

Kippax Matters

June 2017



Rockery in early April (see K.I.B. page 8)



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
JUNE 2017	
Weeks 1st-11th	Library: 2nd / 9th Storytime 2pm; KPC: 1st KVA; 5th Planning & Communications
Week 12th-18th	Library: 16th Storytime 2pm; 12th Readers' Group; KPC: 12th Finance; 15th Council meeting;
Week 19th-25th	Library: 23rd Storytime 2pm; W.I: 21st; Methodist Church: 22nd Viva Vox Choir KPC: 20th Youth;
Week 26th-30th	Library: 30th Storytime 2pm;
JULY 2017	
Weeks 1 st - 9th	Library: 7th Storytime 2pm; KPC: 3rd Planning & Communications; 6th KVA;
Week 10th-16th	Library: 14th Storytime 2pm; 10th Readers' Group; St. Mary's: Flower Festival: 14th @ 7pm/15th @ 10-3pm; 16th Songs of Praise
Week 17th-23rd	Library: 21st Storytime 2pm; W.I: 19th KPC: 17th Finance; 20th Council Meeting;
Weeks 24th-31st	Library: 28th Storytime 2pm; KPC: 25th Youth
AUGUST 2017	
Week 1 st - 6th	Library: 4th Storytime 2pm; KPC: 3rd KVA;
Week 7th-13th	Library: 11th Storytime 2pm; KPC: 7th Planning & Communications;
Week 14th-20th	Library: 18th Storytime 2pm; 14th Readers' Group; W.I: 16th KPC: 14th Finance; 17th Council meeting;
Weeks 21st-31st	Library: 25th Storytime 2pm; KPC: 22nd Youth

For more information about these events please see inside.

If you would like your dates for September, October and November 2017 adding to this list, please let us know.

Kippax Band will perform at Temple Newsam on July 2nd at 2.30pm until 4pm

EDITORIAL

Hello again. As I'm writing this at the end of April it is cold, wet and gloomy but hopefully by the time you read it the sun will have come out.

There are lots of interesting articles in this issue. You can find out information about clubs and services. For instance, what have Kippax in Bloom, the W.I., the Art Club and the local N.S.P.C.C. been up to? What can the Library and Community Hub offer? What activities are taking place in the churches? What about Kippax Village Action? You can read reports from Greenfields School and the Kippax Athletic Junior Football club. There is an update on the Persimmon development and the Consultation taking place on the future of the Leisure Centre. You can get some hints about this time of year in your garden; find out what your Ward Councillors have to say and read comments from readers.

In fact, we try to make the magazine as interesting as possible but if you have anything to say please get in touch. We love to hear from you and are open to suggestions on how to improve.

Kippax is really a good place to live. Just last week I saw Kippax Amateur Dramatics present a Murder Mystery – a fantastic evening with an excellent murder to solve and a super meal as well. My table guessed the correct motive but unfortunately the wrong murderer so we didn't win! Well done to Mary and the organisers – I don't know how you do it for such a reasonable ticket price. I have been to similar events that have cost 3 times as much but honestly have not been as good.

I was also lucky enough to see Kippax Amateur Operatic Society present Betty Blue Eyes. Another fantastic evening – such talent, professional standard and equally as entertaining as anything you might see at the Grand Theatre in Leeds for a fraction of the price. Well done to all involved. Keep up the good work!

Also by the time you read this, I will have been on holiday to Russia. A bit of an adventure really but getting the visa to go was an adventure (or trial) in itself. First a four-page form to fill in online in which they wanted to know practically everything about me except my knicker size (apologies but I can't think of a better way to describe it!) Then a photograph had to be attached; then the whole thing had to be taken in person to Manchester to the Russian Visa Application Centre along with my passport. You can imagine how the cost is rising so far. Interviewed in Manchester by a very stern Russian gentleman who took my fingerprints and asked me to sign to confirm what I had said on the form. Out came the credit card to pay £117 for the privilege! My passport with the visa attached was returned to me a week later by private courier who knocked me up at 6.55am to sign for it.

Quite an experience – hope the holiday will be worth it.

