

MAYORS DIARY



Jan - Feb 16

Always a quiet time post Christmas and the New Year with very few events in the local area. At the end of January Julie and I were invited to the launch of 'Boroughbridge Live' a new organisation brought to the area by the organisers of the very successful 'Plot to Plate' events held in the Town over the last few years. The aim of this organisation will be to help and support events happening in the Boroughbridge area. One event they are hoping to organise will be a **Boroughbridge Secret Garden**, to be held in August. Anybody who has any ideas for events etc in the local area or would like to assist in any event can contact the group through their website www.boroughbridgelive.btck.co.uk. They get my full support and I wish them all the very best for their future endeavours.

The beginning of February saw us once again being affected weather wise by Storm Henry! I have mentioned in the past that naming these depressions seems to make it more personal, especially in this case as 'Henry' is my middle name. We are currently under the influence of Storm Imogen. Last week Julie and I had a short break in the Lake District and went to an area badly hit by the floods at the end of 2015. Following this short break we also spent a day in York. It was very moving to see the local hostelrys and businesses trying to get back on their feet following these floods.

The Town Council held their Monthly meeting on Tues 2nd, details of which will be available on the Town Council's website. One item on the agenda that concerned me was that Harrogate Borough Council are considering charging every household £39 per annum for the disposal of garden waste. Does this mean we will have more control over our garden rubbish? If we are paying for a service can we request that it is collected at our call? Do we get a rebate if we have no rubbish? Will my bin be emptied if it is overfull

because I'm paying? A lot of questions to be asked and answered and surely this idea will only encourage 'Fly-tipping'!

Have a good week.