

Kippax Matters

September 2017



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
	SEPTEMBER 2017
Weeks 1 st -10 th	Parish Council: 4th Planning: 7th K.V.A. Community Hub/Library: Story time 2pm every Friday;
Week 11 th -17 th	Community Hub/Library: 11th Readers' Group 5.45;
Week 18 th -24 th	Community Hub/Library: Parish Council: 18th Finance: 21st Council meeting at 7pm; W.I. 20th at 7.30pm;
Week 25 th -30 th	Parish Council: 26th Youth
	OCTOBER 2017
Week 1 st -8 th	Community Hub/Library: Story time 2pm every Friday Parish Council: 2nd Planning: 5th KVA; Methodist: 1st Harvest Festival 10.30am St Mary's: 1st Harvest Festival 10.30am Kippax Band: 7th and 8th Swing, Groove and Funk
Week 9 th -15 th	Community Hub/Library: 9th Readers' Group 5.45;
Week 16 th -22 nd	W.I.: 18th at 7.30pm Parish Council: 16th Finance: 19th Council meeting at 7pm;
Weeks 23 rd -31 st	Parish Council: 24th Youth
	NOVEMBER 2017
Weeks 1 st - 5 th	Community Hub/Library: Story time 2pm every Friday Parish Council: 2nd KVA; Kippax Band:
Week 6 th - 12 th	Community Hub/Library: 13th Readers' Group 5.45 Parish Council :6th Planning St. Mary's: 11th Michael Bubl� Tribute Night Methodist: 12th Remembrance Service 10.30am Kippax Band: 121th Armistice Service 10.15 Kippax Church
Week 13 th - 19 th	W.I.: 15th at 7.30pm. Parish Council: 13th Finance: 16th Council meeting at 7pm.
Weeks 20 th - 30 th	Parish Council: 21st Youth: 23rd Lights Switch on;

For more information about these events please see inside.

If you would like your dates for December 2017, January, February 2018 adding to this list, please let us know.

EDITORIAL

I hope as your read this that we have had a lovely summer, whether in Kippax or elsewhere. I recently have been assigned the task of collecting a copy of all the Magazines printed over the last few years and the KCEF Flyer, which by law must be delivered and kept in storage for posterity in the British Library at Thorp Park. I would love to look round it, but I must leave the package at the gate.

While looking through previous copies I noticed we tended to get more letters from the readers. We would love to get more letters or comments via letter, email or face book.

My cup is not half full at the moment.

One of the issues that made my blood boil is the governments continuing spend on HS2. Whoever I speak to feels the same. It is a complete waste of money. When there is a shortage of public money and the country is still in deficit. Let's just improve what we have, open or reopen some stations. I would like someone to convince me I am wrong, and that we will benefit from it.

Next moan. The money paid to presenters at the BBC. I was shocked by the amount paid as well as the differing amounts depending on gender, or having a greedy and canny agent. Do you agree?

My cup is half full now

NHS. I have recently had friends or family who have had, unfortunately, had to use the Health service, and despite the headlines, what they all experienced was fantastic care and support from the doctors, nurses and other staff. Let's try and have the good areas of the NHS applauded. What are your experiences?

My cup is half full, when I see how good Kippax looks, thanks to the hard work of the KIB. The walks in and around Kippax, we are so lucky having such a lovely varied countryside around us. Our weekly Monday morning walks are fantastic start to the week (despite the rain), gorgeous scenery, good company and exercise! People always smile and say hello. Also, a group of us went for a city break to Moscow and St Petersburg. I did worry about whether Moscow would be an ok place to visit. We were all very pleasantly surprised at how attractive, friendly and safe we felt it to be. St Petersburg was also very nice, perhaps more used to tourists.

Please let us know how you feel about the above or any other issues that concern you. We like to hear about life in Kippax many years ago, as I have only lived here 36 years, so not a true Kippiser!

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Regards Di McEwan, one of the editors

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A Volunteer's Lament

OH NO! Not Kippax in Bloom time again,
We've only just nicely had Christmas!
No more staying in bed on a Sunday 'til ten,
Pat'll be cracking the whip.

No matter how ill (or hungover) I'm feeling,
It's out in all weathers for me
Bending and lifting, digging and kneeling,
It plays holy hell with my hip.

But it's worth it, knowing how it used to be,
When Kippax was grey and unlovely
Our efforts mean it's easy to see
We've been on quite a trip.

Leeds Road shines, the High Street glows,
Butt Hill's a little oasis
Zinging colours all round, and I know that Pat knows
Just what she can so with that whip!



By Chris Porter

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Permit me, if you will, to look back at two events that have taken place recently. The first was the Judging for Britain in Bloom, when the judges visit our village and take a tour round to see all the hard work put in by the volunteers to make the village nice to live in. I had the privilege of working alongside them in preparing the grassed areas on the main roads into and out of Kippax.