I'm getting on a bit and recently an old friend was lamenting how things were better in "the good old days". In lots of ways I don't agree with her. I grew up in a house with no central heating or hot water and an outside loo. A far cry from my comfy little house now. We had no TV until I was 5 or 6 and no phone until I was in my early twenties, and now I have the world at my fingertips with my laptop, tablet and smart phone. I can find out anything I want to know in seconds – that must be better surely? However, I did agree with her on one aspect and that is how it seems that some people are less considerate these days. I feel sheltered from that living in a lovely place like Kippax but venturing out into the big wide world can be less polite. A recent visit to the cinema with my grandchildren made me think about this. Several people continued to use their phones (a downside of technology I suppose) and a child sitting behind my granddaughter kept kicking her seat despite being accompanied by an adult who clearly didn't think they should be told not to; and the person who likes to ride a very noisy motorbike around Kippax late at night might think about people who like to sleep!

Well, I've had a moan so that's all for now. Please let us know what you think.

Val Laycock, Joint Editor

YOUR COMMENTS

Thanks for your help putting me in touch with Edgar Pickles, we met recently and he was able to show me the building where the Hicks had their blacksmiths forge. We also went to see the Parish Church where Edgar shared some of his extensive knowledge of the history. We found a gravestone of one of the family and then went to the Methodist Church hall for a coffee.

A most rewarding morning.

Best wishes,
John Parker.



Here is the building which is believed they would have used, with the Mounting Block. This is all that remains as the building is sadly empty. It is situated off Kippax High Street, down the ginnel between Goodall's Bakery & Advantage Mortgage Services.
Joy Bate/ Edgar Pickles

Hi Mr Morley,

I would like to bring to your attention a foul smell that is coming from Benny Fawcett Hills at the back of Sandgate Drive.

The fields where we walk our dogs has had several loads of what looks like mud dumped on it in the last few weeks however given the smell it is not mud. The smell is foul, disgusting and pungent. Perhaps the wind direction has changed recently but the last few days has been in the air around the houses.

I can't even begin to describe it put it truly is vile. I was hoping you may be able to look into the matter as many people have complained about it and have had no luck via Environmental Health and the Council.

I look forward to hearing from you, **Katie Warner**

Editors' note: Intervention from KPC resulted in the following action:

Subject: Odour nuisance Sandgate Drive LEEDS25

Good afternoon

This above issue was reported to us by residents between the 10th and 18th April 2017. Officers have now identified the owners of the land and the accumulation of waste, on fields behind Sandgate Drive. We will now be taking action to ensure that the waste is correctly removed from the site. In order for the waste to be removed it will involve disturbance of the material and therefore the odour may become a further issue for a further period of time.

Please contact me if you need any further information on this.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As I sit and write this article I cannot imagine where the first third of the year has disappeared to.

Over the last four months the Parish Council has presented skateboards and scooters to the youth club at the Baths (see P.18); agreed to subsidise the maintenance of the churchyard; made significant progress towards providing a wheeled sports facility at Kippax Common and assisted 4th Brownies with help towards the transport cost of their pack holiday.

We will continue our support of Kippax In Bloom and the Brass Band.

By the time you read this we will have had the Annual Parish Meeting and also the Annual General meeting of the council. This will be the last full year of this council as we are legally obliged to hold an election in May of 2018. This of course depends on how many people put their name forward to be a councillor. Please watch out for more information nearer the time.

The Neighbourhood plan is nearing completion and we take this opportunity to thank everyone who completed the questionnaire. You can view the results on the Parish Council website on the neighbourhood plan page. We received over 500 replies.

We were asked if a road sign could be erected on Leeds Road directing people to the Gibson Lane Health centre and to Moorleigh Nursing home, This, at the time of writing, has been approved for installation.

We were also asked to investigate an obnoxious smell from Benny Fawcett Hills. Thanks to Cllr. Lewis who referred this to Environmental Health . They investigated and found that it was illegally dumped waste and it would be removed.

After many years of arguing the handrail outside the Post Office has been modified to prevent people tripping, our thanks go to Cllr. Harland for her efforts to get this problem resolved.

Could we ask that the people who keep removing the bins from the churchyard and either burning them or smashing them up, PLEASE stop doing this ! These bins are for people who visit their departed relatives graves, to put the dead flowers and wreaths in, rather than leave an unsightly mess on the floor for somebody else to clean up. These bins cost £80.00 each to replace

Doug Morley, Chairman. 25/04/2017

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Dear resident,

It has been a busy few months in Westminster as the UK Government brought forward legislation to begin the process of withdrawing from the European Union.

