

# *Kippax Matters*

*March 2017*



Kippax Athletic Under 10s (see page 16)



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<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>	
	<b>MARCH 2017</b>
Weeks 1st-12th	Parish Council: K.V.A. 2nd; Community Hub/Library: Story time 2pm every Friday;
Week 13th-19th	Community Hub/Library: 13th Readers' Group 5.45; W.I. 15th at 7.30pm; Parish Council: Finance 13th; Council meeting 16th at 7pm;
Week 20th-26th	
Week 27th-31st	
	<b>APRIL 2017</b>
Week 1st -9th	Community Hub/Library: Story time 2pm every Friday Methodist: 3rd Monday Fellowship restarts; 9th Palm Sunday Service 10.30am Kippax Band: Concert 8pm (free) Parish Council: 6th KVA
Week 10th-16th	Community Hub/Library: 10th Readers' Group 5.45; St Mary's: 10th Stations of the Cross 7pm; 13th Maundy Service 7.30pm; 14th Good Friday Communion 7.30pm; 15th Service of Light 8pm; 16th Easter Day Eucharist. Methodist: 14th Good Friday morning service; 16th Easter Sunday Morning Service 10.30am;
Week 17th-23rd	W.I.: 19th at 7.30pm Parish Council: Finance 18th; Council meeting 20th at 7pm;
Weeks 24th-30th	Neighbourhood Plan 25th;
	<b>MAY 2017</b>
Weeks 1st - 7th	Community Hub/Library: Story time 2pm every Friday Kippax Band: 7th Wetherby Band Stand 2.30pm Annual Village Meeting 4th at 7.15pm St Mary's Church Hall
Week 8th-14th	Community Hub/Library: Readers' Group 5.45 KVA 11th
Week 15th-21st	W.I.: 17th at 7.30pm. Parish Council: Finance 15th; Council meeting 18th at 7pm. Kippax Band: 21st Church Spring Concert
Weeks 22nd-31st	

**For more information about these events please see inside.**  
If you would like your dates for June, July and August 2017 adding to this list, please let us know.

## EDITORIAL

So, here we are again, I hope you had a Christmas and a New Year without any catastrophes. Very Best Wishes for 2017 and let us hope that we receive more good news than bad for a change.

I suppose we could all set out each day to think positive and be happy and helpful. "You'll be lucky" I hear you say. Yes it is easier said than done I agree.

Anyway, on a happier note, sometimes we have a few copies of this magazine to spare, so if you know somebody who hasn't got one delivered please let me know. We deliver within the Kippax boundary only. Also now and again you may need an extra copy for Grandma/Grandad or some other relative to see a photo or something relevant. Please ask, you never know.

Sorry if your December issue was rather late. We do our best but sometimes circumstances are against us.

YOU THE COMMUNITY have **your** Annual Meeting in May when you can air your views and questions on any subject connected with Kippax. The poster with the details is on Page 7. This year it is at **St. Mary's Church Hall, MAY 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm.** See you there.

My main gripe at this time of year is when out in a vehicle during twilight or dark and the oncoming vehicles have their main beam on. You are blinded by them and particularly round a bend or in a hilly area it is very dangerous.

How many of you agree with me??. How many of you are guilty?

May I please draw your attention to the grass cutting in our area. We have been advised that because of 'cuts' !! the budget allocated by Leeds City Council for this job has been reduced. They have proposed that the time allocated is cut by 'in excess of 2000 hours' in the Outer South Area of the City that **includes us.**

We all know that most of our grass is cut by our Kippax in Bloom volunteer Team with their own machinery. We are very grateful for this but certain areas of grass are owned by L.C.C. It would appear that they may not be cut as often now, so you now know the reason.

Already K.I.B. take on extra areas and do extra cuts when L.C.C. leave the grass too long or not up to their standards, particularly when the Judging is imminent. If you feel like giving a helping hand to K.I.B. that would be great and appreciated by everyone.

Remember that Kippax in Bloom is sponsored for tools and plants by Kippax Parish Council for the benefit of all.

If your specialist group would like to advertise an event or invite other 'Kippisers' to join you, this is free of charge. Please tell us in good time and you will be in the Front Page Diary. Don't "hide your light under a bushel."

Please feel free to write to us about anything, it is your magazine and we can only cover more topics if you tell us what we are missing. We aim to please.

