

## Mayors Diary Boroughbridge Sept 26th 2016

This week I would like to congratulate BACLA (Boroughbridge Area Community Library Association). They have now achieved charitable status managed by a board of trustees and more than 25 volunteers. Their plan is to start running the current library services in the town in partnership with NYCC as from December the first. They intend to widen the scope of activities and provision to become a true community hub. Keep an eye out for further information and events. I wish them well and trust the community gives them the support they deserve.

Work continues in Boroughbridge cemetery. Most of the overgrown vegetation has been cut back and the railings are benefitting from a new coat of paint. We plan to get a chipping machine in to deal with all the brash sometime soon, so I apologise in advance for the noise!



"Think you could fill these boots"? is the slogan for the latest recruitment drive for our retained fire and rescue crew in the town. They do a magnificent job, however to maintain that high level of service and commitment to the town and surrounding area they need to recruit more staff. If any person wishes to become a retained fire-fighter then either call in at the station on a Monday evening or contact their human resources team via the website.



On Sunday Pauline and I attended the civic service in Ripon Cathedral for Nick Brown the Harrogate Mayor. This was a great and uplifting service. It was a great district event.

I have just been reminded by Pauline to include a timely reminder to make sure our sheds garages and outbuildings are kept locked and secure as the days are unfortunately drawing in. There have been one or two burglaries locally in recent weeks, so please be vigilant.

And finally I make no apology for mentioning again the Archie White VC memorial unveiling in Hall Square on Saturday 1st October at 11am. It has been confirmed that his VC medal will be on show with a guard of honour. There will be almost 50 VIP guests and the Queens representative the Lord-Lieutenant - Barry Dodd will carry out the unveiling. I hope to see you there.