



VERWOOD VISTA

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MAYOR'S REPORT

In the previous "Vista", I was anticipating the annual commemoration of the fallen of wars including the World War 1 and those which have occurred since. My sincere thanks to everyone present on Ferrett Green on Saturday 11th and/or Sunday 12th November. On Saturday 11th November, a small crowd gathered to observe two minutes silence and the short ceremony was greatly enhanced by the bugle playing of Niamh Thompson, daughter of Cllr. Nicole Thompson. Very many thanks to Niamh and to everyone who was

present on that day. There was also an excellent turnout on Sunday 12th November 2018. Verwood paid a fitting tribute to those who have served this country and lost their lives. Thanks to those who organised these events.

Christmas festivities included the Extravaganza on Ferrett Green. Despite the cold evening, everyone who came to see the lights, visit Father Christmas and listen to the excellent music provided by Verwood Concert Brass enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to all those involved, especially the Town Council ladies, Val, Joyce and Michaela, Verwood Concert Brass, Verwood Rotary and Verwood Twinning Association.

On Christmas Day, there was a community lunch for those who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day. It is not a Town Council event, but is the brain child of and organised by, Simon Gibson, District and Town Councillor. In previous years it has been held at Crane Valley Golf Club and Cinnamon Lounge. This Christmas it was hosted by Al Trullo. As mayor, I visited the lunch and enjoyed talking to the guests and some of those helping to make it very successful.

The annual Mayor's reception was held on Sunday 3rd December. This event was extra special for me as I had the great privilege of presenting Verwood's newest Honorary Freeman, Mrs Peggy Ganderton, with her badge of office and certificate. Peggy is the fourth Freeman of Verwood and has served and continues to serve the community in many ways.

Cllr. Mrs. Lindsey Dedden – Verwood Town Mayor

GRANT AID 2018/2019

Verwood Town Council is now accepting applications for Grant Aid.

Grants are awarded twice a year to local organisations in April and October and the deadlines for applications are 1st March and 1st September.

The purpose of any grant given by the Town Council is to support initiatives in the local community and to help create opportunities for the residents of the Parish of Verwood and Three Legged Cross. Applications will be considered for day-to-day running expenses or for a specific purpose.

Any organisation who would like to apply for Grant Aid should contact Verwood Town Council.

Email: verwoodtc@btconnect.com

Phone: **01202 820880**

HONORARY FREEMAN APPOINTED

At her Christmas Reception the Mayor of Verwood, Cllr. Mrs. Lindsey Dedden was pleased to acknowledge **Mrs. Peggy Ganderton** as an Honorary Freeman appointed by the Verwood Town Council. Her outstanding community work spanning over 40 years includes, working at Verwood Methodist playgroup, starting and running the Graskop pre-school playgroup, helping at Verwood First School, starting the 4th Verwood Brownie pack and being very active in Girl Guiding in Verwood for almost 40 years, including a spell as District Commissioner. Other community activities include helping the elderly, a period as Transport Officer for Verwood Day Centre and working closely with the Salvation Army in Verwood.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Verwood Town
Council Offices**

Tuesday 27th February

Tuesday 24th April

Tuesday 21st May (Mayor Making)

Tuesday 22nd May

**Three Legged Cross
Village Hall**

Wednesday 28th March

**Mayor's Vintage and
Recycling Sale**

Saturday 3rd March (from 10am)

POLICE MATTERS - Protecting Dorset Residents from serious crime

Before Christmas I was at a meeting addressed by the Chief Constable, Debbie Simpson QPM. Ms Simpson wished to explain how she is using scarce police resources to the best of her ability to protect Dorset residents. She also wished to give representatives of Town and Parish Councils the opportunity to ask questions and express any concerns raised by residents to their Local Councillors.

