



VERWOOD VISTA

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MAYOR'S REPORT

I would like to wish you a healthy and happy New Year in this first issue of the Verwood Vista for the new decade of 2020.



Last November I held a Christmas Wreath Making event with the kind help of Willow Floristry. This was great fun and well supported. The funds raised will go to my chosen charity, Verwood Concert Brass Training Band.



▲ Wreath making

During November I selected my Christmas card from a large number of amazing images provided by members of Verwood Photography Group. My final choice was 'Winter Wonderland' taken by Mr Tony Harris which was a beautiful picture of Dewlands Common on a bright snowy day.

During December I attended presentations at Queen Elizabeth's School, Wimborne and was delighted to meet so many talented young people. I also enjoyed a lovely Carol Service at Gillingham just before Christmas.

I hosted a Civic Lunch attended by representatives from all over Dorset where both Verwood Concert Brass Training Band and the Acorns Band kindly provided rousing musical entertainment. I would like to thank Pam Smith for providing samples of her beautiful pottery and for being on hand to discuss her work with the Dignitaries in the Council Chambers prior to the lunch.

On Saturday 7th December I was joined by the Verwood Carnival Queen and Princesses to switch on the Christmas lights at the Verwood Extravaganza on Ferret Green. Seasonal music was provided by Verwood Concert Brass Band, there was a 'teacup' ride, steam traction engines, mulled wine with mince pies and Santa met numerous children who visited him in the Grotto. Despite the cold weather, the turnout was good and a fun time was had by all.

I recently saw the Verwood Pantomime Society production of Cinderella which was excellent entertainment with outstanding performances. This society is a real asset to Verwood!



▲ Verwood Extravaganza

Music for the Mind group invited me to attend their January session. It was a fun-filled morning full of laughter.

On Saturday 18th April I am planning a Community Fun Day at Potterne Park

with the help of Cllr Shelley Rose and the Carnival Committee. Entry is open to all the residents of Verwood so do look out for more information on the following websites: Verwood Town Council at <http://www.verwood.gov.uk> and Verwood Carnival at <http://www.verwoodcarnival.com>. Your support for this will benefit the Verwood Concert Brass Training Band. I hope for a good turnout and look forward to seeing you there!

Councillor Mrs Pat Morrow
Verwood Town Mayor

HEATHLAND HERITAGE CENTRE EXHIBITION

An exhibition entitled Verwood Road Transport is available for viewing at Verwood Heathland Heritage Centre (situated beside Potter's Wheel car park and opposite the Memorial Hall). The exhibition of Verwood on the move is free to view from 09.30 to 12.30 Monday to Friday and 09.30 to 12.00 every Saturday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Verwood Town Council Offices

28th April 2020

18th May 2020 (Mayor Making)

19th May 2020

Three Legged Cross Village Hall

25th March 2020

Mayor's Charity Fundraising Events:

11th March – Bingo at the Hub

1st May – Quiz Night at the Hub

Verwood Carnival

25th May, Bank Holiday Monday



LITTER PICKING

Monthly litter picks have resumed and it would be great to see as many people as possible getting involved in keeping the town tidy.

We started the year at Three Legged Cross which was a great success. As a result, we will now add Three Legged Cross to our rota and spread the areas that we collect litter from, out across the parish.

We meet on the final Saturday of each month at 10am outside the entrance to Verwood Recreation Ground. All the equipment that you need is provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult and refreshments are available in the Council offices afterwards.

The forthcoming dates are:

- 29th February 2020
- 28th March 2020
- 25th April 2020
- 30th May 2020 (Three Legged Cross meeting at the Evangelical Church)

CLlr Simon Gibson

AGE CONCERN



*New Year resolution?
Considering volunteering?
Want to make new friends?*

Please can YOU help to make a difference to peoples' lives.

We are a small independent charity, providing a day centre and lunch club on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Band Hall in Verwood for our elderly and sociable members.

We need more volunteers as helpers at the centre, as escorts for assisting our minibus drivers and for helping with setting up and putting away in the hall. We are a flexible group, so that all our volunteers can give as much or as little time as they like - and as often or infrequently as they are able.

Think you may be interested?

Please give us a ring to find out more.

Gordon **01202 813805** or
Mark **01202 821786**

or email: **talbot_tz@yahoo.co.uk**

Registered charity No. 295369

GRANT AID 2020

Verwood Town Council is now accepting applications for Grant Aid. Grants are awarded twice a year to local organisations in April and October and the deadlines for applications are **1st March and 1st September.**

The purpose of any grant aid given by the Town Council 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. Applications will be considered for day-to-day running expenses or for a specific purpose.

