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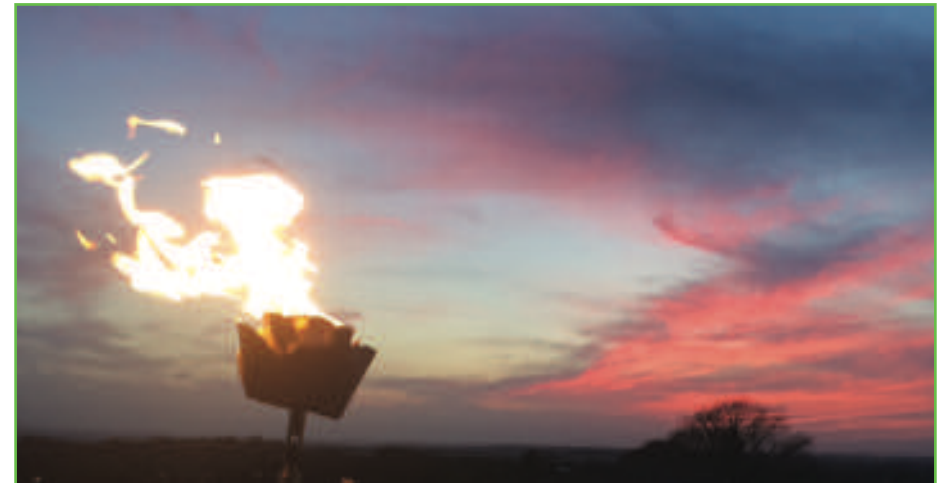
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
	JUNE 2016
Week 1st-5th	Parish Council: 2 nd KVA;
Week 6th-12th	The Big Lunch: 12 th at 12 noon; Library: 13 th Readers' Group;
Week 13th-19th	Parish Council: 14 th Neighbourhood Plan at 7.30pm; 16 th Council meeting at 7pm; 15th W.I.
Weeks 20th-30th	Kippax Band Town Hall concert 24 th at 7.30pm; Methodist: 27 th at 7.30pm Viva Vox; Parish Council: Finance 13 th ; Youth 23 rd at 7pm;
	JULY 2016
Week 1st-10th	Parish Council: Planning/Communications 4 th at 7pm; 7 th KVA; St. Mary's: 8 th , 9 th & 10 th Flower & Craft Fair;
Week 11th-17th	Library: 11 th Readers' Group; Photo Competition: 16 th closing date; Parish Council: 12 th Neighbourhood Plan at 7.30pm;
Week 18th-24th	Parish Council: 18 th Finance at 7pm; 21st Council meeting at 7pm.; Kippax Breeze Fun Day: 23 rd 1pm-5pm; 20th W.I.
Weeks 25th-31st	Parish Council: 28 th Youth at 7pm..
	AUGUST 2016
Weeks 1st-7th	Parish Council: 1 st /30 th Planning/Communications at 7pm; 4 th KVA;
Week 8th-14th	Library: 8 th Readers' Group; Parish Council: 9 th Neighbourhood Plan;
Week 15th-21st	Parish Council: 15 th Finance at 7pm; 18 th Council meeting at 7pm; 17th W.I.
Week 22nd-31st	Parish Council: 25 th Youth at 7pm.

For more information about these events please see inside.
If you would like your dates for September, October and November 2016 adding to this list, please let us know.

LEARN TOGETHER



ACHIEVE TOGETHER

News from Kippax Greenfield Primary School

This term we went mad for Science at our second House Day of the year at Kippax Greenfield Primary School. The children spent the day in their four houses: Brimham Rocks, Flamborough Head, Dalby Forest and Aysgarth Falls with mixed age range children in each.

Each house had a session in an infatigable planetarium, learning about the stars and planets we can see out of our windows at night. This was an amazing experience as we whizzed across the galaxy and picked up a lot of stargazing tips while Zee from Immersive Theatre explained what we were gazing at! The planetarium visit was funded by fundraising by our Friends and Relatives of Greenfield School team and included a session for younger siblings and parents at the end of the school day.

We were also visited by a real life physicist, Lizzie Boyes, who taught each house about aerodynamics and forces as we built and flew rockets in the Discovery Room. Lizzie is a STEM Ambassador from the National STEM Centre who works with schools to promote inspirational careers for children.

