



VERWOOD VISTA

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

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MAYOR'S REPORT



Hello to all of the residents of Verwood and Three Legged Cross. I hope that everyone was able to spend time with their loved ones this Christmas and New

Year period with the most significant covid restrictions having been lifted. It remains important for everyone to do their part, where they can, in looking after each other and themselves, to keep pushing forward during the Pandemic.

I would like to start this Vista by saying a huge congratulations to Verwood Pantomime Society. This is a long running staple of the new year in Verwood and Three Legged Cross and last year was sorely missed, both by us residents but also by the performers themselves. This year they were able to put a show on again and it was a very entertaining experience, with the odd risqué joke in there! Well done to you all.

I also hope, on behalf of the Council, that you all enjoyed the new Christmas lights at Ferret Green and in Three Legged Cross. These are the start of our ongoing development over the next few years to keep adding to the festivities. Work has also begun on expanding the Christmas Extravaganza.

As Mayor, I was lucky enough to attend various events to represent Verwood and Three Legged Cross. These included a Civic Day at Weymouth and a Carol Concert at Chickerell. I was also delighted to open the new Lidl Store and Castleman Estate Agents. I wish every success to both companies, as well as ongoing success to the many other businesses in Verwood and Three Legged Cross who have done so much to keep going during the last two years. It was also lovely to see so many members of the community at my Civic Day in December where we said thank you for all of the efforts from members of the community during the pandemic. I know, on behalf of all recipients of this help, it has not gone un-noticed and is always appreciated.

Finally, I would just like to say a thank you to our long-standing Town Clerk, Val Bright, along with a warm welcome to Carrie Lloyd who will be filling Val's shoes. Val is retiring in February this year after many years of service to Verwood and Three Legged Cross. On behalf of the Members of the Council and Residents, your hard work and diligence in carrying out your role has greatly impacted our Town, its services and events. You will be greatly missed.

Please all keep well.

Councillor Matthew Parker
Verwood Town Mayor

VERWOOD TOWN CLERK RETIRES & NEW TOWN CLERK APPOINTED

Mrs Val Bright: It has been an absolute pleasure working for Verwood Town Council and the community of Verwood and Three Legged Cross for nearly thirty years. I lived in Three Legged Cross for over 11 years and have lived in Verwood now for 32 years. I have been very lucky to work with some wonderful people who do so much for the community.

My thanks go to all the Town Councillors who supported me during my time of office. I have been blessed to have wonderful staff who have gone above and beyond my expectations. Most of all I want to thank my family, especially my late husband Andrew, who have helped and supported me whilst I held the proud position of Town Clerk to Verwood Town Council. My best wishes to my successor Ms Carrie Lloyd.

Ms Carrie Lloyd: I'm delighted to be taking on the role of Verwood Town Clerk and following in such experienced, professional footsteps as Val's. I started my Local Government career in the 1980's, working for a London Borough and have now worked for over 20 years in Town and Parish Councils as their Clerk.

My husband, my rescue Chihuahua and I have temporarily relocated to Ringwood but we will be moving into Dorset soon. I look forward to meeting as many people as possible at Town Council events or meetings.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2022

Verwood Town Council are planning a weekend of celebrations for the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.**

Proposed events over the extended bank holiday weekend from 2nd - 5th June include a village fete, teddy bears picnic and trail, open air concert and outdoor church service.

If you or your organisation would like to be involved in having a stand at the fete, sponsoring an event or participate in any other way, please contact the council offices - towncouncil@verwood.gov.uk



Mrs Val Bright handing the keys to Verwood Town Council Office to Ms Carrie Lloyd



VERWOOD YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

To enquire about Verwood Youth and Community Centre lettings please email:
youthandcommunitycentre@verwood.gov.uk

For information on Youth Socials:  @verwoodycc  youth_centre_verwood

riSEN youth group

Verwood Youth and Community Centre group for young people with SEN.

Empowerment

Support

Friends

Fun

Learning new skills

New youth club for young people with SEN age 11 – 16 living in the Verwood or surrounding area.

**Tuesdays 6 – 8pm
term time only.**

Attendance by referral only, limited places available so please email
youthworker@verwood.gov.uk
 for more information and referral form.

Volunteers Needed!

Passionate about supporting the community? Looking for experience? Able to commit a few hours every week?

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals to volunteer at Verwood Youth Club. This is an exciting opportunity for you to get involved & gain valuable experience in facilitating activities for young people.

What do you get in return?

- Youth support work experience
- Training opportunities
- Sense of achievement
- Working in a team with like-minded people

How to get involved

Email youthworker@verwood.gov.uk

Call: 01202 794359
 or message 07763713248

For more information and your application form! All volunteers are subject of DBS check

VERWOOD BOWLING CLUB CENTENARY LUNCH

Although a year late, due to Covid restrictions, an extremely successful Centenary Presentation Lunch was held at the Remedy Oak Golf Club on Saturday, 20th of November 2021, where it was a pleasure to have our Verwood Mayor, Cllr Matthew Parker enjoying presenting trophies to the winners of the many inter-match competitions Verwood Bowling Club (VBC) has each year during the April to September bowling season.