Bye for now, take care, **Joy Bate 0113 2866814 j2bate@homecall.co.uk**

***Sincere apologies go to Kippax in Bloom and other volunteers who willingly cut the grass in Kippax. It is not only the Village Services as was implied in December's magazine.***

***Di McEwan***

## 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	Sunday Worship and Junior Church.
Monday	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting On winter break restarts 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Tuesday	9:30 - 11:15 am 9:00 am	Coffee Morning Holy Communion on the first Tuesday of each month.
Wednesday	12:30 pm 7:30 pm	Men's Lunch Group meets <u>monthly</u> September to June Weekly Dance Group
Friday	1:30 - 3:00 pm 7:00 pm - 8.30	Babies & Toddler Group for mums, tots & toddlers 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 <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month</u> Dance, the <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.</u>

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

 You can find us on Facebook, as a Public Group 'Kippax Methodist Church'

**Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement with Rev Andrew Checkley.**

### Future Events

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	7:30 pm	Monday Fellowship Restarts
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30 am	Palm Sunday Service
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April		Morning Service for Good Friday
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	10:30 am	Easter Sunday Morning Service

For more details of these and other 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.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Already, as you read this, a quarter of the year will have nearly passed. How quick time rolls by these days! However, looking forward to 2017, what have we to look forward to.

The Neighbourhood Plan is nearing completion and by March the final consultation should be drawing to a close. You can view the draft document on the Parish Council website and also download a response form, or you can complete it online by using the link [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KNPFEB2017](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KNPFEB2017). Copies of the document can be seen at the Kippax Hub. Can I urge you to complete the response form as your opinions do matter to us? We then have to submit the document for scrutiny and any amendments to Leeds City Council before holding a referendum to finally adopt it. The consultation is live from February 13<sup>th</sup> until March 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding drop-in events on Saturday mornings during this period. Watch the notice boards for more details.

Way back in 2004 the youth of the village asked for a Skate park (or wheeled facility as they are now known). 2017 should see this wish finally happen. We are the only village around that does not have such a facility. It is the biggest project that the Parish Council has been involved with and we hope that the user group takes pride in it and looks after it.

Unfortunately over the Christmas period we had our share of vandalism. This included the destruction of the notice board in the Moorgate bus shelter which has had to be replaced. Also the breaking of the Kippax sign near to the Baths. Once again this will have to be replaced. And finally, as happens every year, a figure was stolen from Cross Hills. We put out a call via Facebook and someone responded saying who had taken it. We sent a message but the person has not responded nor has he brought it back. More unnecessary expense!!!

Many people ring us to help sort out problems with either Planners, grit bins, dog fouling etc. We try to help when requested and most times we get a result, even if it takes a while, please bear with us and give us a chance.

The Annual Parish Meeting this year will be held in St Mary's Church Hall on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm. We have had to move due to the unavailability of a room in Gibson Lane centre.

In conclusion I look forward to the projects in 2017 and assure all that the Parish Councillors do work to improve our village and we welcome your help to this end.

***Doug Morley, Chairman. 28/01/2017***

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## YOUTH SERVICE FRIDAY SKATE RAMPS SESSION

The skate ramps session at the leisure centre has now been made permanent due to its success!

Leeds Youth Service in partnership with Kippax Parish Council runs the session every Friday evening 7-8pm at the leisure centre.

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.

Young people can borrow scooters / skateboards and safety equipment free of charge.

No need to book! just turn up (sports hall) complete a registration form and if you have one bring your Breezecard.

For more information please contact Youth Worker – Denise on 07891 270604 or like our Facebook page; Youth Service south, south east.



## GIBSON LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE SPRING CLEAN

A big thank you from Lorraine to a group of “young ladies” from the WI who gave up their time and volunteered to assist with the enormous task of spring cleaning the Community Centre during the summer break.

You will also see from the picture that one of our ladies even had time to limber up at the barre before commencing.

This is a local community based centre with multiple groups from Art to Yoga, from Dance to Amateur Dramatics and from WI to Mums & Tots. Feel free to come and join any of our activities everyone welcome.

**Lorraine , 2869321.**







# KIPPAX PARISH COUNCIL INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR

## THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON THURSDAY MAY 4th IN THE CHURCH HALL, Church Lane KIPPAX AT 7.15PM

Come along and voice your concerns, tell us your ideas about anything in Kippax which bothers you. Kippax Parish Council is the first level of Local Government with links directly to Leeds City Council.

If you have any suggestions of how the Parish Council could improve our village we would like to know

You have a right to have your say in the future development of our village. If you care about where you live and have an opinion on it we want to hear it.

Please come along and catch up on how the Neighbourhood Plan consultation went and also on the activities for youth.

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## VILLAGE SERVICES

### News from KRAP - (Kippax Rubbish Action Patrol)

#### KRAP FAX:

Did you know that Leeds City Council is piloting a new fleet of smart digital bins, which compact litter down and warn when they need emptying. Dubbed waste and recycling stations they are operated by a solar panel. They include a telemetry function which communicates with a web based app to provide information on how full the bin is and sends out an alert when it needs emptying---- WOW isn't science wonderful!

