

December 2016



The Award Winning Growing Zone



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	DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
	DECEMBER 2016
Weeks 1 st - 11th	Parish Council: Finance 8 th ; Council meeting 8 th . K.V.A. 1 st ; Kippax Band: 4 th free concert 8pm; 11th Garforth Church 7pm; Community Hub/Library: Story time 2pm every Friday; Methodist: 5 th Brigshaw Community Choir 7.30pm; 11 th Christingle Service 3pm; St. Mary's: 3 rd Christmas Fair 10am.
Week 12 th - 18th	Kippax Band: 17 th Victoria Quarter 11am; 18 th Kippax Church 7.30pm. 12 th Readers' Group 5.45; Methodist: Carol Service 5pm;
Week 19 th - 25th	Community Hub/Library: 19 th Special Visitor; Methodist: 24 th Communion 11.30pm; 25 th Christmas Service 10.30pm. St. Mary's: 24 th Christingle and Nativity 4.30pm; 25 th Christmas Service 10.30am.
Week 26th - 31st	
	JANUARY 2017
Week 1 st - 8th	Community Hub/Library: Story time 2pm every Friday
Week 9th - 15th	KAOS: Aladdin 10 th - 15 th ; Community Hub/Library: 9 th Readers' Group;
Week 16 th - 22nd	St. Mary's KADS: Murder Mystery Evening; W.I.: 18th at 7.30pm; Parish Council: 19 th Council meeting 7pm.
Weeks 23 rd - 31st	
	FEBRUARY 2017
Weeks 1#† - 5th	Community Hub/Library: Story time 2pm every Friday
Week 6 th - 12th	
Week 13 th - 19th	Community Hub/Library: 13 th Readers' Group; W.I.: 15 th at 7.30pm. Parish Council: 16 th Council meeting 7pm.
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For more information about these events please see inside.

If you would like your dates for March, April, May 2017 adding to this list, please let us know.

EDITORIAL

Oh dear, I thought, it is my turn for the editorial, I am not sure I can think of anything to write about!

Perhaps I could talk about Christmas, and how we seem to have forgotten its true meaning. I saw Christmas cards in the shops in August. Also, the way we have become trapped in the commercialisation of Christmas, creating stress and debt. We should remember that this time of the year makes some people feel even lonelier

Perhaps I could mention Brexit..... maybe too controversial!!!!

Or, (ignore this if you are male and not born in the 50's), there is a grievance about women having the same pension age as men; which is fine but not how it was implemented without sufficient notice, resulting in the loss of 10's of thousands of pounds being lost by a sizeable group of woman; also not being able to get their free bus pass at 60.

Perhaps the state of some of the buildings in the High Street or the paths in our village.

BUT I always like to think that my glass is half full, and there is always something to be glad about. And so.....

Christmas can be a wonderful time for most people. Charities do such a good job in making sure the less fortunate have a nice meal and company. With my sisters, we have agreed to only spend about £10 on each other. My friend has stopped sending cards and gives the money to charity. I and a few others have been packing bags in M and S food hall in Leeds for the NSPCC and in one afternoon raised just over £500! We are doing it three times altogether.

Brexit......well let's just keep our fingers and toes crossed it will all work out.

There is a pressure group trying to fight the case for women who feel they have been cheated out of their pension. WASPI is such a group.

For more information contact Caswaspis5@gmail.com

The state of the village? Just look at all the hard work done by Kippax in Bloom , and the lesser known group of the Parish Council, the Village Services , who cut grass, clean up rubbish, and nag the council to renew and repair.

A Happy Christmas and New Year to you all. *Di McEwan*





If you are struggling to pay your rent, council tax or any household bills, do not leave it too late! A bill paying account may be the answer...

Why not visit our surgery at Kippax Community Hub every Tuesday between 2pm- 4pm And speak to Holly hgrummett@leedsciitycreditunion.co.uk

> 07894587177 Or Visit www.leedscitycreditunion.co.uk For Further Information

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Christmas is looming once again; I often think how fast the years seem to go by. Must be an age thing!

I must welcome our new Councillor Mrs Lucy Lonsdale. She has filled the vacancy caused by a resignation. I feel sure that Lucy will play an active part on the Council. I would also like to thank all the Parish Councillors for their work over the last 12 months

Thinking back to November, the Remembrance Parade was well attended, and it was nice to see the Angel with both her arms intact (Her left hand was dropping off as well as her right arm falling off) Thanks to our ward councillors for funding the repairs.

