

BOROUGHBRIDGE MAYOR'S DIARY

Cllr Geoff Craggs's Weekly Diary

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I sincerely hope everyone had a happy Easter - the weather certainly helped ! We went to St. James' for Choral Communion on Easter Sunday, and it was heartening to see an almost full Church - even more heartening to see so many young families joyfully taking part in the age-old service.

On Tuesday Harrogate Borough Council replaced the youth shelter in the Back Lane Car Park with one which is more "habitable". It has to be said that your Town Council had some misgivings about the upgrading of the shelter because of misuse of the old shelter by the few "misfits" in our community; however the new shelter has been provided and looks very good- it is now up to the more responsible of our youngsters (i.e. the majority) to make sure that the facility and the surroundings are not abused.

If you are reading this on the day the Gazette is published, you will doubtless be wishing Prince William and his bride a happy life together. I am an avowed Royalist, but even the staunchest Republican must wish any young couple starting on the rocky but oh-so-rewarding life as a married couple God speed, tolerance and love.

On Sunday, 1st. May the official opening of the Allotments will take place at Aldborough Gate at 11.00 a.m. Although I have said it before, I do not hesitate to congratulate all the members of the Allotment Society for their energy, enthusiasm and determination in bringing their dream to fruition in such a remarkably short time. I understand that everyone is welcome to the opening.

Two important local events during the first week in May; the first on Wednesday the 4th at Minskip Village Hall from 7.00 p.m. when everyone is invited to examine a very old map of the village; the second is Aldborough's May Day celebrations on Sunday the 8th., from 1.30. Aldborough is one of the few villages where children still dance around the Maypole keeping alive a centuries-old tradition; a May Queen is still crowned, and there are many stalls and other activities skillfully designed to give you fun whilst parting you from your money- don't miss it!