

## Mayors Diary Boroughbridge May 1st 2017

So we have come to the end of this Mayoral year. So this week as there were a few gaps in our diary we took ourselves off for a short rest in the Lake District. Arriving home just a little too late to catch the Tour de Yorkshire, but just managed to see the finish in Harrogate on the TV. How about coming through Boroughbridge next year maybe?

Brighter Boroughbridge have been busy once again with work with the project at the Primary School now underway. The ground is being prepared for the addition of over 300 wild flower to attract bees and other insects. The group are also growing over 170 geranium plants to brighten up the Stump Cross garden. You may also have noticed that a new bench has arrived in the small rose garden area opposite Charlton's garage. Charlton's kindly paid for the bench made from recycled material and Clive Ekin kindly installed it free of charge. I make no apology for reminding people that the group are still looking for volunteers to help and will be holding a display in the library in June.

Great to see people working together for the good of others in the Town and community we all love. Many thanks to all. It is just a shame that there are a few individuals that appear to take delight in causing destruction and nuisance in the Town as I witnessed myself. Not the crime of the century but someone had taken it upon themselves to uproot all the flowers planted out in the stone trough near the Council office. The very ones in my photograph last week!

A couple of weeks ago my deputy Cllr Rob Young was invited to the WRCFA headquarters to watch the County Challenge Cup semi finals between Boroughbridge and the favourites Steeton. Against all the odds with an early goal Boroughbridge came out on top. Well done all. Looking forward to the final.

And still on a football theme Boroughbridge High School recently hosted a Lions Sports day involving some of the cast members from the TV soap Emmerdale. Sam Dingle's team won the event.

On Sunday Pauline and I were invited to attend the farewell Eucharist service to James Bishop of Ripon at Ripon Cathedral. It was a lovely service with many fine tributes made to Bishop James.

On the bank holiday Monday Pauline and I visited St James's church to admire the paintings in their annual art exhibition event held over the bank holiday weekend. The church was full of work by local artists. A nice end to the week.

