

Mayors Diary Boroughbridge 7th November 2016

Last week Pauline and I were invited to the Harrogate & District Volunteering Oscars Awards for 2016. It was my great pleasure to announce and present two of the awards. The event was a tremendous success with some fantastic nominations from across the District and over 250 people attending as you may have seen in the photographs last week. It was amazing to see how many volunteers are out there working in our district helping others on a daily basis. Let's have a few more nominations from Boroughbridge next year, we have plenty of great people out there. A very well done to all those involved in making the event such a success.

Whilst we are talking of good news art student Megan Jarvis a year 13 student representing Boroughbridge High School won a Highly Recommended for her art work against stiff opposition at a recent competition. Well done Megan.

Following the recent council meeting I can now report that we are looking into the possibility of installing 2 quick charging points for plug-in rechargeable hybrid and electric cars. The planning is in the early stages in conjunction with Harrogate Council and Highways England. This will put Boroughbridge on the electric car points of interest map. The quick chargers can charge a vehicle in approximately 30 minutes. If this facility goes ahead it will be at no cost to the town. I will keep you posted

I can also report that we have received an apology from NYCC highways department with regards to their poor communications over the re surfacing of our roads. They pointed out that the work is seasonal and top dressing is applied to maintain the road surface before major defects take place, thus prolonging its life. The work is about prevention rather than cure. They have assured us that a programme of works will be published for 2017.

On Wednesday you may have noticed a large coach parked outside the Crown Hotel. This was an informative road show event promoting small businesses. Pauline and I went along to a very informative afternoon with several guest speakers giving their time to help and advise small businesses on how best to thrive in today's competitive market place. Many thanks to Louise Leong for organising the event. This was a great boost before "Small Business Saturday" on the 3rd of December.



On Saturday morning we attended the poppy appeal coffee morning at St James's Church. Always well attended. There was a fabulous raffle and we came home with a fabulous cake purchased at the cake stall. I am sure you will need no reminder that the remembrance service will be held as usual at St James's Church on Sunday with a procession down to Hall Square for 11am