

**BOROUGHBRIDGE MAYOR'S DIARY**  
**Councillor Craggs' Weekly Diary**

**29 October 2010**

Another busy week, with a very mixed bag of engagements!

On Tuesday I was invited along with the other Mayors to the Grand Final of the District Primary Schools Swimming Competition at the Hydro in Harrogate; there was considerable local interest, as Boroughbridge children were competing as well as their peers from several of the neighbouring schools. The level of competition, noise and enthusiasm was immense, and whilst "our" schools were not in the winning three, their representatives did their very best- and who can ask more than that? A super afternoon.

Wednesday evening found us in Newby Hall grounds for the celebration of 100 years of Girl Guiding, and what a memorable evening that was. Some 2,000 happy, well organised young ladies from "Tinies" to "Treffles" (yes, I DID mean to write "young" ladies). What fantastic organisation, to bus everyone there for 6.30 and pack them all off home at 8.30, and- as far as I know- get every one of them on the right bus! To see all of them renew their vows at 8.10 p.m., along with everyone else in the Guide movement throughout the World was very moving, and also very inspirational. What a huge debt we all owe to all those dedicated folk who have devoted their lives to the Scout and Guide movements over the past 100 plus years, giving inspiration and motivation to so many millions of our young people- many of whom in their turn have carried on the good work.

On Friday I attended a public meeting at the Crown Hotel; the meeting had been called by campaigners against the proposed Waste site and incinerator at Allerton Park; frankly, the more I learn of this proposal the more concerned I become about the long term financial implications to every resident in the County should this scheme go ahead in its current proposed form. What alarms me is that so few people know anything at all about the size and cost of the scheme in our own "patch", and even fewer people in the rest of North Yorkshire, who will also be paying for the "privilege", are aware what is going on.

Over the weekend I had a message from Ray Johnstone with the good news that the Run which took place on Sunday 10th October raised £2,000 for the Shaun Johnstone Brain Tumour Charity, bringing the total raised by the Run over the past years to £6,200. Apparently the youngest runner this year was 16 and the "least young" a mere 70. Well done to everyone.

Whilst on the subject of charity events, could I remind everyone that the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2010 officially starts tomorrow, the 30th of October, and there will be a coffee morning at St. James Church here in Boroughbridge from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, with the usual stalls and a raffle, all for the Poppy Appeal. In these troubled times it is more and more important that we support those who have been injured in the service of our nation, and those who have lost loved ones. The "Legion" is the oldest Service support organisation- it is still the most relevant.