

Mayors Diary Boroughbridge Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 2017

Sorry I missed last week's edition, but it was just one of those weeks. Quiet, uneventful, miserable weather. In fact, verging on boring. People ask us about Nell our collie pup. Well she is fast approaching 6 months old and looking more grown up every day. It's a shame some of her antics don't reflect that, as she is still very much the thief of the household. That said she is a sweet natured dog, that has learnt a lot already. She can sit and stay and lie down, give a paw and a high five. All for a little treat of course. So doing very well for her age! Oh dear just come back from Ripon to find she has taken to decorating!

This week has been a bit of a busy one. On Tuesday morning Pauline and I were asked to join some of the pupils at Boroughbridge High School on their Tuesday morning winter soup run. The pupils had identified a number of elderly residents who they thought would appreciate a cup of hot tasty soup around lunch time, about 21 elderly people in total. Boroughbridge Lions had donated £100 which enabled the team to carry out their good community deed for 10 weeks. So Pauline and I were happy to join the team in their door to door delivery service. Everyone was so appreciative of their efforts. In fact, I make no apologies for mentioning them all by name. School staff Teresa Pridmore and Rebecca Pannett. Pupils Kate Cannon, Megan Chantry, Zoe Dix, Joshua Higgott, Joleen Naismith, Amy Simpson, Nellie Trott, Joseph France, Brandon Johnson and not forgetting Robin Hornby who drove the school bus.



This group's community involvement does not end there as they also help with the lunch club at Gwendolen Court, and help Brighter Boroughbridge. So a big well done to you. A true credit to the school.



On Tuesday evening it was the full council meeting, although not on the agenda for this meeting there was public interest in the Aldborough Gate development by Taylor Wimpey. Fortunately I had received an e-mail from the developer informing me of the feedback so far on the consultation process. Over 60 residents visited the consultation event in Aldborough village hall. There were two main issues with the proposals. One being the one access road from The Ridings and the other being the green space separation between the existing houses and the new development. Both concerns are being seriously looked at by the developer and they have promised to keep in touch. So please make sure that you have your voice heard if you have any concerns.

We also heard from a representative of the Junior football club giving us his exciting plans to try and rejuvenate the Aldborough Gate football field project. This was to encompass all young people's football including those with disabilities. I thought this was great news and as a council we wished him every success and to keep the council informed.

On Thursday morning we met with the Revd Dr Diane Westmoreland to make some preparations for my Civic Service to be held at St Andrew's Church Aldborough on Sunday March 12th. There will be nearly 100 invited guests, but is not exclusive to those specially invited. So if you like please join us. The service starts at 2pm.

Then on Thursday evening we went to the High School to see their production of Down The Rabbit Hole. What a delight. The whole cast performed brilliantly. Those who couldn't make it missed a treat. Very much looking forward to the next one.