



# VERWOOD VISTA

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

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## MAYOR'S REPORT

I feel so proud and honoured to be elected the 25th Mayor of Verwood. I have lived with my family in Verwood for 26 years and still love the small community feel of it. I am fortunate to have made so many friends and acquaintances over the years spent here.

Since being elected in May I have been to local singing concerts, opened local fetes and represented Verwood at many Civic events around the county. We all live in a lovely part of Dorset and I hope to promote it for the wonderful place it is when I represent our town.

I have two chosen charities for my year, they are:

**The Heathland Heritage Trust** - Commonly known as the Heritage Centre on Ferret Green, this provides us all with the history and heritage of Verwood. The Museum is a 'must' to see. The café (staffed by volunteers of which, I am one) provides a social hub for many of our residents. A place to meet, make friends and welcome newcomers and visitors to our town.

**Dorset Search Dogs** - These provide an invaluable additional service to our Emergency Services in tracking down missing persons. This is a voluntary organisation set up in 2006 with the dogs specialising in 'air-scenting' to track down humans. The dogs are especially effective in finding vulnerable adults such as those suffering from Dementia.

To assist with my charity fund-raising this year I have 'recruited' a small team of friends from various Verwood based organisations and associations.

On Sunday 12th July we hosted our first event. This turned out to be a highly successful Afternoon Tea in the guise of the old Jo Lyons Tea Rooms. All the waitresses were dressed as 'Nippies' and, added together with nostalgic music, made for a special afternoon. A remarkable £510 was raised to kick start the fund-raising. I would like to thank all those who helped and worked so hard to make it happen and all those who came to enjoy the experience.



I have planned a programme of events throughout my year which I hope many of you will come and support. Those arranged so far are as follows:

<b>Barn Dance</b>	Saturday 5th September	The Memorial Hall
<b>1940's Evening</b>	Saturday 24th October	The Memorial Hall
<b>Murder Mystery Night</b>	Saturday 16th January 2016	The Memorial hall
<b>Music Festival' Sing into Spring'</b>	Saturday 19th March 2016	The Hub

Tickets will be available for all events from myself or from the Heritage Centre.

**Cllr Mrs Sandra Grove - Verwood Town Mayor**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Town Council Offices**

Tuesday 22nd September

Tuesday 27th October

Tuesday 15th December

**Three Legged Cross**

**Village Hall**

Wednesday 25th November

**Remembrance Sunday**

**Ferrett Green**

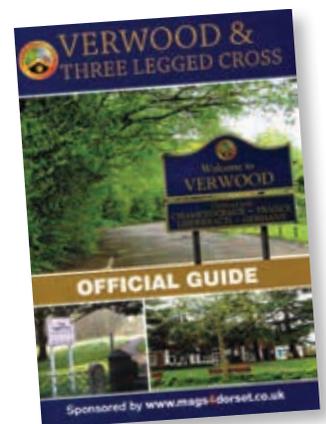
Sunday 8th November

**Verwood Rotary Rustic Fayre**

Monday 31st August

## NEW Verwood & Three Legged Cross Town Guide

The brand new Verwood & Three Legged Cross Town Guide is now available which is packed with information about the town including an up-to-date map of the civil parish.



Copies are available, free of charge, from the Town Council offices and other outlets including The Heritage Centre, The Hub, Library and Morrisons.

## A338 BOURNEMOUTH SPUR ROAD

From 6 September for two weeks, there will be day time and night time lane closures on the northbound and southbound carriageways, there will also be some overnight closures.

During these two weeks work will concentrate on removing any remaining trees or vegetation obstructing the work, installing traffic management, speed cameras and CCTV and resurfacing works around Blackwater.

From the 21 September until Christmas, the southbound carriageway will be reconstructed between Blackwater Junction and the QinetiQ access, with a 40mph contraflow on the northbound carriageway.

In the New Year work will focus on the northern end of the scheme, with the reconstruction of the roughly one-mile stretch between Ashley Heath Roundabout and the QinetiQ entrance. Work will start on the southbound side, with traffic remaining in the northbound contraflow, and then the works area and contraflow will swap sides – with traffic switching over to the newly built southern carriageway to allow the northbound one-mile section to be reconstructed.

