



VERWOOD VISTA

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Much has changed since the last edition of the Verwood Vista. The death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth left many of us shocked and feeling a profound sense of loss. Only a few months ago the town was celebrating the Jubilee and now the town mourns the loss of our beloved Queen. It was an honour to lay flowers in her memory and to attend a service of thanksgiving. To read the Proclamation for our new king was also an honour and I was pleased to see so many people turn out to witness and support this historic occasion.

The Council is now in the process of organising an event to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III in May next year. Please keep an eye out for plans as they develop and please do get involved to ensure that this is another memorable day for our community. Events such as the Jubilee and hopefully the Coronation, help bring us together as a town and I am very much looking forward to it.

Due to the period of mourning, the Tour of Britain cycle race was cancelled. I hope that it might be possible for Dorset and Verwood to be part of next year's race. I know that many people were looking forward to seeing the world class cyclists coming through Verwood so I will be working with colleagues at Dorset Council to encourage the Tour to visit us next time.

The Council purchased several flower planters to place along the route which have helped to improve the look of the town.



Alongside the planning for a Coronation event, the Council is looking to enhance this year's Christmas Extravaganza on Ferrett Green. This year's event will be held on Saturday 10th December. The Council is working alongside many of the groups that always make this event a success to see how we can make the Extravaganza even better this year. The Council has decided to have a Christmas tree on Ferrett Green, which I think will be a lovely addition to the town centre.

I know that many people have concerns about energy costs this winter. The Town Council has opened up the Council offices to offer a warm space for people who need it. I know that other places across the town are doing the same and I am grateful that the community is trying to help those in need this winter. I firmly believe that Verwood is a place full of caring people and initiatives such as warm spaces are a good example of that.

Councillor Simon Gibson



MAYOR OPENS CHARLOTTE'S PLACE PLAY PARK

On Friday 26th July, Verwood Mayor, Councillor Simon Gibson, officially opened the fully refurbished under 12s play park at Charlotte's Place, Juniper Close, Three Legged Cross with Councillor Ms Jane Russell.



DEATH OF THE MONARCH

The Mayor, Cllr Simon Gibson laid a floral tribute by the Memorial Stone on Ferrett Green on behalf of Verwood and Three Legged Cross following the death of her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. The town observed a mourning period with lowered flags, tributes in business/shop fronts and churches remaining open for the lighting of candles as well as flowers from residents on Ferrett Green.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA



The Christmas Extravaganza will be held on Saturday 10th 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.

During the evening, the Mayor, Cllr Simon Gibson will turn on the Christmas Lights which will include a beautifully illuminated Christmas Tree in addition to the festive light display which was in place last year.

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



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

Youth Club Programme:

Year 7

Monday 21 November
 No screens week! with games
 and craft stations
 Monday 28 November
 Wii games tournament

RiSEN group

Tuesday 22 November
 No screens week! with games and craft
 stations
 Tuesday 29 November
 Chill and order take out night

Seniors

Wednesday 23 November
 No screens week! with games
 and craft stations
 Wednesday 30 November
 Pizza making

Year 8

Wednesday 23 November
 No screens week! with games and craft
 stations
 Wednesday 30 November
 Pizza making and put up Christmas
 decorations



THREE LEGGED CROSS COMMUNITY FUND

Do you have an idea that would benefit the community of Three Legged Cross? If you can answer 'yes' to this question then you could be eligible for some funding. Individuals or groups are invited to apply.

The 3LX Community Fund is sponsored by Homeland Solar Farm and is for the benefit of the residents, community and environment of Three Legged Cross. To obtain an application form please email:

3lxcommunityfund2014@gmail.com
 or telephone Jill on 01202 829689

RUSTIC FAYRE

Verwood Rotary Club are delighted to report our Rustic Fayre on August Bank Holiday Monday raised just over £12,000. Club members are now underway with the enjoyable task of dividing all of this up to support charities, organisations and activities across our local community.