She stated that:

- Dorset residents are at greater risk of being victims of cybercrime and fraud than residents of other counties. Dorset is an "outlier" for these types of crime
- Even with such a known high level of these crimes, the Police are convinced that most victims do not report such crimes to the Police
- People are wrongly too embarrassed to report being victims of fraud or cybercrime. However, it is easy to be deceived as these criminals are very clever and methods used can be very sophisticated.
- If reporting levels are higher, there is more chance of detection and future prevention of this type of crime
- Higher reporting levels will also strengthen the case for more resources for Dorset Police
- Dorset is also affected by child sexual abuse and modern slavery crimes
- Fighting these largely "hidden" crimes requires more Police Officers in specialist and less visible roles.
- Unlike some other Police Forces, Dorset will retain PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers) although their numbers will reduce.
- Mergers with adjoining forces have been explored but are impractical at the present time for a variety of reasons. However, all opportunities to share specialist services such as dog handlers are explored and used where appropriate.

Ms. Simpson acknowledged that residents like to see Police presence in their communities. She understands that this enhances residents' feeling of greater security and protection from crime. However, Officers are needed to prevent and detect the more serious crimes which tend to be hidden from normal view. Ms. Simpson is trying to achieve a balance of the different types of policing.

Those present appreciated the opportunity to learn about crime in Dorset, to be able to raise residents' concerns about visible Police presence and to ask questions.

Cllr. Mrs. Lindsey Dedden

VERWOOD IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2018

Verwood Town Council are pleased to announce that they will be running their annual garden competition again this year and judging will be taking place in June 2018. Categories will be Best Front Garden, Best Use of Container/Hanging Baskets, Best Commercial Property, Best School Display and Best Allotment. Prizes include £50 and a Trophy to hold for the year.

If you would like to register your interest in entering the competition, please contact the Town Council either by phone on 01202 820880 or email verwoodtc@btconnect.com and further details and an entry form will be sent to you nearer the time.



MAYOR'S VINTAGE AND RECYCLING SALE

Saturday 3rd March - 10am
Verwood Memorial Hall

Books • china and glass • records, CDs & DVDs • retro ornaments
• pictures • toys • vintage linen
• bric-a-brac • household items
• 60s stuff and fantastic junk

Sale in aid of the Mayor's Charity "Dorset Mind"

FLOWERING CHERRY TREE PLANTED

On 11th December 2017 a tree planting ceremony took place on Ferrett Green to replace a tree that was originally planted by Harvey Sims in 1937 to commemorate George VI's Coronation.

In 1938 a replacement tree was planted as the original one was not in good condition. When the new road schemes were being carried out in 2006/7 the tree was removed as it was in poor condition and another replacement tree was planted on the edge of Ferrett Green. Unfortunately that tree also died.

The Mayor of Verwood, Mrs. Lindsey Dedden was pleased to donate another tree to be planted in the same spot. Harvey Sims who had originally planted all the other trees was asked to attend.



Two pictures showing Harvey Sims as a young boy planting the first tree which was a Royal Oak and the second of him planting the last tree which is a Prunus Kanzan, a Flowering Cherry.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BY EAST DORSET DISTRICT SCOUTING

Every year Scouting helps over 450,000 young people in the UK enjoy new adventures; to experience the outdoors, interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. It's not just young people who can get in on the action. Working alongside their members are thousands of adult volunteers, with a huge variety of roles and opportunities available.

Why not strengthen your CV while making a real impact on the lives of young people?

If you are interested in joining or have any questions contact:

www.eastdorsetscouts.org.uk
dc@eastdorsetscouts.org.uk



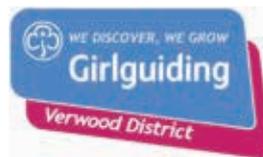
WHY NOT VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH GIRLGUIDING VERWOOD?

Girlguiding, the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, is well represented in the Verwood District. The district which includes Verwood and Alderholt has two Rainbow units, four Brownie units and two Guide units giving girls from the age of five opportunities for fun, friendship, challenge and adventure.

To maximise the opportunity there is always a need for additional volunteers to support the qualified leaders.

If you are interested in working with young people, to gain voluntary experience and to develop skills from first aid to fundraising, now is the time to get involved. Volunteering is flexible and can be arranged to fit around a busy lifestyle. As well as helping directly with the girls at unit meetings, volunteers are also needed for support roles such as helping with accounts, fundraising, trips and holidays, hall maintenance and sharing skills or specialisms at one off sessions.

