



VERWOOD VISTA

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

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Autumn is now truly with us and all our activities in Verwood are well underway. As winter approaches it is very easy to decide not to go out in the evenings and instead enjoy all the entertainment we have in our homes. Unfortunately, this is proving detrimental for some of our local groups who depend upon membership fees to pay for hall hire and other expenses. So please help keep these activities alive by continuing to participate throughout the winter and prevent the closure of more clubs and groups.



As Mayor I am being kept busy and enjoying meeting people. If you would like me to attend an event, please contact the Mayor's secretary (by telephoning **01202 820880** or emailing verwoodtc@btconnect.com) and I will do my best to be present.

I had the pleasure of supporting the British Legion by purchasing the first poppy in Verwood. I joined the Remembrance Day service at the Parish Church and the War Memorial on Ferret Green. It is always so good to see the large turnout of Verwood people for this annual event.

My Charity for this year is the Training Band section of **Verwood Concert Brass Band**. The Acorns are the youngest training group and they are just brilliant! They learn to broaden their love of music and to perform in public. Then, once they are sufficiently confident, they progress to the Training Band. I think that the work the group undertakes is a credit to everyone and Verwood should be very proud of them.

As usual on Christmas Day Councillor Simon Gibson will be organising the **Christmas Lunch** for all those who are on their own or are no longer able to make a Christmas Dinner. If you wish to attend, please contact Simon or the Town Council Office who very kindly give out forms for us. It is always a lovely day with good food, plenty of company and entertainment. We can also provide transport if needed.

I have had the pleasure of choosing my official Christmas Card from the excellent selection of pictures provided by the Verwood Photography Group. The winner was Mr Tony Harris with his beautiful 'Winter Wonderland'. I would like to thank all the entrants for taking part in the competition.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and I hope the New Year will be a good one for you.

Councillor Mrs. Pat Morrow
Verwood Town Mayor

BUYING OF THE FIRST POPPY

Verwood Town Mayor, Councillor **Mrs Pat Morrow**, purchased the first poppy for the Royal British Legion's Poppy appeal launch by the Memorial Stone on Ferrett Green from Mr. Bob Richmond who is the Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Verwood Town Council Offices

17th December 2019

21st January 2020

25th February 2020

Three Legged Cross Village Hall

Tuesday 27th November 2019

VERWOOD CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Ferrett Green

Saturday 7th December 2019



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DIGITAL CHAMPIONS

The Superfast Dorset team at Dorset Council have Digital Champions to help people all around Dorset improve their digital skills.

To contact a Digital Champion Team at Superfast Dorset, Dorset Council telephone: 01305 221048 or visit: dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Facebook.com/DorsetCouncilUK
Twitter.com/DorsetCouncilUK
Instagram.com/DorsetCouncilUK

VERWOOD IN BLOOM PRIZE-GIVING

The **Verwood In Bloom prize-giving** took place on Saturday 21st September during the Verwood Flower Show at the Memorial Hall amid the gorgeous arrangements on display.

Sponsor Edwards Estate Agents sent a representative for prize-giving.



▲ Verwood in Bloom Shields

NOTICE VERWOOD POTTERS WHEEL CAR PARK

Dorset Council have stated that they are satisfied that the correct signage is visible at the free car park in Verwood and will therefore now be enforcing a **PENALTY CHARGE** when cars are parked out of a designated bay.



▲ Mrs Luzi winner of the Allotment category

VERWOOD MEMORIAL HALL

Join the happy band of volunteers who meet for coffee on Tuesday mornings!

The committee for Verwood Memorial Hall is looking for a new volunteer to take on the role of Secretary. Responsibilities include correspondence and minutes, skills are required in administration, office procedures, computer systems and emails (training available).

Enquiries to: **Ann Abernethie**
Tel: **01202 827455**
Email: ann@annabernethie.plus.com

VERWOODIANS ON WASTE

Verwoodians on Waste have set up four recycling collection points in The Hub car park.