As I have discussed with many residents when out and about around Kippax, in the June 2016 EU referendum I used my personal vote to remain in a reformed European Union but I am, above anything else, a democrat first and fully accept that in a referendum of 33 million voters, over 1 million more people voted to exit the European Union than those who voted to remain.

So, a few weeks ago when a vote to trigger Article 50 came before the House of Commons I supported the Prime Minister, Theresa May, in delivering the instruction of the British electorate and beginning the process of exiting the European Union and agreeing new international trade deals.

Over the coming years I will continue to fight for the best possible deal for my constituents in Elmet & Rothwell.

Yours sincerely,

Alec Shelbrooke MP

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KIPPAX ART CLUB

Kippax Art Club has had another interesting year, membership is steady and meetings are full of discussion about everything from what we'll paint or draw next, to putting the world to rights.

We supported Kippax in Bloom by painting the windows of the ex-public convenience as a florist. They look bright and cheery now improving the area next to the bus stop.

We had a Demonstration by Jeremy Ford in February with emphasis on colour mixing and painting figures and shadows; the snow scene he painted showed the method superbly. We have another demo planned for 31st May by Dave Newbould who will concentrate on portrait painting. Anyone is welcome to come along to see what we do and we don't charge for a taster session. Join us at 7 pm (til 9) at the Community centre on Gibson Lane next to the school. We meet on the 1st, 2nd and 4th (and 5th if there is one) Wednesday of the month.

Hope to see you.



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KIPPAX IN BLOOM

One of the problems of writing for the magazine is that the piece is written well before you read it because of the publishing demands. Consequently, as I write Spring has sprung, the mercury is rising and for the past month or so, the village has basked in colour of the many daffodils around the village.

Our volunteers are continuing to maintain the very high standards set in recent years, in particular our Gold Medal and best in category in the UK in 2016. As has been stated before, winning awards is very appealing, but the main purpose is to enhance the appearance of the environment in which we live.

As mentioned in the last magazine, a major project this year is the creation of a vegetable garden in the walled garden behind the Church hall by the Cubs and Scouts, helped by Kippax in Bloom. To that end we are very grateful to our ward councillors Lewis, Harland and Wakefield for arranging for the Community Payback team to improve the area around the car park next to the Church Hall by pruning all the trees and shrubs, ready for KIB and our fantastic Scouts to manage the area during the rest of the year.

Autumn, winter and early spring have been spent on the necessary maintenance tasks and planning improvements for the coming season. We continue to work closely with Kippax North School, and thank all the staff and pupils for their huge efforts in their own gardens. In 2017, we are again in Yorkshire in Bloom. The judges will be visiting Kippax on Friday 14th July, so let's hope that the sun shines on that particular day.

In the meantime we will be continuing with our efforts as always around our community including planting, weeding, painting, litter picking and grass cutting to name some of the tasks we do. More volunteers to help us would be very welcome. We continue to welcome the support of the Parish Council without whom our efforts would not be possible, as well as our ward councillors, Leeds City Council's Parks and Countryside Department and Locality Team and Woodend Nurseries. We also appreciate the support we receive from Kippax residents whose positive comments and some monetary donations are very welcome. All contributions and sponsorship would be very much appreciated. The closing date for entries in our Front Garden competition is June 24th.

Please call into Pat's Sweet Shop on the High Street and have a chat about anything to do with Kippax in Bloom, or contact her on 0113 2862283 or E-mail at psamykib@aol.com. Our website is www.kippaxinbloom.com.

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The Library and One Stop is very much a part of the community of Kippax and is not just here for information it is YOURS, a place that anyone can come into to read a newspaper, or just have a chat. If you need an internet connection then our Wi Fi is free and you can come in and browse the internet in a clean and comfortable environment.

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Are you a community group or a group of friends that would just like somewhere nice to meet up? Why not meet at the library? The space is here for you to use so why don't you come and ask us if we can provide anything for you or your group?

Regular events are held in the library such as Readers Group and Story time for under-fives so come and join in! More details in the Library or you can look on whatson.leeds.gov.uk We have other events and groups planned for the future so watch this space!

