



VERWOOD VISTA

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MAYOR'S REPORT



It has been a busy time with many things re-opening. The restrictions have now all but disappeared but it remains a time to be vigilant and to

follow what you feel is best for you in the circumstances. Support remains available to those who need it and information can be found on the internet, social media or by telephone but if you are unsure where to look, then please contact the Town Council Office staff who will do the best they can to signpost you in the right direction.

I was very pleased, last month, to hold the first full, in person meeting of Verwood Town Council since March 2020. It has been a long time coming and everyone has worked hard to utilise video conferencing and email to keep up the work of the Council but there is something to be said for meeting in person to discuss things. We have responded to the Government consultation regarding holding future meetings remotely as needed, since there were a number of benefits to being able to do this if the need arose again, even just for bad weather, traffic issues and so on.

I have also recently been able to start attending and holding events. I was lucky enough to attend Ferndown Upper School's end of Year Art, Music and Drama Event which was very impressive indeed. Considering the upheaval they have been going through, the students put on an excellent evening.



I was also delighted with the success of the Open Air Cinema Event on 24th July at the Recreation Ground, raising funds for my Mayor's Good Causes. We had over 100 people in the afternoon watching Trolls World Tour and over 200 in the evening watching The Greatest Showman. It was wonderful to see so many people at the event and also to see people playing in the park, the MUGA and having a game of football. Thank you so much for the support, we raised over £600 towards the IT, Library and Design Technology facilities for all of our local schools, as well as funds for the local branch of the Colitis and Crohn's Association, supporting young people with the disease. Thank you again to the sponsors: LEDhouse, Nicholas O'Hara Funeral Directors, Irving's Estate Agents and Forest Edge Solicitors. I am hosting another fundraiser later in the year and will provide more information out about this in the next Vista.

It has been very exciting to hear about the continued great work of Emma, our Youth Worker at the Youth and Community Centre, regarding community engagement and the number of young people who are already using the great facilities at the Centre. For more information, please contact Emma or look for the dedicated Social Media Pages.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Remembrance Parade - Sunday 14th November
Christmas Extravaganza - Saturday 11th December

Finally, some sad news. For those who have used the services of Verwood Town Council over the last few years (and a bit more), you will no doubt have had the pleasure of dealing with our Town Clerk, Val Bright. Val has provided great service to Verwood Town Council and all of the residents and her knowledge is second to none. She has decided that now is the time to retire from her role as Town Clerk and she will be leaving in February 2022. On behalf of the Town Council and residents I thank her for all of her sterling work over the years with all the events, Remembrance Day, Christmas Events and everything else that goes on in and around Verwood and Three Legged Cross. Her support during my time as Mayor, and to the past Mayors, has been very welcome indeed. Hers will be tough shoes to fill.

Councillor Matthew Parker
Verwood Town Mayor

VERWOOD COMMUNITY LITTER PICKS

Help Keep Verwood Tidy!

All equipment is provided. Litter picks last around an hour and are held on the final Saturday of each month at 10am.

Saturday 25th September - 10am
Meeting at Verwood Recreation Ground

Saturday 30th October - 10am
Meeting Ebblake Car Park - Entrance to Ebblake Industrial Estate

Saturday 27th November - 10am
Three Legged Cross, meeting outside 3LX First School, Church Road.

For more information or to report any areas that need litter picking please email Simon at cllr.gibson@hotmail.co.uk



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS VERWOOD

Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, life has been difficult for everyone. During this time Alcoholics Anonymous has seen a rise in people seeking help to stop drinking. As the pressures of the pandemic ease, AA's message is don't suffer alone. Help and support is free and available to anyone who has a desire to stop drinking. There are no waiting lists and no referrals are needed. Local weekly meetings exist in Verwood and Ringwood, as well as across Dorset and the rest of the UK.

AA meetings include men and women of all backgrounds for whom drinking has become a nightmare. Using a proven recovery programme and support of others who have stayed sober, they help the still-suffering drinker stop and stay stopped. Then they offer help and support to live a happy and contented life, free from a dependence on alcohol.

If you or someone you know, is experiencing problems with alcohol and wants help, they can contact Alcoholics Anonymous today and speak to someone who has been where they are and is ready to help:

**Phone: 0800 917 7650 email help@aamail.org
Or visit the Chat Now service at www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk**



Trapped?

There is a way out

 **0800 917 7650**
www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk

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PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

To celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, the May Bank Holiday Weekend will extend over 4 days from Thursday 2 June.

Watch this space for Verwood events!

"CHASE AND CHALKE"

Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is on our doorstep. How many of us have explored it?

"Chase and Chalke", a 4 year project in the AONB offers a chance to explore while taking part in a wide variety of activities. There are activities in 20 project areas which are FREE and OPEN TO ALL, regardless of where you live.