You can now recycle all dental care products, confectionery wrappers, crisp and savoury snack packets, cakes and biscuit wrappers. In line with the ethos of Verwoodians on Waste, pre-owned recycling bins have been sourced.



**3LX
COMMUNITY FUND**

GRANT AID AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF THREE LEGGED CROSS

Are you a group, or an individual with the get up and go to improve the facilities and environment of Three Legged Cross or even bring the community together?

If you are, the 3LX Community Fund has grants available to help finance projects or events which will help enhance our village life.

Homeland Solar Farm has provided a fund since 2014. We, as a committee have used these funds from your grant applications to support worthy projects. To see what can be achieved with these funds, please look at our Facebook page on The 3LX Community Fund to have an idea of what some of the funds have been spent on. We are quite diverse. All ages catered for.

Apply now using the 3LX Community Fund application form available online from:

**[www.verwood.gov.uk/
solarfarmcommunity.
benefit/3LXcommunityfund](http://www.verwood.gov.uk/solarfarmcommunitybenefit/3LXcommunityfund)**

Also available from the Town Council Offices at 28 Vicarage Road, Verwood or get in touch via our Facebook page and we can drop an application form round to you. The committee look forward to hearing from you soon.

**This Year's AGM is on Thursday
28th November at 7.30pm**

We will look forward to seeing you at the Verwood Road Evangelical Church.

Refreshments will be available.

VERWOOD PANTOMIME

From 18th to 25th January 2020, Verwood Pantomime Society are performing the traditional fairy-tale Pantomime of **Cinderella** by Joshua & Lewis Clarke, presented in arrangement with Smith Scripts, at the Verwood Hub.

Performances are at:

2pm and 6.30pm on **Saturday 18th** and **Saturday 25th January 2020**

7.30pm on **Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd** and **Friday 24th January 2020**

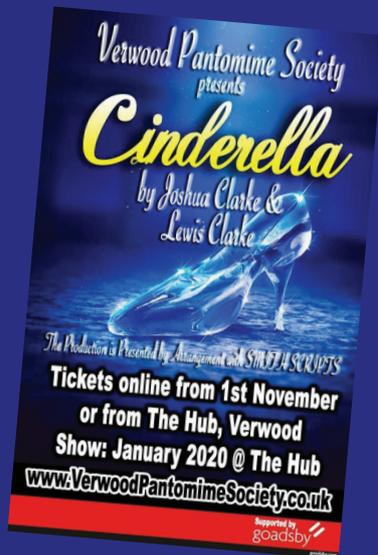
Tickets are £10 adults and £8 children on Friday and Saturdays and £7 for all on Wednesday and Thursday.

Tickets are available both at the Hub box office **01202 828740** or the Hub online.

This popular title is always a sell out so don't delay buy your tickets today.

For more information visit

www.verwoodpantomimesociety.co.uk



VERWOOD POLICE REPORT

'Hello from your Neighbourhood Policing Team'.

Check out our website; **www.dorset.police.uk** and click on Neighbourhood Policing, here you will find useful information about issues in your local area and what we have done to address them.

Have you tried the knowledge-base yet?

Ask NED is our new online non-emergency knowledge-base designed to help you find answers to common enquiries and guide you to people who can help.



SECRETIVE SMOOTH SNAKES

Amphibian & Reptile Conservation have a programme over the next 6 months to set-up a smooth snake survey and monitoring programme ready for a spring 2020 start. They will be collaborating closely with several of the wildlife conservation organisations and land managers in the Verwood area which is an important stronghold for the smooth snake. Amphibian and Reptile Conservation are planning to carry out smooth snake surveys over a four year project in order to better understand the species' distribution and conservation needs.

Anyone who wishes to find out more about the SitH project and opportunities to volunteer can do so by contacting Ben Limburn on **01202 391 319** or via email:

Smooth.Snakes@arc-trust.org

amphibian and reptile conservation



Corporate Supporter: **Bronze**

Could you make your enquiry online?

The online service is quick and easy to use. You can simply search an alphabetical list of commonly asked questions and answers, along with contact numbers of agencies who can help.