---- However they are not being employed in Kippax because our problem is not emptying the bins but getting people to put rubbish in them in the first place. A new proto-type bin is being specifically tested for the village. It will be operated by a clock work mechanism and include a radar scanner which can detect a rubbish chucker or a drunk at 30 paces and a tape recorded voice which will alert the offender by the message – "Eh up old flower" – don't chuck it ont' floor – BIN IT". ----- Good innit ????



#### K9 KRAP:

YES, YES, YES----- A Leeds man was recently fined £947 after his dog fouled in a ginnel. He would only have had to pay £75 if he had responded within a fortnight but he failed to do so and was prosecuted through the courts. LCC said that all dogs are required to be on a lead when on paths, pavements or verges next to roads and owners are required to pick up after them. A full list of exclusion zones and other information on dog laws is available on the LCC web site. The downside to this story is that the guy recently sold his dog to a man in Kippax!!!!

#### Kippax chat ---- overheard in the Koop.

K1

A recent Government warning on the radio suggested that anyone travelling in icy conditions should take a shovel, hat, blankets, a supply of food and drink, de-icer, rock salt, a torch and spare batteries, a petrol can, first aid kit and a jump leads.

K2. What is wrong with that it seems like a good idea?

K1. I felt a right fool on the bus!!!!!!

**Ron Shaw**

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## KIPPAX DRAMATIC SOCIETY

2016 marked the 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen and in common with the rest of the country, Niddleston, a remote village high in the Yorkshire Dales, is holding celebrations – a weekend of special events organised by the Village Hall Committee.

But this prize may well turn out to be – almost literally - a poisoned chalice, because as the saying goes, a little knowledge is a dangerous thing...

Think you'd make a good detective? Why not come along and see if you can pick up on the clues and unmask the villain?

You don't have to participate – just watch and listen and then discuss with your table-mates who you think done it.

This is a patriotic affair so if you feel like dressing in red, white and blue feel free; but this is entirely up to you.

A two-course supper and a mystery to solve. If this sounds like your sort of fun evening please see the flyer opposite for full details.

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What a fabulous 2016 KVA had, all our outings were fully booked, and we had two very successful fun raising events.

We are looking forward to another good year.

Our 2017 programme has been planned, but is still to be finalized.

So what have we to look forward to:-

<b>January</b>	-	<b>Pantomime - Aladdin (Fabulous night)</b>
<b>March</b>	-	<b>Fisherman's Wife Fish &amp; Chips - Headingley Then Thackeray Museum</b>
<b>June</b>	-	<b>Wentworth Garden Centre and restaurant.</b>
<b>November</b>	-	<b>Millstones - Christmas Event.</b>

So if you are interested in joining us, you will be made very welcome.

For any of the above please contact:-

**Jean Pritchard 0113 2875143**

**Pauline Kearton 0113 2860669**

**The Whodunwot Players**  
a.k.a. KIPPAX DRAMATIC SOCIETY

# **MURDER** **in**

## **THE VILLAGE HALL**

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## **KIPPAX W.I.**

What a successful year Kippax W.I. had in 2016, celebrating 10years of W.I. and ending the year with our Christmas Event at Kingscroft Hotel, Pontefract.

We are now looking forward to another successful year, and below is a preview of what events we have planned for 2017.

So come and join us, we meet 7.30, third Wednesday of each Month, at Gibson Lane Community Centre.

You will be made very welcome.

### **15th March**

Jill Robinson—speaking about 100 years of the W.I.

### **19th April**

Kate Miller—to tell us about the benefits of Aloe Vera

### **17th May**

Lisa Keyworth from Trading Standards

### **21st June**

Shirley Berrow demonstrating China Painting

### **19th July**

Summer excursion—t.b.a

### **16th August**

Summer event— t.b.a

### **20th September**

An evening with Jason

### **18th October**

A.G.M.— quiz/games

### **15th November**

Christmas wreath making with Amy from Buds and Blooms

### **December**

Christmas night out—t.b.a

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## Kippax Ward Councillors Update

**Old School Site** People will have seen the 'for sale' signs and we are pleased that the Council has agreed to sell the site with plans for older people and family homes for local people. There will be a planning application and time for detailed consultation once the sale is complete.

**Charlie Sweeps Corner** Work will start this year on traffic lights at the Junction of Leeds Road & Selby Road. This is part of the planning permission that was granted for Sandgate Drive and is being paid for by the house builders.

**Kippax Leisure Centre** our Leisure centre is long overdue for a new building and consultation will start in the spring on the best way to provide an affordable replacement. In order to survive Government cuts to the Council's grant the opening hours are being looked at to maintain the service for local people. Please can you submit any comments to [sportconsultation@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:sportconsultation@leeds.gov.uk).

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

**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 11:00am in Kippax Library, no appointment is needed.



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## 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.