Fancy finding out about the stars? The AONB has "Dark Skies" status and there are events for star gazers. There are also wildlife, history and archaeology projects and activities are open to all.

The AONB website has information and some lovely pictures – visit it and find out more!

www.cranbornechase.org.uk/chaseandchalke

Verwood Solar Farm Fund



VERWOOD SOLAR FARM

Recent recipients of grants awarded by the Verwood Solar Farm Fund include the Memorial Hall for improvements to the toilets, Rotary for upgrading of the petanque pitch in the Recreation Ground, Forest FM for equipment for their new mobile broadcasting unit and the Pantomime Society towards the costs of its next production.

The postponed AGM will be held at **6pm on Monday, 18th October** in the Town Council Office and this will be followed by a committee meeting.

Applications to join the Committee and for grants should be received by 1st October by email via the website or in paper form at the Town Council Office.

Attention... The Residents of Three Legged Cross Grants Available!

Are you a group, or even an individual with the get up and go to improve the facilities and environment of Three Legged Cross? Or even bring the community together?

If you are, the 3LX Community Fund has grants available to help finance projects or events which will help enhance our village life.

Homeland Solar Farm has provided a fund since 2014. This year, 2021, we have received £15,236. We, as a committee have used these funds, from your grant applications to support worthy projects. So, what can we achieve with these funds? Please look at our Facebook page, the 3LX Community Fund, to have an idea of how some of the funds have been spent. We are quite diverse. All ages are catered for. During this difficult time, the committee



has met and discussed a number of grant requests. I am hoping to hear from some of you soon! We usually meet 6 times a year - so time to get your ideas and applications in!

Apply now using the 3LX Community Fund application form available online at:

http://www.verwood.gov.uk/_UserFiles/Files/Community/Application%20Form.pdf

Also available from: Verwood Town Council Offices, 28 Vicarage Road, Verwood.

Or get in touch via our Facebook page and we can drop a form round to you.

The committee look forward to hearing from you soon.

VERWOOD YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

To enquire about Verwood Youth and Community Centre lettings please email: youthandcommunitycentre@verwood.gov.uk

For information on Youth Socials please see:

 @verwoodycc  youth_centre_verwood

**VERWOOD AND THREE LEGGED CROSS
DEMENTIA FRIENDLY
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION (VDFCA)**

The Verwood and Three Legged Cross Dementia Friendly Community Association (VDFCA) was started in Verwood in 2013 when it was realised that there was an increasing need for carers of people who had dementia to access information and support. Our aim is to be a point of contact, a place where carers can connect with each other and offer mutual support in some small way. In addition, we try to provide meaningful and stimulating activities plus experiences which help to enrich and give enjoyment to all concerned. We have developed a programme of gentle exercise, musical activities including a choir which performed locally, and sessions of woodwork and gardening.

Throughout the last difficult year, we felt it was really important to continue with this support and contact as much as possible as many were left isolated. We produced a video from the garden which can be found on our website (see below) and Church services were streamed for members to follow and enjoy. In addition, we started using Zoom and have become quite competent! It enabled us to maintain contact with our friends and to participate in some 'normal' activities during the period of restrictions.

Our meetings take place on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 11.00 - 12.00 at St Michael's Church

It would be lovely to see anyone who feels they can come along. You will be assured of a very warm welcome. We hope to see you there!

Please visit our website www.vdfca.com for more information.

or contact Sally Burrows 07796 402912

or Ann Mayo 01202 825784.

**NEW COUNCILLOR
FOR STEPHEN'S CASTLE WARD**

Councillor Andrew Maw was co-opted at the July Full Town Council meeting and filled the vacancy for Stephen's Castle Ward.

Andrew moved to Verwood in 2007 and has been involved with Verwood Scouts for several years. He is a volunteer at Verwood youth club and also a member of Verwood Rotary club.

Councillor Maw has said *"Verwood, in my opinion, is a safe and friendly town and a safe place to raise a family. I would like to help the council and community keep it that way and serve the community in the best way I can."*



**VERWOOD
POLICE REPORT**

Hello! I am your local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), **7133 Pepper** and you may have seen me patrolling the Streets of Verwood, Three Legged Cross and Alderholt. As a PCSO, it is my job to provide a regular face-to-face point of contact for the public. What I love the most about being a PCSO is that no two days are the same, I get to work alongside wonderful people within the Police and engage with the public every day.

It is vital that I am a high visibility presence for the public and throughout my day I will make time to patrol on foot, by bicycle or car. I focus on areas such as Potterne Park which is becoming increasingly busy now that the summer holidays are in full swing. I have also been patrolling at St Stephens Castle nature reserve as a result of the fires earlier this summer. Other duties include gathering information and responding to emergencies.



Some good news - we have been joined by PCSO Candy who is with us temporarily and in September we hope to welcome our new beat Constable to the team.