Best Wishes from all at Kippax Library and Community Hub.

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KIPPAX ATHLETIC JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB 25 YEARS



Kippax Athletic junior football club are this year celebrating 25 years and we would like to thank the Parish Council for its support over the last few years providing funding for our various age groups. Like most voluntary youth groups such as ours the past few years have been very difficult financially and the continued support from the Kippax Parish Council has been invaluable. Each age group is supported by parents in coaching and general fund raising but we are always looking for new ideas. If you would like to be involved in youth football coaching or general organisation please contact myself initially, we would love to encourage anyone who may be interested in becoming involved with training/coaching even refereeing! There are lots of opportunities available which could be funded by the club.

Whilst as a club we are always looking at ways to raise money our main priority is to ensure we are providing access for local kids to play football and have fun. We train every week at Brigshaw high school. We run a Kindergarten Under 4 to 6 year olds every Saturday morning between 9am to 10am every week and our other age groups train every Monday ,Tuesday and Wednesday evening 6.30pm to 7.30pm .

We also have our 2 biggest events coming up over the summer that will be of interest to all budding footballers and supporters .Both events will be held at Brigshaw high school; Kippax Athletic junior Football Gala Sunday 18th June 10am on Brigshaw school fields. Last year over 50 teams took part from 20 different local clubs; the sunshine together with some good football made for a great day and all involved said how much they had enjoyed it. Hopefully we can repeat the success of last year.

Football trials Saturday 24th June at 10am on the Brigshaw school fields. Age groups ; Kindergarten(under 6),Under 7's, Under 8's , Under 11's, Under 12's, Under 13's and Under 16's Girls . If you are interested please come down 10 am to a friendly and relaxed atmosphere and our coaches will put you through your paces !

If you require anymore info please visit the club website

www.kippaxathleticjuniorfootball.co.uk

J Carter

Club Secretary.



This term sees us getting out and about as we make the most of the better weather to find out about the environment. Many of our units of inquiry have environment and sustainability themes as the children find out about the world around them and how they can look after it.

Key Stage 1 children have been finding out about plants and habitats. As well as growing their own plants, some of the children visited "The Growing Zone" in Kippax where we always receive a warm welcome and great learning takes place. The children find out about what plants need to help them grow and how we can keep them healthy.

This leads in to Key Stage 2 where the children start to take responsibility for the school vegetable garden. We are very grateful to the volunteers who come and help us with gardening – if you would be interested in supporting children growing vegetables we would love to hear from you.

In Key Stage 2 the children are learning about the importance of food as a resource. They have been looking at where food comes from and calculating the food miles in their meals. The challenge for some of them has been to cook food using the lowest possible number of food miles. We are lucky to have lots of local food producers. They will also move on to studying ecosystems where they will find out about woodland in the local area (with visits to Billy Wood) and compare it with forests around the world. We hope that by learning how amazing and important forests are, the children will grow up being aware of the impact of their actions on ecosystems around the world.



Half way through the year already, time flies when you're having such a good time at the W.I. meetings.

Our **MARCH** meeting was an unexpected but enjoyable Folding Book Demonstration: there was lots of loud laughter at our attempts to make "hedgehogs" - a fun and fascinating night.

The **APRIL** - meeting was a demonstration and talk on the benefits of Aloe Vera



And as always our W.I. ladies did us proud with cake and tea. What more can one ask for?

Lots of other things happen besides our once a month meeting, every Monday we have a walking group.

The second Wednesday in the month we meet at Black and Cream Coffee Bar, High Street, for a knitting circle.

We also have a quilting group.



We are open to suggestions of any other activity anyone would like to put forward; our suggestion box is on display every meeting.

We meet every 3rd Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm in the Community Centre, Gibson Lane, Kippax. Hope to see you there.



KIPPAX PARISH COUNCIL

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27th March 2017

Statement re Parish Council element of Community Charge.

Firstly, Kippax Parish Council would like to take the opportunity to provide some clarity to the decision to increase the Parish Council element of your 2017/18 council tax bill

You will have seen that the Parish Council Tax has increased by 130% this year, which equates to around £15.00 for a band B property per year. The increase was voted for at an open meeting by Parish Councillors in February. Parish Council Tax has not been increased for the last 5 years and relative to the surrounding villages, Kippax had one of the lowest Parish Council Tax contributions.