**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).

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

**Monday 10 April:**        **7.00pm Stations of the Cross.**  
**Thursday 13 April:**    **7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service with foot washing and Holy Communion.**  
**Friday 14 April:**        **7.30pm Good Friday Liturgy and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.**  
**Saturday 15 April:**     **8.00pm Service of Light**  
**Sunday 16 April:**       **10.30am Easter Day Eucharist.**

\*Everyone, including children, welcome to all our services.\*

DAILY PRAYER is said at 9.30am.

### OTHER NOTICES

**An Evening of Memorable Music** - easy on the ear - on Saturday 29 April at 7.30pm. Tickets £8.00, includes supper. For more information contact 0113 2320370.

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.

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## KIPPAX ATHLETIC UNDER 10s (school year 5 until Sept)

*(see photo on front cover)*

Kippax Athletic require 2 more players for our under 10s team. They have just broken the club's record of straight wins from the start of the season. We have now played 16 games and lost to only two teams (as at 29/1/17)

**Dave, 07975554462**



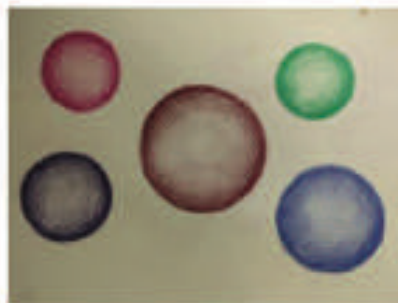
## KIPPAX ART CLUB

2016 was a full and enjoyable year for the club, membership remained steady but we always have room for new members.

We are very relaxed and are of mixed ability and enjoy doing our own thing or watching a demonstration, we have another booked for the 22nd February on colour mixing and figure drawing. We are hoping to fit in 2 more early next year. We meet at 7pm in the Community Hall in Gibson Lane LS25 7BA.

Our paintings are varied and many as shown in these examples, some works in progress, using various mediums.

To celebrate Christmas we had a superb meal together in our nearest Indian Restaurant Sylhety Balti where we were well served with delicious food in excellent company as shown in our group photo.



## KIPPAX BAND ENGAGEMENTS 2017 (as at Jan 2017)

**Please note: there are no visiting bands on alternate months in the Band Club**

Sunday 9th April	Kippax Band Club concert 8pm (free)
Sunday 7th May	Wetherby Band Stand 2.30-4.30pm
Sunday 21st May	Kippax Church Spring Concert (Tickets £6)
Sunday 11th June	Kippax Band Club concert 8pm (free)
Saturday 17th June	Bramley Methodist Church 7.30pm
Sunday 2nd July	Temple Newsam 2.30-4.30pm
Sunday 13th August	Kippax Band Club concert 8pm (free)
Saturday 7th Oct	Kippax Band Cabaret -Ticket only 8pm (Tickets £12)
Sunday 8th Oct	Kippax Band Cabaret -Ticket only 7.30pm (Tickets £12)
Sunday 12th Nov	Armistice Service 10.15am Kippax Church
Thursday 23rd Nov	Kippax Lights Switch on
Saturday 2nd Dec	Scarcroft Tree Light Switch on 7pm
Sunday 3rd Dec	Kippax Band Club Christmas concert 8pm (free)
Sunday 10th Dec	Garforth Church Concert 7pm (Tickets £6)
Saturday 16th Dec	Selby Abbey (Fairburn Singers)
Sunday 17th Dec	Kippax Church Concert 7.30pm (Tickets £6)

## DID YOU KNOW THIS?

"West Yorkshire Police and the University of Huddersfield teamed up with local **Cub Scouts** to help teach the youngsters to **"be prepared"** and help prevent crime.

Crime prevention is crucial in keeping West Yorkshire safe and feeling safe.

The three organisations have worked in partnership to create a Crime Prevention Badge which local cubs can earn after completing a programme of crime busting activities. The first 100 cubs were awarded the badge in November. These young people are our future and it's important that we engage with them as they can help us to reduce crime and the opportunity for crime in our communities.

Introducing this new badge is a brilliant idea and has my full support.

I spent a Friday Night out with **Leeds Street Angels** helping to keep revellers safe in Leeds City Centre. We had a busy night and along with other teams helped four revellers get home safely, assisted two people to get medical treatment and helped a homeless man, who was distressed, settle down for the night. We also gave out a foil blanket, six bottles of water, six pairs of flip flops, gave directions to sixteen people and disposed of nineteen glass bottles.

**Leeds Street Angels** do a fantastic job, working alongside other agencies such as the police, to keep Leeds City Centre safe and feeling safe. It was great to join them for a night shift and see first-hand the really valuable work they do.

