



# VERWOOD VISTA

The Town Council Newsletter for *Verwood* and *Three Legged Cross*

Issue No. 42  
November 2014

28 Vicarage Road, Verwood  
Office Hours: 9am - 1pm Monday - Friday

## MAYOR'S REPORT

My year as Mayor of Verwood and Three Legged Cross started in May and it has been my pleasure to represent these communities at events since then. These have taken me to parts of Dorset that I had never visited before and in this commemoration year for WW1, I have attended a number of functions in connection with this.

There was a short service to dedicate two new flags, the Union Flag and the Dorset Flag which now proudly fly behind the Memorial Stone on Ferrett Green. The occasion also rededicated the Verwood Memorial Recreation Ground, which was given to Verwood by veterans of the First World War. This is now held securely in Trust for future generations to enjoy. I also attended the Dorset County WW1 Commemoration in Sherborne Abbey which was a very poignant service. The Rifles also took up their right to parade through the streets of Bridport - they had been given the freedom of the town two years ago but had been in Afghanistan and were unable to take up this right. This was a tremendous occasion but I looked at all those young faces and remembered they had lost a number of their comrades whilst away. Many towns in Dorset have their own exhibition of WW1 memorabilia with really interesting stories of the times and relating family stories about the people.

By the time you read this we will have had the Memorial Concert in the Hub and our own Remembrance Day Service and Parade. This year our community will commemorate all those who have died in wars since WW1.

Other visits have included the ancient ceremonies of the Court Leet in Wareham and the Ceremony of the Keys in Portland, and a beautiful Festival of Flowers entitled 'The Eleventh Hour' in Wareham. Verwood was also invited to attend the Lions Club International Annual Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication which was held this year in Alton.

These have been just a few of the occasions I have been able to represent our Town.

The opening of the much anticipated Morrisons Superstore took place on an extremely wet morning but

there was a large number of people waiting.

My first big charity fund raiser, a Fashion Show, was held in the Verwood Memorial Hall which was a tremendous success and raised over £900. M&CO of Ringwood gave a wonderful service fitting the models with all the clothes, arranging the running order and getting everyone dressed and in the right place at the right time. I give them my sincere thanks for all their hard work and the pleasant way they worked with everyone. My thanks also go to all the 'volunteers' who were models for the night.

My next event is 'Swing Aloud' again in the Memorial Hall on 22nd November. Please look out for posters and on Facebook. Tickets are available from the Town Council offices.

A gentleman left a dinner set for 8 people in the office to be used to raise money for my charities but didn't leave his name and I have not been able to thank him. The set was sold at a silent auction and has gone to a good home. May I take this opportunity to thank him publicly.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

#### Town Council Offices

Tuesday 16th December

#### Three Legged Cross Village Hall

Wednesday 26th November

#### Farmers Market

##### Ferrett Green

Saturday 22nd November

Monday 22nd December

### CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

#### Ferrett Green

Saturday 13th

December

From 5pm to 8pm



If you have any items you would like to give to raise funds for my Charities I would be grateful to receive them. Please bring them along to the Town Council office. My charities are, Verwood Training Band, Riding for the Disabled and Community Christmas.

See you all at the 'Extravaganza' on 13th December. Christmas Tree lights will be switched on and Father Christmas will arrive. Come and enjoy a little bit of the magic of Christmas.

Seasons greetings to everyone in Verwood. I hope you have a very Happy Christmas Day and I wish you a very happy and healthy New Year.

**Cllr. Mrs. Pat Morrow** -  
Verwood Town Mayor



## POLICE SURGERIES

**PCSO Robin Morgan** will be holding a regular 'drop-in' at the Verwood Town Council offices, 28 Vicarage Road, Verwood on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10am.

Please call in and speak to him regarding your concerns about crime, anti-social behaviour or community safety in the Verwood and Three Legged Cross area.

**No appointment is required.**



## AT THE HUB

Saturday 24th January  
2 pm & 6.30pm

Wednesday 28th January  
7.30pm

Thursday 29th January  
7.30pm

Friday 30th January  
7.30pm

Saturday 31st January  
2.00pm & 6.30pm

Tickets now available from The Hub box office on 01202 828740, or pop in in person.

## VERWOOD TALENTED YOUTH CONCERTS – 7th MARCH 2015

Now in its 10th year, Verwood Talented Youth is an annual event which promotes and celebrates the talents of the amazing young people within our own town. And if you enjoy a wide variety of family entertainment, it really is a date for the diary; the standard of performance from all those young people taking part is consistently high.

In the past the audience has enjoyed a varied programme incorporating many different styles of music, dance and drama, from soloists, groups and bands. The event gives children and young people the opportunity to perform on a real stage to a wide theatre audience.

If you know a talented young person who would enjoy this opportunity, please urge them to apply!

Concerts take place in the Merryfield Theatre at Verwood Hub on Saturday 7th March at 2.30pm and 7pm.

The event is open to young people aged between 6 and 21 years. We aim to host two concerts with youngest in the afternoon and older performers in the evening. There are no auditions - the only stipulation is that you (or at least one person from your group) live in Verwood or Three Legged Cross.

For further information and an application form please contact Ali & Pete Manley by email: [vty@wizkids.co.uk](mailto:vty@wizkids.co.uk) or Tel: **01202 826563**

*Closing date for performance applications is Friday 20th February 2015.*

*Any backing music must also be provided by this date.*



## AGE CONCERN VERWOOD – CAN YOU HELP?



Age Concern Verwood is a local charity run entirely by volunteers, and provides a Day Centre for the elderly on

**Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am to 3pm at the Verwood Band Hall.**

**We also have a minibus for those who would otherwise be unable to attend.**

Our guests enjoy Bingo, cards, Rummikub, exercise, music and other activities. We provide teas, coffees and lunch, plus the occasional outing; but most of all they enjoy getting out for a good chat.

