

BOROUGHBRIDGE MAYOR'S DIARY
Councillor Craggs' Weekly Diary

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With fingers crossed, dare I comment on the wonderful Indian Summer we are enjoying? Possibly a highly dangerous thing to say, when you will be reading this on Friday and it is being written on Monday- nevertheless whilst this wonderful weather is with us I am sure we are all enjoying it!

On Tuesday last the monthly full Town Council meeting took place, with the main items of note being the resurgence of plans to have a Motorway Services Area at Kirby Hill -as mentioned in a previous Diary- and information about cut backs in the discretionary fares scheme and a moratorium on any transport capital schemes from the District and County Councils respectively, most notably traffic calming at the junction of Fishergate and Horsefair; inevitable I suppose, but are cuts being made in the right places? Recently an A3 sized poster came into the Town Council office from higher up the local government "chain"; this poster had already been sent by e mail, and the postage cost was, from memory, £1.80 - multiply that by the number of Parish and Town Councils to which it will have been sent, and draw your own conclusions!

Sadly, a small minority of our youngsters are still causing problems- the latest mindless act was the tearing down of some fencing and a sign at the Tennis Club over the weekend; tomorrow evening there will be a meeting of the Safer Neighbourhoods Group, when the current problems with vandalism will be aired with the Police.

Once again, there is a vacancy for a Town Councillor, so if you feel you would like to be involved in your community, here's your opportunity! Application forms can be obtained from 1 Hall Square (Council Office) any morning Monday to Friday from 9 a.m to 12 noon, by going on line, or by phoning 01423 322956 and speaking to the Clerk to the Council.

I have been asked to mention (and I am delighted to do so!) that Boroughbridge Cricket Club has been promoted- as yet that is the extent of the information I have been given, but after a few years "in the doldrums" it is good to see this long established local club doing well; congratulations to everyone involved.

Yesterday I had the honour of starting off the annual "multi terrain" Run in memory of Shaun Johnstone, raising sponsorship money for the Shaun Johnstone Brain Tumour Charity (I hope I have the title right!).

The turnout of runners was impressive, in both numbers and age range, and thanks to all who ran. When Ray Johnstone knows the amount raised I'll publish it in the Diary.