



# VERWOOD VISTA

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## MAYOR'S REPORT

I feel very proud and honoured to have been chosen as Mayor of our Town for a 2nd time and look forward once again to promoting our Town around the surrounding towns and districts.

My charity this year is the British Heart Foundation. This is due to a great loss this year of my brother who suffered heart failure, and for many friends and colleagues who are living with heart problems, I felt I wanted to help in some small way.

Since being elected, Clive and I have visited many local events. Our year started with the carnival which was absolutely superb. It was so wonderful to see floats once again, as these have always been such a special part of a carnival. We have been to local concerts and visited the Day Care Centre which is a special place within our community. We have visited many of our local schools at graduations and prize givings, and have been absolutely amazed at the quality of art, performing arts and textiles. I had the pleasure of opening the long awaited new classrooms at Hillside First School which have been named after Ruth Bussey who was an advocate for all things Verwood, especially Hillside First School.

We also attended Cranborne School for their exhibition on the holocaust which was a very moving experience. We have visited the Scout and Guides in Verwood, and attended the Scout Annual Review in Ferndown and seen what a difference these organisations make to young lives.

Since becoming Mayor, Clive and I have represented Verwood at many civic functions around the area. This is a wonderful way to see and experience what treasures there are in this wonderful county of Dorset, and to promote our own Town with its unique village feel.

Throughout my Mayoral year I have arranged five charity events. On Sunday 22nd July I hosted our first event which was a suffragette tea party. Once again I was helped by my family and my wonderful group of friends who have been with me since my last Mayoral year. Everyone worked so hard and the weather was so hot, but all went well and we raised £700 for my charity which was magnificent. I would like to thank everyone who came to support us.



Suffragette tea party

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

#### Verwood Town Council Offices

Tuesday 25th September 2018

Tuesday 23rd October 2018

Tuesday 18th December 2018

#### Three Legged Cross Village Hall

Wednesday 28th November 2018

#### Remembrance Sunday Ferrett Green

11th November 2018

#### Verwood Rotary Rustic Fayre

Monday 27th August 2018

My other events are:

#### Cheese and Wine afternoon -

Sunday 23rd September

3.00 – 6.00pm at the Heathland Heritage Centre

#### Commemoration of 100 years -

Saturday 10th November

7.30 – 11.00pm at the Verwood Memorial Hall

#### Valentines Dance - Saturday 16th

February 7.30 – 11.00pm at the Verwood Memorial Hall

#### Rat Pack Event - Saturday 27th

April (To be finalised)

All tickets available from the Heritage Centre and Verwood Town Council.

***I would like to wish you all a very pleasant summer.***

**Cllr. Mrs. Sandra Grove**  
Town Mayor

## POLICE REPORT



With the improving weather, sadly comes an increase in the number of rogue trader attempts. A couple of these incidents have been intercepted by Officers out on patrol in the Verwood area over the past couple of months. Never accept work from anyone who offers you it at your door and never go to the bank with a tradesperson. If you do live close to people whom you consider to be vulnerable and you see an incident of what you believe to be of a rogue trader nature, please do not hesitate to let us know.

In addition to visits from rogue traders, the Verwood Officers remain busy with scam calls that continue to occur. These calls can be sophisticated and have resulted in people losing considerable amounts of money. Fundamentally, if you are offered something that is too good to be true or asked to do something that you feel is strange, please hang up and report it to **Action Fraud – 0300 123 2040** or **www.actionfraud.police.uk**

Dorset Police have various means of being contacted that you may not be aware of in addition to the traditional phone numbers of **101** and **999**. A range of options can be found at the following Dorset Police website - **https://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/**

The summer season also sees an array of fetes being held. Community Support Officers were recently able to attend such events at St James's First School in Alderholt and at Verwood First School. Brightly coloured 'snap' bands were distributed to children, who were also given the opportunity to try on a Police uniform, sit in a Police vehicle and also discuss a whole variety of matters with the Officers who attended. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the schools involved for inviting us.