There will also be speed restrictions on the A31 in this area during this phase of work.

From March until the end of May, the northbound carriageway will be reconstructed with the contraflow traffic on the newly built southbound side.

Throughout the work there may be times where additional overnight closures are required for surfacing work and to rearrange traffic management.



## U3A VERWOOD U3A UNIVERSITY WITH A DIFFERENCE

Verwood U3A is now over eight years old and from small beginnings they have grown to nearly 200 members.

Their aim is to help members enjoy an active retirement. All the latest research shows that one of the keys to health and well-being when you retire is to remain active, mentally, physically and socially. U3A offers all three.



'Third Age' means anybody no longer in full-time employment and U3A is a voluntary organisation run by members for members. Their name says they're a 'university' but there are no exams, no tests, no qualifications and everyone is welcome regardless of background, experience or education.

At the heart of what they do are 25 daytime group activities held in various venues in Verwood. Weekly, fortnightly or monthly, all led by volunteer members. Currently there are groups for art, water colour, Chinese brush painting, music, guitar, country dancing, American square dancing, badminton, bird watching, books, bridge, card making, computing, current affairs, gardening, general, local and family history, French, Spanish, play reading, psychology, table tennis and women's discussion. In addition they have monthly social meetings in the United Reformed Church with guest speakers, quizzes and refreshments, a monthly pub lunch and regular coach trips.

**Verwood U3A's Open Day is on Wednesday 26 August, 10am-1pm, Verwood Memorial Hall.**

All details including how to join are on their website: [www.verwoodu3a.org.uk](http://www.verwoodu3a.org.uk) or ring 01202 820823

## AGE CONCERN VERWOOD

**Please can YOU help?**

*They are a local independent charity, run entirely by volunteers.*

Their Monday and Wednesday daycentres provide, particularly for the elderly, the chance to chat, play games and have regular exercise sessions to aid independence with refreshments and a hot lunch provided by outside caterers. Their own minibus helps with transport where required and their services are much appreciated by their members.

For many reasons they are in need of more volunteers:

- Daycentre helpers; they prepare the hall from about 9am and their members attend from 10am to 3pm.
- Relief volunteers to set up tables and chairs in the morning and/or putting them away in the afternoon. Setting up and putting away takes about 20-30 minutes, morning and/or afternoon.
- Drivers and escorts for the minibus.

All their volunteers help on an informal basis to fit in with their holidays, family and other commitments. You will make new friends and will find it rewarding. If you think you could spare a day, morning or afternoon to help please contact:

Cynthia - 01202 814707,  
Gordon - 01202 813805 or  
John - 01202 822201



## PINK CHAMPAGNE BREAST CANCER DRAGON BOAT TEAM

A group of ladies aged 30 to over 70, who have had Breast Cancer, are part of the Pink Champagne Breast Cancer Dragon Boat team.

They have just come back from a competition in Hong Kong where they competed in dragon boat races with 10 other countries from around the world. The races took place in Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong and the girls came away on a high after receiving three merit cups. Anyone who has had Breast Cancer and would like to join the team please feel free to join them for a coffee at the Verwood Heathland Heritage Centre where they meet on Monday and Friday mornings between 11am and 12 noon.

Website: [pinkchampagne.org.uk](http://pinkchampagne.org.uk)



## POLICE REPORT

Dear Residents

The past couple of months have seen a couple of changes within the team at Verwood & Three Legged Cross SNT.

**PCSO Ben Feeney** has moved on to pastures new in Christchurch and more recently we have been joined by **PCSO Lewis Rowe-Cousins**. He has been working with **PCSO Robin Morgan** for several weeks and by the time this edition is published he will be out and about on his own.



*PCSO Lewis Rowe-Cousins*

During the summer months we can experience an increase in theft from vehicles and dwellings. Please ensure that you remove all valuables from your car during family days out and please remember to shut all your windows - even the first floor ones!

Please be mindful of your surroundings especially when visiting new places and remember that not everywhere is as safe as Verwood.

