

## MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT TO VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

January 2010

### **Three Legged Cross Carol Service**

On 15<sup>th</sup> December I attended the Three Legged Cross Carol Service in the Three Legged Cross Village Hall. This was an excellent service, with a large number of adults and children from Three Legged Cross First School. As well as the favourite carols, the children sang songs from their Nativity Play and delighted all present. The service was shared between Revd Jeremy Andrews, Revd Clive Sutcliffe and Revd Andrew Sinclair. The whole occasion was greatly enhanced by the excellent decorations in the Village Hall and congratulations are well deserved to all who prepared and took part. Although much attention is turned towards Verwood so many times, it is good to see that Three Legged Cross has a very active community with a very well run and supported First School. The many adults who attended the Carol Service showed the richness of fellowship and humour that typifies the whole Town.

### **Age Concern**

On 16<sup>th</sup> December I was privileged to attend the Age Concern Christmas Party at the Verwood Band Hall. This was a most uplifting party and genuine joy was apparent in full measure. Volunteers and 'users' all had a wonderful time of good traditional fellowship, laughter and entertainment. The raffle was, as is customary, an opportunity for virtually everyone to win a prize. Christmas cake and tea was in plentiful supply even though the group had enjoyed a full Christmas Lunch at the Albion Hotel. High praise is due to all those who prepared and helped in this wonderful party; and in no small measure grateful thanks are due to all the volunteers who work extremely hard throughout the year for the wellbeing and care of our elderly residents.

### **Verwood Concert Brass**

On 18<sup>th</sup> December I attended the Christmas Concert by Verwood Concert Brass at the Hub. Every concert is an occasion of high standard, and this event may have surpassed all others.

The junior Acorns were excellent and the Training Band surpassed themselves. Performance from the B band and the full Concert band fully justified the very high national standing and are a great credit to the Town.

The range of material was impressive and the whole audience joined in on the carols which were included. Again, much credit goes to all those who work with the Band to support their much loved concerts.

### **EDDC Carol Service**

On 19<sup>th</sup> December I represented Verwood Town at the Chair of EDDC's Carol Service in Wimborne Minster.

### **Ringwood Carol Service**

On 20<sup>th</sup> December I represented Verwood Town at the Ringwood Carol Service at the church of St Peter and St Paul.

### **British Legion**

On 21<sup>st</sup> December I attended a meeting at the British Legion in Verwood to hear the formal announcement that the British Legion members were unsuccessful in their bid to take over the running of the Club. Consequently the Club will close in mid February, having been sold to an unknown buyer. The intentions of the buyer with regard to the future of the premises is also unknown.

Many people in Verwood, Woodlands and Alderholt will be sad to see the demise of the Club, and indeed it is particularly sad for all those local people and organisations who had bookings for meetings and events at the Club.

I spoke to the British Legion Verwood Chairman and offered the Town Council premises, particularly the new Help Centre as a location for their Book of Remembrance.