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EDITORIAL

Hello there, December again!

I swear the years are speeding up – ‘they’ credit that to getting older I believe? Well I can categorically state that it’s true! Christmas seems to be upon us before I’ve got over the last one. Certainly before my bank balance has!

I am writing this at the beginning of November, so by the time you read it we will have celebrated (is that the right word, do you think?) one hundred years since the end of World War 1, with events organised by both churches in the village. Didn’t they say back then that it would be the war to end all wars? That didn’t work out, did it? I lost a grandfather in 1914, but if he had survived my father’s life would have been very different and I might not have been here at all. I guess that could apply to many. Food for thought!

We will also have switched on the Christmas lights with all the entertainment that entails. Hope the weather was ok!!

Of course, we also suffered the loss of Doug Morley, the chairman of the Parish Council, who sadly passed away in October. Doug was a very popular gentleman, known and liked/loved by many, as was shown by the number of people who attended his funeral. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

The Parish Council, however, will carry on with the Chairman’s position being filled by Francis Kelly, who I’m sure will do an excellent job. There are two vacancies on the Council now, so if you feel you may have something to offer to the village and would like to apply please email: clerk.kippaxparishcouncil@btinternet.com

(copying in francis@ftandk.net) for more information and the correct forms.

If you’re as fed up as one of our readers with the continual roadworks, have a look at page 11 for a giggle!

We haven’t heard much from KRAP (Kippax Rubbish Action Patrol) for a while but recently I have seen concerned residents out with bags picking up litter as they go, plus there have been two organised litter picks, so obviously KRAP is still alive and well! I’m not sure about the thinking behind the huge spray-painted slogans on the footpath going up to the church demanding that people “PICK IT UP”. Pick it up they should, but the graffiti doesn’t do much for the appearance of the village in my opinion. Fortunately, they are fading now.

Don’t forget to get your Kippax Calendar, only £2 and widely available in various outlets in the High Street.

So, it just remains for me to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope it’s a good one.

Val Laycock

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

And All Best Wishes to you

WONDERFUL POSTIES

Once again everyone connected with the production
of the Magazine and KIPPAX PARISH COUNCIL

send their grateful thanks to you
for your consistent dedication.



A VIEW FROM A KIPPAX GARDEN by EBG Jardinero

What a weird one

Well, so far this year, it's been a challenging time for all things gardening. After the wet of spring and a dry summer, at last we returned to having bursts of rain, although with numerous strong winds.

I didn't cut the lawns during the hottest spell but I've cut them a couple of times since we've started to have some rain, albeit with a high level of cut. The accepted view is not to waste good water on lawns in dry spells as they will always come back into growth. Well mine have improved but they still have some decent size brown patches. A couple of weeks ago I cracked and after raking it all over with a lawn tine rake and taking off lots of dead grass for the compost heap, I spread grass seed on the patches. They haven't done much so may need another go before it gets too cold; I'll try again in spring if needed.

During the dry spell, the water in my 4 water butts was emptied and so last week, I added a 200 litre one to increase capacity. It's likely that before winter is out, I'll get at least one more. A recent trip to the Washburn valley to the north of Otley, showed that the reservoirs there need a lot more rain to fill them up.



**The water is some distance from the overflow
slipway at Fewston reservoir**

More plants have been lost to the dry weather and some such as a Lonicera (shrubby honeysuckle) had got too leggy. Trips to local garden centres and the Harrogate Autumn Flower Show, have broadened the range of plants to renovate the borders with. For the Show, too often I go plant shopping with no plan but this time I had one. I took some cash with me and bought plants until I couldn't carry any more and had run out of money! Before planting, I weeded the borders thoroughly and it took a while, but it will be well worth it in the long term.

A number of vegetables were sown in October to give some earlier crops next year. Broad beans and peas were soaked until they were looking plump and then potted up. They will remain in an unheated greenhouse until conditions are right to put them out in the veg. bed; the beans could stay out over winter and the peas will be planted out in early spring. Garlic bulbs have been split into cloves and they have been individually planted an inch below soil level directly into a bed outside. They need a period of cold to enable each clove to split into a number of cloves that will form a bulb, when they have grown.

