



VERWOOD VISTA

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MAYOR'S REPORT

May I wish everyone a very Happy New Year for 2017. December was a busy month attending many carol services and school nativity plays; it was a delight to see the school children enjoying themselves. We invited all the First schools to design a Christmas card for the Mayor's Christmas card competition. We had three winners; First prize went to Keisha Lee Chick and second prize to Maddison Taylor both from Three Legged Cross First School. The third prize went to Sophie Tarrant from Hillside First School in Verwood.

I attended the Christmas Extravaganza to switch on the Christmas lights and despite the inclement weather many residents turned out to see Father Christmas arrive by train to take up residence in Santa's Grotto, organised by Verwood Rotary. Many volunteers contributed to the evening and I sent my thanks to them for their time and effort.

I attended Verwood Brass Band Christmas Concert; again all three bands played an excellent programme of Christmas music which was a most enjoyable evening.

On Christmas Day morning I attended the Community Christmas Lunch for residents who may have been on their own on this special day. Cllr. Simon Gibson started this event five years ago when he was Mayor and it has been a successful event ever since.

In January I opened a new path which runs from Three Legged Cross to West Moors.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support which is much appreciated.

Keep warm and take care this winter.

Cllr. Mrs. Susan Shaw
Town Mayor



THE FIRESIDE THEATRE GROUP

The purpose of the group is to promote good theatre by reading quality plays in members' homes around the fireside.

The Spring season of the 10th year of the Fireside Theatre starts in March 2017. The theme for 2017 is **Famous Plays and Famous Playwrights**.

The dates are:

8th March - **Autumn Crocus** by C.L. Anthony (Dodie Smith)

5th April - **Five Finger Exercise** by Peter Shaffer

3rd May - **Dangerous Corner** by J. B. Priestley

7th June - **Mr. Pim Passes** by A. A. Milne

Further details available from the Co-ordinator, **Glen Carlyon** on **01202 813517**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Verwood Town Council Offices

Tuesday 28th February 2017

Tuesday 25th April 2017

Tuesday 23rd May 2017

Three Legged Cross Village Hall

Wednesday 29th March 2017

Wednesday 28th June 2017

Mayor's Civic Service

St. Michael & All Angels Parish Church

Sunday 26th February 2017

Commonwealth Day

Ferrett Green

13th March 2017

Mayor's Afternoon Tea

Verwood Town Council Offices

28th March 2017

GRANT AID 2017/18

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 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 that are not as a matter of course funded by the Council. 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**

POLICE REPORT

As spring approaches many will begin the endless list of jobs that have built up over the winter which often includes maintenance on properties. East Dorset remains a very safe place to live and work, but there has been an increase in break-ins to garages, sheds and vehicles where tools have been stolen.

Being a victim or witness to a crime can be distressing and traumatic, so Dorset Police have created a victim's bureau dedicated to provide help and support.

Our Rural Crime team led by Verwood Neighbourhood Police have organised several proactive operations recently, some of which resulted in custodial sentences for the offenders.

PS Nick Lee from the team has stated that it is often difficult to return items to their owners due to the lack of serial numbers being recorded or identifiable marks and recommends that you take the time to record serial numbers. Dorset Police are working together with **www.immobilise.com** where property details can be recorded by owners and searched by the Police to locate victims of crime.



We should never become complacent when deterring crime and I would suggest this is an ideal opportunity to assess your home and vehicle security.

Phone and computer scams across Dorset remain a priority, with often those that are vulnerable amongst us targeted. If you think you've been a victim of fraud of any description or someone you know, please contact **Action Fraud** on **www.actionfraud.police**. If a crime is in progress call the emergency number 999.

If you believe a member of your community is vulnerable please take the time to bring it to the attention of someone that can help; this can be a relative, GP, Social Services, Age Concern or the Police.

Advice on all the above and a lot more can be found on the Dorset Police web site **www.dorset.police.uk** including where Police approved security items at discounted prices can be obtained through the Ferndown Community Office, who helped and supported 2739 people during 2016.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy 2017.

Inspector Steve Yeoman

VERWOOD KEYBOARD SOCIETY

Verwood Keyboard Society is looking forward to welcoming Claudia Hirschfeld to the Hub on Wednesday, 26th April at 7.30pm.



The Society has been able to afford her through a donation from the Waitrose Community Scheme and we are very grateful to Waitrose for this opportunity to present a top international artiste known as the "ballerina of the keyboard".

The 2017 programme has a good variety of visiting artistes with concerts on the last Wednesday each month, apart from December which is on the 13th when the popular Dutch player, Dirkjan Ranzihn will return.

Any enquiries to Janetta on 01202 822936; details on the Organfax website. Tickets are £10 for visitors, £8 for members, but attend two concerts and you have covered your membership fee of £4.

