

## Mayors Diary 19th Sept

On Sunday Pauline and I went to Rio, well not the real one. A family event supported by Boroughbridge Live in the grounds of the Methodist Church Hall. On display was one of the 2012 Olympic torches, still impressive and honoured to hold it. Games, crafts,



stalls and refreshments kept everyone entertained in the warm afternoon sunshine. Well done to everyone and thanks to Monika Kus for the great photos. Whilst I am on the subject of

young families the small fair that visits the town each year is planning to revisit again early October. There will be usual restrictions to limit inconvenience to surrounding households and businesses.



Congratulations are now in order to our Brighter Boroughbridge Group who have been working so hard in the town taking on and tidying up and improving neglected areas. The final spring and summer judging took place earlier this year with the results and award ceremony being held at York race course a few days ago. Five of the Brighter Boroughbridge group attended and eagerly awaited the results. The announcement was made. Spring judging achieved a silver award, summer judging a silver-gilt award. Hazel Goss collected the certificates amid tumultuous applause. Well done, a wonderful moment for all concerned, especially as it was the first time they have entered Yorkshire in bloom: A credit to the Town. Not only that but a few weeks ago with the help of Boroughbridge Live and some helpers from Boroughbridge High School held an open gardens day raising just over £2000.00. I think another well done is in order.

Good news, bad news time. Good news first. As promised work continues with Boroughbridge cemetery, the railings have been cleaned and will soon be ready for a new coat of paint. The bad news, once again I am dismayed and disappointed that the youth shelters in the town have been defaced and left in an appalling mess. I do wonder if as a council we should look at having them removed.

On a very different note you may have heard that the Boundaries Commissions has been looking to reduce the number of MPs. This of course means changes to constituency boundaries. So I went on to the website where it suggested entering your postcode and it would show the constituency that is proposed for your area. . In went my post code. Selby and Ainsty came in to the frame. To say I was astonished would be an understatement. How can this be possible? How do the good people of Boroughbridge and Aldborough relate to Selby? Have your say the web site suggested, so I did.