Being an active Lawn Bowling Club in the local community, VBC is proud to say they got through to the Final of the 2021 Ringwood Shield only to lose to another local club. Also, at all times, VBC welcomes newcomers and to this end will be holding

Open Days on Saturday April 30th, Monday May 2nd, Saturday the 7th and finally on Wednesday, 11th of May.

We hope to see you then
 Please visit our website

www.verwoodbowlingclub.co.uk

or contact Ken Haxby-Thompson on 01202-824682 for more detail.



Left to right - Mike Daymond (Past President), Simon Gibson (Deputy Mayor), Angela Daymond (VBC Fixtures Secretary), Matthew Parker (Verwood Mayor), Barry Chick (VBC President), Bernie Antell, Arlene Chick and Chris Antell (Trustee of the Land)



Trapped?

There is a way out



0800 917 7650
www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk



GRANTS AVAILABLE

Are you a group, or an individual keen to improve the facilities and environment of Three Legged Cross? If you are, the 3LX Community Fund has grants available to help finance projects or events which will help enhance village life.

Homeland Solar Farm has provided funding since 2014. Last year, 2021, we received £15,236. Please look on our Facebook page at the 3LX Community Fund to have an idea of how some of the funds have been spent.

With this being the Queens Platinum Year, maybe you have an idea which could mark this occasion; all ideas considered.

Apply now using the 3LX Community Fund application form available online at: www.verwood.gov.uk/solarfarmcommunity.benefit/3LXcommunityfund

Or get in touch via the Facebook page  **3LX Community Fund** and we can drop an application form round to you.

Also available from the Town Council Offices, 28 Vicarage Road, Verwood
 The committee look forward to hearing from you soon.

LITTER PICKING

All litter picks last for around an hour and equipment is provided. All ages welcome, under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information contact
 Cllr Simon Gibson
(cllr.gibson@hotmail.co.uk)

Saturday 26th February at 10.00am
Meet: Entrance to Verwood Recreation Ground

Saturday 26th March at 10.00am
Meet: Skate Park, Potterne Park

Saturday 23rd April at 10.00am
Meet: Ebblake Car Park (entrance to Ebblake Industrial estate)

Saturday 28th May at 10.00am
Meet: outside Three Legged Cross First School, Church Road.

Saturday 25th June at 10.00am
Meet: Entrance to Verwood Recreation Ground

VERWOODIANS ON WASTE

Verwoodians on Waste monthly pop up recycling surgeries are proving extremely popular and are held at the Heritage Centre on the first Saturday of each month between 9.30am and 10.30am.

Verwoodians on Waste second community Freecycle event is planned for Sunday 12 June 2022. A link to register for the event will be available in May.

Verwood Heritage Centre
 9.30 - 10.30am



REDUCE | REUSE | INSPIRE

Pop Up Recycling
 1st Saturday of Every Month

- ✓ Padlocks
- ✓ Keys
- ✓ Brita water filters
- ✓ Gillette razors (metal)
- ✓ Medicine blister packs
- ✓ Cables & wire
- ✓ Mobile phones, kindles, iPads
 (working or not, no landline or TV items)
- ✓ Foreign currency (notes or coins)
- ✓ Daily newspapers (flat)

Starting 6th November 2021.
 8th January replaces 1st January 2022.



For more eco-friendly tips & events, join
Verwoodians on Waste Facebook Group



VERWOOD POLICE REPORT

Hello readers, what follows is an update from your neighbourhood Policing Team. As the new year progresses, we continue to work closely with Local Authorities and Youth Services to better understand those who are committing offences and we are doing what we can with the resources at our disposal. We are well aware that groups of people gather at our local supermarkets, particularly in the carparks, and we patrol these areas as regularly as we can. We are in regular communication with security staff and utilise the CCTV at these establishments to help us build up a better picture of what occurs, bring offenders to justice and alter our tactics accordingly.

We continue to counter anti-social behaviour and are reacting with a positive and robust stance by taking the details of the offenders and making arrangements for face-to-face meetings between Police, offenders and their parents. Furthermore, we will, if necessary, use dispersal notices which can ban an individual from a particular location for up to forty-eight hours. Should they return to that location within the designated time frame, they will be committing an offence.

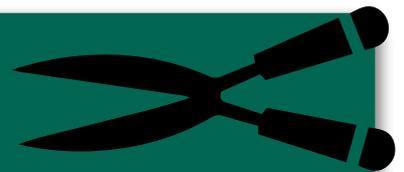
Overall, I must make it clear that the anti-social behaviour that takes place in Verwood, Alderholt and Three Legged Cross, is less severe than in other places in the county and indeed, the country but we fully appreciate that the rippling effect of crime can have a big impact on small communities. We are here to serve our communities and to enable them to continue to be safe, enjoyable places in which to live and work.

