



# VERWOOD VISTA

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## MAYOR'S REPORT



**I cannot believe that it has been six months since I became Mayor for the second time, the year is going so fast.** Since my last Vista report Clive and I have had the privilege of representing our town at many events in Verwood and throughout our County. We have once again been astounded at how volunteers work together helping people in all aspects of the community and making a huge difference to people's lives. We have also seen young people like Alex Rimmell, an up and coming young musician, who hosted

a MacMillan Tea/Coffee afternoon with his colleagues to raise money in remembrance of family members. All their hard work and commitment raised in excess of £700 which was a wonderful achievement.

I was invited this year to open the Rotary Rustic Fayre which is a wonderful event for Verwood with all monies benefiting the local community groups. During September I was delighted to welcome our friends from our Twinned Town of Liederbach in Germany. I would like to thank the Twinning Association and all the hosts for their hard work in making this an excellent weekend. I also attended the re-opening of the Memorial Hall after the many alterations. The solar panels and new insulation along with new flooring for the Elizabeth Room has made such a difference.

The Residents of Dewlands Park invited me along to be part of the unveiling of their defibrillator which they had purchased. Clive and I visited Trinity School to congratulate their new School Council. It is so wonderful to see the enthusiasm young children have and how their friends cheered at their success. We attended the concert by the Salvation Army Solent Band which was a wonderful evening in the Memorial Hall. I have given out prizes at the Horticultural Show which was the biggest for many years with numerous entries.

I was invited to the Citizens Advice Bureau annual public meeting. This organisation works so hard and I have the utmost respect for the volunteers who put themselves through vigorous training to be able to deliver a service. The Dorset Youth Organisation is another hard working organisation assisting young people and families within our community. It is wonderful to hear how these organisations make such a difference.

We have visited many of our towns and villages within Dorset passing through the wonderful countryside our County offers. We have seen small companies making exciting things, a young man with a vision of producing sea salt which was once a huge industry within Dorset and now with help from the Princes Trust is bringing the industry back to life. We have seen people making their own boats from wood and other materials. Enthusiastic people bringing life back into old cinemas with the



latest technology. We have also had the privilege of being present at Sherborne Abbey when the Rifles had the freedom of the town and sat while they sounded the retreat as the sun went down These are some of the wonderful things Clive and I have experienced and cherished during these past months. As Christmas approaches once again, please come along to the Christmas Extravaganza which is on 8th December. This is a wonderful community event, come and see Father Christmas arrive on his steam engine at 5.00pm. Enjoy Mulled wine and mince pies, carol singing and much more or just soak up the atmosphere.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

**Cllr. Mrs. Sandra Grove**  
Town Mayor

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### COUNCIL MEETINGS Verwood Town Council Offices

Tuesday 18th December 2018

### Three Legged Cross Village Hall

Wednesday 28th November 2018

### Verwood Christmas Extravaganza

Ferrett Green

Saturday 8th December 2018

### Verwood Pantomime ROBIN HOOD & BABES IN THE WOOD

Saturday 19th & 26th January  
2pm and 6.30pm

Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th  
& Friday 25th January at 7.30pm

## WARMING UP DORSET!

**Do you struggle to keep your home warm or worry how you will afford your energy bills this winter?**



Contact Healthy Homes Dorset for free, impartial advice about keeping your home warm, using your heating system, understanding your energy bills and making energy saving improvements – if you're eligible for loft or cavity wall insulation it will be free! We will also register you for power cut support, a handy service to be on if you experience a power cut in your area. Our advice can be given through home visits as well as over the phone. Fire safety alarm and appliance checks can also be organised in partnership with Fire and Rescue for eligible residents. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from speaking to a trained energy advisor, then get in touch.

Call: **0300 003 7023**

email: **help@healthyhomesdorset.org.uk**

Web: **www.healthyhomesdorset.org.uk**

Healthy Homes Dorset is a service provided by Dorset County Council, funded by Public Health Dorset and managed by the Centre for Sustainable Energy in partnership with Evolve Home Energy Solutions.

## VERWOOD SOLAR FARM

This summer the Verwood Solar Farm Committee awarded £5,000 to the Memorial Hall towards the cost of solar panels, £1,200 to Forest FM to give training opportunities for those interested in radio presentation, £1,000 to Hillside School towards play equipment and £200 to Emmanuel Middle School for gardening tools and seeds. This allowed a variety of crops and flowers to be grown.