The rest of the House Day was spent experiencing all sorts of scientific activities such as making and flying parachutes, inflating balloons without blowing in them, keeping an ice cube from melting, designing ways of stopping an egg break when we dropped them from the bridge and many more...

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EDITORIAL

Hello Everyone. I would like to draw your attention to a few things this quarter which you may have missed. Have you spotted the new signs telling everyone of the success of Kippax in Bloom? They are double sided and can be seen on every road entering Kippax.



I also came across a new banner on the railings opposite the library, this is from the Royal Horticultural Society advising that Kippax in Bloom are FINALISTS IN THE 2016 'BRITAIN IN BLOOM' competition so keep your fingers crossed for them.

On page 23 you will see an advertisement For Disability Mobility. They are keen to have more people from Kippax join them on their trips and are looking forward to the arrival of a new larger bus with a High Roof. So why not give Elaine a ring on 0113 2889000 12-5pm to find something for YOU or if you prefer you can look them up on www.fdmibus.org.uk

I enjoyed the Lighting of the Beacon for The Queen's 90th Birthday on 21st April at Cheney Basin, Kippax was on 'Look North' and 'Made in Leeds' in the evening. If you missed it you could look on the Internet. The event is covered on Pages 16 & 17.



Another project instigated by our Parish Council is the refurbishment of the War Memorial. There is also an attractive seat there now with appropriate silhouettes of soldiers and poppies.

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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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A rather worrying situation has been drawn to my attention - traffic speed signs. The particular ones I refer to are on Longdyke Lane. They suddenly increase from 20mph to 50, and some drivers see this as invitation to press on the accelerator. Unfortunately this area is just where people, particularly children on foot, are crossing the road to enter or leave the Welfare Sports Ground or vehicles are turning. **Please, please take extra care just there.**

This village has a 'feel good' feeling, most of the time, let's be honest. This is partly due to the many people you see and know about and encourage in large undertakings. However, I want to take this opportunity to offer thanks to the many people who take on jobs quietly and often unnoticed. For instance we have a Graffiti remover, which is a change from the graffiti dauber!! The photo on the front of this magazine was taken by one of the Parish Councillors, not a professional; the graveyard has been tidied by a group of young girls from a 'uniformed group' and last but not by any means least, the many individuals who I know pick up litter whenever they are out. If you know of someone who seems to be missing from our 'thank you's', please write, or ring, and tell us.

Whilst I'm on the subject, we have a 'Your Comments Page' but if none of you let us know your views and comments we will have an empty page!! We have 4,500 copies printed and they are delivered for March, June, Sept, and Dec. So if you or anyone else has not received a copy please give me or a councillor the address and we will 'address' the problem. Remember they are free to you, but our council pays for them so we do not want to have any left over to recycle. So, that's all for now. Don't forget to write

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KIPPAX FRIDAY NIGHT PROJECT

Young people attending the Friday Night Project at Kippax Leisure Centre had a great session on Friday 11th March, the young people engaged in Zorb Balling at the session.



The 16 young people had fun being rolled around and burning energy by rolling the Zorbs and having fun. Young people thought it was a great night and asked to have them again. If you would like to get involved in the session it's on at Kippax Leisure Centre on a Friday evening 6.30 to 8.30pm open to young people aged 13+

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Many thanks for your positive comments on Facebook and Kippax Past & Present about the war memorial. I would also like to thank all those who gave donations towards the seat. We are looking to install an information board giving details of when it was consecrated, who sculpted it and who donated to the refurbishment.

The Beacon lighting for the Queen's birthday hopefully went well and I hope you enjoyed the refreshments.

I can also announce that the mini Breeze event that we held last year on Kippax Common playing fields will be coming back again this year. The date is the 23rd July, from 1 pm to 5pm.

In the last magazine I mentioned a Scarecrow competition for the village (just a fun thing.) I have details on how to organise this but need helpers, anyone interested? So far only 1 person has volunteered.

I know this next paragraph will alarm some of you but, we will be putting together the Christmas switch on show in July. If you are a solo entertainer, part of a choir or group please contact Doug or Gail.

Does anyone know of a Christmas tree supplier? We usually have 2x 5metre (above ground) trees, last year the quality was not good. We would need them delivered by mid-November.

Do you know of an area in the village that would benefit from improvements? It could be the creation of a flower bed, or a communal growing area for vegetables. The Parish council has done several of these but are always open to suggestions. Please note these projects cannot be for a group or team wear, we have a separate grant scheme for this. Please think about it and send in your suggestions.