Any organisation which would like to apply for Grant Aid should contact:

**Verwood Town Council,
28 Vicarage Road**

or Email: **verwoodtc@btconnect.com**
Telephone: **01202 820880**

CRANBORNE PRACTICE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

The Cranborne Practice Patient Participation Group (also known as a PPG) is seeking to increase its membership.

PPG members are volunteer patients who work with the managers and clinicians at the Penny's Lane and Lake Road Verwood GP Practices to support and promote the best possible health care for all patients.

If you are interested in joining The Cranborne Practice PPG, please ask at the surgery reception for details of how to join or email:

cranborneppg@gmail.com.

DORSET HEALTH WALKS AWARD

Roger Melton of Verwood has been a volunteer for Dorset Health Walks since 2007 and was presented with an award by the Queens representative, the Lord Lieutenant, in Dorchester.

THE CRANBORNE PRACTICE LEGS HEAL TOGETHER CLUB

A group of volunteers from across Verwood and Cranborne have set up a community project together with the Cranborne Practice & Lake Road Surgery.



It has been found that the usual ulcer care does not address the social and psychological needs of patients. A District Nurse by the name of Ellie Lindsay set up the first club back in 1990 which has proven to be a great success and many clubs are being set up across the country to help these patients. The clubs are run by volunteers away from Doctors' surgeries in a non-medical setting. In line with this ethos people who come to the leg club are members rather than patients. They are treated collectively and the emphasis is on social interaction, participation, empathy and peer support. The clubs are the only social interaction many of these people have due to the restrictions of their ongoing conditions.

The Verwood Club meets every Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm at St. Michael's Parish Hall. It is run by volunteers and assisted by trained nurses. Members are recommended to the club by their G.P.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL



Verwood Rotary Club would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to all the schools, churches, community groups and individuals for their contributions to the Christmas shoe box appeal.

Approximately 330 boxes were collected locally and 26,000 regionally.



VERWOOD SOLAR FARM

Verwood Solar Farm Fund

Since the AGM in May, the Verwood Solar Farm Fund Committee has awarded grants totalling £18,250.



Recipients have included Coach in the Community, Verwood Pantomime Society, Parish Rooms Kitchen refurbishment, Trinity School play equipment, Forest FM, Information for Older People, Methodist Church Car Park, Relate, Verwood and Three Cross Dementia Friendly Community Association, and Verwoodians on Waste.

Anyone wishing to be a part of this Committee should submit an application to:

The Chairman, Verwood Solar Farm Fund c/o The Verwood Town Council Office, 28 Vicarage Road, Verwood, BH31 6DR.

NEWS FROM CRANBORNE CHASE AONB

Cranborne Chase and Chalke Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme has been awarded a £1.68m grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.



There will be twenty projects running in the area which aim to conserve, improve and celebrate this important, dramatic and tranquil landscape for everyone. There will be lots of opportunities to get involved, whether you are interested in nature, heritage or culture, whether you live in the AONB or outside it. The projects include opportunities to help with uncovering archaeology, improving footpaths and rights of way, oral history, recording and monitoring wildlife, and ways to get involved with various artistic projects. In 2019 Cranborne Chase became the first AONB in the country to be designated an International Dark Sky Reserve, so if stargazing is your passion the AONB is holding a series of events to unfold the mysteries of the skies. So, whatever your interest, there'll be a way to get involved.

You can sign up to hear more online at www.ccwwdaonb@org.uk and go to E Bulletins part of the news and Events section.

WORKING TOWARDS A CARBON NEUTRAL TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE

Verwood Town Council's own operations currently produce approximately 36 tonnes of carbon per year, this is largely due to the heating of the building. Due to the limited alternatives available for heating, the Council have decided to carbon offset this in order to become carbon neutral. Carbon offsetting invests in sustainable energy projects and renewables and saves the equivalent carbon emissions which will give the council a net zero carbon emission.

VERWOOD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

This German telephone box was presented to the Verwood & Three Legged Cross Twinning Association by the people of our twin town, Liederbach, near Frankfurt, Germany. It has now been relocated to a new site in Dewlands Residential Park and is being used as a book exchange point. Our thanks go to the Dewlands Residents Association for their co-operation in completing this project.

The 'Twinning' hold social meetings on the second Thursday of each month in the Heritage Centre commencing at 7.30 pm. Speakers give talks and presentations on a diverse range of subjects. Entry is £3.50 for non-members... **Everyone is welcome**



Verwood & Three Legged Cross Twinning Association



POLICE REPORT

Happy New Year from all of the Neighbourhood Policing Team here at Verwood.