Whilst keeping the precept low we have maintained our continuous support of many projects, some of which are listed below.

- Award-winning Kippax In Bloom
- Kippax Fun Day
- Kippax Brass Band
- Christmas lights switch on
- Kippax Cemetery maintenance
- Kippax Matters magazine

Also many other activities in the village eg. Youth organisations, rugby and football teams, etc.

We understand that as a percentage the increase seems large but we would like to reassure you that this decision was not taken lightly and was fully debated by all Parish Councillors who are resident in Kippax and all pay this tax themselves.

The money raised from the community Tax is used to enhance and improve the village for all residents. Parish Councillors give of their time to ensure that projects such as the wall and seat outside the Community Hub are not only completed but are done so that they are in keeping with the area.

We have at last started on a large project, The Kippax Skate Park (KSP) The additional precept money will help support and deliver the KSP, a project that Kippax can truly be proud of. We also hope that we can deliver more projects of this type, in the coming years, with your continued support.

This increase will not only enable us to complete our current large project, but also and maintain support of all the groups and events over the coming years. Ongoing, it will provide the council with the financial security to plan and complete more large projects such as the skate park. We will continue to improve the village by means of smaller projects that can be specific to one part of Kippax. Your suggestions as to what you would like to see would be most welcome.

It will also allow us to deliver the commitment we are making within the Neighbourhood Plan which contains policies to enhance and improve the village.

Thank you all for your understanding and we hope to continue working hard in our endeavours of helping to make Kippax a place we can all be proud of.

Colin Child Bsc., Clerk and responsible financial officer.
Kippax Parish Council.



KIPPAX DRAMATIC SOCIETY

On April 26/27/28 Niddleston Village Hall (aka St Mary's Church Hall, Kippax!) was awash with Union Jacks as the villagers celebrated Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday.

Three fantastic audiences joined in the fun as they tried to discover who it was spoiled the party for one unlucky top table guest.

Our Murder Mystery Evenings are going from strength to strength and we are getting requests to perform further and further afield. However, there is still time to purchase a ticket for a local performance as we are doing one for St Mary's Church, Kippax, in the Church Hall on Saturday 10th June. So if you missed out on the fun in April, ring Brian Pask on 07423450324 to reserve your place.

Tickets are priced at £10 which includes a two course supper. Entrance by ticket only. Bring your own drinks.

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YOUTH SERVICE

Young people at the skate ramps session at Kippax Leisure Centre were recently joined by Councillors from Kippax Parish Council. The Councillors presented the group with brand new stunt scooters, safety helmets and skateboards. The group were consulted and chose the equipment they would like for the session. The new equipment will now enable all young people who don't own their own



scooter or skateboard the chance to use them during the session. The session is run by Leeds Youth Service and has been supported by the Parish Council for a number of years. The session is held every Friday evening in the sports hall at Kippax Leisure Centre. 7-8pm age 11-15 years old. £1 per session. New members are always welcome, just turn up on the evening and complete a registration form. For more information contact Youth Worker, Denise - 07891 270604."



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KIPPAX VILLAGE ACTION

June already and so far we have had three very successful outings, Pantomime in January, Fish and chips - Thackray Museum in March, and the Theatre again for Betty Blue Eyes in April.

We are now looking forward to our outing on the 23rd June to Wentworth Garden Centre & Restaurant at a cost of £11 (not including food).

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UPDATE ON PERSIMMON SITE

Following the article in the magazine last September Sandgate Residents would like to update you on the current situation with the development. You may remember the permission granted allowed building of 156 houses in total, 34 accessed from Baildon Avenue and the remaining 122 from Bula Close, the two existing cul de sacs off Sandgate Drive. We unfortunately lost our fight to stop this building so we are now concentrating on ensuring that the development progresses with the least disturbance to local residents and stays true to the plans and conditions that were agreed at the Public Inquiry.

As you will have noticed the land where the houses will be built has now been cleared and the public right of way fenced off with bark chippings laid to aid walkers. Persimmon, the developers have stated that they will maintain access as much as possible through the building and if diversions are required they will advertise these in advance.

