



VERWOOD VISTA

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Once again the change-over has taken place and I am delighted to have been elected as Verwood Town Mayor until May 2015. It is an honour to have been chosen and I will represent Verwood to the best of my ability.

The year has got off to a very busy start and I have represented Verwood at a number of civic and local events to meet many people I would not otherwise have met. I am happy to come along to any event in Verwood to which I am invited.

I have three charities for the year...

1. Verwood Concert Brass Training Band - This marvellous group has just had its 150th anniversary and celebrated with a Fete on the Verwood Recreation Ground. It was a brilliant day - the sun shone, the band played, choirs sang and there was afternoon tea! Who could have asked for more. Many thanks to the organisers and the many groups who took part. I chose the Training Band because it encourages young and old to enjoy music and to participate if they wish to learn.

2. Riding for the Disabled - Based in Three Legged Cross this group helps young people who are disabled to achieve the best they possibly can. I saw Kevin when I visited and was told his story by the secretary. Kevin is 10 years old, he joined the Green Cottage group in September 2010 and from the start showed enthusiasm and the wish to learn. He has a spinal cord injury, which means he relies on his wheelchair or walking frame to walk about but that doesn't mean he is not capable of keeping up with everyone else! He is an inspiration in that his disability does not stop him thoroughly relishing his love of life. He has passed two grades of proficiency tests, in which he has to show his riding skill, and knowledge of horse care. His dream is that one day he will be able to ride the Dressage tests in the Paralympics; to this aim he recently entered his first RDA Dressage competition and was delighted to earn a 2nd rosette.

3. Community Christmas - This group organises a Christmas dinner in Crane Valley Golf Club for people who are on their own on Christmas Day.

I would welcome help from the Verwood community to support these very worthwhile groups which are all locally based. If you would like to help me support them by donating or organising an event to raise money and awareness, I would be very grateful. Raffle prizes are always needed. Please contact me through the Council office.

I work with two other projects. The Fiftyplus Forum, mainly 70 plus, provides a meeting place for discussion on a range of topics and provides good company. We have also been running a games afternoon on Sundays during the winter.

A sub-committee of the Council is working with the doctors' surgeries, care workers, businesses, police and a wide variety of other people to make Verwood and Three Legged Cross a Dementia Friendly Town. We have set up five 'safe havens' where people can be taken if they are found wandering.

By the time you read this we will have held a service to commemorate the start of the First World War. Flag poles have been erected on Ferrett Green and a new stone unveiled at the main gate of the Verwood Recreation Ground.

Date for your diary - 16th October in the Verwood Memorial Hall; a fashion show by M & Co. To raise funds for the Mayor's Charities. Tickets will be available in September.

Cllr. Mrs. Pat Morrow - Verwood Town Mayor

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014

Town Council Offices

Tuesday 23rd September

Tuesday 21st October

Tuesday 16th December

Three Legged Cross Village Hall

Wednesday 26th November

Verwood Rotary

Rustic Fayre

Potterne Park

Monday 25th August

Remembrance Sunday

Ferrett Green

Sunday 9th November

New Bin Collection Calendars Online

Residents can now go online to download their new bin collection calendar.

Current calendars for some East Dorset residents run out at the end of September.

New 2014/15 calendars are available online. It is easy to view, download and print your calendar by going to www.dorsetforyou.com/recycle and entering your postcode.

To save on printing and postage costs, calendars will no longer be posted to every household automatically. If you cannot go online, you can collect a new calendar from the following locations:

East Dorset District Council offices, Furzehill

Verwood Town Council, Monday-Friday 9am-1pm

Alternatively, you can request a new calendar to be posted by calling

01305 221040.



New Allotments for Verwood

New allotments at Potterne Park in Verwood were recently opened by the then Mayor of Verwood, Cllr. Peter Richardson.



Verwood Allotment Holders Association was formed in 2009 and land was made available by East Dorset District Council and Verwood Town Council in 2013. The keys were handed over to the members in November 2013 and work started on the plots almost immediately.

They have a hard working committee of eight members and run the site themselves. One committee member is responsible for fund raising and she has worked tirelessly to obtain funding to get the allotments started.

There are 34 plots made up of half and quarter sizes with all plots now taken and a healthy waiting list.



Verwood & Three Legged Cross TOWN PLAN

The Verwood & Three Legged Cross Town Plan has now been published and a copy can be obtained from the Verwood Town Council offices.

VERWOOD IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2014



Once again the Verwood in Bloom competition has taken place with Emma Burris, Group Plant Co-ordinator from Golden Acres Nurseries Ltd. acting as our Judge. Golden Acres have very kindly donated prizes of garden vouchers for the winner who will also receive a trophy. The presentation of the prizes will take place at the Verwood & District Horticultural Societies Autumn Show in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 20th September 2014.



The winners are:

Best Front Garden

Mr. D. Giles

Best Use Of Container/Hanging Baskets

Mrs. S. Simpson

Best Small Business Frontage

Plane Cuisine

Best Novel Planter/Planters (Schools)

Trinity Ce (Va) First School

Pictures of all the winners are available to view on the Verwood Town Council website: www.verwood.gov.uk

VERWOOD CONCERT BRASS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of Verwood Concert Brass the band organised a Fete, held on 12th July, to which everyone in the town was invited to help celebrate this fantastic milestone.

The Fete was opened by the Mayor of Verwood, Cllr. Mrs Pat Morrow. This was followed by performances during the course of the afternoon from all three bands of Verwood Concert Brass; the principal band, the Verwood Town Band and the Training Band.