By the time you read this the Christmas lights will be illuminating the High Street, Butt Hill and this year we have extended them to include part of Leeds Road. I must also say a big thank you to all who took part in the switch on show, on behalf of the councillors who organised it. The Christmas lights are funded by a £3000 donation from the Outer East Committee with the Parish Council paying the rest of the cost. Also a big thank you to the children who took the time to enter the design a Christmas Card competition, well done to all of you. We cannot forget the traders who entered the shop window competition, thank you all.

The Neighbourhood Plan 6 week consultation will be well underway. You can see a copy of the draft document in the Library or at the drop in sessions that are going to be held around the village. Please do respond to the consultation via the online survey or by returning the questionnaire forms. After this it goes to the City Council; then we hold a referendum to formally adopt it. After it is adopted it forms part of Planning Policy.

Finally may I wish you all a happy Christmas and a Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

Clir. Doug Morley



Gruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

We came home very tired but we felt elated when we heard we had made just over £500 in one afternoon for the NSPCC. A group of 4 of us had help pack bags for the afternoon in Leeds Marks and Spencer in their food hall. So a big thank you to the generosity of the customers who came in and the management for letting us be there.

Our Kippax group of the NSPCC work hard at different ways of fundraising and we need more volunteers who could spare some time and perhaps new ideas on how we can continue to raise money.

If you have some spare time, or would like to donate prizes or things for our tombolas/stalls, please contact us

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YOUR COMMENTS

As you can see from the picture the land between the churchyard and the school playing field has now been cleared by Pinnacle grounds team. Older Kippax people will know this as being the old trod where cattle from Atkinsons farm were brought down to Pondfields before housing was built. Eventually a fence will be erected from the existing playing field to the churchyard wall with gated access.



Kind Regards

Alan Fairburn

Editors' note: The fence has now been erected.

Who on earth decided that the flower scheme for the Kippax in Bloom Competition should be yellow? Yellow hanging baskets, yellow in tubs, in fact yellow everywhere until a bit later in the year when we did get a little bit of red in some places. I don't know what the judges thought but my thoughts were "How totally boring" you need a bit of colour to brighten things up not just one colour.

Cheers to Jason for brightening up the hairdressers with the lovely bright begonias in yes yellow BUT mixed with Orange and Red giving a bright and cheerful display.

JT

My 2nd great-grandfather, William Bywater (1823-1892) was a coal-miner and he lived in Kippax. In his 40's he became the Town Cryer of Kippax a role he undertook for some 30 years. I believe his son Joe took over after he died. Apparently, William was a bit of a local historian and kept detailed diaries of the times. Sam Cheesbooough, also a local historian wrote to me (many years back) about some of the things that William recorded in his lifetime. Sam, however, did not tell me how he knew all this - presumably William's diaries are stored in some archives somewhere. I wonder if anyone in Kippax could shed any light onto where these diaries might be located. Or, perhaps, have any knowledge about William Bywater, Town Cryer of Kippax!

Councillor Patricia Minson (Cornwall)

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN – A KIND KIPPISER STORY

Recently I went to a Talk at Kippax Library / Hub but when I returned home I realised I had lost my necklace. Unfortunately it had recently been a gift from my husband. So I rang the library & they looked all around, including outside but found nothing. So I retraced my steps carefully but to no avail. I did wonder what I would have done if I had found someone else's property, there is no Police Station to hand it in to these days!

Anyway, two days later the librarian rang, she had seen on Facebook / Kippax Past & Present that a necklace had been found. She had obtained the "finder's" details and agreed to pass them on to me. So I rang her, went round to her house, It was indeed my necklace and we were both delighted with the outcome. The object of this report is to show the Kind Kippax angle instead of the annoying one. Also I have never been a fan of Facebook as I only saw the negative side and now I have found a positive. "Lost and Found".

You learn something new every day.

Joy Bate, October 2016

10th - 15th January 2017 **Castleford Phoenix Theatre**

Kippax Amateur Operatic Society

Presents

Ticket Prices Full Ticket - £12.50 Concessions £10.50 Family Ticket - £42.00 (Over 60 Concessions Thurs Only)

Evening Shows 7:15 pm Matinee (Sat+Sun) 2:15pm

BOOKING TICKETS

Phone: 0113 2869653



KAOS



Email:kaosjo@fsmail.net

Online: https://castlefordphoenistheatre ticketsolve.com

Script By Ben Crocker

Library & One Stop Centre



On Monday **9**th **May 2016** Kippax Library will become a Library & One Stop Centre



Your Library & One Stop Centre provides access to Council Services such as:

- Helping you to claim the correct benefits for council tax & housing
- Saving delays by checking forms & proofs required for housing benefit, council tax, Leeds housing register application forms plus many more
- Assisting with housing enquiries
- Raising repairs, giving advice on your tenancy and rent accounts.
- Providing a library service
- Helping you into work
- Providing free access to computers and help to improve IT skills
- Providing advice if you are struggling financially
- Book appointments to register births and deaths
- Receive reports of anti social behaviour and hate crime







Opening Times: Monday: 10am to 7pm Tuesday to Friday: 9am to 5pm Saturday: 10am to 1pm

Please note: There will be a limited customer enquiry service for Saturdays & after 5 pm weekdays



PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION PRESENTATION AT KIPPAX COMMUNITY HUB

In September we had our annual prize presentation celebrating the fantastic winners of our photographic competition organised by Kippax Parish Council.

The winners received a cheque and a framed copy of their photograph. The winning photos are now part of the Kippax Calendar, available for £2 from the Hub and the following outlets: Jason's Salon, Beauty for You, Abbey Vets, Black and Cream, the Post Office and Pat's Sweets. Alternatively contact any Parish Councillor.



In the photograph are, from I to r, Alec Shelbrooke MP, runner up Ruth Barrett, KPC Chairman Doug Morley and Ward Councillor James Lewis.



HELLO FROM EVERYONE AT KIPPAX COMMUNITY HUB

As this magazine is delivered to households in Kippax the Christmas lights will have been switched on in the village and many of us will be reflecting on events and changes through the last year. 2016 has been a momentous year for us, the refurbishment of Kippax Library to Kippax Community Hub. Monday 9th May 2016 saw Ruth join the team enabling the hub to open



with more hours and additional services available within Kippax and surrounding areas. These services include Customer Services and a self-service phone where you can also access council services, an up to date job vacancies file with current job and apprenticeship details and access/signposting to Job Shop Services across Leeds.

The Library service continues but with the benefit of more opening times allowing greater access to books and our facilities! We continue to offer access to computers, Wi-Fi, printing, scanning, photocopying, daily newspapers, events and local information. Customer Service allows access to services such as applying for housing benefits, council tax support and blue badge applications and help signposting to many other council services. IT learning sessions are available so if you are not sure how to access the self- serve facilities on the Leeds City Council website or would like help with accessing the internet / emails, please ring or call in for further information on booking a session. If you have not been in the hub yet please call and have a look at all the facilities available.

Are you a new Mum/ Dad? Grandparent/Carer? Fancy meeting new friends? Come along and join in our regular under 5's Story & rhyme time every Friday 2pm to 2.30pm.

Interested in reading books? Would you like to read something out of your comfort zone? Fancy trying a reading genre you would never have chosen? Review books with other people? Why not come along to Kippax Readers Group, they meet every 2nd Monday 5.45pm to 6.45pm

Pop Up Services available at Kippax Community Hub

Leeds Credit Union Budgeting Help available every Tuesday 2pm - 4pm

Action on Hearing Loss visit the drop-in 2nd Monday of the Month 1.30pm – 3pm

Future Events

Monday 19th December a special visitor will be at the children's event – further details to follow! Watch out for more information along with other events being advertised on the Kippax Parish Council website, Leeds City Council website and Facebook, posters will be distributed around the village nearer the time as well as being displayed in the hub.

The cover of Kippax Matters that has come through your door will have been one of the winning entries; don't forget to pop into the hub to have a look at the display of this year's Christmas Card entries, such talent in our own village.

New Christmas and Year Opening Times

We close at 5pm on Friday 23rd December 2016 and reopen 9am Tuesday 3rd January 2017. For Kippax Community Hub opening hours see the Library article on page 26.

Please note limited access to Customer Service is available after 4.45pm & Saturday mornings.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everybody at Kippax Community Hub. For up to date information on what resources are available online visit www.leeds.gov.uk/libraries or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Flickr at

facebook.com/leedslibraries • twitter.com/leedslibraries flickr.com/photos/leedslibraryandinformationservice

Music of the Christmas Season

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Silver Bells	God Rest Ye Merry	O Christmas Tree
Jingle Bells	Gentlemen	Joy to the World
Do You Hear What I Hear?	The First Noel	Little Drummer Boy
Feliz Navidad	It Came Upon the Midnight Clear	Sleigh Ride
Frosty the Snowman	O Little Town of	We Wish You a Merry Christmas
Santa Claus Is Coming to Town	Bethlehem Deck the Halls	Nuttin' for Christmas
Hark the Herald Angels Sing		Santa Baby

To find the answer to the trivia question, look for a word or phrase that is hidden in the puzzle, but not in the word list

Trivia: In what Christmas song would you sing about Parson Brown, a circus clown, a bluebird, and a new bird?