We are pleased to report that Verwood and the surrounding area remains a safe and low crime district. There have been a low number of reports of Anti-Social Behaviour for the area of Potterne Park. We are also aware of an incident that has been dealt with by the Dog Warden. There have now been two Partnership Meetings which we attended to discuss various community issues relating to Potterne Park. Your Neighbourhood Policing Team and Patrol Police Officers will continue to patrol the area and deal with any incidents reported to us.

Check our East Dorset Police Facebook page for further regular updates and also details of our 'meet the team' dates with venue details, usually Morrisons or the Lobby of Verwood Police Station. If you come and see us you can pick up your 'I do not buy from Doorstep Traders' stickers which are also available from the Council office.



Please also report any ASB issues to us, using 101, crime stoppers 0800 555 111 or AskNed.



Please come and speak to us if you see us out and about: PS 1451 Jane MOORE, PC 1292 Andy ROBERTSON, PCSO 5104 Adam FITZWALTER also our Rural officers, PC 2238 Tom CLEMENTS and PCSO 8194 Andy FLANAGAN.

Jane MOORE PS 1451

Neighbourhood Policing Team
Sgt Verwood and Rural
East Dorset



YOUR TOWN COUNCIL

Dewlands North Ward

Cllr Mrs L J Clark
01202 822275

Cllr Mr M Hudson
01202 974654

Dewlands South Ward

Cllr Mrs S Bhowse
07812 569974

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 Mrs S Rose
07855 201532

Cllr Miss K Stephens
01202 940456

Cllr Mr M D Thorpe
07483 213309

Stephens Castle Ward

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
07703 342039

Cllr Miss B J Salmon
07867 334841

Cllr Mr P Smith
07713 824433

Three Legged Cross

Cllr Ms J Russell
01202 822236



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

I am pleased to report another successful year for the Community Christmas Lunch. The event, now in its 8th year, was once again enjoyed by nearly 40 guests, many joining us for the first time.

The Community Christmas Lunch, held in Al Trullo's Italian restaurant on Christmas Day, is a free event for any residents who are alone. The event relies on the kind donations that we receive from members of the community, local businesses including Markline Construction, Cutler Bros Ltd and the Rotary Club. Thank you also to Verwood's newest Cllr, Shelley Rose, for her help with fundraising. Verwood Town Council staff were hugely helpful again this year.

The traditional Christmas roast is donated by Andrew Butchers, the turkey and ham were delicious as always. Frouds once again donated the vegetables and potatoes whilst Masons dry cleaners helped wrap presents for our guests. I mention the local businesses specifically, as it is a testament to Verwood that so many businesses offer to help out and we could not run the Community Christmas without them.

However, my special thanks go to the volunteers who gave up their precious time on Christmas Day to help others. This was another good year and we are looking forward again to this coming Christmas Day lunch. If you would like any further information, please email: communitychristmasverwood@gmail.com

Cllr Simon Gibson - Community Christmas Founder

DIGITAL CHAMPIONS

Gifted a gadget over Christmas? Free and friendly help is available.

If you have a computer or gadget but don't know how to switch it on or make the most of it, then help is at hand. There are over 75 Digital Champions volunteering in Dorset libraries to help people with computers, tablets, phones and more. Around 21% of people are not confident using the internet - that's around 150,000 people across Dorset.

Not everybody has access to, or the desire to use, computers but attending a session may spark an interest. People without a device can learn free of charge on the library facilities. The sessions are held in a friendly environment and go at your own pace.

Thanks to the Superfast Dorset team it is easy to find your nearest volunteer. Call Dorset's Digital Champion helpline on **01305 221048** and we'll answer any questions about the support available... **All our help is free.**



VERWOOD HUB
COMMUNITY & LEISURE

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

cinema listings

Star Wars: Episode IX The Rise of Skywalker (12A)	Saturday 29th Feb - 11am and 3pm
Cats (PG)	Saturday 29th Feb - 730pm Sunday 1st March - 2pm
Jumanji: The Next Level (12A)	Wednesday 18th March - 430pm Saturday 28th - 11am & 3pm & Sunday 29th - 2pm
1917 (15)	Wednesday 18th March - 1pm and 730pm Saturday 28th - 730pm
Sonic The Hedgehog (PG)	Saturday 11th April - 11am & 3pm Sunday 12th - 2pm & Wednesday 15th - 430pm
Just Mercy (12A)	Saturday 11th April - 730pm Wednesday 15th April - 1pm & 730pm

To make a booking or for further information:

Email: verwoodhub@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Tel: **01202 82874**