Local choirs and school children also sang and the orchestra and brass group from Verwood's Emmanuel Middle School also played. In addition there was a special session where past players were invited to join some present members of the band to play a few pieces.

The people of Verwood came and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of sunshine, music and fun, taking the opportunity to just sit and enjoy listening to the music and visiting the numerous and varied fete stalls, many of which were run by local Verwood groups.



Individual Electoral Registration (IER)



Major changes to electoral registration came into effect from 10 June 2014. These changes affect everybody whether already on the register or new people wishing to be added to the register.

All electors currently on the register will have their name and address checked against government records. We expect the vast majority of those electors will be confirmed and automatically transferred to the 'IER Register' without having to do anything. For various reasons, some people will not be confirmed and will need to provide additional information. Each elector by now should have received a letter either confirming they are transferred or asking for additional information if we have been unable to match them. These letters were sent on 6 August 2014.

Any new applications to register to vote will need to be made on an individual basis including your name, address, date of birth and National Insurance number.

Applications will be checked against government records before any additions are made to the register. You can make your application online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or if you do not have access to the internet by contacting the Elections Office on **01202 795078** who will send you a form.

3LX SOLAR FUND GROUP

The 3LX Solar Fund is about to distribute funding to Community Groups in Three Legged Cross.

The 3LX Solar Fund Group has been set up to distribute £13,200 which will be given annually for the next 25 years by Homeland Solar Farm. This money is for the benefit of the residents of Three Legged Cross and we have already agreed three grants to local groups. We will be meeting again soon and we would like to encourage other groups/ individuals with projects or ideas to apply for funding.

For further information please see the website: www.homelandsolarfarm.co.uk and click on **3LX Benefit Fund**.



Report from the Police

Hello!

"There had been a problem with anti-social behaviour in Verwood for a number of years. What it needed was a bit of robust policing. A core group of people were showing total disregard for the community in which they live. I am pleased to say that this has had the desired effect and anti-social behaviour is, at this moment in time, not a problem in Verwood and the surrounding area."

Shed break-ins are still an issue, together with vehicle crime. Please ensure that your sheds and vehicles are secure. Discounted security items can be purchased from the Community Office at The Barrington Centre, Ferndown, who also offer, crime prevention advice.

Verwood Enquiry Office is now closed. It has been identified that Police Enquiry offices are an underutilised resource. Unfortunately Verwood received few visitors, which with the current financial restraints was an expensive use of resources. It is important to stress that Verwood Police Station remains open.

**Sgt Nikki Loftus -
Verwood Safer
Neighbourhood Team.**



Your Town Council

Dewlands Ward

Cllr. Mrs. T.B.Coombs
01202 827376

Cllr. S.G. Flower
01202 821231

Cllr. Mrs. S.L. Grove
(Deputy Mayor)
01202 826449

Cllr. S. Hazel
01202 827010

Cllr. A.R. Nicholls
01305 760140

Cllr. Ms. J. Taylor
01202 285948

Newtown Ward

Cllr. Mrs. L. Dedden
01202 824473

Cllr. B. Mortimer
01202 820880

Cllr. Mrs. L.A.K. Nicholls
01305 760140

Stephen's Castle Ward

Cllr. Mrs. L. Clark
01202 822275

Cllr. S. Gibson
01202 820822

Cllr. Miss. S. Manley
01202 826563

Cllr. Mrs. P. Morrow (Mayor)
01202 814733

Cllr. Mrs. S.P. Shaw
01202 813526

Cllr. Mrs. N. Thompson
01202 828369

Three Legged Cross & Potterne Ward

Cllr. P.W. Richardson
01202 829778

Cllr. Mrs. R. Richardson
01202 829778

Cllr. Ms. J. Russell
01202 822236



New Councillor for the Town Council

Councillor Sarah Manley is Verwood's newest Town Councillor. She was born in 1993 and has lived in Verwood her entire life.

She attended both Hillside and Emmanuel schools in Verwood, later going on to study at Queen Elizabeth's School and is a member of Verwood Methodist Church. Sarah has also spent a couple of summers working for a local company.

She studied Arabic with International Relations at university in London and graduated in July 2014.

Her passions include languages, politics and literature and she was a member of a dance school in Ringwood for 15 years, training in ballet, tap and modern.



The Fireside Theatre

The aim of the Fireside Theatre is to promote good theatre by reading quality plays in members' homes around their fireside. Some members come to read, others just to sit and listen.

The season begins on the 17th September 2014 with the first reading, of the ninth year of the group, which will be a commemoration of the Centenary of the start of the First World War 1914. The reading will be "For Services Rendered" by W. Somerset Maugham which deals with the aftermath of the war. It will take place at the Church of the Ascension, Woodlands at 7.00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the reading. All are invited. Further details from the Co-ordinator, Glenwood Carlyon on **01202 813517**.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

This year's Christmas Extravaganza will be held on Saturday 13th December on Ferrett Green from 5pm to 8pm.

Are there any clubs or societies who would like to have a small stall this year to raise funds for their group?

We would welcome local organisations to join with us to make the Extravaganza even more of a community event. Please contact the Town Council offices for more information: **01202 820880** or email: **verwoodtc@btconnect.com**

Verwood Town Council Grant Aid Reminder to Local Organisations

Verwood Town Council is now accepting applications for Grant Aid. The deadline for applications is 1st September 2014 and grants awarded will be given out in October 2014. Please note that any organisation who received Grant Aid in April 2014 will not be able to apply again until April 2015.

The purpose of any grant given by Verwood 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 local organisation who would like to apply for Grant Aid should contact the Verwood Town Council, 28 Vicarage Road, Verwood BH31 6DR.

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