On Longdyke Lane we did not have to cut the grass so we did a litter pick from the Welfare up to the traffic lights on Barnsdale Road. This was an eye opener, a full sack of rubbish that had been thrown down or thrown from cars. Ten days later I drove along this stretch of road only to find that it is as bad again; an elderly gentleman who takes his morning constitutional along there remarked "why don't folk take their litter home or use the bins, it makes Kippax look awful".

In some areas I have seen signs saying "you will be prosecuted for throwing litter from vehicles."

However the judging went well despite an attempt to steal the Bee and Beehive (they are on cctv by the way) The results are announced in September.

The other event was the outing to Wentworth Garden Centre organised by the Village Action Group. 46 people had a great day out and were able to purchase plants at cheap prices. The next outing is to Millstones restaurant in November for a 3 course dinner, dancing and entertainment, including coach travel for the price of £27. Contact Jean on 01132875143 as there are only a few places left.

Now let's look forward: the long awaited skate park should be completed and the official opening date is September 16th on the playing fields at Kippax Common from 1pm to 5.00pm. Access is via Green Avenue.

There will be bouncy castles, Zorb balls, tiny tots' castles, and other things to keep the children busy; we are trying to arrange pro skaters to give demonstrations and advice on skateboarding during the afternoon.

Also, in November is the switch on of the Christmas lights, the 23rd to be exact. This is the 28th year of Christmas lights in Kippax (correct me if I am wrong but this is the earliest date we can find) Each year we try to improve the show and this year we are hoping to have Danny Milo to compere the show along with Santa, JT from Cas Tigers, Bare Brass and a host of local talent; also the fireworks display This year we have 10 stalls to offer to various groups, ring Gail or myself if you would like one. There is no charge to have a stall but they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

That's it for now; hope to see you at the forthcoming events.

Doug Morley

Council Chairman

BRIGSHAW NEWS STORY

Elle Anderson, a Yr 13 pupil who attended Brigshaw High school at the time, choreographed a piece for some KS3 pupils at the school, to perform at the GREAT BIG DANCE OFF regional heats in Halifax back in Feb 2017. The crew won those heats outright and went through to the National Finals in Wellingborough in July 2017 and were placed 1st out of 30 schools from across the country. They scored a whopping 288 points out of a possible 300. The crew consisted of 6yr old Lola Gaitley, from Kippax North primary school, which is closely linked through the Brigshaw Learning Partnership, and she played a little girl who lost her daddy in the 9/11 attacks in New York. The dancers who performed with such elegance and played out her story, were Emily Bootland, Leah Johnson, Leah Teale, Annie Knight, Poppy Wood, Kayleigh Goddard, Ellie Birch, Erris Swinson and were accompanied by Ella Norman and Chloe Goddard who played vital parts of the young girl's life growing up, with a very emotional voice over, highlighting the daily struggle, grief and sorrow felt by tens of thousands of victims of terrorist attacks all over the world. The piece was originally an emotional 9/11 tribute piece but was performed at the national final as 'one love 9/11' in light of recent events in Manchester, and as we had pupils at Brigshaw who were at that Arianna Granda concert that fatal night.

The piece was performed to perfection, with such sensitivity and maturity, and was full of real emotion. There wasn't a dry eye in the house and they received a standing ovation. The girls were outstanding and truly deserved to be crowned the UK schools dance champions 2017. All witnessed and supported by their totally committed teachers Mrs Beardshall, Mrs Gaitley, Miss Petty and Mrs Anderson who all had a tear in their eye as Brigshaw were announced the winners!!!!



Mrs Beardshall who has organised the competitions and second in charge of P.E has stated

'I am extremely proud of all of our pupils and this is the biggest achievement our school has had in terms of P.E and sport in the 4 years I have been at Brigshaw. To be able to say we are the best in the country is fantastic for our pupils and most definitely one of the highlights of my career so far. The Dance was not only technically perfect but it had so much meaning behind it. The audience on the night was so moved when our pupils performed, they were reduced to tears and it is a moment I will never forget. I would like to take the opportunity to say well done again to our pupils and for all of the hard work Elle Anderson has put into this group. We are already working on our piece for next year'

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When I left my career as a Mechanical Engineer and first stood to represent our area as your MP in 2010, I did so because I believed we could make our community - and our country - one that works for everyone.

Since my re-election, I've been out and about putting my plan for our area into action. In June the number of people unemployed in the Elmet & Rothwell constituency fell to a record low of 520 (1.1%). The UK economy continues to grow and is delivering more jobs across Yorkshire.

The biggest single issue facing for Parliament during this term will be our exit from the European Union and the implementation of the Great Repeal Bill to repatriate laws to the UK. I will continue to engage with my constituents throughout that process.