You will get a good view wherever you sit in the tiered seating at The Hub, with the additional benefit of screen projection of the keyboard and a view of the player's feet as they move across the pedals.

VERWOOD SOLAR FARM FUND

The Verwood Solar Farm Fund Committee have been able to award two grants during 2016 - one to Hillside School and another to Forest FM Radio.

Forest FM's grant is to assist with radio and media training for those aged 12 upwards, enabling them to learn interview techniques and production, the results of which will be broadcast on Forest FM.

Hillside School's grant is to provide a covered walkway from the outside classrooms to the main building, this not only provides weather protection for those moving around the school, but also a covered area for stalls at the Christmas Fayre.

For more information about the Verwood Solar Farm Fund and how to apply, look at the Town Council website or contact the Town Council office on **01202 820880**.

LIONS CLUB

Wimborne & Ferndown Lions Club members are a group of volunteers who raise money in various ways in order to help local deserving causes.

Funds come in via events such as a "fun run" or a family cycle ride, together with indoor events such as concerts and quiz evenings and go out in the form of Christmas food parcels.



This year the Lions spent £1,700 of their funds on food parcels for families and individuals who desperately needed help. The parcels were packed by volunteers, at the Hub in Verwood and delivered by them personally on the same day. Funds are also used for special hospital equipment, outings, equipment for disabled people and defibrillators for the community. Their welfare committee meets to assess what local needs they can support.

To know more, visit **www.wimborneandferndownlions.org.uk**

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY

In June 2016, the Verwood and Three Legged Cross Dementia Friendly Community Association (VDFCA) held their launch event at the Crane Valley Golf Club and then on 26th January 2017 held their AGM and an information afternoon at the Town Council Offices.

What is a 'dementia friendly community' you may ask?

This is a great initiative from the Alzheimer's Society. The aim is to support local communities to help them make sure people living with dementia and their carers feel understood and valued and able to contribute to local life. Those living with dementia and their families can feel isolated as there is quite a stigma attached to the condition. At the end of the day, people are just people, but living with a challenging condition. Like all members of society we want them to feel valued, welcome and understood by local businesses and community groups.

Part of the group's aim is to help more people understand about dementia and get some simple tips about enhancing communication. This is the message at any venue the group attends such as the POPP (Partnership for Older People Programme) home safety event in November attended by Susan Shaw, the Mayor of Verwood and Sandra Grove, a local councillor and member of our steering group.

VDFCA is championed by the Town Council but is an independent community association run by local residents.

We have a number of priorities:

- Increasing community membership
- Distributing an information leaflet
- Setting up local regular Dementia Friends information sessions
- Raising awareness of social events that are already taking place
- Listening to concerns and providing a service that is useful to people



If you are interested in becoming a member or have any ideas please email Sally: info@vdfca.com and please explore our website www.vdfca.com

AGE CONCERN VERWOOD

Volunteers are needed to strengthen the existing team at Age Concern Verwood, a local independent charity which is run entirely by volunteers caring for the elderly in our community. At our Day Centre at the Bandhall, Moorlands Road, we provide, on Mondays and Wednesdays, a venue for elderly residents of Verwood and the surrounding area the chance to meet socially.



The type of help that we are continuously needing are for Minibus Drivers and Escorts which takes about one and a half hours per trip and helpers at the Bandhall for a few hours whenever possible.

If you think you can spare an enjoyable and rewarding few hours a week on occasional Mondays and Wednesdays when it suits you and you would like to make a big difference to peoples quality of life and make new friends, please contact: Mark on **01202 821786** or Gordon on **01202 813805**.



STEVE SAVILLE BEM

Congratulations to **Steve Saville**, from Verwood, Director of Forest FM who was awarded a British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours List for services to broadcasting and the community of Verwood. Steve started campaigning for a community radio station in the 80s and achieved a broadcasting licence for four weeks. The station has been running full time since 2006. His community work includes being involved with local organisations such as Rotary, Verwood Carnival Committee and helping in Council driven events.

EAST DORSET & RINGWOOD NHSRF



The National Health Service Retirement Fellowship (NHSRF) aims to support its members through the provision of social, leisure, educational and welfare activities.

A member maybe anyone who has retired from working for the NHS, retired from working for a related or private health service organisation or caring profession or are working or have worked on a voluntary basis within the NHS. Spouses, partners and friends of members can also join.

We offer:

- Friendship and fellowship to all members
- Monthly meetings with a variety of visiting speakers on a range of topics (see below)
- Regular outings to places of interest and organised walks
- Lunches out and opportunities for members to socialise

Subjects arranged for 2017 include 'The Moon', 'Wheels for the World', 'Priest House Museum', 'Charles Dickens – serial author', 'Flying Boats', 'Railway Safety' and 'You Be the Judge'.