In November, 16 days of action against **domestic abuse** was launched. This was a national campaign which helps raise awareness of the issue and encourages victims to report offences. West Yorkshire Police (WYP) supported the campaign and marked the start by receiving their White Ribbon Accreditation. The award is given to police forces who demonstrate their commitment to tackling domestic abuse. This year's National Campaign was aimed at businesses and is encouraging employers to help staff who may be victims of domestic abuse. Domestic abuse is completely unacceptable behaviour. No-one should have to live with the fear of violence or controlling behaviour."

**The above are excerpts from the December 2016 Newsletter of Mark Burns-Williamson, West Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner.**

We hope the above was interesting and would like to add one more item.

In our magazine of March 2014 we printed a request for people to go online, if possible, and sign a petition requesting that Proceeds from Crime in this area be returned, to this area. Recently £23,000 drugs cash was seized in Yorkshire and these proceeds are now used by the Safer Communities Fund.

To find out more about Police issues and successes you can go online at home or in our Library/Hub. **[www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk)**

If you would like more police info in the magazine please tell us.

**Joy Bate.**



# KIPPAX BAND

*presents a*

## *Spring* *Concert*

in

**St Mary's Church Kippax**

**Saturday 20th May 2017 – 7.30pm**

**Tickets £7 including Refreshments**

**Available from Keith Fairburn 07914607889 or**

**Graham Mallinson 01132864674.**



## KIPPAX IN BLOOM

As I write, it is blowing a gale outside and it is extremely cold! By the time you read this, hopefully the land will be waking up again heralding Spring with the village once again benefiting from the blossoms and blooms in the many beds and borders made by us over the years

By the same token, the KIB volunteers have had to pick themselves up following our brilliant win last year in the Britain in Bloom competition, dust themselves down and, in the words of the song, start all over again. Of course, everyone realises that a very high standard has been set: to maintain that standard will not be easy but that is the aim! This year, we are again in Yorkshire in Bloom so we'll be trying to impress another set of judges. The work needed to achieve that has already begun, in fact it never stops!!

As indicated in the last magazine, one new project for 2017 has been initiated by Kippax scouts, with the help and support of KIB; they will develop and operate a vegetable garden in the walled area beside the Church Hall. Four plots have been cleared and prepared in readiness for planting. That was a big job well tackled by the Scouts, their leaders and helpers, some parents and KIB volunteers.

The Scouts' initiative reminds us, of course, that the 'In-Bloom' competitions are not just about flower beds, bushes and plants. They are also very much about community involvement. To that end, we will continue to work with Kippax schools, hopefully encouraging our children to appreciate the importance of looking after their village and environment. We will again be supporting Kippax North School in developing and looking after their vegetable garden.

In a similar vein, it was most pleasing that the Growing Zone were given national recognition for their fantastic work. In the RHS magazine, 'The Garden,' its praises were again sung. "RHS judges Glenn Dale and Martyn Hird said, 'It gives independence to disadvantaged young people who would otherwise not have access to outdoor space.

In terms of community, we should also like to thank the people of Kippax. Most people seem to appreciate the results of the work carried out by KIB throughout the year. Moreover we all appreciate that vandalism is extremely rare now and that hopefully means that people are keen to respect their environment. The support of residents, community groups, churches and schools is very much appreciated. The support of the Parish Council, our ward councillors, the Leeds City Council's Parks and Countryside Department and Locality Team and Woodend Nurseries is also much appreciated as without their support we could not operate.

Of course, we could certainly do with more volunteers to join the group. As we have developed more areas around the village, more volunteer hours would be most welcome. As stated previously, this is voluntary and you can give time as and when, not necessarily every week and an hour will do.

Nor do you have to have 'green fingers' as a great variety of tasks and skills are necessary. All contributions will be very welcome. We would also welcome more sponsors for our hanging baskets and flower beds.

This would be a way to contribute if you haven't any time to help. If you are at all interested, please call in to Pat's Sweet Shop on the High Street and have a chat, or contact her on 0113 2862283 or e-mail at [psamykib@aol.com](mailto:psamykib@aol.com).

Our website is [www.kippaxinbloom.com](http://www.kippaxinbloom.com).



## KIPPAX NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN 6 – WEEK CONSULTATION

### Drop in events

We are in the 6-week consultation period for our Plan and are holding drop in sessions on the following 4 dates: This is your opportunity to speak to us about the plan

**25th February 2017 10:00 – 13:00**

Kippax Library – Westfield Lane

**4th March 2017 10:00 – 13:00**

Moorgate Public House – Leeds Road

**11th March 2017 10:00 – 13:00**

Kippax Leisure Centre – Station Road

**18th March 2017 10:00 – 13:00**

Kippax Library – Westfield Lane

If you have any questions or would just like to discuss the plan, please call in to one or more of the sessions. We'd be delighted to see you!