Club member Louisa Hiscock said 'Looking back on this event it was great to see all the planning come together for a fantastic afternoon out for all the family in Verwood. The Verwood Carnival Queen and Princesses opened the fayre with Clive Grove (Club President) and events got underway. In the arena this included demonstrations with birds of prey, Morris dancers and Tae Kwon-do, followed by the always popular terrier racing, mini horses and dog agility. There were stalls aplenty to browse, musical entertainment, a choice of food and drink venues, a classic vehicle display, a pet show and children's entertainers. A highlight for many was the Avro Lancaster flypast mid-afternoon followed by our well-supported duck race. We even had a guest appearance by a very well-behaved dalek!'

Plans are now already underway for next year's fayre and the club would like to thank all for their support of this special annual event in Verwood's calendar.



President, Clive Grove and Mayor, Cllr Simon Gibson start the duck race



Dalek at Rotary Tent

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

After a break caused by the pandemic, the Community Christmas lunch will be held. **The event is returning to Crane Valley Golf Club this year and will be held on Friday 23rd December.**

The event is free for all guests and is open to anyone who would like company over the Christmas period. There is a lovely two course Christmas Dinner, Christmas music and a chance to come together. Numbers are limited and booking is essential. If you would like to attend or if you know anyone who you think might enjoy the event, please contact Simon Gibson by emailing communitychristmasverwood@gmail.com

The Community Christmas team are hugely grateful to everyone who enables the event to remain free including Crane Valley Golf Club, Andrews Butchers, Verwood Rotary Club and Alan Froud Ltd.

WARM SPACES

In response to the energy crisis and increased cost of living, Verwood Town Council have opened up a Warm Space for members of the public between 10.30 and 12.30 each Wednesday at the Council Chambers, Verwood Town Council, 28 Vicarage Road, Verwood, BH31 6DR. Everybody is welcome and warm drinks are provided free of charge.

GRANT AID AWARDED

Verwood Town Council was pleased to award Grant Aid to the following organisations:

Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck.....	4,000
Forest Community Radio (Forest FM).....	2,500
Verwood Concert Brass.....	1,600
Verwood Pantomime Society.....	2,000
Verwood & Three Legged Cross Dementia Friendly Community Assoc.....	400
Total:	10,500

VERWOODIANS ON WASTE

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



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

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR THE SCOUTS

Are you interested in helping young people to achieve their best? Have you some free time you can spare each week or even once a month? Were you in Scouting or Guiding yourself and would now like to give something back?



If you can help in any way, please contact: Carolyn Inge, Group Scout Leader 01202 824196/07990 528241

Alcoholics Anonymous
 YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIVE HERE TO CALL US!
 THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS A DESIRE TO STOP DRINKING
0800 917 7650
 GO ONLINE AT: alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk

Alcoholics Anonymous have a regular meeting at the Verwood Methodist church, Vicarage Road, BH31 6DR, on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm - everybody is welcome.

POLICE REPORT

PC2562 Lee Lawrence has come to us from Poole Neighbourhood Policing Team. Lee will be covering East Dorset Rural areas, taking over from PC2238 Tom Clements who has now taken over the Rural Blandford Neighbourhood Police Team role. Lee has 15 years' service and has worked as a uniform response Officer at Bournemouth and Wareham before joining Neighbourhood Police Team in Poole. He comes to us with a wealth of experience and understanding with ongoing and complex neighbourhood issues.



PC2562 Lee Lawrence

In terms of crime, Verwood is still very low compared with most other areas in the county. We have seen a spike in minor anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the town and around our supermarkets. Most of the youths have been identified. We are working with Dorset County ASB team and together, we have sent warning letters home to parents. We are also working on some temporary CCTV with the council to cover the recreation ground which has been subject to concerns over drug use and ASB over the last few weeks.



