

Mayors Diary Boroughbridge Monday 3rd October 2016

A week of contrasting halves! Having spent mid week at Centre Parcs with family it was back to council business with a thump. Just landed back home in time to do a radio interview for Stray FM with regards to the Archie White memorial event. Then, with just enough time to get changed and take the short journey to Allerton Castle where along with other VIP guests we enjoyed a fabulous tour of the castle, meeting some of the trustees who have secured its historic future for all. The restoration is truly magnificent.

On Friday evening I was invited to join the local scout group at Langthorpe village hall to talk about the life of being a Mayor and what it was like being a local councillor. Hope they found it worthwhile and not too boring!

On Saturday morning Pauline and I were up early making final preparations for the unveiling of the memorial Plaque in Hall Square for Captain Archie White VC. The sun shone as we made our way to the Jubilee Room to welcome our VIP guests. Among the guests were, the Queens representative the Lord Lieutenant, the Mayor of Harrogate Nick Brown, and our MP Andrew Jones. But of course the special guests were several of Archie Whites family; some were meeting for the very first time so quite an emotional time for them. As we gathered down in Hall Square we were greeted by some of our High School musicians who had kept the gathering crowd entertained. The standards were then marched in to start a truly emotional and reflective service. The Lord Lieutenant Barry Dodd unveiled the plaque, and wreaths were laid. After the ceremony the family, friends and veterans joined us in the Crown Hotel for an informal drink to reflect on the mornings events. I would like to thank ALL those who helped make the event so special for Archie Whites Family as you can see from the photographs kindly taken by Stuart Watson.



