

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

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Apologies, dear reader, for the absence of a "Diary" last Friday, but Betty and I were revisiting Norway, our favourite holiday destination outside Britain- though we could never afford to live there!

Our holiday in this idyllic country, with its friendly and welcoming people, was marred by the unspeakable events in Oslo where so many lives, mostly young ones, were ended by the actions of someone who can only be described as a monster; a reporter on Norwegian television remarked " Norway has now lost her innocence" - how sad, and how true. Our thoughts and prayers must be with our friends in that loveliest of countries.

Whilst we were away, in talking to several fellow "Brits" and disclosing where we were from it appears that Boroughbridge had been voted the country's best small town to live in for quality of life by the Sunday Times- no mean accolade for our home town and possibly one of the reasons the Tourist Information Point recorded almost 600 visitors in July! Maybe our secret, if we have one as a community, is that we don't strive to be "something we ain't"; we are a small town doing what we do best- providing decent shops,encouraging people to use them by offering free parking and above all being a friendly place to live, work and visit. Sadly, this does not mean that as a community we are immune from nasty things happening here; apparently the Allotment Society members have come under attack from mean- spirited "chancers" who have broken into sheds on the allotments and stolen tools and other items. We can only hope that the thieves can be caught and brought to justice, and that members of the Society are not discouraged , but fired up by determination to carry on , as they were to get the allotment project up and running so effectively.