All other crime has remained very low over the summer and will hopefully continue as we go in to Winter. People are encouraged to sign up to Dorset Alert which will give a comprehensive overview of crime in their areas: <https://www.dorsetalert.co.uk/>

We urge the public to make us aware of incidents that they witness by contacting us on: 999 in an emergency - 101 for non-emergency or email us at www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online PC 207 Creasey

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a national initiative which brings together the community and the police in a joint endeavour to act as a deterrent, highlight speeding concerns, reduce road casualties and improve community safety. CSW is community driven and is a way of re-assuring residents that they can play their part in keeping our roads safe.

If you are interested in being part of a Community Speed Watch scheme, please contact Verwood Town Council:
 Tel: 01202 820880 / email: towncouncil@verwood.gov.uk



COUNTRY WATCH WEBSITE

Friday 23rd September 2022 saw the launch of the Country Watch Website, a one-stop rural resource centre for all things related to rural crime in Dorset.

For more information go to: www.countrywatchdorset.co.uk



VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS
 Wednesday 23rd November
 Three Legged Cross Village Hall
 Tuesday 20th December
 Verwood Town Council Office
 Tuesday 31st January
 Verwood Town Council Office
 Tuesday 21st February
 Verwood Town Council Office

YOUR TOWN COUNCIL

Dewlands North Ward
 Cllr Mr M Hudson
 01202 974654

Dewlands South Ward
 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
 (Deputy Mayor)
 07483 213309

Stephens Castle Ward
 Cllr Mr A Biggs
 01202 821186

Cllr Mrs L Dedden
 01202 824473

Cllr Mr S Gibson (Mayor)
 01202 820822

Cllr Rev'd J Macro
 01202 814270

Cllr Mr A Maw
 07808 167949

Cllr Mrs P Morrow
 01202 814733

Cllr Mr M Parker
 07703 342039

Three Legged Cross
 Cllr Ms J Russell
 01202 822236



CORONATION EVENT



Following the announcement by Buckingham Palace that the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6th May 2023, Verwood Town Council has set up a working party to organise a town event in celebration of this historic occasion. Further details will be released in due course.

Hub Cinema VERWOOD HUB COMMUNITY & LEISURE

November

<p>THOR: LOVE AND THUNDER TZA</p> <p>Saturday 12th - 11am and 3pm Wednesday 16th - 4:30pm</p>	
<p>Fisherman's Friends 2 TZA</p> <p>Saturday 12th - 7:30pm Sunday 13th - 1pm Wednesday 16th - 1pm and 7:30pm</p>	

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!



Adults: £6
 Child: £5
 Concessions: £5.50
 Family: £19.50*

*2 adults, 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children

For full listings of events and cinema please go to the Verwood Hub website:
www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/sport-leisure/leisure-centres/verwood-hub/verwood-hub

LITTER PICKING

Saturday 26th November at 10.00

Meeting at the Skate Park, Potterne Park

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

Following the litter pick in November there will be a short break over the winter months with litter picks resuming early next year.

If, however, you would like to borrow the litter picking equipment or if you have areas where you would like future litter picks to visit, please contact Cllr Simon Gibson:

Cllrsimon.gibson@verwood.gov.uk



Moors Valley

Country park and forest

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 segway or visit the play trail.

Gates open from 8am every day

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



Aladdin

by Joshua Clarke & Lewis Clarke

Saturday 21st - Saturday 28th January 2023
 @ Verwood Hub. Box office: 01202 828740

VERWOOD PANTOMIME SOCIETY

After such a successful first show post-lockdown with Cinderella 2022, the Society are busy rehearsing with another amazing script by Joshua Clarke and Lewis Clarke. The forthcoming show contains lots of modern songs and dances, topical jokes and exotic costumes direct from the orient along with a brilliant cast.

The Box office is open from 1st November with prices held, yet again, at:

£7 for all on Wednesday and Thursday at 7.30pm

£10 adults and £8 children on Friday at 7.30pm and both Saturdays at 2pm and 6.30pm.

Call 01202 828740 or book at the Hub box office online.

For more info about this award-winning society see www.verwoodpantomimesociety.co.uk