



# VERWOOD VISTA

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

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## MAYOR'S REPORT

Since my last report I have represented Verwood and Three Legged Cross attending many civic events throughout Dorset and even into Wiltshire and Somerset. The visits have been both interesting and informative and I have learnt so much about their history and traditions.



I have been invited to attend our local schools assemblies, opened a bike shed at Emmanuel C of E School, presented the elected School Council at Trinity C.E.V.A First School with their Council Badges and opened a Scooter Pod at Hillside Community First School.

I have attended many local events. The Verwood Friendship Club invited me to attend a lovely couple's 60th Wedding Anniversary at Meadow Court. The Dementia Friendly Association invited me to open their event at Crane Valley Golf Club. I attended the Rustic Fayre which turned out to be a lovely sunny day which encouraged many visitors to visit the Fayre with their support for Verwood Rotary and local charities. I visited Julia's House at Corfe Mullen; such an inspirational place which provides help and support to families at a difficult time.

My second charity event was held at the Verwood Heathland Heritage Centre which was an afternoon tea with Keith Flesher playing on his keyboard. It was a very enjoyable afternoon raising money for my two charities, Macmillan Caring Locally and Age Concern Verwood. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended and for their support. I had a wonderful time joining Age Concern on their summer trip to Branksome Chine, Poole for Fish and Chips which was most enjoyable.

As Christmas is approaching I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

**Cllr Mrs Susan Shaw** - Verwood Town Mayor.



2017 Verwood Pantomime Society presents...

## Treasure Island

### At The Hub

Saturday 21st January  
2pm and 6.30pm

Wednesday 25th January  
7.30pm

Thursday 26th January 7.30pm

Friday 27th January  
7.30 pm

Saturday 28th January  
2pm and 6.30pm

Tickets now on sale from the Hub Box Office

**01020 828740**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday 20th December

**Three Legged Cross Village Hall**

Wednesday 23rd November



### Christmas Extravaganza

Ferrett Green

Saturday 10th December

# MOORS VALLEY EVENTS

## Celebrate family fun as you count down to Christmas 2016

Escape the hustle and bustle of the high streets to enjoy a countdown to Christmas that celebrates family fun at Moors Valley Country Park and Forest this year. With festive crafts, themed trails, Santa Specials, family theatre and British grown Christmas trees, the Rangers have organised sleigh-loads of activities to keep everyone entertained on the run up to Christmas and beyond.



Christmas wouldn't be the same without **Santa Specials** and **fairytales**, and Moors Valley's magical woodland setting provides the perfect backdrop for a really special day out, so why not start your Christmas countdown by booking a festive treat for the whole family to look forward to? Santa Special trains steam past the lake on route to Santa's railway grotto from 1am – 3.30pm on 10, 11, 17 and 18 December, and with some sessions already full early booking really is essential. You'll also need to book for the family **Christmas show** in the Visitor Centre. The Elves and the Shoemaker brings together fairytales old and new with a little bit of magic as the shoemaker's shop is visited by Prince Charming, Puss in Boots and the Wicked Witch of the West. You can find out how to make a glass slipper on 20 and 21 December.

**Christmas tree sales** start on Friday 2 December and trees will be available at the Park daily from 10am – 4pm. All sustainably grown, and '100% Santa Approved', choices include the traditional scented Norway Spruce and the carpet-friendly, non-drop Nordman Fir. Holly and mistletoe will also be available and this year everyone buying a tree at Moors Valley will also receive a free, potted, baby Christmas tree to mark the Forestry Commission's commitment to sustainability.

**Christmas activities** also start early in December and craft enthusiasts will be spoilt for choice with sessions for toddlers, kids and adults taking place throughout December.

Outside in the Park there's even more festive family fun. On 10 and 11 December, you can join **Santa on his Hunt for the Magical Golden Pine Cones**, whilst a family **Christmas quiz trail**, from Boxing Day to 1 January 2017, will test your knowledge of 2016 and throw in fun festive questions to keep little ones entertained along the way.



Other December activities to look out for include festive breakfasts, the opportunity to swing through the trees on **Go Ape Tree Top Junior** during winter weekends (except 24, 25, 31 December and 1 Jan), and a new light-hearted photo opportunity, 'selfie with an elfie'!

Whatever the time of year Moors Valley Country Park and Forest near Ringwood is a wonderful place to relax and enjoy some quality family time. With trails to explore and bikes to hire you can get deep into the forest, scramble over the play trail sculptures, feed the ducks or just enjoy a gentle stroll making more family memories at Moors Valley.

Full details of all events can be found online at [www.moors-valley.co.uk](http://www.moors-valley.co.uk) where you can also book online or call the Rangers on **01425 470721**.

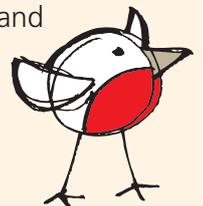


## VERWOOD'S CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Father Christmas will, once again, be visiting Ferrett Green this year at Verwood's Christmas Extravaganza which will be held on Saturday 10th December 2016 on Ferrett Green commencing at 5pm to 8pm.

