

Mayors Diary - Boroughbridge April 24

Well I suppose the surprise this week was the so-called snap general election announcement. Not sure that people have the enthusiasm for another election just yet, but guess we will just have to wait and see.

Our highlight of the week was to accept a very kind invitation to visit the Harrogate Spring Flower Show. Our first stop was to visit the 6 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (6RLC), now based at Dishforth, who entered the Harrogate Spring Flower Show for the first time and were awarded a 'gold' award and 'best in show' . It is the biggest garden ever entered at the show. The garden is part of a wider project to build a memorial garden on the Dishforth camp to provide a regimental focus during ceremonial occasions and a reflective space for those who currently serve and their families. The larger project will incorporate a space for individual memorials brought back from Germany in remembrance of individuals who have died whilst serving the regiment.

The regiment has been keen to engage the wider community and linked to the show garden has created an inventive competition called Boot Camp. 650 children from local schools have been invited to up-cycle old army boots. The boots will be on show at the RHS Harlow Carr Flower Show in June. The RHS has been involved in providing free workshops for schools and service families, teaching, and stirring the imagination to brighten up the camp and family accommodation. Once the garden is re-located to Dishforth it is hoped that local schools, the service community and Help for Heroes will support and partner with the regiment in the ongoing maintenance of the garden as part of the H4H rolling rehabilitation programme. I would like to wish them well. A fabulous piece of work.

On leaving the memorial garden we headed straight for the floral displays which were stunning. Time to get my camera out! Before we left we were invited to the president's tent, where we were treated to a lovely afternoon tea with other civic guests. Good food, great company.



Our thanks to all for a lovely afternoon.

On Sunday afternoon Pauline and I joined the scouts and guides from across the County at Ripon Cathedral to celebrate St Georges day. It was a lovely afternoon with more lovely tea and fabulous cakes in the Town Hall catching up with friends. I will have to watch that waist line!

Will end this week with a few news snippets. One householder had a lucky escape as a car careered off the road at Morrison's roundabout coming to rest just outside their conservatory window. One of the dangerous trees in Boroughbridge Cemetery has been removed and we are just waiting for planning permission to remove the two remaining high risk trees. And one for the diary, don't forget Aldborough May Day on Sunday 7th of May.