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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 VIEW FROM A KIPPAX GARDEN by EBG Jardinero

### Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs (*Erinaceus europaeus*) have the ability to make me jump rather high, which is not usually one of my best physical attributes.

Why do hedgehogs make me jump? Two instances illustrate this. The first was in late autumn when I had left some old compost bags with leaves and twigs in, by the side of the compost bin for a few weeks. I emptied one of the bags into the bin and was spreading the contents with a garden fork. To my surprise, underneath the leaves was a hedgehog and as I realised, I jumped backwards. Thankfully no one was watching me and no damage was done because when I gently lifted it up and put it down in a quiet part of the garden, it scurried off.



The second instance was in January, when I was tidying a flowerbed. I lifted up some bent over brown strappy crocosmia (used to be called montbretia) leaves and cut them off at the base. As I bent down to clip off more of the cut stems, my hand brushed something prickly. My brain registered it as a living thing and as I jumped, I recognised it was a resting hedgehog. I'd never thought one could be where it was, being at the front of the border and next to a path. It had made a small depression between plants and the crocosmia leaves were giving it shelter. I put the leaves back and added a few long fern leaves which I had just cut. Straight away I stopped working the bed it was in, as I wanted it to wake up when it wanted to and not because I couldn't leave it alone.

Hedgehogs along with lots of other wildlife are struggling and their numbers are dropping. Some things we can do to help the 'hogs are: 1) Avoid using pesticides and slug pellets as they get into the food chain. 2) Don't put out bread and milk for them as it can cause diarrhoea. Use meat based pet food. 3) Put out clean water in shallow dishes. 4) Allow access to adjoining gardens; a 13cm by 13cm hole is sufficient. Hedgehogs can travel a mile per night. 5) Consider a hedgehog home in a quiet part of the garden, along with some fallen leaves for bedding. 5) Give them an escape route from ponds. They are good swimmers but will struggle to get out when sides are steep. 6) When gardening, as well as bonfires, keep on the lookout when strimming, digging and pruning

The hedgehogs may have startled me but it makes me feel good when I see animals in my garden and I want to help them as much as I can.

### Jobs for the months ahead

**March** – Finish cutting back perennials. Pot up dormant dahlia tubers, placing in good light at 16°C (61°F) and only lightly water at first. Prick out seedlings into pots when they have two true leaves. Sow tomato seeds at 20°C (68°F).

**April** – Direct sow sweet pea seeds. Finish cutting back Salix (willow) and Cornus grown for winter stem colour. Sow allsorts such as beetroot, carrots, leeks, radish, spring onions; if in doubt the seed packets will tell you when. Repair bumps and hollows on lawns and apply a spring lawn feed.

**May** – Water newly planted shrubs and trees. Divide daffodil bulbs if congested. Sow French and runner beans outside, if mild. Keep earthing up potatoes by 4in. when growth is 9in. tall. Sow small amounts of salad crops 2/3 weeks apart. Top up bird baths and keep them clean.

**Get Out and Enjoy a Garden.**

## HELLO FROM EVERYONE AT KIPPAX LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

We hope that you've been able to pop in to your newly refurbished Community Hub to see what services we have to offer now in Kippax.

All your One Stop Council Services are now on your doorstep including a Councillors' Surgery which is held on the first Saturday of every month 11 – 11.45am.

In the Library we receive new stock regularly in all categories. Why not call in to browse?

We have plans, yet to be confirmed, for new events and clubs in the Library for all ages, ranging from a Shakespeare Workshop to a Sudoku/Crossword Club and hopefully a Digital Camera facility aimed at the young people of Kippax, watch this space!!

Look out for forthcoming events and activities on local posters around the village and check the 'What's On' page at: [whatson.leeds.gov.uk](http://whatson.leeds.gov.uk). This is part of the Leeds City Council website.

Let's not forget the Storytime and Rhymes for under 5's. This takes place every Friday afternoon at 2 – 2.30pm in a lovely, 'fairly quiet' environment! So if you're a parent, carer or grandparent who needs to entertain your little ones for half an hour we'd be so happy to see you and we'll do the entertainment!

Lastly, if you're struggling with technology and the new Ipad which you got for Christmas is still in its box, we have free one to one learning sessions to get you started, so why not try it out, just ask a member of staff.

Then once you become familiar with the technology did you know you can borrow E Books or E Magazines – for FREE? A whole new world could open up for you! You know how, for years, you've been going to look into your family history? Well we have 'Ancestrylibrary.com' completely FREE when using the library computers, to explore your own 'Who do you think you are?'

You could also access our archive of historical photographs of Leeds and surrounding areas on 'Leodis.net'. Go on, give it a try!

With Best Wishes from all the staff at Kippax Community Hub

Jane, Sue, Caroline, Ruth and Pauline.