Answer:

Super Word Search Puzzles - www.superwordsearchpuzzles.com

KIPPAX ART CLUB

Kippax Art club has had a busy Summer and has been joined by some new faces. We were treated to an excellent demonstration by

artist Dave Newbould, from a drawing through to a completed painting, showing perspective. This he kindly donated to the club for fundraising completing an enthralling evening.







VILLAGE SERVICES

News from KRAP - (Kippax Rubbish Action Patrol)

KRAP FAX;

The POM award (think about it) for June goes to the person who dumped a mattress and two sacks of carpet cuttings on the footpath leading from Sandgate Terrace to Ledston Luck and Peckfield at the rear of the Growing Zone. The culprit was seen leaving the scene in a black car and heading down Lime Tree Crescent. -----Life gets tedious don't it?

K9 KRAP:

A Question I was asked recently; if dogs can be trained to poo into black plastic sacks and tie a knot why can't they be trained to put the sack into a bin?

My answer – well perhaps dogs aren't as clever as we are led to believe or the bins are too high for them to reach! ----- What do you think?

No b.o.g.o.f from LCC; Leeds City Council is reducing its early payment discounts for on the spot fines for dog fouling and dropping litter. Previously culprits could pay £50 within a fortnight but now they will have to fork out £60 in 14 days or pay the full £75. Last year 4,400 fixed penalty notices were issued!! Hmmmm, I wonder how many were served in Kippax?

Kippax chat ---- overheard in the Koop.

K1. So I rang Kippax Leisure centre and I said, 'Is that the local swimming baths?'

K2. What did she say?

K1. She said it depends where you're calling from'.

Ron Shaw



KIPPAX LEISURE CENTRE

Leeds Youth Service in partnership with Kippax Parish Council has launched an indoor skate ramps session for a trial period.

The session remains on a Friday evening 7-8pm. The ramps are heavy duty portable ramps which include a spine, grind box and flat banks.

The session is for age 11-15 years old and costs £1 per session. Young people can use scooters or skateboards only on the ramps but numbers are limited due to health and safety.

If the trial is successful this will become a permanent session over the winter months to replace the existing "Friday Night Project".

For more information please contact Youth Worker - Denise Kempton 07891 270604





KIPPAX IN BLOOM WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

Friday, 14th October: Pat and a couple of volunteers were at Edgebaston Cricket Stadium in Birmingham. No, it wasn't a Test Match although it could be argued that the stakes were as high. The Royal Horticultural Society were holding the Awards Evening for the Britain in Bloom competition in which Kippax were representing Yorkshire in the Urban Community category. We were competing with five other communities from around Great Britain The RHS head of regional development had already said to the media "The finalists should be immensely proud of all they've achieved to get this far. Eventually it was the turn of Kippax to go to the stage with our competitors. When the announcement was made, it was that Kippax had been awarded a Gold Medal. Once all the finalists had been on stage, it was then announced that Kippax was the very clear outright category winner! In fact, we were the only Gold Medal winner in our category. Just when we thought it couldn't get any better, a further announcement stated that Kippax had won a further award – 'the Young People's Award' presented for involving young people from across the community in the best way. This is of course a well-earned recognition of the work of June and her colleagues at The Growing Zone.

It's a fantastic feeling to be judged as the best in our category in such a prestigious competition but we are all winners when we look around Kippax and see the improvements we've made since we started in 2002. We could not have achieved this success without our brilliant volunteers who have worked really hard. We have had a lot of help to make these improvements over the years and we would like to say a big thank you to the people who have helped, who are too numerous to name here.



By the time you read this, winter will have arrived and the next cycle for Kippax in Bloom will be well under way. Indeed it had begun well before the

awards ceremony, with the start of our pruning, bulb planting and perennial splitting. Attention will be given to the area around the approach to St Mary's church over the next few months. Kippax Scouts with our help will be clearing an area outside the church hall in order to create a 'community vegetable garden.' Also, the raised car park opposite the Legion will be tackled in order to improve its appearance.

