

Mayors Diary Boroughbridge September 12th 2016

Firstly the Council were relieved to find out that the family involved in a recent house fire in the Town are all safe, and we wish them well.

Now I will try to keep you up to date with some of the events, following this month's council meeting. Firstly I must apologise for what seems an age in sorting out the issues with the Water Rats site. Due to its very long history in the town there are still some documentation issues to sort out and it doesn't help when a government department loses them in the process! Once everything is finalised our dedicated working group will meet to consider all the options to secure the best solution for the town. Work to tidy up Boroughbridge Cemetery is now well underway. Lots of overgrown ground cover has been removed along with unsightly rubble. I hope people can be patient with us whilst we continue with the other ground work and clear the large amount of brash. This will be dealt with as soon as we can. Works should soon start on painting the railings in the very near future.

Our emergency committee can report that Yorkshire Water have finally allocated a large pump to the Town. Hopefully that will be stored at the fire station in Back Lane. This should alleviate the flood risk in Back Lane if required.

The Butter Market in Hall Square looked very splendid in the late afternoon sun but we have discovered that we have an infestation of wood worm in some of the artefacts and roof timbers, so we will have to give this some urgent attention.



Hall Square will be our venue for a very special service and unveiling of a commemorative plaque to celebrate the town's war hero Archie White. This will take place at 11am on Saturday the 1st of October. I hope as many people as possible can spare some time to join in the event. The unveiling of the plaque will be performed by the Queens's representative Barry Dodd the Lord- Lieutenant.

On Sunday Pauline and I attended the Battle of Britain service in the Spa Gardens at Ripon and then in the Cathedral. It was fabulous to be treated to a Spitfire flypast. A time for thoughtful reflection, a truly emotional and atmospheric event. Then back home to give our garden some much needed attention.