For up to date information on what resources are available online visit

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Tommy, who is well known in Kippax, deserves this award for his hard work and commitment at The Growing Zone.



The Presentation was made by Tesco Staff  
Vera Anderson     Peter Ripley     Sarah Haskins  
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Well done Tommy your hard work paid off



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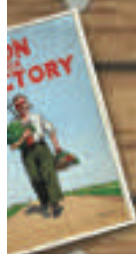


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## YOUR COMMENTS

**Dear Sir, or Madam,**

Two of my ancestors were blacksmiths in Kippax, Thomas Hick 1769-1846 and Joseph Hick 1771-1846, both sons of John Hick of Aberford. I visited Kippax last year to have a walk round and look in hope more than expectation for a house which may be called Blacksmith's Cottage or a pub, Blacksmith's Arms but I did not find anything. I wonder if you could put me in touch with a local historian who may be able to suggest where they may have had a blacksmith's forge. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

John Parker

*The editors put Mr Parker in touch with the Local Historical Society who I believe had some information for him. Do you have any knowledge that might help? Contact the magazine and we will put you in touch with Mr Parker.*

**Dear Sir**

I find the comments by JT in the December issue of Kippax Matters regarding the display of yellow flowers derogatory and soul destroying for the KIB volunteers without having any knowledge of why they were used. Perhaps if JT were to become a volunteer rather than writing "How Totally Boring" the flowers are, he or she might understand more about why such decisions are made. The fact that KIB decided to use yellow flowers must have satisfied the RHS judges enough to award Kippax with such an overall fantastic result in the Britain in Bloom competition.

Graham Free (ex KIB volunteer)

### **GIBSON LANE – 20MPH – WHO CARES?**

Thousands of pounds of Ratepayers money have been spent on installing traffic calming measures on Gibson Lane. These include speed bumps, 20mph signs on lampposts and road entrances.

Have these done any good in stopping speeding on this hilly and winding lane with old folk's housing and a primary school on the hill and a busy health centre at the bottom?

The answer is "No it has not!". In fact the speeding has got worse as drivers avoid the 20mph restrictions on Main Street turning Gibson Lane into a dangerous "Rat Run". But who cares? Certainly not the majority of drivers who blatantly ignore the speed limit. I suspect that these are mainly Kippax residents but are joined by delivery drivers, taxis, buses, and council vehicles. I have also seen non-emergency police vehicles obviously going faster than the 20mph restriction.

So who cares? Probably not Leeds Council to whom I have communicated these concerns several times over the last year via our Local councillor with absolute zero being done except vague promises. Apart from the safety issues I would have thought that the Council would have checked that the large investment of our money would have had the desired effect i.e. stop speeding and make our streets safer places. I doubt they have carried out any audits to check this out.

Who does care then? Many of the residents and other users of Gibson Lane are concerned by the speeding outside their gates and pedestrians have to be wary when crossing the road. However if there is to be any action by the authorities these residents must make their voice heard. If you see blatant speeding contact your local councillor or the police. If they get enough calls they might do something about it before someone is injured or worse.

Finally to the speedsters please consider **caring** about other road users and Kippax residents and cut your speed.

Alan.C



## MYSTERY IN LEDSTON LUCK



Andrew Barrett is a Best-selling Author and Senior CSI based in Yorkshire. He brings all his knowledge and expertise from his years in Forensics into his writing. Andrew Barrett has been writing best-selling thrillers since the mid-1990s, all set in northern England. He's also written several short stories, and co-written a number of television scripts and despite all that is still reasonably sane.

Andrew's novels focus on the world of Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs). He offers a unique insight into this dark landscape, making good use of his expertise as a Senior CSI to envelop the reader in exciting yet realistic stories.

Included in each story are elements of dark humour (he'd be totally insane without the humour), and severe emotional highs and lows. So be prepared.

Find out more about him at

[www.andrew-barrett.co.uk](http://www.andrew-barrett.co.uk)

See him also at [www.facebook.com/AndrewBarrett.author](https://www.facebook.com/AndrewBarrett.author)

Ledston Luck which is being launched on the 20th January 2017 continues the story of CSI Eddie Collins. It begins with a booby-trapped body in a long-abandoned chapel. A scene examination that goes horribly wrong. CSI Eddie Collins and DI Benson are injured and one of the team killed. Eddie is heartbroken and guilt-ridden. And angry.

To find out who the killer is, they must first discover the motive. And their breakthrough comes when two young burglars disappear in the village of Ledston Luck. Eddie picks a fight with the wrong man, and is suspended from duty. But he can't let go of the investigation. He finds the secrets behind a thirty-year-old murder and comes face to face with the killer – on the wrong end of a shotgun.

They say you can always trust a copper. They're lying. They lied thirty years ago and they're still lying today.

