

Mayors Diary Boroughbridge Nov 28th 2016

On Tuesday Pauline and I went to the Jubilee Rooms to look at the proposed development plans for our area. I hope that some of you went as these plans shape the way our community will look in the future. Where new houses will be built, where they propose to develop business opportunities and create and preserve our green spaces. If you missed out you can catch up with the latest plans on the Harrogate Borough Council web site. You should not miss the opportunity to have your say.

And talking of new development sites I have contacted the agent that has been commissioned to sell the wood yard site down Valuation Lane to voice my concerns about site safety, as it still appears to be a playground for teenagers. A dangerous one at that. I have spoken to the police who support my concerns and will be extra vigilant.

On Wednesday I welcomed our new Community Police Officer Jan Powell to Boroughbridge. He comes to the area with over 15 years of community policing under his belt. Jan tells me he's very much looking forward to meeting and working with us all.



Friday saw a river of water running down Roelcliffe Lane on to Horsefair. Yorkshire Water was contacted and they proceeded to repair a leaking valve. Unfortunately the pipe was also found damaged and this resulted in the road being completely closed. I contacted Yorkshire Water on Saturday morning to ask how long they anticipated the road being closed. They were still unsure at the time of writing this but were working hard to resolve the problem.

Sunday Pauline and I attended the Advent service at Ripon Cathedral which was packed, for a moving service.

Almost everyone is starting to focus on the Christmas period so before I forget here are a few dates for your diaries. Hope you did not miss the late night shopping in Town on Wednesday. Then on Saturday the 3rd a chance to support your local shops as it is Small Business Saturday. You can also meet Santa in his grotto in Hall Square surrounded by a small craft market. Later in the day the Big Hamper Draw will take place. Twelve big festive hampers to be won. Have you got your tickets? One hamper has reached a value of £300 and the winning tickets will be drawn at 4pm. It is also the High School Christmas fair on the same morning starting at 10am, hope to see you there

The following Saturday December 10th (my birthday should you wish to send me a card) is the first day of the Christmas Tree Festival in St James Church. This continues on the Sunday followed by Carols on Hall Square at 4pm. This is a fabulous spectacle with many fabulous and imaginative trees on display. So if you have not been before it is well worth a visit.

Finally a last reminder that if you are interested in joining the Town Council you have until the 7th of December to get your application in!