The committee meeting dates for 2019 are 28th January, 13th May and 7th October, application forms to be received no later than two weeks before these dates. Forms are available on-line under Verwood Solar Farm on the Town Council website and can be submitted by email (preferably) or a printed version can be obtained from the Town Council Office.

Verwood Solar Farm Fund



## JOINT VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL AND POLICE CRIME AWARENESS EVENT

**The event was held on 20 October 2018 at W.M. Morrison Supermarket, Verwood 09:00 to 13:00. It was a truly enjoyable event for all councillors and our local PCSO Neil Mansell.**

Verwood Councillors (Mayor Sandra Grove, and Councillors; Lucy Clark, Alan Biggs and Philip Mann) attended noting or responding to residents' concerns or simply having a good chat.

Neil Mansell PCSO attended focussing on crime prevention with a selection of information handouts available. Neil also took the opportunity to actively interact and also answer any questions posed.

Thanks go to Morrison's supermarket for fully supporting these and future events.



## BUYING OF THE FIRST POPPY

Verwood Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Sandra Grove purchased the first poppy for the Royal British Legion's Poppy appeal launch by the Memorial Stone on Ferrett Green from Mr. Bob Richmond who is the Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser.



**The 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held on 22nd November 2018 at 7.30 at The Evangelical Church, Verwood Road, 3 LX**

A warm welcome is extended to the village community to attend. Please come and find out what the funds have been spent on this year.

Meet the Committee, voice an opinion, find out how the granting system works.

This is an opportunity to pick up an application form, to maybe put forward an event. All ideas and suggestions are looked at.

Many of our local groups are out of our village, but if your Brownie, Scout, Bowls groups etc. offer places and support the residents of 3LX, you could still apply for a grant.

All our committee will be there on 22nd, come along for a chat, it would be lovely to meet you.

Refreshments after the meeting.

## VERWOOD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Verwood Friendship Club is a friendly social group, mostly made up of the more senior members of society, who meet on a monthly basis for companionship and entertainment. It was formed in 2010 out of the Verwood Disabled Club and is run by a dedicated committee of volunteers and helpers in order to give the elderly residents of Verwood and surrounding villages quality time to meet up and socialise with people with similar interests.

They currently hold their meetings at Meadow Court in Newtown Lane, Verwood, on the first Thursday of every month from 2 – 4pm. This usually takes the form of an interesting talk given by a visiting speaker or a musical entertainer followed by tea and cakes/biscuits which are served by a group of friendly helpers. Upholstered seats and armchairs are set up in groups around tables to give our members the maximum comfort in cheerful surroundings.

During the summer months they also have a number of half day coach outings to various places of interest culminating in a stop for a tasty cream tea. A New Year lunch in a hotel is also an added event during the second half of January.

Whilst the Club continues to be popular with its members the current volunteers are finding it more and more difficult to give them their full support as many of the helpers are themselves approaching the stage of life where their mobility is less than it used to be. They are therefore looking for more helpers, in particular those who can move tables and chairs in readiness for their monthly meetings.

The Club is also looking for volunteers to be available on a regular basis to drive the local Age UK's mini-bus for them. Some Members are able to make their own way to these meetings but many have no such means and are either collected from home by individual volunteer car drivers or in the mini-bus. Although Age UK are happy for the Club to continue using their bus they can no longer guarantee the provision of a driver every month and that in future they are likely to have to supply their own. As a consequence this puts additional strain on those helpers with cars having to make double runs to ensure those wishing to attend are delivered safely to their meeting place.

If you are able to help or know of anyone who might fit any of the above vital roles please telephone Anne on 01202 814059 or Lesley on 01202 827457 who will be pleased to provide more details.



## VERWOOD MEMORIAL HALL

The Mayor attended the re-opening event of the Memorial Hall on 10th September following a one-month closure during August as this is the only time when major work could be carried out without inconveniencing regular hirers.

The obsolete chimneys have been removed, flat roofs have all been insulated and re-covered, solar panels installed and, whilst internally the Elizabeth Room has a new level ceiling with inset dimmable LED lighting and a chimney breast removed. There's a new boiler and two radiators installed on the stage; the last of the old metal windows has been replaced and a new ventilating window put in the kitchen. There is now new china and cutlery in the main kitchen to cater for up to 120 people. Both the Town Council and the Verwood Solar Farm Committee contributed £5,000 each towards the total cost of £65,000 which the Committee feel is a worthwhile investment when the hall is such a popular venue for clubs, micro businesses and parties.

There is currently a vacancy for a Public Representative on the Committee and it is hoped that someone might like to take this opportunity to actively support this much loved venue.



