

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

**10 June 2011**

After the excitement of May, with the Freedom Parade, Mayor Makings throughout the District, our Civic Service and everything else that made May such a busy and memorable month things have now quietened down and there is little activity to report this week.

Possibly because of all that went on in May, the response from local organisations to the invitation to be represented at "Discover Boroughbridge Day" tomorrow, the 11th June was very disappointing and it was decided that the event should be postponed until later in the year. The few organisations which applied for space were of course notified of the decision and given priority booking for the rescheduled "Day".

The quarterly Joint Parish Councils meeting was held on Thursday the 2nd June, where the main subject of concern was the ongoing saga of the controversial plans by County to spend an enormous amount of our money on a waste plant which includes an incinerator at Allerton Park when it can be argued very successfully that a much cheaper and equally efficient system is available. There is something which smacks of arrogance and high-handedness about County's stance on this contentious issue, particularly in these straitened times, and all District, parish councils and residents in North Yorkshire should be urging their County Councillors to think again!

On Wednesday evening we had been for a meal with some friends to celebrate our wedding anniversary and were walking home down High Street at about 9.30 when we were saddened to see the distressing sight of two girls who could not have been more than 15 or 16 years old; one girl was lying on the pavement obviously very much the worse for drink, and her friend was trying to get her to her feet, which she eventually succeeded in doing. We offered help, particularly in making sure the two girls got home safely, but help was refused, the more sober girl saying "we only live round the corner". Obviously we watched them go until they were out of sight but they were so very vulnerable, and we can only hope that they reached home safely.

As parents and grandparents we all have a huge task to try to protect our young people from harm- not only a task but a great responsibility; this responsibility extends to anyone who supplies alcohol and drugs to the vulnerable- do not do it- ruin your own life if you must, but not that of someone else.