Try Ask NED first – it could save you a lot of time and effort. It helps ensure you call the correct agency first time rather than being pushed from one agency to another.

We also have a regular drop-ins/ surgeries at Verwood Police Station, keep an eye on our website and our Facebook pages for dates and time.

Over the last year we have had help and information from our communities to assist in making it a safer and wonderful place to live and work.

Jane PS 1451 MOORE
Neighbourhood Policing Team Sgt.
Verwood and Rural East Dorset

VERWOOD HUB
COMMUNITY & LEISURE

The Hub, Brock Way,
Verwood, Dorset, BH31 7QE
dorsetforyou.gov.uk/verwoodhub/

cinema listings

Judy (12A)	Saturday 7 December 7.30pm
	Wednesday 11 December 1pm and 7.30pm
The Greatest Showman (PG)	Tuesday 31 December 9.00pm



To make a booking or for further information:
Email: verwoodhub@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
Tel: **01202 82874**



YOUR TOWN COUNCIL

Dewlands North Ward

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01202 822275

Cllr Mr M Hudson
01202 974654

Dewlands South Ward

Cllr Mrs S Bhoose
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Cllr Mrs T B Coombs
01202 827376

Cllr Mr S G Flower
01202 821231

Cllr Mrs S Grove
01202 826449

Cllr Mr P Mann (Deputy Mayor)
01202 820866

Cllr Miss K Stephens
01202 940456

Cllr Mr M D Thorpe
07483 213309

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Cllr Mr A Biggs
01202 821186

Cllr Mrs L Dedden
01202 824473

Cllr Mr S Gibson
01202 820822

Cllr Mrs P Morrow (Mayor)
01202 814733

Cllr Mr M Parker
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Cllr Miss B J Salmon
07867 334841

Cllr Mr P Smith
07713 824433

Three Legged Cross

Cllr Ms J Russell
01202 822236

A Christmas Treat to Remember...

Escape the hustle and bustle of the high streets to enjoy a countdown to Christmas celebrating good old family fun at **Moors Valley Country Park and Forest**.

Give your family something to look forward to and book your special Christmas treat at **Moors Valley Railway**. You can climb aboard an authentic steam train in miniature and take a ride to see Father Christmas in his magnificent station grotto on one of the **Santa Specials**. He has presents for both adults and children and there are seasonal refreshments to enjoy including mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas cake. Advance booking is essential and costs £18.50 per person including free parking. **This event is very popular and will sell out early!**

There will also be plenty of other festive fun to be had at Moors Valley including **Christmas crafts**, a **wreath making workshop**, **family quiz trail** and **theatre show** of Little Red Riding Hood, as well as plenty of family gift ideas at the **Visitor Centre Gift Shop**.

Full details can be found on the Moors Valley website at:
moors-valley.co.uk/Christmas



Christmas Extravaganza

The Christmas Extravaganza will be held on **Saturday 7th December** between 5.00pm and 8.00pm on Ferrett Green.

Volunteers from Verwood Rotary, Flameburst, Verwood Carnival Committee, Verwood Concert Brass, Verwood Scouts and the Heathland Heritage Trust all make this a wonderful community event.

Father Christmas will arrive at 5pm, after which the Mayor and Father Christmas will turn the Christmas Lights on.

Father Christmas will be in his Grotto, Verwood Concert Brass will be playing seasonal music, food and drink will be on sale, with all proceeds going to local clubs and societies.



CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS for Verwood Town Council



Monday 23rd December	9.00am - 1.00pm
Tuesday 24th December	9.00am - 12 Noon
Wednesday 25th December	CLOSED
Thursday 26th December	CLOSED
Friday 27th December	CLOSED
Monday 30th December	9.00am - 12 Noon
Tuesday 31st December	9.00am - 12 Noon
Wednesday 1st January 2020	CLOSED.
Thursday 2nd January	9.00am - 1.00pm
Friday 3rd January	9.00am - 1.00pm