In the meantime, if there is a particular concern you'd like to raise with me or an issue you'd like me to help with, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Alec Shelbrooke MP

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KIPPAX NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

This year has been one of the most exciting ones for us at Kippax North Primary School. We seem to have hundreds of people come and visit us and teach us the most exciting things. Right now though we are all super excited for the skipping competition. Year 4 took part in the Brigshaw trust competition back in April and we won!!! This was great as we all worked and practised very hard for it and we were really pleased because it was a tough competition (everyone was really good!)

We are now going to Leeds Beckett University to take part in the Leeds city final and we are kind of a bit scared but also really excited. We have kept practising our skipping and perfecting our dance so hopefully the hard work will pay off. Whatever happens we will all try our best and have fun because that's what Miss Lowther says is super important.

Written and sent in by Year 4.

VILLAGE SERVICES

News from KRAP - (Kippax Rubbish Action Patrol)

I am writing this in July, the sun is shining, the days are long, the grass is cut and green, the village is practically litter free because it's just a week before Kippax in Bloom judging. However when you read this it will be September, the days will be shorter and the dark evenings will be drawing in. As autumn and darkness approach, out-come the KRAP goblins the scourge of Kippax! You will hear the "Song of Kippax" (sung to the tune of the Floral dance).

As I walked home one darkest night when lights in the pub were shining bright
Far away from the sec/cams stare in the sweet and sour air of a quaint old Yorkshire town
Dancing here staggering there cans and litter everywhere, up and down and throw it around.

Hurrah for the Kippax rubbish dance!!!!

Life gets tedious don't it?

K9 Krap.

A leaflet issued by the Keep Britain Tidy organisation recommends "If you have a garden, train your dog to go there before you take it for a walk". I have never seen this happen but judging by the state of Kippax I can now see where the term "a garden village" comes from!!

Kippax chat ---- overheard in the Koop.

K1. I went to the see the doctor the other day because I had a strawberry growing out of my head.

K2. What did the doctor say?

K1. I'll give you some cream to put on that.

Ron Shaw

ONCE UPON A TIME

Oh! No! I had better not start like that or you will think this is a Fairy Story and you won't believe me, but I assure you it is all fact. Sometime in the early 1960's the "AA Gazetteer of English Villages" was published. In it was Kippax, listed as "an unlovely village set among coal mines".

Although Kippax over the years have been devastated to see all the mines closed, I hope they would agree that it merits a better write up these days. Well look at it now. Most of it deserves to be called a lovely village.

There are many beautiful individual gardens and allotments producing prize winning, tasty, fruit and veg. and gorgeous flowers. These are on show or for sale at various times, in various places, so look out for posters in the Boards.

Many public areas have been improved by residents and Kippax in Bloom and on 14th July when it was the Judges Reception at The Moorgate I hope you passed by and saw the amazing Bee that was made from willow strands by local ladies, and the very pretty wild flower beds. MANY THANKS TO THE GENTLEMAN WHO LEFT MONEY BEHIND THE BAR TO PAY FOR A DRINK FOR ALL THE WORKERS.

Talking about workers have you looked at the photo on the front of this magazine? I bet you didn't know there was a Hobbit House in the village.

This was created by Graham Sykes, Gibson Lane, and artistically painted by Brian Barber who lives opposite. Graham has won Best Large Garden for many years (with a little! help from his wife) and Brian is one of the team that keeps The Methodist Church gardens up to scratch.

Which leads on nicely to my next request: many of the people in this village who help it to look lovely and enable residents of all ages to feel good about their environment and indeed about themselves, are pensioners.

They thoroughly enjoy themselves and I hope get satisfaction in what they do, BUT it is getting to the point where 'new blood' needs to be injected, so PLEASE whatever your age, do try to offer some help in whatever capacity suits YOU. I am sure any local organisation will welcome you, but particularly K.I.B. If you need a phone number/ email address just ask one of we Editors.

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

BEAUTIFUL KIPPAX

No photo competition this year but here are some fabulous photos sent in by Andrew Parkinson. Thanks Andrew.





The Kippax Band invite you to an evening of

A graphic of musical notes and a treble clef, with some notes appearing to be part of the main title text.

SWING, GROOVE & FUNK

**SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 8PM &
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Kippax Ward Councillors Update

Working with our local schools Cllr Keith Wakefield was pleased to visit Kippax Greenfield School to give the children their award for being Leeds Clean Air Champions. We also welcomed Year 5 from Kippax North into the Council Chamber at Leeds Civic Hall where they took part in their own mini debate.

Small grants to local groups We have recently given small grants to Kippax Girl Guides to help them set up a new Rainbow Unit. Despite all the cuts to council funding we are still able to make small grants available to local sports teams and voluntary groups so please contact us using the details below if you think we can help you.

Thanks to Kippax in Bloom Once again the hard working volunteers of Kippax In Bloom pulled all the stops out for the 'In-bloom' judges this year and the judging route looked fantastic. We know we speak for everyone in Kippax when we told the judges how much the volunteers are appreciated.

