

Mayors Diary Boroughbridge Nov 21st 2016

This week I thought it was time to get the garden tidied up, and my motorbikes put to bed for the winter. So hedges cut, pond cleaned out and shrubs pruned. Motorbikes cleaned, oiled and sheeted. Just the leaves to sweep up when they eventually fall off.

On Tuesday evening we attended a Thanksgiving lunch at Menwith Hill along with other invited guests. The meal and hospitality was fabulous and we had a wonderful evening. We left a little apprehensive and wondered what havoc our mischievous young collie had caused at home. No need to have worried as all was well, almost!

Mid week was a time to sort out the mountain of paperwork and e-mails, checking invites and tackling my "things to do" list. And although I am a bit of a Bah humbug, it was also time to start looking at our Christmas card list!

And on a Christmas theme on Saturday morning Pauline and I attended a Christmas fair at Ripon Town Hall organised by Scuba Diving for All. We had a lovely festive morning joining in with some of the games. One game I thought I had in the bag, putting marbles through the bottom of an upturned flower pot with a spoon... 106 I managed to get through the small hole. Pauline managed 112. So then it was time to guess the number of seats in the ginger bread house, and guess what my guess won. So we won one game each a fair result. Then time for a catch up with the Mayor and Mayoress of Ripon and the Mayor of Knaresborough over a coffee and mince pie.





On Sunday we attended the Oak Leave service at Ripon Cathedral. A very emotional and moving service to remember all those who have lost their lives on North Yorkshires roads and to say thanks to all those involved in the emergency services who help those when they need it most

It was doubtful at one point if we were going to be allocated a new community police officer following the retirement of Neil Waite. I am pleased to say that our new officer started on Monday and I will be meeting him this week at some point, so good news.

At the last council surgery some residents were concerned about the lack of road markings on the road adjacent to the primary school. It has become very difficult to see the traffic calming humps as the white markers have worn away along with the word "slow" reminding drivers of the sharp bend. I can report these will be reinstated but not until spring to allow the surface to dry out allowing the paint to adhere properly

One last reminder the closing date for anyone interested in joining the council, those co-option forms need to be returned by the 7th of December.