Before you fall asleep from reading this please don't forget the photo competition. The winning pictures will win a prize and feature in the 2017 calendar, if we get enough entries. We will be looking for entries to the Design a Christmas card competition also; this will be run in conjunction with the Schools.

Cllr. Doug Morley 16/04/2016



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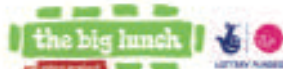
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Photos can have been taken any time since January 2015.

Closing date is 16th July 2016.

The Subject is "Kippax" - it could be a lovely view, ancient buildings, a stunning sunset, wildlife etc., and you don't have to be an expert or a resident to enter.

The overall winner will receive £50, and 11 runners up £20 each

Entries will be judged on technicality and originality.

RULES

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Please include your full name, d.o.b. (optional) address, email and telephone.

2) It should not have been entered for another competition or been published anywhere.

3) A maximum of 2 entries in colour or black and white.

4) No composite entries that stitch 2 or more components.

A reminder of the closing date: 16th July 2016

Winners will be notified individually and all results will be on the website and Parish Council notice boards.

VILLAGE SERVICES

News from KRAP - (Kippax rubbish action patrol)

KRAP FAX:

Quote – Jeremy Paxman; "It's our country but it's filthy. We need to act quickly. We at Clean-Up Britain, and you, need to make this happen.

Mmmm --thought for the day – for country, substitute "Kippax."

Back in February the "1 piece of rubbish campaign was started by Leeds-born Ed Platt which asked the people to show their love of the city by picking up one piece of litter every day and binning it. Unfortunately the "Litteratti" (rubbish chuckers) of Kippax decided they could do better and so they threw down 2 pieces of litter every day instead of binning it. -- life gets tedious don't it.

K9- Krap. In December 2015 the International Space Station flew over Kippax and Garforth and could be seen with the naked eye in the night sky. Two thoughts crossed my mind; if we can see them, how clear we must be on their space cameras and why are they flying over Kippax and Garforth. I now know why --- Tim Peake has joined Garforth Dog Watch volunteers and all you naughty K -9 poopers are being filmed. Isn't science wonderful?

Kippax chat ---- overheard in the Koop.

K1. I went to an aerobics class at the Legion club last night and the instructor said," O K ladies - now hands on thighs."

K2. What happened then?

K1. Nothing – none of the class could see a thing!!

Ron Shaw

KIPPAX METHODIST CHURCH

LEEDS INDEPENDENT VISITOR SCHEME

The Leeds Independent Visitor Scheme was set up in 1991 in response to the Children's Act 1989. An Independent Visitor (IV) is a volunteer who befriends and visits a child or young person living in the care of the local authority. They also provide support and advice, which contributes towards the child's social, emotional and educational development.



They are called 'Independent Visitors' because, in this role, they are volunteers and are not part of the paid children's services workforce; they work purely for the benefit of the looked after child or young person. Independent Visitors are hugely valued by the young people as they are often the only people involved in their lives who are not paid to be there.

All looked after children have the right to be appointed an Independent Visitor, if they wish. We generally provide volunteers for children over 5 years of age and we have recently extended the service to include support for care leavers.

An Independent Visitor will visit the child or young person on a monthly basis, with the aim of establishing a consistent, positive adult-child relationship. This one to one relationship can involve anything from football in the park, seeing the latest films, or new things that the young person and Independent Visitor want to do! In addition to the one to one activities we work to provide group activities which Independent Visitors and their young person can access if they choose to. An activity budget and travel expenses are provided each month.

Leeds has the largest Independent Visitor Scheme in the country, with 107 young people currently matched to a volunteer and a further 18 who are in the matching process. However, we also have a further 43 young people who are on a waiting list, with more referrals being received every week, and this is where we need your help! Volunteers do not need to have experience or qualifications but they do need to have a genuine interest in children and be able to demonstrate a commitment to improving their wellbeing and welfare. We do ask that volunteers be able to commit to the scheme for at least 2 years. Volunteers are provided with training and support throughout their time with the scheme.



The scheme operates under Safer Recruitment Practices and all volunteers will be expected to undergo an enhanced check with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS, formerly CRB).

If you can spare a few hours a month and would like to volunteer why not get in touch with us. For more information please visit www.leeds.gov.uk/independentvisitors or email us at independent.visitor1@leeds.gov.uk.