We would like to hear from new volunteers who can spare a few hours on a regular, informal rota, or occasional basis to join our existing team of drivers, escorts and helpers. In particular we would like to hear from volunteer drivers and escorts for our minibus, especially for Mondays (although Wednesdays would also be useful) and from anyone to help to set up and tidy away tables and chairs on an occasional/holiday relief basis. We would also like to hear from potential helpers for the Day Centre.

*If you might like to help and make new friends, even if you only have an hour or two now and again, please contact Gordon on 01202 813805, John on 01202 822201, or Mike on 01202 822549.*

## VERWOOD GIRL CROWNED EUROPEAN DRY SKI SLOPE CHAMPION

**Niamh Thompson**, age 9, from Verwood, recently travelled to Dublin for the Irish Open & European Artificial Slope Slalom Ski Championships. In her first full summer season on the dry slopes, she has picked up three individual silver and three bronze medals together with a third place in the Club National race held at Southampton Alpine Centre in July.

In the Irish Open championship on Saturday 4th October 2014, she was placed second in the U10 girls. The following day she took part in the European Open championship and won the U10 girls category. Her excellent time also placed her the fastest female racer in the mini category for U10 and U12 racers. This was an impressive time to achieve her first race win!

Niamh trains twice a week with Team Snowtrax, an independent club, based at the Snowtrax Alpine Activity Centre in Christchurch. Over the winter, she is hoping to supplement this with snow training in Europe; as well as continuing to beat her parents on their family holidays.



## REPORT FROM THE POLICE

**We have been having a spate of vehicle crime in Verwood and anti-social driving. Section 59 notices have been issued to the main offenders so if they get caught again, we can seize their vehicles. One vehicle has been seized already this month.**

Community speed-watch has been assisting us with speeding motorists and warning letters have been issued.

Remember not to leave any valuables on show in your vehicle and keep your vehicles locked.

Anti-social behaviour continues to reduce which is excellent news as Verwood has historically had an issue with anti-social behaviour.

Parking has been an issue in the area of Morrisons. Please be patient whilst the new car park is constructed.

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

## SOLAR FARM

**The 3LX Solar Fund Group was set up to distribute £13,000 which will be given annually for the next 25 years by Homeland Solar Farm. The group are pleased to announce that grant aid applications made by Steve Saville from Forest FM and Jeremy Andrews from Pinehurst Chapel have been successful with a total sum of £1500 being awarded and split between the applicants.**



The 3LX Solar Fund Group invited applications for the award of grant aid for the purpose of benefitting the residents of Three Legged Cross. After deliberation, it was decided that these two deserving applications would be supported with the grant sum awarded to each of the successful applicants in an award ceremony at Verwood Road Evangelical Chapel in Three Legged Cross.

Steve Saville of Forest FM is organising on-site radio training in Three Legged Cross. In his application, Steve said that residents of Three Legged Cross who are interested in radio for fun or as a potential career will benefit, as will all ages, from youngsters to pensioners. Steve says that radio training is fun and educational for all ages and furthermore the results can be shared with Three Legged Cross and beyond by broadcasting the best programmes and interviews over the airways via Forest FM. His interview training in particular should boost people's confidence and interpersonal skills.

Jeremy Andrews, Pastor at Verwood Road Evangelical Chapel in Three Legged Cross has been awarded money with which to buy a projector and other equipment that will benefit the children's activities that are run at the church such as craft materials and games equipment. The church runs children's activities on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

We wish Steve and Jeremy success with their ventures and look forward to enabling other groups in the future. Applications for further grant aid funding are now invited from any other groups/individuals with projects or ideas that will benefit the community of Three Legged Cross. Applications must be received by 18th December 2014. For further information please see the website [Homelandsolarfarm.co.uk](http://Homelandsolarfarm.co.uk) and click on 3LX Benefit Fund.



## 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



## VERWOOD & THREE LEGGED CROSS CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION

Do you decorate your house with Christmas Lights each year? If so this year the Verwood Town Council will be running a new and exciting Christmas Lights competition which is being sponsored by the Verwood Surplus Store.

There will be two categories and prizes of a quality set of Christmas lights for each category will be awarded for:

- Best Residential Christmas Lights
- Best Non-Residential Christmas Lights

Any household or business wishing to take part in the competition should write to:

Mrs. V. Bright, Town Clerk, Verwood Town Council, 28 Vicarage Road, Verwood BH31 6DR by Friday 12th December 2014 or

email: [verwoodtc@btconnect.com](mailto:verwoodtc@btconnect.com)



## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

The Community Christmas lunch will be taking place again this year at Crane Valley Golf Club on Christmas Day. This is the third year that we have run the event and we would be delighted to welcome new guests as well as familiar faces.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from companionship on Christmas Day, please consider Community Christmas. The event is completely free for all guests and transport to the golf club is available. Unfortunately specialist transport will not be available this year. The event is only possible because of kind donations from the public and from our businesses. Forms are available from Verwood Town Council or by calling Community Christmas on 01202 820822.

At Community Christmas we believe that everyone should have the chance to be together at Christmas and we strive to make sure that everyone who would like to come is able to, so please do think about neighbours who live by themselves this Christmas. Booking is essential for catering purposes.

*Warmest wishes as we head into the festive period.*

Simon Gibson - Community Christmas

**MAY 2015 – Local Elections will take place...**

*Would you like to be a Town Councillor?*

*Look out for further details in the New Year.*

## BUYING OF THE FIRST POPPY



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

