



# VERWOOD VISTA

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

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## MAYOR'S REPORT

It hardly seems a few days since I wrote my first report for Vista. Since then, I have been to many very enjoyable events in Verwood including tree planting at Hillside County First School to mark the school's 50th Anniversary, to Trinity CE (VA) First School to present Badges of Office to the newly elected School Council members and to the Verwood Concert Brass concert. I have also been to several Civic Days around Dorset which have been fascinating, informative and enjoyable.

I have also spent time with Rotary members at the Rustic Fayre and one of their meetings at which there was a presentation by Dee Swinton and Dr Andrew Mayers about Dorset Mind. I have been amazed at how much Rotary does for the community. It is not just the Rustic Fayre although this is the most visible of their activities in Verwood. Most of us have some idea of the work which goes into the Rustic Fayre but it takes up so much of the Rotarians' time and is physically hard as well as time consuming and mentally demanding. Why do they do it? They are dedicated to making a difference to their community and in my opinion they succeed amazingly well. Thank you, Verwood Rotarians, for all that you do for the community.

The first fund raising event for my charity, Dorset Mind, was held in September and was even more successful than I had dared to hope. The combination of a superb "Ploughman's Supper" with a wonderful speaker, Julian Richards, was amazing. A lot of hard work by Cllrs. Sandra Grove and Susan Shaw and their team (Carol and Martin Geary, Pat and John Danes, Barbara Bowey, Lyn Ledger and Viv Clifton) provided the most deluxe Ploughman's supper I have ever seen. Very many thanks go, of course, to Julian and Sue Richards. Julian's talk including demonstration of shovelling, was very entertaining. As is traditional at fund raising events, there was a raffle. My thanks to everyone who provided several lovely prizes, to Andrews Butchers for a super "Breakfast Hamper" (the lovely ham we ate that night also came from Andrews) and to Emma Ayling, Priest House Museum for "Afternoon Tea" for two and two annual passes to the Museum.

Julian has also suggested another fundraising event, "Vintage and Recycling sale" which will be held on Saturday 3rd March, and has agreed to come and guide its organisation. As a very kind person has agreed to lend us a garage for storage, we can start to collect items for sale now. Turn out those cupboards! Anything saleable (except clothes and bedding, but including table linen) is requested. If you can help in this way or would like to be involved on the day, please contact either the Town Council **01202 820880** or me on **01202 824473**, [lindsey.dedden@gmail.com](mailto:lindsey.dedden@gmail.com). Come along and support this event – you never know what you might find!

I look forward to joining with many residents on Sunday 12th November to remember the Great War during these centenary commemorations. Two members of my own family were killed in 1917 so for me, as for many others, it will be a time of reflection and gratitude to those who gave their lives so that we might enjoy freedom.

**Cllr. Mrs. Lindsey Dedden** – Verwood Town Mayor



Tree planting at Hillside County First School

## Buying of the First Poppy



Verwood Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Lindsey Dedden purchased the first poppy for the Royal British Legion's Poppy appeal launch from Mr. Bob Richmond who is the Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Verwood Town Council Offices**

Tuesday 19th December

**Three Legged Cross Village Hall**

Wednesday 22nd November

**Verwood Christmas Extravaganza Ferrett Green**

Saturday 9th December



## POLICE REPORT



As we all start to think about the festive period just around the corner it is an ideal time to think about our home

security. Please contact your local team should you wish a crime prevention survey or visit. Also please keep an eye out for your neighbours, especially those going away. Christmas is always a time when burglars target properties, but please be reassured you live in a very safe place. I hope some of you will have come and said hello to the team in Morrisons. We have begun a community engagement event with Verwood Town Council to discuss and try and resolve local issues. Please take the time to follow us on social media so you can keep up to date with what is happening in the area. Should you have any questions or feedback for us then please do not hesitate to email the team: [Verwoodtown-NPT@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Verwoodtown-NPT@dorset.pnn.police.uk) We hope you all enjoy your Christmas parties and please remember to drink responsibly and be respectful of others.

Following reports of scam letters, phone calls and emails, please do not provide any personal details or click on email links. Take the time to speak to your local neighbourhood team or discuss the matter with Action Fraud. Such methods are a way of obtaining personal details which may expose you to financial loss. Dorset Police will always take the time to reassure you should you have any concerns.

## VERWOOD IN BLOOM 2017

Our thanks go to the Verwood & District Horticultural Society for allowing the Town Council to present the prizes and trophies to the winners of the Verwood in Bloom competition at their Autumn Show, which took place on Saturday 16th September 2017 at the Verwood Memorial Hall.