The Methodist Minister for Kippax is the Reverend Andrew Checkley, Tel: 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 9:00 am	Coffee Morning Holy Communion on the first Tuesday of each month.
Wednesday	12:30 pm	Men's Lunch Group meets monthly September to June
Friday	7:30 pm 1:30 - 3:00 pm 7:00 pm - 8.30	Weekly Dance Group Babies & Toddler Group for mums and Babies/toddlers up to two years old. Friday Feeling Junior Youth Club. (7 years and upwards)

(Please tel.0113 2869808 for availability of places.)

Saturday	8:15am 7:15 pm	Prayer Breakfast 2nd Saturday of the month Dance, the 2nd Saturday of the month.
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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.

June 27th	7:30 pm	Monday Fellowship – Viva Vox Choir
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For details of future events, look at the notice-board or at posters in the Church windows.

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I REMEMBER

I remember the open fields and meadows that bordered the footpath as I walked to school when I was young. There were no swimming baths, no Wimpey houses – nothing past the terrace houses on my left at Station Road until Orchard House – which no longer exists-and the terraced houses that reach and overtake the corner of Butt Hill without a break. These fields often made me late, so many distractions, water hens and other fowl were often seen scuttering across the boggy land, exploring the tree lined beck that slipped under the road, wending its way alongside the allotments and on and on towards Brigshaw Lane and beyond.

Some days in the late Spring, the stretch of road from above the beck to Orchard House was often difficult to negotiate. The road and footpath used to heave and undulate with millions of leaping, baby brown frogs. It was like trying to walk on rolling brown water as the frogs leapt to cross the road to escape the boggy meadows to hide in the lush open fields beyond. It was impossible to put a foot down without treading on these tiny creatures. This never ending leaping mass of frogs made it seem we were walking on a slick brown ocean.

They were so numerous and each barely half an inch long that one day, it was just impossible to resist filling my pockets, intending to take them into school to show the teacher, and show off of course, but it didn't quite work out like I intended.

Catching frogs was great fun but ran away with a lot of time so being very late; again, the scolding sent the frogs into oblivion until break time. It was puzzling how it was always the girls who ran back to the classroom screaming. I could never understand it. Frogs, especially baby ones, never hurt anybody, and the resulting pandemonium made it impossible to own up to the river of leaping frogs in the cloakroom.

Wondering what was going to happen to the frogs bothered me for ages. I wanted them to be safe and put back into the meadow, but I was too cowardly to ask. I had brothers to answer to as well as the teachers – and as it was the boys who got the blame and hauled I think, to the heads office. I chose to worry on the quiet. So sorry boys, if you still remember that is. Otherwise – least said – soonest mended. Although after nigh on 75 years. Who cares?

KIPPAX DRAMATIC SOCIETY

At the time of writing, we have just finished a run of three performances of our latest Murder Mystery 'Legacy of Murder,' all of which attracted larger audiences than ever and which were greatly enjoyed by all concerned.

We are giving ourselves a well-earned rest over the May Bank Holiday and then it's back to choosing a play for our major November production. The front runner at the moment is the mystery drama 'Instinct for Murder' wherein a retired policeman investigates the so-called accidental killing of a young woman two years previously. Full details will appear in the September issue of 'Kippax Matters' but as we have already had some pre-bookings we have opened the booking plans early.

Performance dates are: Wednesday 23, Thursday 24 and Friday 25 November at 7.30 p.m. and Saturday 26 November at 2.30 p.m. Ticket prices remain at £6/£5 concessions. All performances will take place in St Mary's Church Hall, Kippax.

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KIPPAX HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Two small items may be of interest

North Yorkshire Archives have acquired a collection of papers from Norton Conyers- some of which refer to Kippax.

Try www.atticsandacres.com if you are interested.

It is hoped to have a talk by Maxine Willetts, who is leading the project at Kippax Library later in the year

Two members attended a Planning meeting of Kippax Parish Council and agreed to compile a list of older buildings in what may become a Conservation Area of the village

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Kippax Ward Councillors Update

Kippax Cenotaph Cllr Mary Harland attended Remembrance Sunday and we are pleased to be working with the Parish Council on repairs to the Cenotaph as we mark 100 years since WWI.

Flooding Although Kippax was spared the worst over Christmas we have worked to tackle areas that have been hit by heavy rainfall including a new bund on Ramsden Street and work on the drains. Please let us know if you have concerns.