**From the team at Verwood I hope you are having a safe and crime free summer.**

*Sgt Nick Lee*



## VERWOOD IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2015

The annual Verwood in Bloom competition has taken place with Paul Spencer, Plant Area Manager from John Browns, Wyevale Gardens Centre acting as our judge. Winners will receive a garden voucher and a trophy to hold for the year. The presentation of the prizes will take place at the Verwood & District Horticultural Society's Autumn Show in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 19th September 2015.

### The winners are:

#### Residents section:

- Best Front Garden ..... Mr. D. Giles
- Best Use of Containers/Hanging Baskets ..... Mrs. S. Simpson

#### Business/Shop/Office Frontage section:

- Best Small Business Frontage..... Plane Cuisine

#### Schools section:

- Best Novel Planter/Planters (Schools) ..... Trinity CE (VA) First School
- Best Garden Achievement (Schools) ..... Verwood CE First School



## Your Town Council

### Dewlands North Ward

**Cllr. S. Bhose**  
07850 613604

### Dewlands South Ward

**Cllr. P. Barnett**  
01202 821021

**Cllr. Mrs. L. J. Clark**  
01202 822275

**Cllr. Mrs. T. B. Coombs**  
01202 827376

**Cllr. S. G. Flower**  
01202 821231

**Cllr. Mrs. S. Grove** (Mayor)  
01202 826449

**Cllr. S. Hazel**  
01202 827010

**Cllr. P. Mann**  
01202 820866

**Cllr. Miss K. L. Stephens**  
01202 822152

### Stephens Castle Ward

**Cllr. A. Biggs**  
01202 821186

**Cllr. Mrs. L. Dedden**  
01202 824473

**Cllr. S. Gibson**  
01202 820822

**Cllr. Miss S. Manley**  
01202 826563

**Cllr. Mrs. P. Morrow**  
01202 814733

**Cllr. Mrs. S. Shaw**  
(Deputy Mayor)  
01202 813526

**Cllr. Mrs. N. Thompson**  
01202 828369

### Three Legged Cross

**Cllr. M. Hudson**  
01202 974654

**Cllr. Ms. J. Russell**  
01202 822236

## NEW COUNCILLORS FOR TOWN COUNCIL

Following the elections and co-option Verwood and Three Legged Cross now have six new Councillors. Information about individual councillors is available on the Town Council website: [www.verwood.gov.uk](http://www.verwood.gov.uk)

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Cllr. P. Mann



Cllr. Miss K. Stephens

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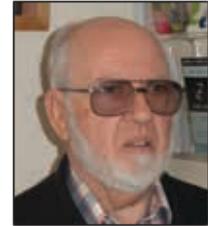


Cllr. S. Bhose

### Three Legged Cross Ward



Cllr. M. Hudson



Cllr. A. Biggs

## HOMELAND SOLAR FARM GRANT AID FOR THREE LEGGED CROSS



**Do you have a community project that could benefit Three Legged Cross.**

The Homeland Solar Farm in Three Legged Cross was constructed from December 2013 to March 2014 and began producing clean solar energy in March 2014. Homeland Solar Farm is to provide a fund of about £13,000 per year for the benefit of the direct community of Three Legged Cross. The fund is available over the life of the solar farm for 25 years.

Two grants were given out in 2014 to **Forest FM**, who provided on-site radio training in Three Legged Cross and Verwood Road Evangelical Chapel. The Solar Fund Group now invites 2015 applications for grant aid from groups or individuals with ideas or projects that benefit Three Legged Cross. For more information and an application form visit [www.homelandsolarfarm.co.uk](http://www.homelandsolarfarm.co.uk)

## VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL GRANT AID REMINDER TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Verwood Town Council is now accepting applications for Grant Aid from local organisations in the Civil Parish. The purpose of these grants 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.

**The deadline for applications is 1st September 2015 and grants awarded will be given out in October 2015.**

Any local organisation who would like to apply for Grant Aid should contact the Verwood Town Council, 28 Vicarage Road, Verwood BH31 6DR.

Email: [verwoodtc@btconnect.com](mailto:verwoodtc@btconnect.com) Phone: 01202 820880