Explore flexible opportunities at www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested or call **0800 169 5901**



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Once again the Community Christmas Lunch was a great success. Now in its sixth year, we were delighted to welcome many new guests alongside returning guests from previous years. 2017 saw the event held at Al Trullo Italian restaurant who allowed the use of their beautiful facility for free. It made for a terrific atmosphere, helped also by some lovely keyboard music from Geoff Stubbs.

The utmost thanks must go to AW Andrews Butchers and Frouds who donated the food, once again this year and the Rotary Club for their ongoing financial support. Thanks also to Masons Dry Cleaners and Shelley Morris for their help in advance and to the team at Verwood Town Council offices.



However, I must mention specifically Jacqui and Louisa who stepped up when we needed it most to volunteer to cook the meal. It was superb and their dedication was appreciated by everyone. The volunteers who give up their time on Christmas Day and the businesses and groups who support the lunch every year are a wonderful testament to Verwood at its best. I am looking forward to organising the Lunch again in 2018, but in the meantime thank you again for your support.

Cllr. Simon Gibson



3LX COMMUNITY FUND - Grants available for Three Legged Cross

Could you and your group do something that would improve the environment or facilities of Three Legged Cross? Or bring the community together?

3LX Community Fund has grants available to help finance projects or events which would benefit local people. If you have an idea and the enthusiasm to make it happen, the Community Fund can help you.

This is your chance to make a difference to the place where we live. Apply now using the 3LX Community Fund application form available from:

Mrs J Reed, call **01202 829689**, online at www.verwood.gov.uk/solarfarmcommunity-benefit/3lxcommunityfund/ or from the **Town Council Offices**.

3LX Community Fund was set up when Homeland Solar Farm promised to provide a fund of £13,200 per year (index linked) for the benefit of the local community. The fund has been available since 2014 when the Solar Farm started to generate electricity and will continue for the lifetime of the Solar Farm, which could be up to 40 years. To date it has provided over £31,000 for a diverse range of projects for all age groups. The Fund committee, whose members all live in Three Legged Cross, meets every 2 months and always welcomes new applications.

For more information find us on Facebook or phone Jill on

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LITTER PICK

The first litter pick of the year took place recently with a number of local residents coming together to collect over 25 sacks of litter from around the town centre. I was

encouraged by the number of people who gave up their time and braved the poor weather to look after our town. However, it is also disappointing to see how much litter is dropped in the town including in areas that have several bins that are emptied regularly.

I will be organising monthly litter picks throughout the year and all equipment is provided. Please do consider giving up an hour or so to help keep the town tidy and to protect our environment.

Litter picks will be held on the following dates. We will meet at the Verwood Recreation Ground Saturday 24th February, Saturday 24th March and Saturday 28th April starting at 10.00am. I hope to see you there

Cllr. Simon Gibson



SNOW SUCCESS

Following on from her success of the dry slope last summer, Verwood resident, **Niamh Thompson** aged 12, took part in the first of the season's British Alpine Ski (BASS) races in Austria in January 2018.

Her first races could not have gone much better and she came back

to the UK with a total of 4 podiums, an overall 3rd place in the Ambition Championships and Win in one of the Team Evolution Speed Series Super G races. She is back out now training in Austria in preparation for the English Alpine Championships in Bormio. Thanks go to East Dorset District Council for allowing Niamh to train at The Hub and QE Leisure Centre.

Niamh is currently looking for local sponsors. If you think you can help, please contact her on Facebook.



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SPRINGFIELD ROAD UPDATE – JANUARY 2018

Work has restarted following the Christmas and New Year break with Hanson Contracting on site progressing the next stage of works to construct the new road along the existing section of Springfield Road. Residents will have noticed that the work has been running behind schedule which is primarily due to the water company experiencing more problems and issues than they first envisaged. This did however enable Hanson Contracting to substantially complete the section between Springfield Road and Spring Close which only requires its top surface which will take place in one go along the entire new road towards the end of the project.

Current programme is to continue construction along the existing road with site clearance having taking place. This will also include BT and gas connections and residents taking advantage of the closure to carry out boundary treatments. It is anticipated that the new road will be fully open in the last week of April, dependant on weather, utilities etc.

Residents must note that Springfield Road is closed to vehicles and pedestrians throughout the construction period so please find alternative routes. Access to properties will be maintained but residents may have to access from an alternative.

Andrew Brown – Dorset Highways, Dorset County Council

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