The 'Bloom' group would very much welcome some new volunteers. As we have developed more areas around the village over the years and we want to continue to add new area's it demands more volunteer hours. As well as meeting up every Sunday we also meet up most Wednesday or Thursday mornings, even looking after a bed near to your home by watering, weeding and dead-heading would be a big help. "GIVE AN HOUR" when you can, would make a big difference to how much more gets done to improve our village. Just pop in to Pat's Sweet Shop on the High Street, e-mail her at psamykib@aol.com or call her on 0113 2862283.

Once again, we are grateful for the continued support of our Parish Council, our three ward councillors, the Parks and Countryside Department and Locality Team of Leeds City Council, Woodend Nurseries, our local schools and churches and local residents and businesses. Our website is **www.kippaxinbloom.com**





KIPPAX IN BLOOM

Successes and Awards from the Royal Horticultural Society.

2016 GOLD AWARD AND URBAN COMMUNITY CATEGORY WINNERS IN BRITAIN IN BLOOM THE GROWING ZONE ALSO ACHIEVED THE YOUNG PERSONS AWARD

2015 GOLD AWARD IN YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM AND CATEGORY WINNERS IN YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM

2014 SILVER GILT AWARD IN BRITAIN IN BLOOM

2013 GOLD ROSE AWARD YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM AND CATEGORY WINNERS YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM

2012 GOLD AWARD BRITAIN IN BLOOM AND JOINT CATEGORY WINNERS BRITAIN IN BLOOM

2012 COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD BRITAIN IN BLOOM For Pat Samy (Chair)

2012 R.H.S. CONSERVATION AND WILDLIFE AWARD BRITAIN IN BLOOM

2011 GOLD AWARD YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM

2010 GOLD AWARD YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM

2009 SILVER AWARD BRITAIN IN BLOOM

2006 SILVER GILT AWARD YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM SMALL TOWN CATEGORY WINNER

2007 SILVER GILT AWARD YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM

2006 SILVER AWARD YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM

KIPPAX METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Minister for Kippax is the Reverend Andrew Checkley, Telephone number 0113 2877669.

Worship and other regular activities

Sunday	10:30 am	Weekly Worship and Junior Church.
Monday	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 - 11:15 am	Coffee Morning
	9:00 am	Holy Communion on the first Tuesday of each month.
Wednesday	12:30 pm	Men's Lunch Group meets monthly September to June
	7:30 pm	Weekly Dance Group
Friday	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Babies & Toddler Group for mums and Babies/toddlers
		up to two years old.
	7:00 pm - 8.30	Friday Feeling Junior Youth Club.
		(7 years and upwards)
		(Please tel.0113 2869808 for availability of places.)
Saturday	8:15am	Prayer Breakfast 2 nd Saturday of the month
	7:15 pm	Dance, normally the 2 nd Saturday of the month.

You are welcome to join us for any of these regular events, as well as the ones listed below Pram Club & Toddler Group operates during term time only.

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement with Rev Andrew Checkley.

Christmas Services and Events

Sunday 27 th November	10:30 am	Advent Sunday All Age Service
Monday 5 th December	7:30 pm	Brigshaw Community Choir
Sunday 11 th December	3:00 pm	Christingle Service
Sunday 18 th December	5:00 pm	Carol Service
Thurs 24 th December	11:30 pm	Christmas Eve Communion
Friday 25 th December	10:30 am	Christmas Morning Service

For details of future events, look at the notice-board or at posters in the Church windows.

Church rooms are for hire, special rates for Children's (Under 10 years of age) Birthday parties. **Ring 0113 2869488 for details**.



KIPPAX BAND CHRISTMAS ENGAGEMENTS

Switch On Kippax Lights Leeds Market Band Club Christmas Concert Garforth Church Christmas Concert Victoria Quarter Leeds 11am - 2pm Kippax Church Christmas Concert Thursday 24th November Saturday 26th November timing TBA Sun 4th December 8pm start (free Concert) Sunday 11th December 7pm start Saturday 17th December Sunday 18th December 7.30pm Start; tickets £6

Other free concerts in the Band Club During 2017 on the second Sunday of each month 8pm start

Watch Out for October's Cabaret announcement.

Also please note that Kippax Band will feature on Radio Leeds on Christmas Eve and again on Christmas Day morning of a pre-recorded service at Leeds Minster.

YOU WILL PROBABLY FIND THIS INTERESTING OR MINDBLOWING.

The RERF (Recycling Energy Recovery Facility) which is on Pontefract Lane LS9 went live early March this year; it is managed by VEOLIA on behalf of LCC.

