

BOROUGHBRIDGE MAYOR'S DIARY
Councillor Craggs' Weekly Diary

7 January 2011

A very Happy New Year to everyone! I suppose, like me, you will have made all sorts of resolutions which lasted all of two days- now here is one we should all keep.

On Monday next, the 10th of January there is an open meeting at the Crown Hotel in Boroughbridge at 7.30 in the evening when Her Majesty's Inspector will be hearing the views of the public on the latest proposed Motorway Services Area at Kirby Hill. This is the third application; everyone has been turned down by the planning authority, backed by our local communities and every rejection has been challenged by the developers, resulting in a protracted and expensive Inquiry - expensive in terms of the immediate financial cost to all parties, but most expensive of all in the stress caused to local residents, and in particular to the dedicated local residents who have co-ordinated the fight against this proposed blight on our communities and the environment. If you cherish our home town and villages, please turn out on Monday evening and show H.M.'s Inspector a dignified, civilised opposition to this latest, largest and most intrusive attempt to impose an MSA on us! Resolve to be there! Obviously this is being written on Monday the 3rd; tomorrow evening some Town Councillors are meeting with a representative of NYCC library service, our County Councillor John Watson, District Councillors and representatives from Yorevision and Harrogate Borough Council to see what can be done about the library, which looks certain to be closed in its present form. More on the subject later when more concrete information is available.

Not the happiest start to the New Year, but let's all work hard to make things better!