

Mayor Diary Boroughbridge Dec 12th 2016

A busy week starting with a planning meeting followed by a full council meeting on Tuesday, then down to writing the Mayoral Christmas cards.

Wednesday afternoon Pauline and I attended the first of two Queen Ethelburgas carol concerts at Ripon Cathedral. It was standing room only in the packed cathedral for a joyous and uplifting service, looking forward to the next one.

On Thursday I attended a joint parish meeting. An opportunity for our neighbouring parishes to meet up and discuss issues which affect us all. More importantly to enable us to pool thoughts, resources and ideas to help each other in providing for our wider community.

Following their attendance at a fantastic "Pupil Voice" conference in Harrogate a couple of weeks ago the pupils of Roeclyffe primary school were keen to repeat some of the workshops in their own school. One of these workshops was to put a Mayor in the "Hot Seat" and I was chosen to fill that seat. So Pauline and I gladly accepted the challenge. The questions from each year group were just fabulous and we just hope they were pleased with our answers! A great morning that we thoroughly enjoyed.

On Saturday morning we attended the Ripon Activity Project's annual talent show. Along with the Mayor and Mayoress of Ripon we were asked to judge the performances and the Mayor of Pateley Bridge was in the audience. There were some great performances from everyone and some very corny jokes from our master of ceremonies Jerry. It was very hard to judge as we sat there with "Strictly Come Dancing" like score paddles. However the overall winner was Kim Williams who sang so sweetly, closely followed by Rebekah and Ben Evason who danced so well, and in third place was Margaret Cawthorne who recited some of her poetry. Well done to all.



The Christmas tree festival was held last weekend in St James Church. There were over 40 decorated trees on display where everyone had the chance to vote for their favourite. The winners were announced at the Carol Service held in Hall Sq on Sunday evening. All organised by Boroughbridge Community Care. Just in case you missed the winners, Great Ouseburn Primary School won the children's section with the Allotment Society winner for the adults.



We had confirmation this week that Minkip will come back in to the Boroughbridge Ward instead of being in the Claro Ward ready for the next elections. We are still awaiting the outcome of the parliamentary boundary changes that will decide if we are to join Selby and Ainsty instead of Harrogate. The objections to us leaving Harrogate as a continuance have almost been unanimous. Disappointed to hear that in some political circles it was thought to be a good move! We now get stopped in the street to ask on Nell's progress (our border collie pup just in case you don't know) She has become quite a celebrity around town. Well she is now 16 weeks old and dare I say calming down just a little. She is growing fast and still finds plenty of mischievous things to do. Just never sure where I will find my socks!