All the Black bin waste in Leeds now goes to RERF where it is sorted, anything recyclable is taken out; the remainder is shredded automatically and fed by conveyor belt to a large concrete holding pit. A large claw which can hold up to six tons then picks the waste up and feeds it into a large hopper with a conveyor at the bottom. This then feeds the incinerator which burns the waste at 850 degrees.

This heats up water which in turn produces steam to drive the turbines to produce electricity, which is then fed back into the National Grid. Even the ASH which is used in the construction industry for road aggregate and breeze blocks.

In 2012 LCC took the decision to go onto AWC (Alternate Weekly Collections) to try and reduce our Black bin waste, and increase recycling. Leeds is home to approx. 750,000 residents which in the past has created 165,000 tons of waste per year. This all went to landfill at a cost of £17 million. The government has set Leeds a target to reach 50% recycling by 2020, raising our recycling rate will also help reduce our Carbon Footprint and Greenhouse Gases.

Leeds is judged against seven other major core cities across England, Bristol, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield and Nottingham. We are currently 3rd with a recycling rate of 40%, Newcastle is 2nd with 40.9% and Bristol is top of the league with 43.5%, we in Leeds are doing really well but we can do better.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL RECYCLE AS MUCH AS WE CAN AND USE OUR GREEN BIN CORRECTLY.

Mick Weaver.

Waste and Recycling Advisor.

Please note that tours of the plant can be arranged by contacting Veolia RERF, Newmarket Approach, www.veolia.co.uk/leeds LS9 ORJ



A VIEW FROM A KIPPAX GARDEN BY EBG JARDINERO

Fallen leaves - During autumn, leaves have been falling from trees and shrubs. There is a temptation to leave them where they are or gather them and then either burn them or get the Council to take them away. However with a little bit of work, they can be turned into a conditioner for the soil, known as leaf mould. In gathering them up, we also



get chance to burn a few calories and it's a free resource for the garden.

It's recommended that they are taken off lawns and, where safe to do so, from ponds. If not, with the former, it yellows and weakens the grass and if left in ponds, it increases the fertility in the water and can lead to algal bloom in the forthcoming year. If safe to do it, netting the pond before leaf fall will prevent them going in but remove the leaves before the weight gets too much for the net

Some gardeners will just move leaves from the lawn to their borders and let the worms there break the leaves down, thereby saving some work. Alternatively put the leaves in a sheltered part of the garden, in a square or round container; the more leaves the better as it helps the breakdown process; sides of chicken wire attached to 4 posts does the job. Smaller amounts can be put in black bin liners with a few air holes made in the bags. In both cases, the leaves need to remain moist for the process to work.



Shredding the leaves particularly those like holly, sycamore and chestnuts, should speed up the process.

In about 24 months, the resulting leaf mould can be added to soils and whilst it doesn't have nutrients in it like compost, it does make the soil a better place for plants by improving its structure.

Leaving some leaves in a quiet area of the garden though, along with some stacked logs or cut off branches, would be good for hedgehogs and many insects and beetles, which can overwinter there.

WINTER

Gardening in winter - Accepting that daylight hours are much reduced, in previous years I've still managed to do quite a lot of tree and shrub pruning over the season, providing the day isn't too wet, as they are usually not actively growing.

During this time, I garden according to the weather on any particular day. Indeed, for the past 10 years, I have given my lawns a trim on a high setting if they have any growth on them, either in November or even December. It shouldn't be done if the lawn is too wet or definitely not when frosty, as you will do more harm than good if you then walk on it.

Reviewing and planning - With reduced hours in the garden due to wintry conditions, now is the time to sit back and reflect on what went well in 2016, what didn't, to look into what we would like to grow in 2017 and whether there are any garden projects to be planned for next year.

Sources of information used to be limited to books (possible Xmas presents) or even catalogues from seed companies. Now though the internet has taken this to an infinite level. **Visiting -** one of the joys for me is to either get out into the countryside or go and visit a different garden and this can continue throughout winter. One such place I regularly visit is RHS Harlow Carr in Harrogate, where they have some beds that together comprise a Winter Walk. A warm drink and a cake at Bettys are good at any time but particularly when it's cold outside.

Get Out and Enjoy a Garden.





We had a fabulous day out in September, visiting Kirkstall Abbey, then onto Guiseley Wetherby Whaler for Fish and Chips.





Our next event is the Pantomime, Aladdin, at the Phoentx Theatre, Castleford on Thursday 12^hJanuary 2017. Tickets cost £15, this includes an ice cream, and door to door pick up. For more information contact-

Jean Pritchard 0113 2875143 Pauline Kearton

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KVA committee was busy in August, helping out at the Breeze event, and having a Tombola stall to raise money to go towards the trips.

