattoo he did for someone in a previous shop resulted in the customer's dismissal from the supermarket they worked in. They returned to the tattoo studio "kicking off" about this turn of events, despite having signed disclaimers and consent forms prior to being tattooed, but "no one likes to blame themselves do they?" the artist says. "It wasn't my shop, I just followed rules. They asked for the tattoo, I did the tattoo." Now with his own establishment, Adam can enforce his own policy regarding such body art.

"You get a lot of people now who just want to be tattooed so they look tattooed," he states. "Without sounding like an old man, people don't understand how much weight this carries. You don't get looked at the same way again, and not necessarily in a good way. Some might look



I don't think there's ever a day when we're just sat around doing nothing, so something's got to be working."

A tattoo studio is something a bit different for the Crier's **Carterton** section. Up to now we featured artwork of what some might call a more conventional nature. What if someone were to suggest that what Adam and his team are doing is not real art like the sort we've included in these pages previously?

"It wouldn't upset me, it's hard to upset me. I kind of like the fact it's a frowned upon art form, that's what appeals. Anyway, tattooing has evolved in a way where what we do is no different to what a painter does on a canvas. We can get that same standard."

To me what they do seems harder, because of the pressure that must come with inking another human being for life. I don't think I'd ever get over the stress of that. "I still get nervous before doing it," admits Adam. "I don't think that goes. But that's what pushes you to do a good job. If you get too comfortable in something you forget the important things."

at you and say it's cool. But some of the older generation, to whom it's more taboo, might look at you like you're about to mug them."

"Isn't that their problem though," I suggest, "as opposed to the person who's got the tattoos?"

But perhaps this is not the point, and what is relevant is simply the reality of our society, which in Adam's view "has not changed enough to welcome face tattoos behind bank desks" for examples.

On the topic of change, I wondered how much the industry has altered since he first set foot in it. "It changed a lot right before I got into it," he says. "Before I started, artists still had to make their own needles. You just order them in now - but I know no different from that." He has witnessed, however, another change, owing to the ever progressing world of technology. "When I started all drawing was done on paper. Now most of mine are done on iPad using apps and Apple Pencil."

In terms of how Carterton works for La Familia, Adam says "it's swings and roundabouts." It was partly RAF Brize Norton being so close that brought him here. He believed "it would be stupid not to come here. Everywhere I've worked military and tattoos have gone together. Most of our business is from the base. The only bad thing about that is personnel are not given a standard work pattern, so it's hard to find a slot when they can book in."

Despite this difficulty, "Carterton on the whole is quite good for us - we're busy every day.



Carterton

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Second RAF Brize Norton Brownies

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Fourth RAF Brize Norton Brownies

Wednesday
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