Kippax Library We have secured investment to turn the Library in to a 'Hub' for more council services and to rejuvenate the building, adding a public toilet securing its future.

Small Grants Please contact us if you are part of an organisation that we maybe able to help.

Advice sessions: 1st Saturday of the Month 11:00am
In Cross Hills Court until the Library work is completed.



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KIPPAX IN BLOOM

By now, I hope that you have all seen the new signs at the entrances to the village. 'Kippax: Britain in Bloom Award-winning village' Rather eye-catching don't you think? It is certainly pleasing to those of us who have worked so hard to achieve such a plaudit. Thanks go to the Parish Council for sponsorship of the signs.

However, it really puts the pressure on; for once again following our category win and gold medal in 'Yorkshire in Bloom,' we are representing Yorkshire in the 'Britain in Bloom' competition. Judging will take place on Thursday 11th August, so our attention is fixed on ensuring that Kippax looks at its best on that day. The volunteers will be working very hard to that end. However, as noted before, the competition is not just about flower beds and grass verges, pruning trees and bushes or even planting new silver birch trees as has happened next to the beck opposite the Moorgate Pub. It is in fact about how the Kippax community works together to show a commitment to continually improving the village in which we all live and want to enjoy.

In that respect, as a result of our successes, Pat was interviewed on Radio Leeds when she was able to emphasise the importance of that community involvement, illustrating all of the groups with whom we collaborate; local schools, uniformed groups, Kippax Art Group, the Growing Zone and the popular front and back garden competitions. Kippax in Bloom also featured in the 'Yorkshire Evening Post.'

Consequently, we will again be working closely with Kippax North School and organising a poster competition for the pupils at Ash Tree Primary School. We admire greatly the work done at 'The Growing Zone' and welcome their full support. Thanks go to Kippax Library staff who have continued to support our efforts by incorporating some new planters around the building as part of the new refurbishment.

The first sunny day of spring

Another new development this year has grown from a few of the volunteers spending a day on a willow-weaving course. (Further evidence of the lengths Pat and her team will go to be adventurous.) So, come judging day, keep a look-out for a very large Willow Bee to celebrate our Britain in Bloom entry. Also keep a look-out for wild flowers in various locations around the village. Let's hope they all come out!!



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FDM and speak to **Elaine on 0113 2889000**

YOUR COMMENTS

Hi I would like to ask your readers what they think of the broadband we get in the Kippax area. Kippax is no longer a small hamlet or village we are now a town and I would say that every home has at least one comp or Laptop but the broadband we get is so slow and it needs something doing to improve or make it better. I got in touch with a company that boasts about faster broadband went through all the chit chat then was told that they can not give me broadband in my area because the Parish council will not let them come in to our area. The reason why we have a bad broadband is because it come from Garforth and the cables are old and out dated.

(Name and email address supplied)

Editors' note: The above letter received the following replies:

I was intrigued by your letter and the information that you have been given, so much so that I have copied our MP and local City Councillors into this reply.

You claim to have been told that it is the Parish Council that is preventing fast broadband in this area, this is totally untrue. We are not even consulted regarding broadband provision in Kippax but agree that it needs improving.

After reading your letter I had a look at a website www.cable.co.uk which comes up with 104 deals for broadband ranging from 8 mbps to 38 mbps. This depends on what you want to pay. The site goes on to point out the variances by area for Kippax.

Station Road/ Butt hill/ Westfield Lane	average	11 mbps
Leeds Road		3 - 26 mbps
North of the High Street / Ascot Road/Goodwoods		1 - 17 mbps
Gibson Lane		2 - 3 mbps
Sandgate Drive/Cross hills		18 - 27 mbps

I do not have your address so cannot comment on where you are.

There is also a website for Ofcom which is the regulatory body for telecom providers should you wish to address your complaint direct to them www.consumers.ofcom.org.uk

I hope this information is of use to you

Regards

Cllr. Doug Morley

Chairman Kippax Parish Council

The problem at the moment is that all the Broadband in Kippax uses BT's telephone infrastructure, which in some cases dates back to the days of telephones with dials and bells! Virgin is due to install higher quality fibre-to-home infrastructure so offer competition over the summer.

