



## RETIREMENT OF GEORGE ZUGER

Mr George Karl Zuger retired from Carlton Parish Council in May, having served as Parish Councillor, Vice-chairman and Chairman since first elected in 1961. Following his report to the Annual Parish Meeting, George was presented with a pewter tankard bearing the inscription: " Presented to George Karl Zuger in recognition of 38 years continuous service as Councillor, Vice-chairman and Chairman of Carlton Parish Council. May 1999 ".

Before making the presentation, the Parish Clerk reviewed the PC Minutes of 1961, and some of the achievements of the Parish Council in the intervening years. George's election followed the retirement of Mr Cartwright and Mr Edmunds, both of whom had served on the Parish Council for many years. The PC Chairman was Mr F Jones. Mr Zuger and Mr Harding were elected PC Managers of Carlton School, and served until just before the school closed in 1968. At that time the Parish Clerk was Mr Goode, who was later required to resign for failing to carry out his work properly.

Until 1961, children from Carlton school had played and taken PE classes on Carlton Green or on the road outside the school if the grass was too long or wet. Unfortunately - and this was a sign of things to come - a pupil had been involved in a minor accident with a motor car, so a fenced playground had to be provided. There was talk of fencing off part of the village green for a playing field, but this was not done. For many years the field across the road from the school had been rented for a playing field; the remains of the handgate into it can still be seen in the hedge on the corner.

Back in 1961 neither Carlton nor Market Bosworth had mains sewerage, but the PC had heard that Market Bosworth RDC was considering a scheme and asked for Carlton to be included in it. A few years later the system was duly installed, and included a pumping station just below Bank Farm on Congerstone Lane and a pipeline to the sewage works off Station Road in Market Bosworth. Although there were problems with the pumping station, which increased as more houses were built in the village, this was a great improvement on the old system of soak ditches, cess pits and the collection of night soil.

In 1961 it was noted that the churchyard was becoming full, but that the church had not been able to acquire additional land for an extension. The PC decided that provision must be made for a cemetery, and was eventually able to buy the field behind the church - though not until after resolving to pursue the option of compulsory purchase.

In 1963 the PC's income from the rates was £30, and £29-18-0d was spent on electricity and repairs to the scattered street lights. This expense led to a scheme of improvement, and in turn this led to the installation of the present system, its adoption by the County Council, and major savings to the Parish.