Kippax Swimming Club We recently met the club to talk about their work and discuss the future plans for Kippax Leisure Centre. We hope that more details will come forward in the autumn.

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



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WAR MEMORIAL



Thanks to Allan Harkins for photo.

The new fence is now in place, kindly donated by the now defunct Historical society. They had some funds left which were used to purchase the fence and have it fitted. Another great improvement to the war memorial! Compare with older photo – what a difference, especially the background. Does anyone remember the old version? Do you remember it looking like this? When did they build the houses behind it? Perhaps you live in one? Do you have any before and after photographs of the village? Could you send some in? People are really interested in Kippax in days gone by, especially anecdotes about the people.



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 Adults (ages 16+) 7.00 - 8.00 pm

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

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New to the village? Recently retired?

Here is a list of only some of the places to go and things to do:

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St Mary's Church

Kippax in Bloom

W.I.

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday: 10.30am Sung Eucharist.
Tuesday: 10.00am Said Eucharist (lasts approx. 20 minutes).
FIRST STEPS: Every Thursday: 10.00am for children of pre-school age and their parents or carers.

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL on Sunday 1 October - Service at 10.30am at Kippax Church.

MICHAEL BUBLE TRIBUTE NIGHT on Saturday 11 November at 7.30 in the Church Hall. Tickets £10, includes supper - contact 07789 902666

CHRISTMAS FAIR on Saturday 3December 10.00am-3.00pm in the Church Hall. 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.

QUIZ TEAM WINNERS

The Quiz team from Kippax (Ex-service men's club) British Legion were triumphant in the 5 Towns Quiz League Handicap Cup on Monday 15th May. Having battled through the previous rounds the final was against 'Little 'Un of South Emsall' and it was a close run thing. At the Featherstone Hotel with good refreshments and cheered on by most teams in the League, it was a most enjoyable evening. From the left Dave, Benny, Steve and Julia, their regular Captain Dave being away, celebrate with the cup.



RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2017

You know what it's like. You've had something on your bucket list for years and not managed to do it. The closest I had got to the Chelsea Flower Show was watching the 15 programmes a year the BBC produce in covering it. I've been to other flower shows but Chelsea is the most prestigious of all.

Well this year, I made it happen, travelling down the day before so I could be at the Show as close as possible to the opening time of 8 o'clock. Crowds quickly built up and when they did, it was hard work to get close to the gardens in order to look at them and take some photos. Most gardens could only be viewed from outside, unlike TV coverage where the cameras go inside them.

The biggest and most expensive to build gardens are called Show gardens and whilst there were 17 last year, this was reduced to 9 this, as it was harder to find sponsors. Sign of the times I think. Other categories of garden were Artisan, Feel Good and Fresh, which all look to appeal to different aspects of horticulture.



The Great Pavilion covers nearly 3 acres and includes exhibits from

many nurseries and florists. The grounds also include trade stands and a Floral Design Studio. Bearing in mind most of the exhibitors have only around 3 weeks on site to build, it was astonishing how established all the gardens and stands looked. Our horticulturists and constructors are excellent and should be congratulated. I did look at some of the prices particularly some of the sculptures and boy, most were out of my price range. I did buy a RHS fold up broly as a souvenir and this was much more suited to my budget.



All floral exhibitors and nurseries have the chance to win RHS medals. The best are given Gold, and then there's Silver-gilt, Silver and Bronze. If it's below Bronze, they get nothing. In any category, there's no limit how many of any medal may be awarded; they could all win Gold, if they meet the set criteria.

I admire exhibitors as they have to make sure that their flowers and vegetables are seen at their peak during Show time. Often holding flowers back or bringing them on earlier than



they would normally be seen and it's the culmination for many of 11 months of hard work.



Jobs for the months ahead

September – Keep deadheading perennials such as dahlias in order to keep them flowering. You can divide perennials such as phlox and hardy geraniums to make new plants. Plant autumn onion sets for early cropping next year. Dig up the last of the potatoes before they are struck by late blight or slugs. Put out 'wet' dog or cat food or bespoke foods for any young hedgehogs that may be still active.

October – Collect ripe seeds once the heads have turned brown and once dried, keep them ideally in an airtight container in the fridge. Plant up prepared hyacinth bulbs and place in a shady cool place for Christmas flowering. Plant garlic as it needs a period of cold to help the cloves develop into next year's bulbs. Make leaf piles for hibernating mammals. Let some ivy mature and set flowers as it's a brilliant source of late nectar and berries.

November – Plant tulips for flowers in the spring. Don't tread on frosty or wet lawns. Once foliage has yellowed, bring in at risk plants such as cannae and dahlias, keeping tubers free from frost. Up until early March, prune pear and apple trees. There's still the chance to sow broad beans but protect young plants if there is a period of snow or frost.