We meet at 10:00 am on the second Tuesday of each month at the St. Leonards Village Hall, Braeside Road, BH24 2PH.

For a friendly chat and further information please contact our Membership Secretary, Deirdre, on **01425 472940**.

A NEW BUS ROUTE BY YELLOW BUSES

A new bus route by Yellow Buses - **Route B4** commenced on the 15th January which runs from Bournemouth to Ringwood via **Verwood** and **Three Legged Cross**. Other areas that the buses will pass through are Winton, Moordown, Northbourne, West Parley, Ferndown, Tricketts Cross & West Moors. Timetables for this route are available at the Town Council offices.

The B4 Yellow bus route is an additional one to the **X6 More** bus route.



YOUR TOWN COUNCIL

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Cllr. Mrs. L. J. Clark
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Cllr. Mrs. T. B. Coombs
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Cllr. S. G. Flower
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Cllr. Mrs. S. Grove
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Cllr. S. Hazel
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Cllr. P. Mann
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01202 821186

Cllr. Mrs. L. Dedden
(Deputy Mayor)
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Cllr. S. Gibson
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Cllr. Mrs. P. Morrow
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Cllr. M. Parker
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Cllr. Mrs. S. Shaw (Mayor)
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Cllr. Mrs. N. Thompson
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Three Legged Cross

Cllr. M. Hudson
01202 974654

Cllr. Ms. J. Russell
01202 822236

What's On



VERWOOD HUB
COMMUNITY & LEISURE

lifestyle-active.co.uk

CINEMA

HUB FINDING DORY
CINEMA Wed 15th Feb 2017 | 2pm



HUB WIZARD OF OZ
CLASSIC CINEMA Wed 22nd Feb 2017 | 2pm



£2 per child | £4 per adult | £3.50 Classic Cinema
£10 family ticket (two adults and two children)
£12 family ticket (two adults and three children)

LIFESTYLE ACTIVE

The Hub, Brock Way,
Verwood, Dorset, BH31 7QE
01202 828740

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Keep the kids entertained this half term with our great schedule of events.

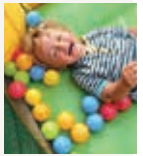
TUMBLE AND BOUNCE
13th February
Emmanuel Sports Hall

MULTI SPORTS
14th February
Emmanuel Sports Hall

WICKED WEDNESDAYS
(includes free entry to cinema)
15th February
Verwood Hub

IT'S SHOWTIME
16th February
Verwood Hub

MONSTER BOUNCE
17th February
Verwood Hub



Please see our website for more details and events
dorsetforyou.gov.uk/verwoodhub/junior-activities/holiday

OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT

Outdoor Gym Equipment will soon be installed on Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground using money from the 3LX Community Fund in partnership with Verwood Town Council.

After receiving an application from a local resident, 3LX Community Fund Committee resolved to pay £10,000 towards Outdoor Gym Equipment which will be sited on Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground.

The equipment will give an opportunity for all local residents aged 12-90 to exercise free of charge and improve their health, fitness and wellbeing. The Town Council will contribute matched funding of up to £10,000 to ensure that the project can be completed and to allow for possible expansion if it proves popular.

If you or your group have a project that would benefit the residents of Three Legged Cross, apply now using the 3LX Community Fund application form available from: **Mrs. J. Reed** (01202 829689), online at www.verwood.gov.uk/solar-farm-community-benefit/3lx-community-fund/ or from the Town Council Offices.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH A SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN.

This year's Community Christmas lunch was a great success. The event has now been running for five years and once again, the support of the local community has been fantastic. This year's lunch was held at the Cinnamon Lounge in Woodlands, who kindly donated the use of their restaurant and were extremely helpful in cooking the traditional Christmas dinner. A W Andrews Butchers once again gave all the turkey and ham and Alan Frouds donated the potatoes and vegetables. Al Trullo's restaurant kindly donated soft drinks.

I am hugely grateful for the support of our local businesses. Their kind donations allow the event to be free for guests who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. Groups such as the Rotary Club who have supported the event since the beginning, as well as the fantastic help from the staff at Verwood Town Council make the entire event possible. My special thanks goes to the volunteers who give up their Christmas Day to help others. This year's event had over 50 guests and I look forward to another successful event this coming Christmas Day... With best wishes for 2017.

Cllr. Simon Gibson
Community Christmas
Chairman

VERWOOD IN BLOOM COMPETITION

The Verwood Town Council are in the process of revamping the Verwood in Bloom competition which we are pleased to announce will be back this year, bigger and better than before. Judging will take place in the summer months.

If you would like to register an interest in entering the competition please contact the Town Council either by phone or email verwoodtc@btconnect.com and further details and an entry form will be sent to you when available.

