

Mayor's Diary - Boroughbridge May 22nd

Last week we were unable to attend a kind invitation from the 6th Regiment RLC to join them at Thirsk Races. However our Deputy Mayor and Mayoress Geoff and Lilian Haldenby took our place. I am reliably informed that they were very well looked after by not one, but three Lieutenant Colonels: Tim Crossland, Rob Alston, and Barney Barnbrook. I also understand that Geoff and Lilian managed to avoid all the winners. Still a great evening.



On Tuesday evening Pauline and I attended a charity fashion show with a difference at Henshaws craft centre in Knaresborough. The event was arranged by the Mayor and Mayoress of Knaresborough to highlight the benefits of recycling clothes rather than spend a fortune on new ones. A lovely yet thought provoking evening. The event also highlighted the use of cheap labour and chemicals to provide cheap clothing for our western markets.

On Friday we were back to Knaresborough representing our community in their Mayor Making ceremony. A warm welcome greeted us to see David Goode elected as Mayor.

On Sunday morning Pauline and I walked across to Coronation Hall where we met some of the many riders taking part in their Vintage Motorcycle run organised by the North-Eastern Branch who meet regularly in the hall. They left the hall in lovely sunshine, a wonderful sight for a classic motorcyclist like myself.



A couple of snippets of other news. My Community Awards Scheme is taking shape. There will be 10 categories for people to make nominations in, and I am just making sure that there are plenty of ways in which people can make those nominations. I have had one very kind offer of sponsorship for the scheme, but would also welcome a couple of volunteers to help with the collation of

nominations, judging and the awards ceremony itself. I am hoping to launch the scheme later in June or early July. I will keep you informed. If you would like to lend a hand can you please contact the council office: info@boroughbridge.org.uk

We appear to be inundated with new developments in and around our community. Not only do they include approximately 700 new homes and a motorway service area but I have now learnt that there are plans afoot for a sugar beet factory close to the incinerator plant at Allerton Park. These are testing times as we try to balance need against opportunist greed. We need to protect our community and environment whilst providing sustainable homes and jobs.