Pot pouri

After some recent landscaping changes to my garden, I was looking for a modest sculpture to put in it. At a reasonable price, I bought a metal flower head 9 inches across, which was wrapped up in a bag and a 5 foot metal pole to put it on. Coming back from Chelsea, I was at Kings Cross waiting for the train. Sat on a seat holding out the pole, a lady came and sat beside me with a similar flower but with the flower head in place on the pole. She looked across at mine and said 'petals fallen off yours then?'

Get Out and Enjoy a Garden

KIPPAX W.I.

I know I say it every year but this year seems to have flown by.

So what have W.I. been doing since last Kippax Matters?

June - Shirley Bellow, Ceramic Artist came and gave a demonstration on China Painting. She made it look so easy, but believe me it is not, it was fascinating watching her make beautiful pictures from dabbing paint on a plate.



July - Our Summer outing to Eden Camp, and Pickering. We left Kippax at 9.30 thinking the day was going to be a bit drizzly, but true to form the sun shone all day for us, and we had a fabulous day at Eden Camp (2nd world war living museum). Straight to the canteen for coffee and cake (yes canteen 1940 style); then wandered around enjoying the history posted in the Nissan Huts. Lunch and then on to the pretty town of Pickering for a look round, coffee and cake, before departing for home at 4.30. A lovely day with lots of laughter. The driver helped make the journey enjoyable with his funny banter.



August - BBQ

The meeting we are all looking forward to is **SEPTEMBER**, an evening at Jason's Harddressers. If it's anything like last years, we won't be disappointed.

October - A.G.M. - Quiz/Games

Come and join us, we meet the 3rd Wednesday in every month 7.30pm in Gibson Lane Community Centre. You'll be made very welcome.

K. Jackson

KIPPAX METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Minister for Kippax is the Reverend Andrew Checkley,
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Worship and other regular activities

Sunday	10:30 am	Weekly Worship and Junior Church.
Monday	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 - 11:15 am	Coffee Morning
	9:00 am	Holy Communion on the first Tuesday of each month.
Wednesday	12:30 pm	Men's Lunch Group meets monthly September to June
	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Babies & Toddler Group for mums and Babies/toddlers up to two years old.
	7:30 pm	Weekly Dance Group
Friday	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
Pram Club & Toddler Group operates during term time only.

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement with Rev Andrew Checkley.

1st October	10:30 am	Harvest Festival Service
12th November	10:30 am	Remembrance Sunday Service

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

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

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NEWS FROM KIPPAX GREENFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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This year we are trialling peripatetic music lessons for children who would like to learn a musical instrument. We are starting with keyboards and will see how popular the lessons are before extending to other instruments. A big difficulty for children starting to learn instruments can be the cost of buying them. If you have any old instruments getting dusty in the attic and you would be willing to donate them we would be very grateful and could start some future musicians on their way.

Street dance & Drama classes

Kippax Ex-Service & Social Club (British Legion)

Street dance level 1 Mondays 4.15-5.00pm (3-6yrs)
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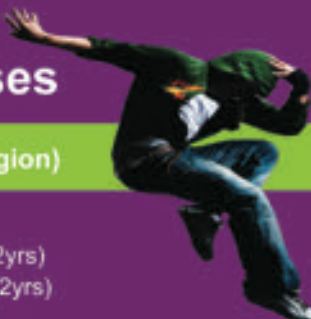
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BEAR QUIZ



1. Which president was the first teddy named after?
2. What was the name of the bear on Rainbow?
3. What's the biggest bear in the world?
4. What word means 'like a bear'?
5. Where does Paddington Bear come from?
6. Which bear wears yellow check trousers?
7. Which soldiers wear bearskins?
8. Who was the bear in Jungle Book?
9. What is the Great Bear?
10. Boo-Boo was friend to which bear?
11. Where do the American football team known as 'The Bears' come from?
12. Which of Pudsey's eyes does a bandage cover?
13. How much does a grizzly bear weigh?
14. What do Panda bears eat?
15. Which type of bear has something in common with kangaroos?

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HELLO FROM KIPPAX COMMUNITY HUB

It's over a year since Kippax Library renovations were completed and the one stop shop moved in to the new Kippax Community Hub with improved hours and facilities. Kippax Community Hub is central to our village and offers Council Services such as library, customer service and self-serve job shop. Did you know many council services can be accessed via our self-serve online system which is available in the Hub? We also have a free phone available where you can speak directly to council services; the phone is situated on the top floor near the lift.

Whenever Online Services are mentioned people vary in their reaction - some prefer the convenience of organising their lives online, some prefer other ways to organise their lives and services required, and some of us have fear or are just apprehensive. One certainty is all our lives are changing with this technology from the way we work to shopping and services we require and everything increasingly needs some input from us online. Here at the Hub we can help and it's free! Do you need help or want to improve your computer skills? Our popular one to one sessions are available. You can use one of the computers at the Hub for the session or you can bring your own tablet/laptop from home.

