

WINTER 2015

Filey 'Town Crier'

FILEY TOWN COUNCIL



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2015

FROM THE TOWN MAYOR OF FILEY



Ho Ho Ho our Santa outfits have just arrived for St Catherine's Santa Dash on the 13th December. This is a sign that **Christmas** is just around the corner and has prompted me into writing my Christmas message.

During the year we all seem so busy in our own lives and with our own tasks, so it's really great to have a time like this to get the chance to stop for long enough to talk to all the familiar faces that we normally say a quick 'hello' to as we pass them in the street. **Christmas!** The very word brings joy to our hearts. It isn't the holly, it isn't the snow, it's the warmth that comes to all when the Christmas spirit returns. No matter how we may dread the rush, the long Christmas lists for gifts, the cards to be bought and given, when Christmas Day comes there is still the same warm feeling we had as children.

As Mayor I have enjoyed the time I have spent with the young people of Filey. Young people like Kassia, Demi, Charlie and Tiernan, the 'Festival of Filey Royalty' who represented Filey so well and supported the Mayoress and I at civic engagements. The Filey Sea Cadets teaching great values to boys and girls of all ages, again giving support to the community with their guard of honour at the Memorial Garden. It was a proud moment for Susan and I to be present at Queen Elizabeth Barracks, York when Petty Officer Cadet Liam Frampton was chosen as the Lord Lieutenants Cadet for North Yorkshire.

Christmas is such a special time when the majority of people can spend time with their families and friends throughout the celebrations, we should reflect upon those less fortunate than ourselves, the elderly, people in hospital, those who have suffered the loss of a loved one and also family and friends who cannot be with us at this special time of year including those serving in the Armed Forces.

The Borough Council will again supply the large Christmas tree at the Bus Station, whilst the Town Council continues to fund real Christmas trees in Memorial Gardens and Crescent Gardens which will have new Christmas Lights this year with a kind contribution from the Filey Lions Club towards the lighting for the Memorial Gardens tree. The Town Council also funds real Christmas trees on the Scarborough Road and Station Avenue roundabouts and six across the road displays and lamp column decorations which will light up the town, along with two trees at the corner of Murray Street and West Avenue.

Finally I thank all my fellow Town Councillors and all of the council staff for their hard work throughout the year and for the support given to me in this my third mayoral year.

In the words of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

***I heard the bells on Christmas Day their old, familiar carols play, and wild and sweet
the word repeat of peace on earth, good-will to men!***

Susan and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Cllr John Shackleton & Mrs Susan Shackleton
Filey Town Mayor & Mayoress