I hope this is helpful and I will try and get some more detailed info on what Virgin are up to. Kind regards

James

James Lewis

Councillor for Kippax and Methley Ward

Leeds City Council

Further to the email from Parish Cllr Doug Morley, I can verify his comments that Kippax Parish Council has been lobbying for better broadband alongside myself and local representatives. Indeed, Parish Councils are not necessarily involved in the process of rolling out superfast broadband but the lobbying from Kippax has been most welcome. This is a matter for the local authority and BT Openreach. Nevertheless, I do know many cabinets in Kippax are now fibre-enabled. You can check your specific postcode on the network checker here: <http://www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk/OurNetwork/Superfast.aspx>

Best wishes,

Alec

Alec Shelbrooke MP

Conservative Member of Parliament for Elmet & Rothwell



Creating the willow bee – busy bees, Ann, Sue and Joan

Of course we welcome the support we get from many villagers, even if it's just a quick 'Thank you' when walking past on a Sunday morning. We would welcome new volunteers to ensure the continuity of Kippax in Bloom. It doesn't have to be digging and planting if that's not your thing; you might water a flower bed near you, keep an eye out for unsightly weeds jutting out of a kerbstone or indeed ensuring the street where you live is litter-free. Just pop in to see Pat at Pat's Sweets on the High Street or e-mail her at psamykib@aol.com.

As always we are very grateful for the support of the Parish Council who sponsors our work as well as our ward councillors, the Parks and Countryside Department of Leeds city Council, Woodend Nursery and our fantastic volunteers without whom none of this would be possible. Our web page can be found at www.kippaxinbloom.com

INFO FROM POLICE

This is a paragraph from a Newsletter sent from the office of Mark Burns-Williamson, West Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner.

It was sent in March so missed the March magazine.

Protecting frontline policing.

Hundreds more police officers can now be recruited and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) numbers can be protected. We know that what people want is more local visible policing and 76% of thousands surveyed on the budget said they would pay more for neighbourhood policing and more 'bobbies on the beat'. It will cost taxpayers, on average, less than eight pence a week.

For the first time since 2010 external recruitment will be open to the public. Joy Bate.



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with your local friendly team.

www.clubwebsite.co.uk/kippaxathleticjuniorfootballclub



Alec Shelbrooke MP
Conservative Member of Parliament for Elmet & Rothwell



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Dear resident,

Last year I was appointed a UK Representative to the Parliamentary Assembly of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO). Since then, I've been performing this role alongside my day job as your constituency Member of Parliament for Elmet & Rothwell.

Since its creation, the NATO Parliamentary Assembly has provided a unique specialised forum to influence decisions on national security of the NATO member states. NATO remains the world's largest intergovernmental military alliance, establishing a system of collective defence whereby its member states agree to mutual defence in response to an attack by any external party. There are currently 28 member states of NATO, of which the United Kingdom was a founder member in 1949.

Now more than ever the collective military alliance of NATO forces are likely to play a crucial role in protecting the security of democratic nations in the Euro-Atlantic area. The Parliamentary Assembly will play an important role in providing oversight over defence and security decisions that ultimately affect all of us here in Kippax, across the UK, and across the world.

As ever, I'm always out and about should residents want to get in touch and raise an issue or concern.

Yours sincerely,

Alec Shelbrooke MP
01937 589 002 - alec.shelbrooke.mp@parliament.uk -
www.alecshelbrooke.co.uk



KIPPAX BAND CABARET Presents

G.B. -v- U.S.A.



Saturday 8th Oct. 2016 7:30pm for 8:00pm

or

Sunday 9th Oct. 2016 7:00pm for 7:30pm

Kippax Band Social Club, 17 Mount Pleasant, Kippax LS25 7AT

Tickets £12 (including finger buffet)

Contact Keith Fairburn 0113 2863699 or 07914 607889



KIPPAX VILLAGE ACTION

Our trip to Millstones

Our bus left from outside the British Legion at 10.15 and we started a very enjoyable day celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. We arrived at Millstones to be greeted with morning coffee and cake. What followed was a full day of entertainment – a celebratory lunch, a sing song and dance and just before we left, more tea and scones with jam and cream. On the bus home we had a raffle with six prizes and arrived back in Kippax at 6pm.



We are all looking forward to our September outing on 9th September which is going to be a day out at Kirkstall Abbey and a ride to Guiseley to the Wetherby Whaler for fish and chips. Cost £22.

Come and join us, meet new friends and enjoy the outings.

