

MAYORS DIARY



20th Dec 15- 10th January 16

Happy New Year

Julie and I would like to wish everyone a happy, safe and prosperous New Year. Sadly the Christmas and New Year break saw Boroughbridge once again plagued by flooding. Admittedly this was not as bad as some of the areas of the Country, especially York but still distressful to say the least. One of the major problems that Boroughbridge has is our reliance on the waste water pumping station located on Aldborough Ings. This station pumps waste water from Boroughbridge and the surrounding areas into the nearby sewage plant. Built on a flood plain this pumping station ends up being submerged and subsequently stops working, resulting in raw sewage and waste water backing up and then flooding mainly into the Back Lane and Back Lane car park area. This is a recurring and troublesome problem which for some reason Yorkshire Water has great difficulty in resolving. This will only get worse as new homes are built in the area. The pumping station needs to be equipped with dare I say 'waterproof pumps' that continue to work in all conditions. Perhaps some of Mr Cameron's pledge of £40m would help solve this, we shall see. I would like to thank the local emergency committee and all the volunteers for their tireless help during these floods but I would especially like to thank Boroughbridge Fire and Rescue for their determined and unfaltering efforts to keep the water level down in Back Lane in what can only be described as appalling conditions.



Finally I would like to remind everyone that Boroughbridge Town Council will be holding another walk in surgery on Saturday 23rd January, 10am-12pm in the Council Office at 1 Hall Square, Boroughbridge (next door to the Tourist Information Centre!) Residents are invited to come and meet their local councillors and discuss any problems or issues they may have. Have a good week.

Kenny