Need a place to work with free Wifi access? Need some desk space to organise your workload? Want to bring your own laptop? Pop in to use our work stations and tables, and if you need the use of a PC they are available with free internet access and connection to our printers.

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Are you looking for space to meet up as a Community group or with friends? It may just be adhoc or on a regular basis. Why not call and have a chat to see what space is available and what we can provide in your local Community Hub?

Recently two young ladies from Brigshaw High School approached the Hub to organise a new Children's book group, so why not come and join them here. The group is to be called Chatterbooks and is for ages 7 - 10. There will be books, activities and games and a chance to make new friends! Why not come along and join in exploring the world of stories and storytelling.

The next meeting is planned in September, the date has not yet been confirmed so please contact the Hub or check online. Contact details are listed below; alternatively posters for events are distributed around the village and available on the Kippax Parish Council website **www.kippaxparishcouncil.gov.uk**

Are you an adult who has a love of books and would like to join a Readers Group who meet regularly? Read and review books whilst making new friends? Why not come along to one of Kippax Readers Group meetings? They meet the second Monday in every month from 5.45pm to 6.45pm.

Are you a parent, grandparent, carer? Are you looking after a child under 5? Why not come along to our regular Storytime/Rhymetime? We meet every Friday 2pm to 2.30pm. You can enjoy the fun, join in creative time and make new friends.

Don't miss out on the chance to be the winner from Kippax library of this year's Summer Reading Challenge 'Animal Agents'!

You must complete the Challenge to have the opportunity to win a place at the Celebration party in October. The final day to complete is Saturday 16th September 2017!

Every Friday 2pm -2.30pm Storytime

Watch out for other events they will be advertised in the Hub, around the village, online at addresses below and on the Parish Council website.

Monday 10am to 7pm

Tuesday 9am to 5pm

Wednesday 9am to 5pm

Thursday 9am to 5pm

Friday 9am to 5pm

Saturday 10am to 1pm

Please note a Customer Services Officer is not available on a Saturday and after 4.30pm Monday to Friday. The free phone and online services are available to use during opening hours.

Best Wishes from all at Kippax Community Hub.

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KIPPAX IN BLOOM

Judgement day has been! The judges from Yorkshire in Bloom arrived in Kippax on Friday 14th July. Of course, we won't know until the 12th September just how successful we have been. However, it was again the case that a tremendous amount of planning and hard work went into preparing for the day. Hopefully everyone will agree that Kippax looked at its best. It is certainly amazing how much litter was collected on the evening before judging!! Life would be so much pleasanter if people binned it rather than dropped it!!

On the downside, you will remember that last year, a group of the volunteers went on a willow-weaving course (at their expense, it is worth pointing out) as a result of which quite a large willow bee took pride of place on a plinth outside The Moorgate. This year, on the Friday evening in the week before judging, two of the volunteers spent a couple of hours or so bringing the bee back to life, again outside The Moorgate. This time the bee wasn't on a plinth but had its own rather grand hive. Unfortunately, in the early hours of Sunday morning it was stolen! It had been shoved in the back of a car and driven off. Needless to say, everyone connected with Kippax in Bloom was extremely hurt and bewildered.

On the positive side, it was very gratifying to read people's responses on social media, with lots of comments condemning such an act, praising the efforts of the volunteers and appreciative of their efforts to enhance the appearance of Kippax. I dread to think what would have happened to the perpetrators had they been known!! So, thanks to all of you who expressed their regret and their support.

The bee was found on the Common on the Monday, unfortunately rather dishevelled and worse the wear. Remedial work had to be undertaken and on judging day, the bee was again proudly displayed on its hive.

Once again we were able to show the extent of community involvement in Kippax in Bloom. The pupils and staff of Kippax North School have worked very hard to achieve level 5 RHS school gardening award and it was a joy to watch some of the pupils show the judges around their gardens. The new Community vegetable garden prepared and looked after by the Scouts and Cubs with our help. Please support them by choosing them as your local good cause at the Co Op. The judges visited the Growing Zone, Billy Wood, The Methodist Chapel, St Mary's Church and Flower Festival and seemed very impressed. We showed them the War Memorial which now has smart new railings thanks to Kippax and District Historical Society. They also admired the many residents' gardens which are so well kept and a joy to look at and also the businesses that have chosen to put hanging baskets and planters outside their shops to brighten up the High Street. Thank you all for your efforts.

We are also extremely grateful for the support of the Parish Council, our three ward councillors, the Leeds City Council's Parks and Countryside Department and Locality Team, our various sponsors and to Woodend Nurseries, without which our success would not be possible.

