

Mayors Diary - Boroughbridge Monday 10th April 2017

A week in which there was a hint that summer is on its way and Pauline and I took a few days off to enjoy the Northumberland coast line with lovely long walks on the beach with Nell.

Before our trip away I had a very full Tuesday evening with a planning meeting, the Annual Assembly and then a full Council Meeting. The Annual Assembly is not a council meeting as such. It is an opportunity for members of the community to hear the Mayors', and our district and county councillor's annual report. It is a shame that more people do not come a long to hear all the work that has been carried out on their behalf. However, my thanks to those who did attend.

The news that our Primary School received a "good" OFSTED report recently is now published. My congratulations to all involved. I know what a difficult and stressful time this can be. So both our schools are "good" schools and a great asset to our town and community. The Year 10 Young Enterprise Group from Boroughbridge High School went to the Harrogate and District Schools competition a couple of weeks ago where they set up their stall, handed in their business report and were interviewed by the judges from the world of business. Competing against lots of other local schools they did an excellent job and won the award for Best Financial Management against stiff competition. Well done to all those who took part

A couple of weeks ago I went to view the new proposals for the extension of the small housing development in Minskip. This is a small development of affordable accommodation. The Council will obviously comment once plans are submitted.

The Brighter Boroughbridge group have been busy once again with a change of display at Stump Cross and Chatsworth Grove, with new works of art by the Jennyruth Workshops. All in preparation for the Spring judging on Wednesday 12th



A few news snippets. The new HGV restriction should be in force soon, a little behind schedule but on budget. There are now three trees in Boroughbridge cemetery that have been surveyed and considered a risk so will need to be felled on completion of correct planning consents. We shall shortly be setting up a small task force to consult with all concerned with regards to the future of the towns CCTV. And last but not least the long drawn out process of establishing the correct legal ownership of the Water Rats site is moving on well. A big thank you all those involved in that project. The Boddy's Wood yard site is still cause for concern with regards to being a very dangerous play area for many young people on a weekend. There are asbestos roofs, covered pits and huge amounts of broken glass.

It only needs someone to fall on a shard of glass and the consequences could be very serious. The police are aware and patrol on a regular basis. The site should be demolished once the sale is complete. If you have a youngster please warn them of the dangers and tell them to keep away. Know where they are and keep them safe! Hope the weather stays fine and everyone has a great Easter break.