Mr. Philip Holley from Willow Floristry, who judged the competition, presented on behalf of the sponsors, Edwards Estate Agents, Irving Estate Agents and Verwood Surplus Stores the shields and the cash prizes. The shield for the overall winner of the competition was presented by the sponsor, Goadsby Estate Agents. Mr. Holley was also pleased to present trophies to members of the Horticultural Society for their competition.



Winner of the Best Front Garden - Mr. Giles being presented with his shield by Mr. Philip Holley.



Winner of the Best Use of Container/Hanging Baskets and Overall winner of the competition, Mrs S. Simpson.

## JOINT VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL AND POLICE CRIME AWARENESS EVENT

A first joint event was held at Morrison's supermarket foyer on the 15th July between 10:00 and 14:00 with the Police focussing on crime prevention and the Verwood Town Council interacting with local residents. Thanks go to Morrison's supermarket for fully supporting the event and consideration will now be given to hold more of these events on a monthly basis.

Verwood Town Council representation was from Cllr. Philip Mann, Cllr. Lindsey Dedden and Cllr. Lucy Clark

Police representation was from Sgt Nick Lee, PC Andy Robertson and PCSO Neil Mansell.

### Cllr. P. Mann



## TO ALL CARERS OR CARED FOR... do you look after someone with memory problems?

**Would you both like to come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee, to enjoy a session full of fun and mental stimulation, to share, reminisce and relax with your loved one and to make new friends?**

We have a varied programme each month which include popular songs, some from the shows, some with actions, rounds, limericks and tongue twisters. All of these contribute to a great deal of fun and laughter.

Sessions are from 10:30am to 12 noon on Monday Mornings at the Verwood United Reformed Church Hall, Manor Road, Verwood BH31 6DY (Next to the Library)

Sessions for the rest of 2017:  
27th Nov, 18th Dec

Sessions for 2018: 22nd Jan, 26th Feb, 26th March, 23rd April, 21st May, 25th June, 23rd July, 24th Sept, 22nd Oct, 26th Nov & 17th Dec.

We do not charge for these sessions. For more information please contact: Gwen on **01202 827800** or Janice on **01202 824959**.



Since providing funding for Outdoor Gym Equipment on Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground in April this year, 3LX Community Fund has made two further grants to:

- enable **Miller's Ark** to bring the sights, sounds and experiences of the farmyard to Oakdene Care Home in Three Legged Cross.
- help **Relate** to provide a service to Three Legged Cross families.

3LX Community fund was set up when Homeland Solar Farm promised to provide a fund of £13,200 per year (index linked) for the benefit of the local community. The fund has been available since 2014 when the Solar Farm started to generate electricity and will continue for the lifetime of the Solar Farm, which could be up to 40 years. To date it has provided over £30,000 for a diverse range of projects for all age groups and the annual index linked payment rose to £13,789 this year.

The Fund Committee, whose members all live in Three Legged Cross, meets every two months and always welcomes new applications for projects or events which would improve the environment or facilities of the village or bring the community together. Apply for funding using the 3LX Community Fund application form available from: Mrs. J. Read (01202 829689), online at [www.verwood.gov.uk/solar-farmcommunity-benefit/3lxcommunityfund/](http://www.verwood.gov.uk/solar-farmcommunity-benefit/3lxcommunityfund/) or from the Town Council offices.

## GOLD MEDAL FOR LOCAL GIRL

The Town Council send their congratulations to Lindsay Chapman of Three Legged Cross who won a Gold Medal at the Invictus Games, Toronto USA in the IT5 Wheelchair 100m race.

Lindsay, a former Army Private said: "Winning the gold felt totally amazing and a little over whelming. Being on that track in front of the crowds hearing them cheer was one of the best feelings I've ever had. Knowing my friends and family were there seeing the results of the work that's gone into this year... it's all come together because of their support and because they believed in me."



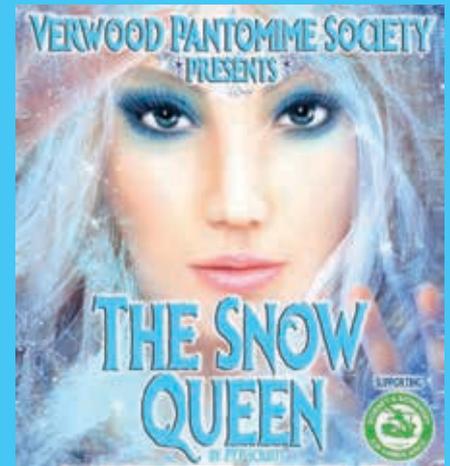
*Invictus has given me a purpose and something to get out of bed for... I've met some wonderful people from around the world. I love how Invictus has bought us all together... we're an 'Invictus family'*

## POTTERNE PARK USERS WANTED!

**The Potterne Park User Group meets four times a year to listen to feedback from users of Potterne Park and for East Dorset District Council to update users on developments at Potterne Park.**

The group currently has representatives from a number of the Sports Clubs using Potterne Park but would welcome any other people representing any club or other type of user.

