

Mayors Diary - Boroughbridge Monday 9th January 2017.

Now that all the trees and tinsel are put away for another year Pauline and I would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful New Year. We had a lovely Christmas day with our family, then came the dreaded winter colds, chest infections and bouts of coughing, causing us to miss the New Year's celebrations at Ripon, so disappointed.

Plenty of fresh air was the answer with Nell getting plenty of walks. Now 5 months old and still very mischievous. Life becomes a challenge looking for the socks you were about to put on, then your shoes disappear, or the screwdriver you were using just a minute ago is now hidden under the table! Which brings me on to one of mine and I am sure others pet hates dog fouling. I am very disappointed to see the amount of dog fouling at the moment around the town. I am so disappointed that we appear to have such irresponsible, inconsiderate owners who obviously do not think of others in our community. I trust we can enlist the help of the dog warden. They need to be caught, named and shamed!

It was with much sadness we learned that former Mayor Bill Cundall passed away on Christmas day. Our thoughts are with the family at this very sad time. Bill was Mayor of Boroughbridge in 1984

2016 was a rather strange and eventful year for Pauline and me. Some very low points with the loss of Pauline's Mother and our border collie Bess. However there were some highs especially the birth of our grandson Jake. Then of course the other nice bits in between. Being elected back on to the council and being asked to be Mayor, all the lovely people we met and events we've been to, along with our other new arrival Nell. So we are hoping for a more evenly balanced 2017 and the opportunity for a holiday or two once my Mayoral year is completed in May.

On Thursday evening Pauline and I were kindly asked to present the Town Council Community Award at the High School. This award goes to a young person who has made an impact with regards to community spirit, health and wellbeing. We were pleased to make the award to Ellie Allsopp for working tirelessly to engage the whole school in first aid awareness and training. Well done Ellie.



As you know following the resignation of one of our councillors earlier in 2016 we had an opportunity for a co-opted member to join the council. There were two worthy applicants and once the final processes have completed I will be able to announce the successful applicant in next week's diary.

Can I just remind you all that we now have a web link on the council website that can connect you straight to web pages where you can report, potholes, damaged road signs, blocked gullies etc. Plus you can report issues concerning speeding traffic.