

BOROUGHBRIDGE MAYOR'S DIARY
Councillor Geoff Craggs's Weekly Diary

25 November 2011

After a rather hectic week culminating in the Remembrance Day Service and Parade, things have been rather less frenetic, apart from the usual scurrying round the town and surrounding area to round up collecting boxes and unsold poppies- and thanks to all who helped in this exercise; I think there is only one box still to come in, so after all the wreaths are paid for and church collections in, it should be possible to announce the amount collected in a couple of weeks.....I hope!

On Tuesday there was a meeting to discuss cemetery matters, and the proposals from this meeting will be put to the December full council meeting for approval.

On Saturday I was invited to a tree planting morning by the Allotment Society at their "home" at Aldborough Gate- I use the word "home" advisedly, as some members must live there, from the amount of work they put in, not only on their own plots but on the whole site- a dedicated bunch indeed. The Woodland Trust has given 100 trees to the Society to plant a copse on the allotment site in commemoration of H.M. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012; this is part of a nationwide project by the Trust, with HRH The Princess Royal as Patron, to create hundreds of new woods throughout the land. Together, communities, schools companies and landowners will plant a total of 6 million trees, creating hundreds of new woods and copses- of which ours will be one. Once again, full marks to the Allotment Society for its Members' energy and commitment...I hope the 6 or so hazels I planted manage to survive!

On Saturday evening we went along to the Coronation Hall for Community Care's big fund raiser, the Bingo Night- and what a "fun" night it was, with a superb buffet, a happy crowd of (noisy!) people and good fortune for some of us! A great night out for a very worthy organisation - one which provides fellowship and transport to very many folk in our community and the wider one in the surrounding villages. I have mentioned before that funding for Community Care from "the powers that be" is drying up, so that local financial is essential to keep the wheels turning (literally).

I don't think the people of Boroughbridge and the surrounding area will let "Communicare" or any other local organisation down- you never do!