The remaining trees and land will be managed and restored, the intention is to remove poor quality and dead trees once the nesting season has finished and create a managed environment. We believe there are opportunities for the Parish Council and local residents to get involved in shaping what this should look like and creating a valuable space and would welcome your views. A worrying recent development is that two fires have been started in the week of the 18th April which has seen the fire brigade called and we hope this does not continue – your support would be appreciated if you see anyone suspicious to report it to the authorities.

Persimmon have been focusing on the roads and sewers in phase 1, we have new mountains of soil getting ever bigger with the orange lights of JCBs riding them up and down as our new view over gardens. The current plan is that the work will be completed in May including any access required on the highways for drainage connection in Sandgate Drive and Baildon Avenue. The current plans see house building starting in May from Baildon Avenue with the current intention being to complete those houses first before those accessed from Bula Close. There is no date at the moment for opening access from Bula Close to building traffic but I am writing this article in April for the magazine deadline.

The increased traffic of large lorries trying to reach the site through Moorgate Drive past the Gibson Lane surgery and going too fast down Sandgate Drive has been highlighted to Persimmon. Baildon Avenue has seen a lot of reversing down to the site before the turning circle was provided which was worrying for residents and house building will no doubt see a lot more traffic. Noise and dirt has been an issue, in particular on Baildon Avenue and the access on Sandgate Drive has already had a significant impact on the road condition which we hope will be addressed when building is complete.

We are hoping to see the regular meetings with the developer, the council and local residents reinstated as up to the point of writing there has not been one since February. If anyone has any questions they can contact the Parish Council or Sandgate residents at **sandgateresidents@gmail.com** or Facebook Sandgate residents.

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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.\

MORE STEPS: Christian based activities for 4 - 10 year olds with stories, songs, crafts, games and more at St Mary's Church Hall, Kippax, every Sunday 10.15am-11.30am approx. No need to book, just turn up. For more information contact Elizabeth Thomas (0113 287 0326).

Everyone, including children, welcome to all our services.

DAILY PRAYER is said at 9.30am.

OTHER NOTICES

Flower Festival (in the church) & Craft Fair (in the church hall):

Friday 14 July at 7.00pm Preview, £5 inc cheese and wine.

Saturday 15 July 10.00am - 3.00pm Free entry - Floral displays, refreshments, stalls.

Sunday 16 July 2.00pm Songs of Praise in the church.

For more info contact Christine on 07789 902666.

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.

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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	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 2nd Saturday of the month
	7:15 pm	Dance, the 2nd Saturday of the month.

You are welcome to join us for any of these regular events, as well as the ones listed below

Friday Feeling along with Pram Club & Toddler Group operates during term time only.

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement with Rev Andrew Checkley.

May 22nd 7:30 pm Monday Fellowship – Viva Vox Choir

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.

WALKING WITH THE W.I.

W is for the wonderful walks we have found,

A is for the animals that we spot on the ground.

L is for the laughter as we walk

K is for the Kippisers as we talk and talk.

I is for improving in speed....we won't get fatter!

N is for the noise of our non-stop natter.

G is for gorgeous girls, cos that's what we are!



So put on your boots and leave the car!!

Customer Notice

Consultation

Dear Customer

Following the approval at the councils Executive Board on Wednesday 14th December 2016 the Sport and Active Lifestyles Service is starting a programme of consultation to support a feasibility report into the re-provision of a swimming pool within the Kippax catchment area. This is an exciting opportunity to help the service identify what our customers would like to see included within a new facility.

We are keen for our customers, in the first instance, to e-mail their thoughts and views on the re-provision of a swimming pool within the Kippax catchment area.

It is our intention as consultation develops throughout 2017 to provide draft indicative plans to help bring to life how the new centre could look.

The e-mail address is:

sportconsultation@leeds.gov.uk

Please note that there will be further opportunities to provide your views as this project develops.