There will be lighting of the Christmas tree, carol singing, band music, food and drinks stalls and small rides for the children... **all are welcome**

Please contact the Town Council offices for more information on: **01202 820880**  
or by email: [verwoodtc@btconnect.com](mailto:verwoodtc@btconnect.com)



## LONG AWAITED CYCLEWAY SOON A REALITY

By Cllr. Spencer Flower

There has been a strong lobby for many years by local residents for a safe route for cyclists between Three Legged Cross and West Moors along the B3072. However, County Highways concluded that the carriageway was too narrow for a cycleway to be safely introduced onto this road. During the past two years County Councillor Spencer Flower has been working with County Council officers seeking to identify potential alternative off road routes, with mixed success, until earlier this year when the route now planned was agreed with the Forestry Commission to use land in their ownership.

During the summer County officers had meetings with the Forestry Commission land agent to discuss the proposed cycleway, which will be in the wood adjacent to the B3072 - Three Legged Cross to West Moors road. The plan is to place a cycleway route just inside their boundary hedge that runs adjacent to the road, which will make the route convenient for cyclists to use.

The meetings have been very positive and did not throw up any problems which could not be dealt. This has meant that the tree team could start clearance work mid-October. The initial clearance work is essential to remove tree/shrub to open up the planned cycleway route for the fencing contractor and ultimately Highways to physically create the new path. It is estimated that the tree work could take up to three weeks to complete. There is every prospect that the works will be completed on schedule depending on weather.

When completed this long awaited cycleway will give a safe route for cyclists adjacent to the B3072 which connects Three Legged Cross with West Moors.

**NEW BUS  
TIMETABLES...**  
available at  
the Town  
Council  
Offices.



## VERWOOD TOWN BAND

**The Verwood Town Band, one of the brass bands within the Verwood Concert Brass organisation, held a free concert at the Verwood Recreation ground on the afternoon of Sunday 18th September. Normally these free concerts held during the summer are a 'bring your own picnic refreshments' events, but on this occasion the Town Band combined the event with their usual September 'Cream Tea' Concert.**



Thankfully it was a lovely afternoon weather wise so lots of people turned up with their deckchairs, not only to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music from the band but also sample the delicious homemade cream teas, cakes and ice creams that were for sale. That marked the end of outside concerts from Verwood Concert Brass this year but look out for their other concerts at the Verwood Hub and Memorial Hall - see [www.verwoodconcertbrass.co.uk](http://www.verwoodconcertbrass.co.uk) for more info.



## POLICE REPORT

Greetings Verwoodians. It's been a busy summer for us. The main complaint we are receiving concerns speeding vehicles. We have been conducting speed checks in and around Verwood, so be warned and watch your speed. The weather is now getting cooler and so please ensure you bear in mind the conditions when driving.

We are all looking forward to Christmas and so are thieves! I would encourage you all to review your security. Power tools and gardening tools are extremely popular at present, so please take just a few minutes to record your serial numbers. We have recovered thousands of pounds worth of property which we have reunited with its lawful owners due to people being able to provide us with the serial number.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter (@VerwoodPolice) and Facebook (Verwood and Alderholt Neighbourhood Policing Team) to keep updated with what the team are up to. You can also contact us directly through the Dorset Police Website.

**PS 2525 Nick Lee**



## YOUR TOWN COUNCIL

### Dewlands North Ward

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**Cllr. S. Hazel**  
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**Cllr. Mrs. P. Morrow**  
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**Cllr. M. Parker**  
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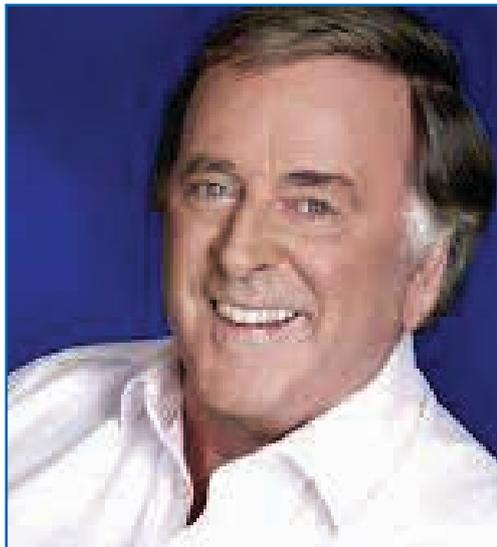
**Cllr. Mrs. S. Shaw** (Mayor)  
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### Three Legged Cross

**Cllr. M. Hudson**  
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**Cllr. Ms. J. Russell**  
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**Friday 18th November**  
**7.30pm - late**

## CHILDREN IN NEED EVENT AT THE HUB

**Variety performance in aid of BBC Children in Need dedicated to the late Sir Terry Wogan.**

During the day... Activities for children bringing donations including Bouncy Castle (weather permitting), Face Painting (2-4pm), Children's Entertainer (4-5pm).

Evening... variety performances including singers, dances & more

Tickets: Adults £9.50  
Senior Citizens £8.50  
Children £7.50

Tickets the Hub Box Office  
**01202 82874**



## GROUNDWATER FLOOD WARNING SERVICE

Following the groundwater flooding in 2013/2014, the Environment Agency has developed 22 community based groundwater flood warning areas across the following areas: Bourne Valley, River Till and Chitterne, Ebble, Vale of Allen, North Winterborne, Frome and Piddle, South Winterborne Valley.

They are keen to extend the groundwater flood warning service to areas which currently do not benefit from this service. They need your help with historic reports, photos and local knowledge of groundwater issues in your community.

If any resident has such information then please email it to: [floodwessex@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:floodwessex@environment-agency.gov.uk)



## BUYING OF THE FIRST POPPY

Verwood Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Susan Shaw 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.