So as the nights begin to draw in (slowly), please remember to remain vigilant and if you do see anything suspicious then please do not dismiss it, let us know. You just never know how that little piece of information may fit into a bigger picture.'

**Sgt. Nick Lee**

## JOINT VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL AND POLICE CRIME AWARENESS EVENT

There was another successful joint event held at Morrison's between the Police and Verwood Town Council on the 16 June between 9.00am and 1.00pm.

Verwood Councillors (Susan Shaw, Sandra Grove, Lucy Clark and Philip Mann) attended in one hour slots noting any local residents' concerns and answering questions asked. Neil Mansell PCSO attended for the full four hours focussing on crime prevention with a selection of information handouts available. Neil also took the opportunity to actively interact and also answer any questions posed.



Thanks go to Morrison's supermarket for fully supporting these and future events.

## LIVING WELL WITH MEMORY LOSS IN VERWOOD

It is estimated that there are over 500 people in Verwood and Three Legged Cross who are living with memory loss. VDFCA (The Verwood and Three Legged Cross Dementia Friendly Community Association) - is helping people to live well with this condition and remain valued members of the community.



Once a month we fund an exercise and chat session for carers and those living with memory loss which is becoming more and more popular. Ann's Wednesday Workout runs on the first Wednesday of each month from 10am until the last person leaves. People come along to St Michaels Church annexe, enjoy a cuppa and some networking, take part in a fun fitness session and then round off their morning with more chat and coffee.

From this, there are now regular afternoon tea sessions for the group courtesy of Joyce Bird and her husband during the summer months.

### VDFCA priorities:

- Increasing community membership (If you are interested please email Sally: **info@vdfca.com**)
- Setting up local regular Dementia Friends information sessions at Verwood Library which will run from September
- Raising awareness of social events that are already taking place via our website **www.vdfca.com**
- Listening to concerns and providing a service that is useful to people
- Running a monthly exercise class for those suffering with memory loss and/or their carers

If you would like to find out more about our group you can visit our website at **www.vdfca.com** where you will find a contact form.

# VERWOOD IN BLOOM RESULTS

The Verwood in Bloom competition has now taken place with Pip Holley from Willow Floristry acting as our judge.

Pictures of the winning gardens were taken by Mr. Peter Kingsbury. Winners will receive a cash prize of £50 and hold a trophy for the year. The presentation of the prizes will take place at the Verwood & District Horticultural Society's Autumn Show in The Verwood Memorial Hall on Saturday 15th September 2018.

The winners are:

**Best Overall Winner of the Competition: Mrs. A. Rigler**



**Best Front Garden:  
Dr. A.L. Andrews**



**Best Use of Container Hanging Baskets: Mrs. A. Rigler**



**Best School Display:  
Hillside Pre School**



**Best Commercial Property:  
The Hollow**



**AGE CONCERN VERWOOD – needs volunteer helpers, escorts and drivers**



Age Concern Verwood is an independent charity which is run entirely by volunteers caring for the elderly in our community. At our Day Centre at the Bandhall, Moorlands Road, Verwood we provide, on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m., a venue for elderly residents of Verwood and the surrounding area. It provides an opportunity for them to meet socially.

We are looking for volunteers to strengthen our existing team, especially in holiday times.

The type of help that we are continuously needing are for drivers and escorts on our mini bus which takes just over one hour per trip around Verwood and for helpers at the Bandhall for a few hours whenever possible. Our volunteers lead busy lives, need holidays, have their own family commitments and so we operate an informal system to make sure that we maintain cover.

The voluntary work at the Day Centre is very much of a social nature such as serving tea and coffee or just chatting with clients and encouraging them to take part in activities. It does not involve any lifting of people or other heavy manual work.