VILLAGE SERVICES

News from KRAP - (Kippax Rubbish Action Patrol)

As I write this at Easter I am aware spring has arrived, the days are longer and brighter the daffodils are glowing, the birds are singing and the trees and shrubs are greening everywhere. If you take a walk along Long dike lane to enjoy the effect and the views over the Aire valley – stop and listen and you will hear the ‘Song of Kippax’ ----- the soft patter of drink cans, plastic bottles and take away wrappers hitting the ground as they are tossed from cars to celebrate the spring festival. By the time you read this the traffic speed will probably have been reduced from 50mph to 20mph just so you can negotiate through the rubbish safely. DON'T SLING IT ----- KEEP IT IN YOUR MOBILE DUST BIN!!!

K9 Krap. It is estimated that the dog population of the UK is 8 million, producing around 1000 tonnes of excrement per day (most of it in Kippax)!! ----- If you do not clear up after your dog, you could be fined the maximum penalty in a magistrates court of £1000. -----

Not many people know that! (Especially in Kippax)

Kippax chat ---- overheard in the Koop.

K1. My wife complains that I never treat her, so I took her out for tea and biscuits.

K2 . Did she enjoy it?

K1. I think so but she didn't like giving blood!

Ron Shaw



GOOD NEWS FROM N.S.P.C.C. KIPPAX

Last year we managed to raise £5401.00 for a very worthwhile cause. This was achieved by fairs, stalls and bag packing.

DID YOU KNOW?

Of every £1.00 raised for the NSPCC, 80p will go to help vulnerable children.

The NSPCC receives no government funding at all so there can be no political influence.

For one call to Childline, it costs the NSPCC £4.00.

To train a councillor it costs £1600.

A speaker to train and send into schools costs £550

Provisional dates of events:

June 1st (the magazine may not get to you in time) - Fashion Show. Look out for details on posters.

November 4th - Winter Fair, more details to follow

Bag packing in Marks and Spencers, Leeds on the following days:

October 7th, 18th November, 2nd December.

If you would like to help in any way, and/or have some ideas for fund raising please contact Di On 07766552186

Kippax Ward Councillors Update

Charlie Sweeps Corner Work will start later this year on traffic lights as part of the planning permission that was granted near Sandgate Drive and is being paid for by the house builders.

Kippax Leisure Centre thanks to everyone who has responded to the consultation on what options could be considered in the future rebuilding of our leisure centre. It's certainly got people thinking & involved! Working with the Council's Sports service we will bring detailed plans of the new centre forward in the autumn.

Road safety outside Cross Hills Court we are pleased that there will soon be a much improved pedestrian crossing so that the older people living in Cross Hills Court can get to the High Street more safely.

Small Grants We've recently awarded Kippax United under 6s team a grant for kit and equipment. Please contact us if you are part of a sports club or voluntary organisation that we maybe able to help as despite other cuts small grant funding remains.

St Aidans We're delighted that St Aidan's has now permanently open to the public with the RSPB taking on management. We look forward to working with local people and the organisations involved to make the site as successful and popular as other parks.

Advice session: If you want help and advice from us please contact us using the details below or we are available the 1st Saturday of the Month at 11:00am in Kippax Library, no appointment is needed.



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KIPPAX AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Despite all efforts to attract new members, numbers have now fallen to a level where the Society is no longer viable and so has reluctantly held its last meeting.

For almost thirty years, the Society has kept history alive in Kippax. There have been public lectures, history walks and field walks. A wealth of documents and photographs has been archived, including a recent photographic record of all the village.

Many publications have been produced, beginning with fifteen Kippax Chronicles, the first edition of which was published in 1993. With the aid of a Heritage Lottery Fund grant, these formed the basis of the book *A History of Kippax*, published in 2006. This proved a runaway success, and the profits from sales were used to provide interpretation boards at Manorgarth Hill (Cheney Basin), a Second World War Memorial in the church and a cornet for Kippax Band. In addition, the publication in 2013 of a book of photographs of Kippax Then and Now was funded.

It is hoped that new railings to replace the wooden ones at the side of the War Memorial will provide a lasting memorial to Kippax and District Historical Society. Many thanks are due to all those who have contributed to the efforts of the Society over the years. In particular, Edgar Pickles has been a leading light and a fount of knowledge of all things historical in Kippax.