For more information contact -

Jean Pritchard - 0113 2875143

Doug Morley - 0113 2866177

Kathleen Jackson
KVA Member



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 [facebook.com/leedslibraries](https://www.facebook.com/leedslibraries), twitter.com/leedslibraries
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For a free, no obligation quote please ring 01977 730656 / 07957 768931
86 Park Lane, Allerton Bywater, WF10 2AP

So as you can see, so far this year we have had a very enjoyable, informative and varied programme.

Why don't you come and join us? We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in Gibson Lane Community Centre. You'll be made very welcome!



Oh, and lastly we must mention the delicious baking that turns up at every monthly meeting, thanks to our team of expert bakers!

Kathleen Jackson and Val Laycock
W.I. members

ST MARY'S CHURCH KIPPAX

Clergy: Revd Rosemarie Hayes - 0113 286 2710

Revd Diane Flynn - 0113 286 4607

Revd Viv Master - 0113 2874408

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.

Everyone, including children, welcome to all our services.

DAILY PRAYER is said at 9.30am.

FLOWER & CRAFT FAIR - 8TH/9TH/10TH JULY 2016

8th July: Preview of flower displays in Church with cheese & wine & a concert by a local Kippax choir Viva Vox - 7pm. Tickets £5.

9th July: Flower & Craft Fair - Lots of varied stalls, Cafe, Raffles, and Maypole Dancing by Lorraine Harrison School of Dance - 10 till 4.

10th July: Songs of Praise in Church - 2.30 - everyone welcome.

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.

Half way through the year already and up to press we've had some fantastic speakers, thanks to our programme organisers Diana and Barbara.

In **January** we had Pat Osborne speaking about Catherine Cookson. It was a spell binding talk enjoyed by us all.

February was our social event. Lots of our ladies brought in their crafts; we held a quiz organised by Susan Gable; then an origami demonstration by Laura, followed by Laura showing us her cross stitch pictures and giving us an opportunity to make our own cross stitch cards.



In **March** we had a Power Point presentation 'The Importance of Bee Keeping.' This was presented by Helen Cox from Scholes W.I. It was an excellent talk, again enjoyed by everyone.



April brought us Marie from Woodend Nurseries who gave us a demonstration and tips about spring flowers and hanging baskets. We were then able to buy plants and the hanging basket she made was raffled.



Our **May** meeting was called 'Discover your Ancestors' with Jacqueline from Family History, giving us tips and practical help.

Some events to look forward to are:



June – an evening at Jason's Salon. He will be giving us hints and tips about hair and has promised us some pampering!

July will be our summer outing, this year to Burton Agnes Hall and Gardens and then on to Bridlington.



**On Monday 9th 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

A BEACON FOR THE QUEEN

The celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday put our village on the map and on TV!

This unique event was to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who has served our country for 64 years and is still going strong! Even those who do not support the monarchy must admire someone who is still working at the age of ninety!



Before the event we had two camera crews, one from Made in Leeds and one from BBC Look North who broadcasted live for the local news at 6.30pm. There was a further item on the late Look North at 10.40pm.

One of our special guests was **Lucy Pallister**, aged 10, who had written a poem and sent it to the Queen. She had a framed copy of the reply she received. Another guest was **Ken Home** who met the Queen during the Jubilee celebrations in 1977.



Kippax Band played for us, conducted by Keith Fairburn who was filling in for their musical director who was visiting his father on his 90th birthday!

The band played a selection of tunes, followed by the National Anthem and Happy Birthday. Several hundred people sang along with gusto!

The event included free refreshments for the crowd, provided by Gail Goodall and Janet Lund. Although there was a vast spread, it was soon demolished by the crowd.



There were many special guests including members of the British Legion, Deputy Lord Lieutenant Michael Fox, our MP Alec Shelbrooke and Ward Councillors James Lewis and Mary Harland, as well as Kippax Parish Councillors and Kippax Guides who helped with preparations and clearing up.



All photographs are by Julie Swan
julieswan371@btinternet.com



So, it was an excellent night. Thanks go to all the people who took the time to get involved – the Parish Council for the funding; the councillors and the Guides for their time; Goodall's for the food and Black and Cream for supplying tea and coffee. Well done everyone and Happy Birthday again to Her Majesty.

From Facebook: Edwin Charlston 29 April at 21:04.

My compliments to the organisers of the Beacon Lighting event. I followed it on Facebook it was a good turnout and a credit to the village