Our next money raising event was at the Christmas Light Switch on, hope you were there supporting us.

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ST MARY'S CHURCH KIPPAX

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday: 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Tuesday: 10.00am Said Eucharist (lasts approx. 20 minutes).

FIRST STEPS: Every Thursday: 10.00am for children of pre-school age and their parents or carers.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 13th NOVEMBER

Service at 10.30am in the Church followed by Procession to the Cenotaph.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES Saturday 24th: 4.30pm Christingle & Nativity Service. Sunday 25th: 10.30am Christmas Eucharist.

Everyone, including children, welcome to all our services. DAILY PRAYER is said at 9.30am.

CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday 3rd December 10.00am-3.00pm in the church hall.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT with Kippax Brass Band in the church on Sunday 18th Dec at 7.30pm.

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING with KADS on Saturday 21st January in the church hall.

OTHER NOTICES

The Church is also open every Friday 10.00am-12.00 noon for anyone to come in and pray or just sit silently.

The Parish Office at Kippax is open every Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm for the booking of weddings. (Except Holy Week and Easter).

For Baptisms, please see the clergy at the Sunday morning service. Baptisms are held once a month during the Sunday morning service or at 12.00 noon if preferred.

The clergy are also available to arrange visits to the sick and for Holy Communion to be taken out to the sick and housebound.

The Church Hall is available for hire at very competitive rates - Large Hall and Kitchen or Lower Meeting room with Kitchenette. More Details from Hall Manager, Stewart Fawcett, 0113 286 2730.

Visit our web site at http://stmarykippax.org.uk for more information on all our activities.



Blooming Kippax

When Kippax in Bloom was first underway I heard a man on the High Street say "They'll nivver mek owt o' Kippax It's a dump!"

But that was before the hard work began Before Pat and the Bloomers' master plan For the beautification of Kippax What a job!

Planting and pruning, weeding and mowing Corners reclaimed, bright colours glowing. All Bloomers' work, but they're not alone Scouts, Guides, schools, the Growing Zone Sponsors, councillors, more, all working towards Yorkshire and Britain in Bloom Gold awards.



We've built on success – just look round today At Kippax – in bloom! And truthfully say "We've all med summat o' Kippax It's a gem!"











The new school year began with Kippax Greenfield Primary School becoming part of the Brigshaw Learning Partnership: Multi Academy Trust along with Kippax North Primary School, Swillington Primary School, Allerton Bywater Primary School and Brigshaw High School. This partnership will build on the work of the Brigshaw Trust in improving outcomes for the children of the local area.



We have also become a Rights Respecting School as part of the UNICEF programmeto uphold the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Our philosophy is to learn about rights, learn through rights and learn for rights within an overall context of education as a right for every child. We currently hold the Recognition of Commitment towards to UNICEFs Rights Respecting School Award and are working towards Level 1 during the academic year 2016-17.

Otter Class (10-11 year olds) have begun the year with a residential visit to Robinwood Activity Centre in Todmorden, where they have enjoyed such activities as: zip wire, giant swing, nightline walking, caving, kayaking and raft building. They have returned to school proud of their achievements, with well bonded friendships and certainly more mature, along with dirty washing and feeling very tired! This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience being away from home too.



LEARN TOGETHER







HELLO FROM EVERYBODY AT KIPPAX LIBRARY AND ONE STOP CENTRE.

We would like to express our thanks for your patience during the recent renovations to Kippax Library and One Stop Centre. Why not call in and have a look at the changes and what is now available, we are sure you will agree the changes were worth the inconvenience.

If you need to visit the One Stop Centre, it is now available in the village! Please check with Kippax Library and One Stop Centre for the times the service is available.

Please make a note of the new opening hours from the 9th May 2016.

Monday	10am - 7pm
Tuesday	9am – 5pm
Wednesday	9am - 5pm
Thursday	9am – 5pm
Friday	9am – 5pm
Saturday	10am – 1pm

Lots of lovely new adult non-fiction covering all manner of topics has been added to the newly refurbished Kippax library. If you need some inspiration for your garden or want to find a new hobby why not pop in and take a look.

In the newly refurbished junior section, we have a whole host of new books to keep your children entertained, let their imaginations run riot with our ever popular Minecraft books, we have children's craft books to help keep them busy throughout the summer and remember you can borrow them for **FREE**.