Chris Porter

SNIPPETS OF INFORMATION



Following on from 'Your Comments' in the March'17 magazine where John Parker was asking about his ancestors who were **Blacksmiths** in Kippax circa 1700-1800, we are pleased to tell you that our Historian Edgar Pickles, showed him round the village and particularly pointed out the building which is believed they would have used (see p.4 for photo)

I suppose you have heard that a number of people have unfortunately fallen over the brickwork at the bottom of the steps outside the Post Office. When Leeds City Council built the ramp access at one end of the parade they built the steps at the other, but the handrail was too short and so some people failed to see the bricks.

I am pleased to report that over Easter LCC rectified this, as is shown in this photograph.

Lastly, the book '**Ledston Luck**' mentioned in March issue is now in the Library. (I won't comment on it!)

Bye for now,

Joy.

May'17

Singles or doubles?

No not drinks. Flowers! A while ago I came across some research that concluded that double and multi flowered plants weren't necessarily great for pollinating insects such as bees and hoverflies. This is because plant breeders in 'enhancing' single flowers, have sometimes done so at the expense of the pollen and nectar each bloom carries. Plus by increasing the number of petals, it can mean that the pollinators find the pollen and nectar harder to access. Whilst I have double flowers in the garden, some brought from previous gardens and I sometimes buy them, I do question which flower types I'm buying these days. After all, I do want the garden to look good but balancing that with seeing the need to help the insects. Some good wild plants to use are *Achillea millefolium* (common yarrow), *Origanum vulgare* (wild marjoram) and *Viburnum opulus* (guelder rose). Examples of good garden plants to use are *Dianthus barbatus* (sweet william), *Verbena bonariensis* (purple top) and *Weigela florida* (weigela).

More details can be found on the RHS website at <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=960>

It's important that pollinators can find nectar and pollen throughout the year when they are active. A variety of different flower types in the herbaceous border can provide a continuous larder for bees and other pollinating insects, many of whom are vital in pollinating our fruit and vegetable crops.

The Lost Gardens of Kippax

Part of the garden was completely overgrown when we moved in and it's been a labour of love to improve it (it's just like that other Garden down south, but on a slightly smaller (!) scale). It also gets me out of the house and doing some exercise in the fresh air. When I first started clearing it, I made paths by laying down weed suppressing fabric and then putting bark chips over that. However, excluding light didn't kill all the perennials and over time, they started to come through. Bindweed, docks and dandelions were the worst and they were spreading into the adjacent vegetable beds. This last spring, I took off the chips and membrane, cleared all the weeds and replaced the membrane, putting down some new chips to improve the look of it. It took a lot of effort but less weeds have been seen since and it will mean a lot less work going forward. Ideally I would have cleared them all to start with but I got eager to turn my attention to planting and there was so much to be done, I couldn't do it all at once.

Jobs for the months ahead

June – Ensure hanging baskets and tubs are kept moist by checking once a day or twice if very windy and/or hot. Put lawn clippings in compost bins in small amounts and mix with dryer materials to avoid it becoming too soggy. Take out blanket weed from ponds and leave by the side for 24 hours to allow



Herbaceous Border in July



Clematis in June

wildlife to get back in. Protect soft fruit from birds by netting securely; check regularly that no birds have become trapped. Regular watering of tomatoes will reduce the chances of blossom end rot.

July – If any foliage on variegated shrubs has reverted to green, cut all the branch out or it will likely take over. Keep weeds down by hoeing in warm weather. If soil is dry, water agapanthus and camellias to get good bud formation next year. Cut the main stem of cordon tomatoes after they reach the seventh flower truss. Hard

A VIEW FROM A KIPPAX GARDEN by EBG Jardinero

for some to believe it, but wasps can help control some garden pests.

August – If leaves have fallen from roses and have black spots, clear them up and put them in the brown LCC bin. Give lavenders a light trim after flowering. Tie in new canes of raspberries, hybrid berries and blackberries. Finish sowing spring cabbages and spring onions to be overwintered. When earlier crops are removed, sow quick growers such as radish, lettuce and rocket. Clean birdbaths regularly with mild detergent and keep topped up with water.

Pot pouri

In the last couple of months, as part of tidying up the garden, I've done a fair bit of digging and moving soil around. I take the occasional rest. If I sit still, I've found it remarkable how close a male blackbird comes when it moves in to take its pick of the insects that have been exposed. For it to trust me in getting so close, it doesn't half make me feel good.

Get Out and Enjoy a Garden



Herbaceous Border in August

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