If you think that you can spare an enjoyable and rewarding few hours on some Mondays and Wednesdays to suit you and you would like to make a big difference to us and to people's quality of life and make new friends please contact:

**Mark Talbot** on **01202 821786** or **Gordon Simpkin** on **01202 813805**. Alternatively email: **talbot\_tz@yahoo.co.uk**

## VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL GRANT AID APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

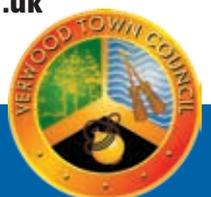
Verwood Town Council is now accepting applications for Grant Aid. The purpose of these grants is to support initiatives in the local community and to help create opportunities for the residents of the Parish of Verwood and Three Legged Cross.

The deadline for applications is 1st September 2018 and grants awarded will be given out in October 2018.

Any local organisation who would like to apply for Grant Aid should contact: Verwood Town Council, 28 Vicarage Road, Verwood BH31 6DR. Phone **01202 820880** or email **verwoodtc@btconnect.com**

## REQUEST TO RESIDENTS

Could we please request that residents ensure that their shrubs and hedging, if adjacent to a footpath, are cut back sufficiently so as not to impede pedestrians using the pathways.



## YOUR TOWN COUNCIL

### Dewlands North Ward

**Cllr. S. Bhose**  
07379 377835

### Dewlands South Ward

**Cllr. C.J. Archibold**  
07515 021504

**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 940456

### Stephens Castle Ward

**Cllr. A. Biggs**  
01202 821186

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

**Cllr. S. Gibson**  
01202 820822

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

**Cllr. M. Parker**  
0770 3342 039

**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



**VERWOOD HUB**  
COMMUNITY & LEISURE

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

[dorsetforyou.gov.uk/verwoodhub/](http://dorsetforyou.gov.uk/verwoodhub/)

## cinema

### SEPTEMBER

8th September	<b>Hotel Transylvania 3</b> (PG)	11.00am.
8th September	<b>Mamma Mia 2</b> (PG)	7.30pm.
9th September	<b>Mamma Mia 2</b> (PG)	7.30pm.
12th September	<b>Mamma Mia 2</b> (PG)	1.00pm.
12th September	<b>Hotel Transylvania 3</b> (PG)	4.30pm.

Tickets £6 Adult/£5.50 Concession/£5 Child

## events

### SEPTEMBER

2nd September	<b>"There Was an old lady who swallowed a fly"</b>	2:30pm start
7th September	<b>Ceroc</b> (Learn how to dance event)	8:00pm start
15th September	<b>Swing Unlimited Jazz Night</b>	7:00pm start
22nd September	<b>History of Rock</b>	7:30am start
25th September	<b>Bingo at the Hub</b>	7:30pm start
26th September	<b>Verwood in Tune</b> with David Thomas	7:30pm start

### OCTOBER

5th October	<b>Skate Jam</b> at the Hub	8:00pm start
13th October	<b>Verwood Concert Brass Concert</b>	7:30pm start
19th October	<b>Skate Jam</b> at the Hub	8:00pm start
21st October	<b>Christchurch 10K Run</b> (commences in Stanpit Marsh)	9:00am start
	<b>Fun Run</b>	10:00am start
25th October	<b>Halloween Party</b>	1:00pm start
27th October	<b>Stand Up</b> at the Hub (Comedy event)	6:30pm doors open
31st October	<b>Verwood in Tune</b> with David Thomas	7:30pm start

For further information contact the Hub on 01202 828740

## RINGWOOD & FORDINGBRIDGE CLUB FOR THE BLIND

The Ringwood and Fordingbridge Club for the Blind was founded fifty years ago and has been an independent charity for ten years. We provide services for blind and visually impaired people in the local town and surrounding areas.

Our friendly social club meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month (except August) 2.15pm until 4.15pm at Greyfriars Activity Centre in Ringwood and transport can be arranged.

A programme of entertainment is arranged with singers, musicians, occasional speakers, our chat afternoon and annual bring and buy sale. There is also afternoon tea, cakes and sandwiches and a raffle. We also have outings for lunches and cream teas. Volunteers also offer home visits if required providing companionship, advice and assistance.

New members and volunteers are always made most welcome.

For further information please contact Kate **01425 476568** or Russell **01425 476618** or email [rwfbclubforblind@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rwfbclubforblind@hotmail.co.uk)



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