The photo shows the Committee and Team workers, l to r, Mayor's Escort Vivien Clifton, Dennis Wright (Chairman), the Mayor; Ann Abernethie (Secretary/ Treasurer), Jane Lake, Angela Daymond and standing behind, Gill Hayhoe, Marilyn & Ernest Whatmore, Mick Boney, Peter Hancy, Barrie Collins, Austin Abernethie, Cllr Alan Biggs and Ann Hilton.

Building Sub-Committee members, Barrie Collins, Ernest Whatmore and Peter Hancy have helped maintain the building since 2003.

Verwood Pantomime Society presents

## ROBIN HOOD & BABES IN THE WOOD

By Alan P Frayn at The Hub

Performances: Saturday 19th and 26th January 2pm and 6.30pm

Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th and Friday 25th January at 7.30pm

£7 for all Wednesday and Thursday

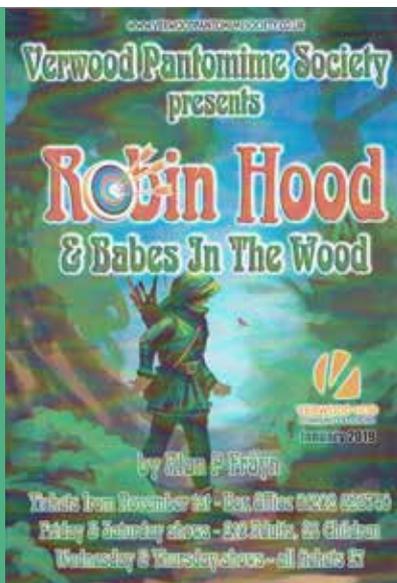
Saturday - Adults £10, Children £8

More information visit:

[www.verwoodpantomimesociety.co.uk](http://www.verwoodpantomimesociety.co.uk)

**Tickets on sale now**

Tel. 01202 828740



**YOUR TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Dewlands South Ward**

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**Cllr. Ms. J. Russell**

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**VERWOOD HUB**  
COMMUNITY & LEISURE

The Hub, Brock Way,  
Verwood, Dorset, BH31 7QE

[dorsetforyou.gov.uk/verwoodhub/](http://dorsetforyou.gov.uk/verwoodhub/)

**cinema**

Saturday 1st December **Small Foot** (PG) 11.00am

Saturday 1st December **The Seagull** (12A) 7.30pm

Wednesday 5th December **The Seagull** (12A) 1.00pm

Wednesday 5th December **Small Foot** (PG) 4.30pm

Monday 24th December **TBC** Christmas Eve Cinema Special 7.30pm

Prices for Cinema: Adult £6, Junior £5, Concession £5.50,  
Family £19.50 (2 Adults 2 Children / 1 Adult 3 Children)

**events**

Friday 7th December  
**CEROC** - Learn how to dance event 8.00pm - Midnight

Saturday 8th December  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Traditional Christmas Style Buffet - Mulled Wine on arrival  
Christmas quiz - Disco - 18+ years. 7.30pm – Midnight  
£15 per person (10% discount available for groups of 8 or more)

Sunday 9th December  
**SWEET CHARITY CHOIR**  
Enjoy refreshments and homemade cake, a fantastic raffle  
and Christmas activities for little ones. 7.00pm start  
Doors open at 6.30pm  
£10 adults, £6 concessions, £1 under 14's.  
The evening will be in aid of Julia's House charity.

Friday 14th December  
**ADULT ROLLER SKATING EVENING**  
£2. 18+ age requirement with our bar open throughout.

Saturday 15th December  
**VERWOOD CONCERT BRASS CHRISTMAS SHOW** 7.30pm  
£10, (under 19's, £6).

Tuesday 18th December  
**BINGO AT THE HUB** 7.30pm  
£10 for 10 games, only over 18's may play.

Wednesday 19th December  
**SANTA CHRISTMAS PARTY SHOW** 1.00pm + 4.00pm  
£10.50 per person. £38 for families of 4 and  
£8.50 per person when in a group of 10 or more.

Monday 31st December  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY PARTY** 7.00pm - 1.00am  
Family games / Arts and crafts / Competitions / Monster  
Bounce inflatable's / Family Fun Room / Disco / Buffet  
Room. Fancy dress is advisable (either red carpet or movie  
characters).  
£18 per adult, £9 per junior, £45 family ticket ( 2 adults /  
2 children). 10% discount for groups of 10 or more.



For further information contact the Hub on 01202 828740



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