I am often asked if Verwood Police Station is still open and I can confirm that it is, in fact it is where I am writing this article! Unfortunately, our front desk is still closed due to COVID restrictions but if you need a member of the Team please use the yellow emergency phone on the wall outside. Alternatively, call 999 in an emergency or 101 which is our non-emergency number.

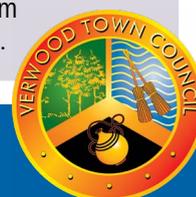
PCSO **Albert PEPPER** 7133, PS **Jane MOORE** 1451

**P.C. ANDREW
ROBERTSON**

The Mayor of Verwood, Councillor Matthew Parker presented P.C. Andrew Robertson with a certificate thanking him for all his services to the community of Verwood and Three Legged Cross and his dedication to ensuring the safety of residents.



P.C. Robertson is leaving the Neighbourhood Team and taking on a new role in the Police Federation.



VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL FULL MEETINGS

28th Sept - Verwood Town Council Office
 26th Oct - Verwood Town Council Office
 24th Nov - Three Legged Cross Village Hall

YOUR TOWN COUNCIL

Dewlands North Ward

Cllr Mrs L J Clark
 01202 822275

Cllr Mr M Hudson
 01202 974654

Dewlands South Ward

Cllr Mrs S Bhowse
 07812 569974

Cllr Mrs T B Coombs
 01202 827376

Cllr Mr S G Flower
 01202 821231

Cllr Mrs S Grove
 01202 826449

Cllr Mr P Mann
 01202 820866

Cllr Mrs S Rose
 07855 201532

Cllr Miss K Stephens
 01202 940456

Cllr Mr M D Thorpe
 07483 213309

Stephens Castle Ward

Cllr Mr A Biggs
 01202 821186

Cllr Mrs L Dedden
 01202 824473

Cllr Mr S Gibson (Deputy Mayor)
 01202 820822

Cllr Mr A Maw
 07808 167949

Cllr Mrs P Morrow
 01202 814733

Cllr Mr M Parker (Mayor)
 07703 342039

Cllr Miss B J Salmon
 07867 334841

Three Legged Cross

Cllr Ms J Russell
 01202 822236



Moors Valley
 Country park and forest

From **Friday 17 to Sunday 19 September**, Inside Out Dorset will wow audiences at Moors Valley Country Park and Forest. This international outdoor arts festival will transform some of Dorset's most remarkable locations.



One of this year's highlights includes artist **Luke Jerram's Gaia**. Marvel at an awe-inspiring sculpture of the Earth hidden in the woods surrounded by nature and complemented with a soundscape. Set amongst our tree top trail, you'll have the chance to view Earth like never before! This seven metre installation is set to make young and old eyes widen in wonder.

Each centimetre of the artwork represents 18km of Earth's surface and nestled in the trees for three days. Gaia is sure to stir the emotions as we consider climate change and humanity's effect on the planet.

Join us for this **free event** at Moors Valley, no need to book.
www.moors-valley.co.uk/event/inside-out-dorset-gaia-17-sep-21/

VERWOOD HUB
 COMMUNITY & LEISURE

Saturday 11th September - 7:30pm
Lollypops and Moptops

A rock n roll 50's and 60's extravaganza featuring music from *The Dreamers*

Friday 24th September - 7.30pm
Sounds Like the 60's

60's music from artists such as Dusty, Cilla, Lulu and Pet all performed by the incredible Samantha

Wednesday 29th September - 7:30pm
An evening of mediumship with Dan Clarke

Friday 1st October - 7:30pm
Re-Take That
 A night of music from *Take That* and *Robbie Williams*

Saturday 2nd October - 7:30pm
Vocalize Choir
 The return of local rock, pop and Motown choir Vocalize for their annual show

Saturday 9th October - 7pm
An Evening with Ollie Ollerton
 As Seen on Channel 4's *SAS Who Dares Wins*
 Meet and Greet options available



Wednesday 20th October - 7:30pm
Geoff Norcott: I Blame The Parents Tour
 Sell out comedian Geoff Norcott returns to The Hub with his brand new UK tour; *I Blame the Parents*

Saturday 23rd October - 2:30pm and 7:30pm
Wimborne Musical Theatre Company: An Injection of Happiness
 Forget your troubles, come on, get happy!

Friday 29th October - 7:30pm
Wrong Jovi
 Get your Rock on with this incredible Bon Jovi Tribute

Saturday 13th November - 7:30pm
Coldplace
 The UK's leading tribute to Coldplay

Friday 26th & Saturday 27th November - 7:30pm
Arrival - The Hits of Abba
 Back from their last 2 sell out shows at The Verwood Hub. This night of Abba Classics is truly one to remember!

For up-to-date information and to book tickets please contact Verwood Hub

Email: verwoodhub@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 01202 828740

