

Mayors Report – July 2024

Invitations:

- **On July 23rd** Claire & I visited Rivermead Care Home to help celebrate the 70th birthday of one of their residents Gary Embleton who was a well known motorcyclist and competed in his earlier days at Olivers Mount and all over the country. The care home had asked a local motorcyclist to attend and bring his bike so Mr Embleton could see it and this snowballed into a ride past of around 150 bikes who came to help one of their own celebrate. Great to be part of this event. I took Mr Embleton a gift from the town council and we took the opportunity to look around the refurbished building which is much improved.
- **On August 1st I attended Yorkshire Day in York** – as usual this was well attended by civic parties from across the county. York did things a little differently and focused on the city being an inclusive and welcoming city for the numerous nationalities who have chosen to make the city their home. Roast beef and Yorkshire Puds were replaced by Syrian and Afghan dishes and we were entertained by Chinese, Mexican musicians and a particularly entertaining and enthusiastic Polish teenage rapper!

Issues relating to Norton:

- **Tree roots at Lakeside** – finally spoken to NYC tree officer who is investigating options as to how to deal with the problem of roots lifting the paths and making them a tripping hazard. Some dispute as to whose responsibility the paths are – unlikely to happen very quickly!
- **Communication with NYC are: one way on Norton Road** – I have heard from Cllr Duncan following the Q at last months meeting on the removal of the one way system on Norton Road. Still awaiting final approval but it looks likely that the one way will remain in place while the results of the trial are assessed which is a sensible result.
- **Communication with Yorkshire Water re permanent pumping solution for Nortons ongoing flood problems – STILL** awaiting a response from Yorkshire Water
- I have drafted PRs that have been printed in the G & H on the councillor vacancy and the town councils grant scheme.

Two ideas:

- Extending the town bus route - for comment
- Volunteer awards – for comment

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