Especially welcome are those who walk their dogs, use the free exercise trail, use the playpark or the skatepark.



Saturday 20th January 2018  
2pm and 6.30pm

Wednesday 24th January to Friday  
26th January – 7.30pm

Saturday 27th January  
2pm and 6.30pm

**Tickets from The Hub  
Box Office 01202 828740**

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT THE HUB

### A Christmas secret!

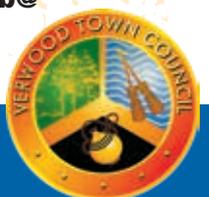
Maybe you'd like to know where the fairy on top of the Christmas tree comes from or why you never see a Christmas elf... to find out join Santa and his friends in the fun filled family musical "**Santa in Love**" showing at the Verwood Hub on Wednesday 6th December, 4.30pm. £8.50 – Includes a post-show meet and greet with Santa where children will get a gift and parents can take photos.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Celebrate Christmas in style at the Hub's **Annual Christmas Party** held in the Merryfield Theatre on Friday 8th December 2017 from 7.30pm to Midnight. £15 per person with a 10% discount available for groups of 8 or more. Traditional Christmas style buffet, Mulled wine on arrival, Christmas quiz, Disco (18+ years).

For bookings and further information call 01202 828740

or email: [verwoodhub@christchurchandeastdorset.gov.uk](mailto:verwoodhub@christchurchandeastdorset.gov.uk)



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(Mayor)  
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**Cllr. S. Gibson**  
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### Three Legged Cross

**Cllr. M. Hudson**  
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**Cllr. Ms. J. Russell**  
(Deputy Mayor)  
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**Moors Valley**  
Country Park and Forest

## CHRISTMAS CORNUCOPIA AT MOORS VALLEY COUNTRY PARK THIS WINTER

Moors Valley provides the perfect setting to choose your Christmas tree. The Park sells only British trees, ranging in height from 2 – 8ft and the choice includes the wonderfully scented Norway Spruce as well as the non-needle dropping Nordmann Fir. Holly wreathes and mistletoe are also on sale.

In the true spirit of Christmas parking is free at Moors Valley when you buy a tree from the Christmas Tree Shop which opens from 1st to 17th December or until stock runs out.

Visit Santa at the Moors Valley Railway or for all pre-booked Christmas meals at Seasons Restaurant. To book, or for full details of any event go to [www.moors-valley.co.uk](http://www.moors-valley.co.uk)

### The Fairy Godmother's Christmas Tree

*Saturday 2, Sunday 3 and Saturday 9 December, 11am or 2pm.* A special storytelling event in the forest. Booking essential.

### Festive Fun Weekends

*Saturdays 2, 9 and 16 and Sundays 3, 10 and 17 December, turn up between 12pm and 3pm.* Festive family crafts to enjoy.

### Hawks in the Forest – Family Christmas Photo

*Saturdays 2, 9 and 16 and Sundays 3, 10 and 17 December, turn up between 11am and 4pm.* Dress up in winter splendour and create a fabulous family memory holding a very special white falcon or owl in front of a beautiful Christmas tree back drop.

### Carols by the Tree

*Saturdays 9 and 16 December, 4pm.* As the light falls, enjoy singing some traditional Christmas carols outside the Visitor Centre.

### Santa Specials at Moors Valley Railway

*Saturday 9, Sunday 10, Saturday 16 or Sunday 17 December, between 11am and 3pm.* Take a trip on the narrowgauge railway to visit Santa in his railway grotto. Booking essential.

### Longdown Stable Farm Animals

*Sundays 10 and 17 December, between 10am and 4pm.* Meet the stable animals of Longdown Dairy Farm in our forest shelter. No need to book.

### The Frog Prince by Forest Forge and Bumblefly Theatre

*Monday 18 and Tuesday 19, 6.30pm.* A classic story for the festive season, filled with madcap humour and a sprinkling of magic, a large portion of family fun and brilliant storytelling. Many characters from familiar fairy tales plus a couple of lesser known gems keep the action moving whilst memorable songs will have you singing all the way home! Booking essential.

### Family Festive Quiz trail

*26 December to 1 January 2018, pick up your trail card between 10.30am and 3pm.* Look back at 2017 on our merry Christmas quiz trail with fun activities for children and tricky trivia for adults.

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