Of course, we must thank our fantastic volunteers again and again for all their efforts, planting, weeding, deadheading, litter picking, painting, strimming, leaflet delivering and grass cutting. We have been fortunate to add to our team recently, which of course is always good news. If you feel that you could contribute in any way, please call in to Pat's Sweet Shop on the High Street and speak to Pat, or contact her on 0113 2862283 or e-mail at psamykib@aol.com. Our web page is www.kippaxinbloom.com



KIPPAX CENTRAL CLUB

Welcomes **Sally E. Cole** as the
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Come and join us for some of our forthcoming events:

15th Sept - **Cliff & the Shadows**

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KIPPAX ART CLUB

May the 31st, Dave Newbould came to demonstrate portrait drawing. His relaxed manner and sense of fun made the evening pass too quickly. He demonstrated using acrylic paint and pastels, drawing an old man, kindly leaving the finished work for the club to raffle. Then in charcoal he drew a club member, very quickly in well under an hour, again he gave the work to his subject who was delighted. Everyone learned something from his technique and agreed it had been a fruitful evening.



On July 14 we experimented by exhibiting in the church grounds in a pair of gazebos. Much more accessible to the public we had far more visitors to view our display, a section of which is shown here. The range of subject matter, the variety of styles and media presented by most members of the club meant we had an extremely interesting exhibition.



The Craft Fair in the church hall and the Flower Festival in the church meant a varied audience on Saturday 15th, and the Art Club had a display there as well. The community of Kippax showed in a good light. Our library with emphasis on books on flowers and their story. The group had great fun assembling the entry and hope everyone found time to pop in and see what we have done since our last display.

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 (until 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. We have a demonstration of life drawing by Elizabeth Lazenby on Wednesday 6th September at 7 pm. Hope to see you.

KIPPAX DRAMATIC SOCIETY

At the time of writing we still have several more bookings in our performance schedule for our Murder Mystery Murder in the Village Hall. These will take place in various venues in and around Leeds.

We will also shortly be commencing rehearsals for our main Autumn production which this year is Lord Arthur Savile's Crime.

In this farcical comedy, the eponymous hero receives some extremely disquieting news from a fortune teller; and it is his bungled attempts to deal with the situation that provide many of the laughs.

Performance dates are: Wed 22/Thu 23/Fri/24 November at 7.30 p.m. and Sat 25 November at 2.30 p.m.

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Bear Quiz Answers

1. Theodore Roosevelt; 2. Bungle; 3. Polar Bear; 4. Ursine;
5. Darkest Peru; 6. Rupert; 7. The Guards; 8. Balou;
9. A constellation of stars; 10. Yogi Bear; 11. Chicago; 12. Right;
13. Approx 410kg; 14. Bamboo shoots; 15. Koala (they are both
marsupials)

GARDEN HINTS

My latest task has been an assignment in the recovery of a garden. Not touched for many years it contains some superb trees and shrubs: many interesting specimens. It is very much overgrown. If you had been to The Lost Gardens of Heligan in Cornwall at the beginning of their development you would know what I mean. It is now in the middle of its third decade of development. Getting to grips with this sort of garden is exciting! Identifying the good bad and the ugly takes time. In the same instance it is necessary to protect these trees and shrub species retained and show them to their best advantage. The mix with the additional layer of perennial weeds and climbers makes it doubly difficult in the task. In the final event you should try and achieve a garden landscape which reflects what was there originally. There is also the bid to keep any future maintenance to the absolute minimum. Adjacent gardens require to be protected and a chat with the neighbours on all sides is essential. Perennial weeds will never be eliminated completely so careful cultivation and the careful use of total herbicides is compulsory. Leaving the area's fallow as they are recovered is also a requirement to identify any potential weed growth which will threaten future planting and that which exists at present.

It is disconcerting to see a virtual forest stripped back to the bare bones as with Heligan. Underneath all that undergrowth is a structure of original plants which need to be laid bare, weed growth eliminated and new planting considered. Four days' work has filled a tractor-trailer and there is much more to come. Hedges are inundated with bramble and ivy needing dug out and the hedges cut back, the objective being to let in the light to encourage fresh growth. A real challenge really and a brave stance needed by the renovator. Some plants, of course, will have gone past their best and a decision is required for their complete removal. Letting in light is important as plants will not recover unless they get back to growing leaf and photosynthesizing.

It is also an opportunity to see mature plants used as support for others. Three apple trees in my own garden support Clematis montana 'Elizabeth', a sheet of colour in flower. Cleared areas present opportunities for planting the species that you like (the client). It's a bit of SWOT management dropped into the process finding strengths (S), weaknesses (W), opportunities (O) and threats (T). In this case bindweed and shade are real threats.

