

# Mayor's Diary 4 June 2018



Firstly, let me introduce myself. My name is Geoff Haldenby and, with my wife Lilian, we have lived in Boroughbridge for 32 years. Having served as Deputy Mayor over the last year, I have now been elected as your new Mayor.

My first task as Mayor was to propose a deputy for this coming year and I proposed Monika Kaczmarczyk. She gladly accepted the challenge and will be ably assisted by her husband, Wojciech.

Over the first few days as Mayor, I have been happy to attend the Ripon and District Scout AGM and the Knaresborough Mayor Making celebration. Monika has also attended other functions and events in my absence and hopefully between us, we can promote the town in a good light, regardless of the fact that, at the moment, we are both holding down full-time jobs.

The local elections came and went without much of a do. Unfortunately, only 10 nominations were received so there was an uncontested election. Hopefully, we have found a suitable candidate for co-option which will bring us up to full strength.

The HGV restriction has come into force over the last couple of weeks but, so far, it seems to have had little impact. The Council, along with other agencies, has worked hard on this initiative, the policing of which will not be simple. Hopefully, the powers that be will step up to the mark and help alleviate the problems of traffic travelling through and parking in the town.