The novel is based on the real village of Ledston Luck in Yorkshire





What the Readers think:

**UK Crime book club on Facebook award it 5\*** - For me this is the authors best work to date. Senior SOCO Eddie Collins embarks into another crime scene to unravel the events that took place from the clues left. His manner is brusque direct and he will not ever be a diplomat. This story takes you on an emotional roller coaster from laugh out loud moments, to grab a tissue and shed a tear, some very sad scenes very well written. Readers be warned there are some gruesome details, brutality and domestic abuse are described but these details are needed to help the story develop. There is so much tension and edge of the seat moments in this novel that it really captures your attention, this is a real sleep stealer of a book that I read in a day it was so gripping. I look forward to reading more from this author

**Robin Roughley (author of the DS Lasser series)** - Andrew writes with a wry sense of humour that bubbles just below the surface, although dark humour also runs through the heavily-detailed book. The detailing shows his experience as a senior CSI, but cleverly blended into the story so that it doesn't come across as a police manual.

There is so much anger coming off Eddie Collins, the main character. He is belligerent, boastful, and arrogant. (Eddie's own words). He makes enemies easily but once he has a puzzle to solve, or a death, there is no one more guaranteed to get to the bottom of it than Eddie Collins. In a job he is dedicated to, he is determined there will only ever be one winner: Justice.

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At Kippax Greenfield we have been very busy learning through inquiry this year, with the children building their understanding across a range of subjects. When the children learn through inquiry they are able to take control of their learning and find things out for themselves, guided by their teachers. They go into subjects in such depth we are amazed at the things they learn!

We are very lucky to have such a supportive community and we are able to learn lots from them. For example, last term one of our classes went up to St Mary's Church to see how a baptism is performed. The children were able to take on different roles and find out why it is such an important ceremony for Christians. At the same time, the children in some of our other classes were learning about Judaism. The president of a synagogue in Leeds came into school to talk to the children and they were able to find out about life as a Jew.



This term our older children have been finding out about the history of the local area. Each class has taken a different theme: how world events have impacted the local community; changes in industry around Kippax and changes in how people spend their leisure time. They have used lots of artefacts and accounts from local people and compiled their information to share with each other and build up a picture of Kippax through the ages.

If you have expertise in an area of science, arts or humanities, we would love to hear from you as you could have much to contribute to one of our inquiries.

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## PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS KIPPAX SKATEPARK

In January it was announced that Kippax Parish Council will be receiving a £2000 grant from Tesco Bags Of Help scheme for the Kippax Skatepark Project.

Competing against 2 other local projects, the decision was voted for by shoppers across 9 Tesco stores in outer east Leeds including Garforth and Swillington, and KPC narrowly missed out on the full £5000 grant. KPC would like to extend a massive thank you to everyone who voted for us. This money is gratefully received and will certainly make a difference to the project.

The Kippax Skatepark Project has been building some momentum over the past few months, with the location being selected as Valley Ridge playing fields (near the existing Multi Use Games Area) and a group of local skateboarders, scooter riders, BMXers and skaters have had a meeting to decide on the facilities they would like the skatepark to offer. By the time you read this, contractors will have been invited to submit a bid to manufacture the skatepark and the wheels will firmly be in motion!

## HELLO THERE PEOPLE OF KIPPAX!

The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Lower Aire Valley volunteers have some exciting news for you! We have obtained funding from Tesco's Bags of Help of £8,000 for access works on the beautiful site of Townclose Hills, thank you to everyone who voted for us! This really is one of our most beautiful reserves right here in Kippax and we'll be making it even better for you. We'll be updating and installing some new interpretation boards detailing what can be seen on the reserve and the best places to go. Two routes will be illustrated on the map including a woodland walk through Billy Wood and a grassland walk up to the magnesian limestone grassland SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest). To aid you along these routes we will be putting in new way-markers, steps and benches to help you find your way, climb up those steep hills in the woodland and rest up in a place with a nice view. Often red kites can be seen flying over Kippax from the top so keep your eyes peeled! Or if Flowers are more your thing, stunning wildflowers can be seen on the top plateau which include the clustered bellflower, field scabious and a variety of orchids!



If any of you would like to get involved with any of the work on Townclose Hills we will be running work days on alternate Fridays starting in February, please contact Lower Aire Valley Reserves Officer Elspeth Robinson on [elspeth.robinson@ywt.org.uk](mailto:elspeth.robinson@ywt.org.uk) for more details. We're a friendly bunch of volunteers who always welcome new people! Check out our blog <http://www.ywt.org.uk/blog/lowerairevalley> to look at what we get up to! We also have work days on a Tuesday across Leeds including two more sites in your local area, Kippax Meadows and The Lines Way. Hoping to see you there!

**Laura Watts**

**Lower Aire Valley Reserves Officer Trainee**



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