The abundance of small pools gives an opportunity for encouraging wildlife. So far we have come across two newts and three frogs. I am sure I have missed many others. There will be a lot more hopefully and I continue to keep a look out for the odd toad. Funnily enough you cannot move these creatures from one location to another. They will always try to get back to their birth place. It is more likely they will stay in one place if you transport the eggs and spawn. I am hoping for Dragonflies and Damsel flies and some thought will have to be given to not only plants on the land but those in the water, water mint and yellow iris? There is nothing so exciting for children to see nature close up and to have your own dipping pond for your grandchildren is an opportunity not to be missed!

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I am proud to support 'Kippax Matters', and I will continue to do so.

Kind regards,

Dave Eason - The Drive – Reviver

I was wondering if it would be possible to mention one of our local child-minders, Karen Barton of Karen's Kiddie Care, in the parish magazine because of the wonderful fundraising she has done?

On Wed the 21st June, Karen and her children and staff set out to complete the 'big toddle' part of a national event raising money for Banardo's by walking around the big field on the common. The children aged between 10 months and 3 years all took part, some walking, running, in pushchairs and of course toddling and raised an amazing £282 for the charity.

Yours hopefully,

Mrs Sharon Harrison

The Blacksmith's Forge

With regard to the piece in the June issue of Kippax Matters about the Blacksmith's Forge, there seems to be some confusion about the details.

I have been asked by the people who clearly remember those times, around 1930's, to put the records straight. So I write on their behalf.

My close relatives and friend aged 93,88 and 92 respectively clearly remember where the only blacksmith's forge in Kippax was, and sadly it was not in the area off the High Street described as 'Hick's Yard' between Goodall's Bakery and Advantage Mortgage Services.

It is recalled that Hick's Yard was in fact on the Crosshills area of High Street which is now the beautiful garden. Facing the Crosshills roundabout were two shops. You may remember them as Butterfield's Greengrocers or, further back in time, the Gas Showrooms and the Library. To the left of those properties was a dirt track which led to the yard behind the building known as 'Hick's Yard'. This housed the Blacksmith's Forge. The Blacksmith was Mr Gosling.

My father worked for Gough's Grocers which was situated in a stone property in the area which is now the access road to the car park next to Central Fisheries. Deliveries in those days were made by horse and cart. It was his job to take the horses to be re-shod to Mr Gosling the Blacksmith. Incidentally, the stables for those horses were in the building which now houses Bargain Booze on Crosshills. If you look at the building from Butt Hill you can see the arched structures which are now bricked in.

Another relative can clearly remember calling to watch the blacksmith on his way home from school. Apparently it was great fun for him and his pals to catch the sparks from the forge! The school is now demolished and was situated on the land surrounded by railings opposite the Kippax Community Hub.

Wouldn't it be lovely if we could record the stories of our relatives and friends who can remember those times with affection, to paint the picture of our history for us all today? Those memories are too valuable to lose!

Perhaps food for thought?

Kind Regards

Jane Fairburn

Many thanks for your article about the village blacksmiths of Kippax. And I agree that Mr Gosling was the blacksmith just off Cross Hills, however that is not all of the story and I have put together a summary of the Hick/Gosling era

Kippax Blacksmiths

Following the comments about the former blacksmith's shop off High Street a little research revealed that two families provided blacksmiths for Kippax for over 100 years.

Thomas Hick who died in 1819 is recorded as blacksmith on his gravestone and it seems reasonable to assume the business was passed down the family as the same surname occurs in the Trade Directories (Yellow Pages /Internet of the 19th C) of the period.

In the middle of the century there were two blacksmiths Thomas & William Hick so possibly two premises John Hick is the last to be recorded in 1901.

From 1904 William Gosling is blacksmith, still trading in 1936

Unfortunately no locations of premises are given in Trade Directories but my understanding is that Mr Gosling used the premises off Cross Hills so by association it seems likely that Hicks or at least one of them used the one off High Street.

I hope this is of interest to you

Kindest regards

Edgar



Wentworth Garden Centre was our summer outing this year. We had a beautiful day, warm and sunny, plenty to see, healthy looking plants, picturesque garden, Deer Paddock, Millennium Maze, Pet & Aquatic centre, Family Farm Butchers & Deli, and of course Coffee Shop and Restaurant, where we all enjoyed a lovely meal.

We all had a fantastic time and back in Kippax by 6pm.

November outing - Millstones restaurant and Christmas event, this is a very popular outing so if you are thinking of going you need to reserve your place by phoning:-

Jean Pritchard - 0113 2875143

Pauline Kearton - 0113 2860669

Millstones Lunch with entertainment consists of:-

Arrive at The Millstones at 11.30 for Tea & Coffee; Lunch is served at 12.30pm approx.

This is followed by Entertainment which includes Music, Fun and Dancing, and a Christmas raffle.

To complete the afternoon, Mince Pies & a selection of Homemade Cakes.

Tea/Coffee will be served before leaving at approx. 4.45pm.

There is also a gift shop on site, and a Deli. Cost £25.

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