

## Mayor's Diary - Boroughbridge Monday 29th 2018

It was a great pleasure and honour to be asked to re-present one of our war veterans Harry Proctor with his medals that had kindly been mounted by his old regiment based at Catterick for his 96th birthday.

Harry joined the army aged 20 and carried out his Basic Training at Catterick Garrison. After his passing out he was immediately posted to Iceland with the 4<sup>th</sup> Division Unit 1941. He took part in the invasion of Italy in 1943 and later joined the Parachute Brigade and earned his wings jumping over 100 times. He later became a Dispatch Rider for the Royal Signals with his last posting being in Palestine until 1946. Harry now lives with his wife in Boroughbridge Manor Care Home. Well done to Rosie Scott their fabulous Activities Manager for making it all possible.



Earlier in the week, I met with my Community Awards sponsor Richard Kay of Rabbit Hill Business Park to finalise the well-deserved winners. All those that have reached the final selection process will be notified in due course, and of course receive their invitation to my Civic Service and awards event at St James's Church on the 18th March.

Northern Powergrid has now removed the mains electric cable from the Water Rats Club building in preparation for its demolition. Can I take this opportunity to ask those people who park on the council land adjacent to the building not to do so any more as the area will be blocked off. The area is clearly signed but we will be enforcing the no parking restriction to allow for the demolition teams to work unhindered.

For those who are opposed to the Motorway service area at Kirby Hill, I can inform you that as plans have been resubmitted your comments also need to be sent in again.

I have urged Linden Homes to be as quick as possible with their access road down to their Riverside Sawmills site, as the old access is causing much inconvenience to residents on the Marina as well as serious access issues from Horsefair.

On a final note this week I cannot help but wonder why some people do the things they do. Once again we are plagued with dog mess on our roadside, footpaths and green open spaces; litter and graffiti especially in our play areas; piles of rubbish left next to litter bins. Then we complain about all this on social media! Our street cleaner does a great job and everyone should do their bit to help..... Whatever happened to "Take Your Litter Home? "