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A strange week to say the least. Monday was the first day we could take our mischievous pup Nell out for a walk. Tuesday was uneventful. However Wednesday was another matter. The day did not start well waking up to Donald Trump making headlines, snow on the ground, and Nell deciding she did not like getting her feet wet! The day got worse when she damaged a claw and ended up at the vets. Things could only get better and they did. Hurray.

So back to council issues. As we have a vacancy on the council we are now able to co-opt someone to join us. If you think you can spare some time and have the drive and commitment to help and contribute to the running and wellbeing of our town and community we would like to hear from you. Further information and application forms can be obtained from the council office or on the council web site.

This week we heard from the Boundaries Commission with regards to the ridiculous recommendation that we were to be moved into the Selby and Ainsty constituency. The commission are meeting this week to discuss the issues raised following strong support from North Yorkshire County Council, Harrogate District Council and our MP Andrew Jones. Their findings are due to be published on the 6th of December.

Whilst I am commenting on community based issues can I urge you to take a look and give your views on the Local Draft Development Plan. This will be on display in the Jubilee Rooms above the library on Tuesday November 22nd 2pm till 7pm. The draft plan affects most of us. It includes sites for new homes and jobs, policies that guide future development and much more.

A big well done goes to 6th form students at Boroughbridge High School for co-ordinating this year's collection of shoe boxes for the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal. They worked with Yr 7, 8 & 9 students delivering presentations in assemblies and visiting classrooms to promote the cause. The boxes will be sent, along with others from the area. The boxes will be distributed before Christmas to deprived areas across Europe. Students made boxes for new born babies, young children, teenagers and families.

Mr Kennedy, Head of 6th Form, said "I am delighted. It is fantastic that, not only do under privileged children receive gifts at Christmas, but I am also very proud of the pro-activity shown by the students who promoted and co-ordinated the collection."



On Sunday the sun shone brightly for our Remembrance Day service and parade. It was heart warming to see a packed church and hundreds of people on Hall Square for the wreath laying ceremony



I am sure that you will need no reminder that the festive season will soon be upon us. The Christmas tree has arrived in Hall Square and the decorations are up in the town. There are lots of festive things planned so keep a close eye on the notice boards.