



VERWOOD VISTA

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MAYOR'S REPORT

It is a great honour and privilege to serve as Mayor of Verwood for a second time. Already I have met many lovely people and seen some wonderful displays of talent and skills. There have been many changes in Verwood since my last term of office 14 years ago. Alan and I are looking forward to meeting new people, renewing many acquaintances and visiting many organisations in the Town.

As Mayor, I also represent the Town at Civic Events across Dorset and into Somerset. During one recent such visit, an incident filled me with delight and pride for Verwood. A lady approached Alan and I and told us she had moved to Verwood about a year ago. She then told us how much she loved living in Verwood and how happy she and her family are having moved here.

During the year, I hope to raise funds for Dorset Mind, my chosen charity. Among the events planned is an evening with Julian Richards, Archaeologist and presenter of BBC TV's "Meet the Ancestors". Julian has the gift of entertaining and informing at the same time. He is a leading authority on Stonehenge. He has an interesting collection of souvenirs of Stonehenge and will tell some amusing things about them. The event will take place on Friday 22nd September in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

Other events planned are a Quiz night, "Afternoon Tea with the Mayor" and a Vintage and Recycling sale. Details of events will appear on the Council's website and social media pages as well as on posters displayed in the Town.

Thank you to everyone who has already made my time in office memorable. Special thanks to my predecessors Susan, Sandra, Pat and Lucy and to the ladies who man the Town Council Offices, Val, Joyce and Michaela for many kindnesses and continuing support.

Cllr. Mrs. Lindsey Dedden –
Verwood Town Mayor



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Verwood Town Council Offices

Tuesday 26th September 2017
Tuesday 24th October 2107
Tuesday 19th December 2017

Three Legged Cross Village Hall

Wednesday 22nd November 2017

Remembrance Sunday Ferrett Green

Sunday 12th November 2017

Verwood Rotary Rustic Fayre

Monday 28th August 2017

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 2017** and grants awarded will be given out in October 2017. 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

POLICE REPORT



Greetings. With the summer firmly here it is that time to remind residents to be

wary of leaving windows and doors insecure whilst you are occupied elsewhere.

Theft is relatively low in the area and we would encourage the community to support us in keeping it that way. We have also seen an increase in Rogue Trading. This is a term used for when residents are cold called regarding work, over charging, avoiding cooling off periods on quotations and even taking vulnerable members of the community to the bank to obtain their ill-gotten gains. Please be aware of such traders. Should you have any concerns as to vehicles or persons involved then please contact us on Tel: 101. If you have neighbours who may be targeted then please keep an eye out for them. We work with Trading Standards to ensure these rogue traders are identified and brought to justice.

For those of you enjoying the sunny weather then please be considerate of your neighbours, we all hope to enjoy the season without the need for the Police knocking on your door.

Should you wish to contact us please feel free to do so at: **Verwoodtown-NPT@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk**

VERWOOD IN BLOOM 2017

The Verwood in Bloom competition has now taken place with Pip Holley from Willow Floristry acting as our judge. The winners below 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 16th September 2017.



Best Front Garden: **Mr. D. Giles**



Best Commercial Property: **Plane Cuisine**



Best School Display:
Verwood 1st Pre-School



Best Use of Container/Hanging Baskets and Overall Winner of the Competition: **Mrs. S. Simpson**

VERWOOD TOWN BAND 'CREAM TEA' PICNIC IN THE PARK CONCERT

The final free concert of this year from Verwood Concert Brass will take place on Sunday 17th September 2017 from 3pm to 5pm but with some added extras!



Following on from the Picnic in the Park concerts from the Verwood Training Band and the Verwood Concert Brass Band in June and July, it is the turn of the Verwood Town Band to host the concert.

If the weather is nice it will be an open-air concert on the Recreation Ground so simply turn up with your chairs and rugs and find a spot to settle in. The added extra is there in no need to bring your own picnic refreshments as delicious homemade cream teas will be available to buy along with cakes and drinks. The further added extra is that the concert will still go on even if the weather is not so good by holding it inside the Memorial Hall, in which case you don't even have to bring your own chairs.

So, a date to put in your diary for a relaxing and entertaining Sunday afternoon listening to some fabulous and varied live music whilst enjoying the delights of a homemade cream tea and refreshments.

Awards by Verwood Solar Farm

The Verwood Solar Farm

Committee were very pleased that their award of £3,000 to **Hillside Pre-School** in the spring enabled a shelter to be erected in time for the recent heatwave and also provides a covered area for wet days.

Relate have received a grant of £5,000 to enable their service to be set up in Verwood. For more information on how to obtain grants, look at the Verwood Solar Farm information on the Town Council website. The Committee is next due to meet on Monday, 16th October and applications need to be in by the end of September.



EVENTS AT THE HUB August - September

Thursday 3rd August
CHILDREN'S MAGIC SHOW
Tickets: £6 (For children 5+)

Throughout summer holidays
CINEMA

Enjoy our family cinema with recent big hits including Beauty and the Beast, Boss Baby, Smurfs and The Lost Village.

