

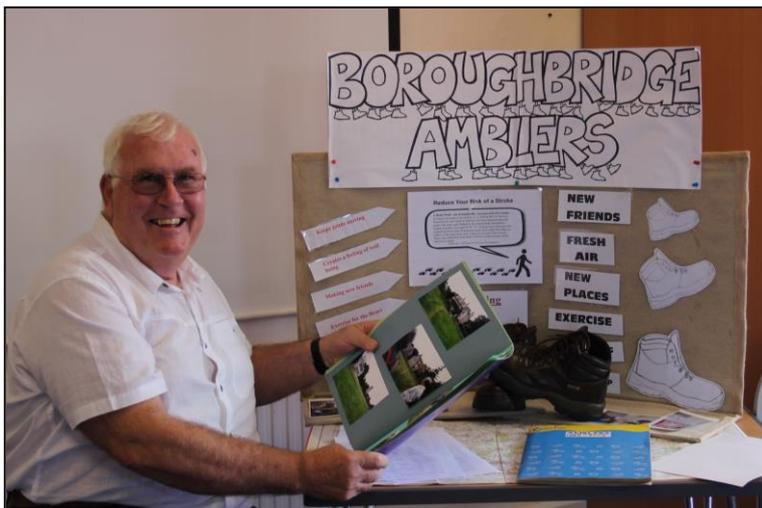
Mayors Diary - Boroughbridge April 17th 2017

I was astonished to discover a new application is in the pipeline for a Motorway Services Area (MSA) at Kirby Hill at the Ripon Road junction of the A1M. The developers are holding a consultation event at the Crown Hotel on the 27th and 28th of April. This will be part of the community consultation process that will end on the 26th May. Over the past 20 years there have been 3 public enquiries and the Secretary of State has ruled against a MSA at this location, yet another company is willing to try again. There is a relatively new MSA at Wetherby and the Leeming Bar MSA has permission to upgrade. With Wetherby being only 12 miles away why would there be a need for another MSA at Kirby Hill, creating yet another environmental blot on the landscape. Perhaps greed over need. I am sure all local councils will have this high on their agenda's as will our council on May 2nd. Can I urge everyone to make their comments and voice heard before the end of May? Watch out for posters and information leaflets giving more details as the story unfolds.

On Wednesday morning Pauline and I gave our support to Brighter Boroughbridge and their team of helpers as they welcomed the spring judging team. It was nice to have the opportunity to meet and talk to some of the team and thank them for all their hard work. They are about to start a major piece of work in the Primary School with some welcome funding from North Yorkshire County Council. It is hoped that some parents and members of the community will come along and lend a hand.

An update on the HGV restrictions. Although the process has started it is not going to be in force until the end of summer. This is due mainly to the complexity of the signage required. I trust the next Mayor will keep you updated!

So Easter weekend, where did that lovely warm weather go to? I was hoping to get one of my classic motorbikes out on the road, too cold! Instead I ventured to Scorton auto jumble on Saturday morning seeking out any spare parts. Alas a fruitless journey. In the afternoon, Pauline and I went to the Jubilee Room above the library to see the exhibition put on by the Boroughbridge Historical Society and the Boroughbridge Amblers. It was nice to exchange views and comment on historic local events.



As we walked back through the town centre it was a delight to see the town so busy and colourful in the afternoon sunshine. With Hall Square looking particularly splendid



Unfortunately, we still appear to be plagued with young people using Boddy's old wood yard as a dangerous playground. The police had to be called yet again as the sound of smashing glass could be heard. Just hope that no one gets hurt.