Kippax library will again be taking part in this year's National Summer reading challenge, this is a fantastic opportunity to encourage your children to keep reading during the long summer break, the theme this year is Roald Dahl and there will be some fabulous challenges, activities and prizes to win along the way, keep an eye out in the library for events coming up.

Best Wishes Sue, Jane, Caroline, Ruth & Pauline

For up to date information on what resources are available online visit **www.leeds.gov.uk/libraries** or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Flickr at

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KIPPAX WOMENS' INSTITUTE

December already, hope you managed to join us in 2016, if not there is always 2017 to look forward too.

So how did W.I. Strictly go: - WOW is the word! A fabulous evening of dancing by Trish and Adam Cawood (competitive ballroom dancers) including Latin, American and Ballroom dancing. Trish's dresses were lovely.

When they asked for a volunteer our lovely Diane got up and showed us all how it should be done. Thanks Diane.

Our compare for the evening was Colin Richmond.

And a big big thank you to Pat Richmond for suggesting this event.





September event:- Helen Cox, giving a talk on the History of Chocolate (with tasting samples) Yummy.

Phoenix Cards joined us for the evening, with her new selection of Christmas cards and stationery.

October AGM - Celebrating 10 years of W.I.

Kippax W.I. has gone from strength to strength since. first starting in 2005.

Our members increase nearly every month, and our monthly program gets better and better, thanks to our dedicated committee members.

We celebrated our anniversary with a cake, and games.

It was a fabulous social night, after choosing our new committee members for 2017.



November - Christmas Event - Crafts/Cakes and Carols with Brigshaw Community Choir.

Come and join us, we meet the 3rd Wednesday in every month at 7.30 in Gibson Lane Community Centre.



Jujitsu

Beginners Welcome – 1st session FREE

The Regen Centre, Riccall, YO 19 6PW - Tuesday Juniors only (ages 5-15) 6.00 - 7.00 pm

Kippax Leisure Centre, LS25 7LQ - Wednesday Juniors (ages 5-15) 6.00 - 7.00 pm Adults (ages 16+) 7.00 - 8.00 pm

John Smeaton Leisure Centre LS15 8TA - Thur Juniors (ages 5-15) 6.00 - 7.00 pm Adults (ages 16+) 6.30 - 8.00 pm

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2ND KIPPAX GUIDES

The guides, back in June, applied to the Parish council for a grant to replace our ageing

camping equipment which had been used for over 20 years by many girls who were guides and was desperately in need of replacing.

With the grant given we purchased 6 new Tents, light weight so the girls can carry them and put them up with little supervision. As you can see from the photographs they are Rain proof as the first time we used them it threw it down from Friday night until Sunday morning, and everyone one of us remained dry!

Camping out, gives young girls a great sense of adventure and surviving without electricity brings its own challenges, but it makes girls appreciate the smaller things in life, or things they take for granted in their home environment.

We are very grateful to the Parish Council for supporting us and look forward to many years of camping with our new Tents.

Gail Hardwick 2nd Kippax Guides

ODE TO A TWIT

She was only away for two hours On a beautiful bright autumn day, When some thoughtless twit Let their dog do its 'poo' Right on the end of her drive!

It was down Gibson Lane that it happened,

If it was you I'm sure you must know. So please think at least twice 'cos it's not very nice To leave something like that! And just go.

Joy Bate (on behalf of a friend)

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DERICK MORGAN

At the 18th August 2016 meeting of Kippax Parish Council a presentation of a watch was made to Derick Morgan.

This was in recognition of his work and dedication to Kippax Environmental Forum, Kippax in Bloom and the formation of Kippax Parish Council, where he served as Chairman from the initial meeting 17th June 2004.

Derick did not stand for election in May 2015 due to ill health.

His former colleagues wish him and his wife Enid a long and happy 'retirement'.



...and to cheer you up

What does a frog do if his car breaks down? He gets it toad away. a crazy golfer?

What do you call a crazy golfer? A crack put.

What lies at the bottom of the sea and shivers? A nervous wreck.

What do vampires sing on New Year's Eve? Auld Fang Syne.

What is black and white and noisy? A zebra with a drum kit.

What's the fastest thing in water? A motor pike.

What lies in a pram and wobbles? A jelly baby.

What do you call a blind dinosaur? A doyouthinkhesawus.

Where are the Andes? On the end of the armies. What do you call a blind dinosaur's dog? Doyouthinkhesawus Rex





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Parish Council meetings are held at 7-00pm on the third Thursday of each month at Mount Pleasant Community Centre and are open to the public.

Planning meetings are also held monthly – please check notice boards or the website for dates.

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