

Mayors Diary - Boroughbridge July 24th

A couple of weeks ago Pauline and I were invited as VIP guests to attend the opening of the 6th Regiment The Royal Logistics Corps Memorial Garden at their Dishforth base. The weather was kind to us all following the previous day's downpour. The official opening was performed by Barry Dodd the Lord Lieutenant. This was preceded by the brilliant Kukri dance by some of the regiments' Ghurkhas. The garden was surrounded by old army boots that had been decorated by local school children. It was a fabulous sight. Following the opening of the garden we were invited to a splendid lunch in the officers' mess. My intention is to continue the good communication links with the regiment to see how best we can continue to support each other in our community.

I make no apology for repeating the need for people to attend the Harrogate District development plan display in the Jubilee rooms on Thursday 27th. There are now proposed new developments that expand Aldborough Gate up to the crossroads and suggest further expansion along the A168 opposite the highways yard. It is important you take a look and have your say.

On Monday Pauline and I went along to the Jubilee Rooms to support Brighter Boroughbridge following the summer judging of all their hard work. Having received two silver gilt awards in the past they are hoping for gold. It is well deserved. I thanked the group on behalf of the town for all their hard work. They are still looking for volunteers so any help is much appreciated.

Following our recent safety check in both our cemeteries I am sorry to report that there are quite a few head stones that have been deemed unsafe. Our Burial Clerk will endeavour to contact family members of the affected graves to advise on further action. Unfortunately if they cannot be contacted the head stones will have to be laid down. If this affects you please contact the council office in Hall Square.

This week I have contacted the company that owns Boddy's wood yard and they have told me that the site will be demolished in the interest of safety as soon as an electrical substation has been removed. This will at least stop the area being used as a very dangerous play area by young people. I am continuing to work with the police on other areas of the town that are suffering from antisocial behaviour.

On Sunday we had a wonderful day at the Boroughbridge and Aldborough Show. This year at a new venue, Newby Hall. A lovely lunch in the president's tent was followed by a fabulous tour of the show. As well as all the usual magnificent livestock there was much to keep everyone entertained. We saw Archie the dog win best rescue





dog in show with her handler Emily Harkleroad, and the vintage tractor and vehicle parade was a delight to see. Once all the prizes had been decided we had the honour of presenting the awards. A wonderful day out to end the week.