Thursday 24th August
CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP
Sessions last for one hour - £7 per child

Friday 22nd September
COMEDY NIGHTS
An exciting line up of comedians including Tanyalee Davis, Craig Murray, David Arnold and Adrienne Coles
Tickets: £10 in advance (£15 on the night).

Saturday 30th September
Children's Theatre:
DON'T DRIBBLE ON THE DRAGON
Tickets: £10 (£9 concession)

NOMINATIONS FOR FREEMAN OF VERWOOD

Verwood Town Council resolved in July 2012 to appoint Freeman of the Town. Consideration will be given to any Verwood resident who has lived in the Civil Parish for a minimum of 25 years and in recognition of outstanding and exceptional service, in terms of type and length to the community.

The appointment will be for the remainder of the recipient's life and a badge will be awarded to mark the honour. They will be invited to attend all civic occasions with an escort as official guests and be commemorated on the Honors Board in the Town Council Chamber.

Serving Town, District and County Councillors will not be eligible for nominations but former Town, District and County Councillors will be eligible for nominations.

Nominations for the honour may be made by any resident of the Parish of Verwood and Three Legged Cross.

The nomination form can be obtained from the Town Council Offices and will ask:

- What service the nominated person has made to the community of Verwood and Three Legged Cross?
- Why does the proposer consider this service to be outstanding or exceptional?
- Why they think this person would be a suitable ambassador?
- What difference has the nominee made to the Parish and Residents?

Closing date for nominations is 31st August 2017

VERWOOD ROTARY RUSTIC FAYRE

Verwood Rotary Club will once again be organising the Rustic Fayre on August Bank Holiday Monday, providing entertainment for the whole family.

The event will be "regally" opened by Verwood's own Carnival Queen at 12.00 noon. The entrance fee is £5 each with accompanied children free. Car parking is also free of charge.

There will be many popular events in the arena, including 3 X Dog Agility Display Team, Tae Kwan Do display, and a 'mini match' by the youngsters of Verwood Town F.C. & all comers Tug-o-War. As usual there will be around 250 classic vehicles on show along with static steam engines. The ever popular terrier dog racing will supply the usual excitement (and chaos!)

The main event in the arena will be a unique aerial act featuring trials cyclists competing with athletes.

The duck racing which was re-introduced last year will be repeated. This year there will again be a 'corporate' duck race for local clubs and businesses, and there will be a new event, a family duck race, with prizes suitable for families, so please support this by buying a duck for you and your children or your grandchildren.

Tickets will also be circulating for the Grand Draw with a first prize of £500. As always the proceeds will be given to local charities and organisations.



YOUR TOWN COUNCIL

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Cllr. P. Mann
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(Mayor)
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Three Legged Cross

Cllr. M. Hudson
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VERWOOD U3A

ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING FOR AN ACTIVE RETIREMENT



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

We are your local "University of the Third Age", serving Verwood, Three Legged Cross and all surrounding areas. We have grown to nearly 260 members, with 25 interest groups, run by volunteers, most meeting weekly or fortnightly in local daytime venues. There are no exams, tests, entry requirements or qualifications. "Third Age", means everyone no longer in full-time employment. If you're seeking an active retirement socially, mentally and physically, U3A offers all three!

The groups we have on offer, going alphabetically, art, badminton, bird watching, bridge (social), bridge (beginners), card making, Chinese brush painting, country dancing, current affairs, digital photography, drawing & sketching, family history, fishing, French conversation, gardening, guitar jamming, history, knit & natter, local history, play reading, reading, Spanish, table tennis, watercolour painting and women's discussion.

Monthly social activities include pub lunches, social meetings and quizzes.

Enjoy coach trips? Our Travel Group organise many interesting activities, both day trips and longer excursions.

Perhaps you personally have life skills or experience that would be of benefit to our members? If you feel able to run a class or short course we would love to hear from you. Chat things through with us and phone 01202 823541.

We are friendly, informal and welcoming and value equally the social side, with lunches, guest speakers and quizzes. Share your interests, develop new ones and make friends. Come along to our "Open Day", at the Verwood Memorial Hall, on Wednesday 16th August 2017 (10.00am to 1.00pm) or visit our stand at the "Rotary Rustic Fayre", on Monday 28th August 2017.

For details and how to join see www.verwoodu3a.org.uk or phone **01202 823541** or pick up a flyer from the library.

VERWOOD & THREE LEGGED CROSS TWINNING ASSOCIATION'S TRIP TO LIEDERBACH, GERMANY

In response to an invitation to visit Verwood's twin town of Liederbach, Germany, 18 members of the Verwood & Three Legged Cross Twinning Association visited Liederbach on a self-funded trip to celebrate the 25 year anniversary.

The trip was organised to coincide with the annual Street Festival where a stall was provided to sell Dorset produce.

The townsfolk of Liederbach loved our local marmalade, biscuits and selected teas, all provided in a Union Jack carrier bag. An excursion with a guided tour to the neighbouring town of Heppenheim was organised together with a countryside journey on solar powered train wagons!

The trip was climaxed by an official ceremony to mark the 25 year Anniversary and attended by all the host families and local dignitaries. Additional information and photographs can be viewed on the Association website:

www.twinning.verwood.org



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