We urge the public to make us aware of incidents that they witness by contacting us on 999 in an emergency or on our non-emergency 101 telephone or email service which can be found at www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online. We do not Police local Facebook pages such as 'Verwoodians' or 'unlawful verwoodians'.

Our very best wishes and we hope to see you when we are patrolling our communities and/or at our public engagement events.

PC 207 Creasey & PCSO 7133 Pepper

REQUEST TO RESIDENTS



Could residents please ensure that shrubs and hedges are cut back sufficiently if bordering a footpath or pavement so that pedestrians are not impeded.



VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 22nd Feb - Verwood Town Council Office
- 23rd Mar - Three Legged Cross Village Hall
- 19th Apr - Annual Assembly, Verwood Town Council Office
- 26th Apr - Verwood Town Council Office

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 Bhowe
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
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 (Deputy Mayor)
01202 820822

CLlr Mr A Maw
07808 167949

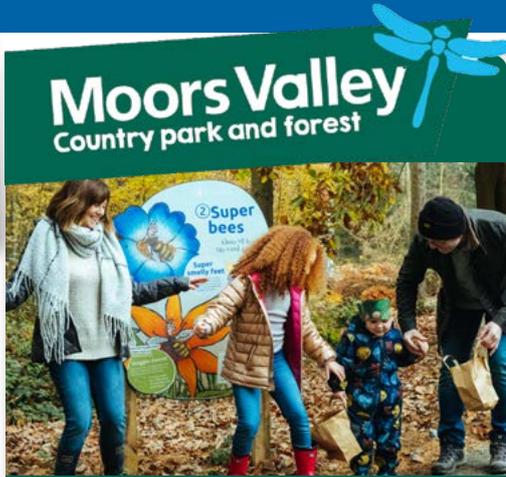
CLlr Mrs P Morrow
01202 814733

CLlr Mr M Parker (Mayor)
07703 342039

CLlr Miss B J Salmon
07867 334841

Three Legged Cross

CLlr Ms J Russell
01202 822236



Join Superworm and friends on their brand-new adventure at Moors Valley

Discover the small but mighty creatures in the much-loved story and learn about the everyday heroic feats of minibeasts in the forest.

The new self-led trail features brightly illustrated panels, click the link to find out more www.moors-valley.co.uk/superworm/

At Moors Valley there is something for everyone whether you want to enjoy a peaceful walk or cycle through the forest, experience a ride on an authentic narrow-gauge steam train, Go Ape on a high wire adventure, take a segaway or visit the play trail. **Gates open from 8am every day.**

For more information contact: rangers@moors-valley.co.uk 01425 470721

Discover more at www.moors-valley.co.uk

GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

Verwood Town Council are accepting applications for Grant Aid up until 1st March 2022.

Grant Aid funding is available for community organisations who can demonstrate a clear need for financial support. The organisation must be either charitable or non-profit making, it must have clearly written aims and objectives, a written constitution and membership rules. An organisation can only make one application per year but the Town Council awards Grants in April and October, the deadlines for applications being 1st March and 1st September.

Download an application form from: http://www.verwood.gov.uk/Grant_Aid_33546.aspx

Return to the Town Council either via email at: towncouncil@verwood.gov.uk or to the office at 28 Vicarage Road.

VERWOOD HUB COMMUNITY & LEISURE

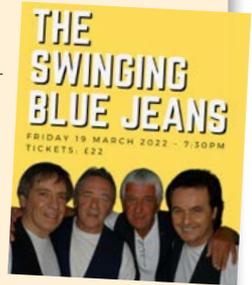
Friday 25 February 7:30pm
The Comedy Store (16+)
Tickets: £15

Saturday 25 February 7:30pm
A Bolt From the Blue
Tickets: £12-14

Saturday 5 March 7:30pm
The DURAN DURAN experience -
Tickets: £20

Saturday 11 March 7:30pm
Samantha Sings the Shows
Tickets: £15

Saturday 19 March 7:30pm
The Swinging Blue Jeans
Tickets: £22



Friday 8 April 7:30pm
A Comedy Extravaganza (16+)
Tickets: £15

Friday 22nd April 7:30pm
Ultimate Elton
Tickets: £20

Saturday 29 April 7:30pm
The Comedy Store (16+)
Tickets: £15

Saturday 14 May 7:30pm
Pop-up Bowie
Tickets: £20

Wednesday 18 May 7:30pm
An Evening of Spiritual mediumship with Dan Clarke
Tickets: £12

Saturday 2 May 7:30pm
The Boogie Bumpers
Tickets: £10

Saturday 28 May 2:30pm and 7:30pm
The D-Day Darlings
Tickets: £20



For up-to-date information and to book tickets please contact Verwood Hub
verwoodhub@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
Tel: 01202 828740