There have been some fantastic autumn colours in the past couple of weeks and despite strong winds, at the time of writing not all leaves have fallen off the trees. I have a purple leaved Acer in a pot and late one day last week I noticed the leaves were a vivid scarlet. I

intended to take some pictures of it the next day. 40mph winds overnight left the tree with two leaves on it and the photo opportunity was lost; for 12 months at least. Carpe diem.

Tomato update - as in previous years I grew 6 red fruited (Tomato 'Gardener's Delight') and one of yellow (T. 'Golden Crown') in large pots in the greenhouse. Yields and taste were great for the yellow and poor for the red. Next year I'm going to really shake the tree and will go for 6 yellows and one other; beefsteak, striped, purple? The world's my tomato.

Potpourri

In the front, there is a bed that is 5.2 metres (17 ft) long by 2.1 m (7 ft) deep. It has a brick wall behind it, a low wall on the other 3 sides and it stands in a sea of paving. It recently got a sort out as the phormiums in there had got too big and a larch, that had been put in small, was struggling. I wanted to restrict it to fit the space but it wanted to be a forest tree. Another tree, a Japanese Cedar has a nice cone shape, but is 1.8m (6 ft) high and I want to reduce the height of it. This will wait until after autumn when the green leaves have turned a lovely bronze colour and I would lose the effect.

As I worked away, I realised how poor the bed was for wildlife. Leaves landed on it and weren't breaking down. I didn't come across a single worm when digging. I had only occasionally improved the soil over the last decade. There was little cover for insects or birds and it got really warm being surrounded by paving. So, I've put more flowering shrubs in there such as sedum, hebe and Japanese anemones, thinned out the phormiums and improved the soil. I replaced the larch with a crab apple which will give me spring flowers, red crab apples at the end of summer and hopefully some colourful autumn leaves. I originally put the crab apple in the bed quite close to the back wall but then moved it away so I could get a pyracantha between it and the wall. The pyracantha will grow along the wall cooling it down as the wall won't get as much sun on it and it will provide habitat, protected by its thorns. Plus, I'll get spring flowers and berries for me to see and birds to eat. I've put in two bird nest boxes and will get some insect hotels as well. A pile of logs on the ground at the back will also improve the habitat for wildlife. We'll see how it all grows.



**Heuchera, Hebe and pruned Phormium
in the refurbished front bed**

Jobs for the months ahead

December – In mild weather, if they need it, give lawns a cut to 2-4cm ($\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in). There's still time to plant garlic in well-drained soil or pots.

January – Stand on planks when working in borders as it reduces compaction. Clear out and clean bird boxes. Open cold frames and doors of greenhouses if the day is mild, to improve air circulation and reduce risk of grey mould.

February – Cut back late summer- and autumn flowering (Group 3) Clematis to 30cm (12in) from the ground. Continue feeding birds but clean underneath the feeders regularly to put off visits by rodents.

Get Out and Enjoy a Garden.

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 Acorns Junior Church.
Monday	5:00 pm	4 th Kippax Brownies
	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am	Holy Communion on the first Tuesday of each month
	9:30 am - 11:00 am	Coffee Morning
	4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Slimming World
Wednesday	9:30 am – 11:00 am	Pram Club & Toddler Group for mums and Babies/toddlers up to two years old.
	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Men's Lunch Group meets monthly September to June on 2 nd Wednesday
Thursday	5:30 pm	2 nd Kippax Rainbows
Friday	7:00 pm - 8.30 pm	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.

Christmas Services and Events

Sunday 16 th December	3:00 pm	Christingle Service
Sunday 23 rd December	4:00 pm	Carol Service
Monday 24 th December	11:30 pm	Christmas Eve Communion
Tuesday 25 th December	10:30 am	Christmas Morning Service
Sunday 3 rd February	10:30 am	Chapel 40 th Anniversary of present building opening

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 07387 749357 for details.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On 4th October 2018 Kippax lost one of its greatest advocates with the passing of our Parish Council chairman Walter D Morley, who you will all know much better as Doug. Doug was very much the leading light in many of the village's achievements since his days on the forum. His enthusiasm and passion for Kippax will be missed. Thank you, Doug for everything you have done for our village and all who live in it.

As Christmas approaches, we look back over the past few months, at some of the good highlights.

The visit of the Tour de Yorkshire saw not only a great turnout by the village, with 3,000 metres of bunting, 2,500 hand flags, 2,000 balloons, 60 large flags and 18 painted bikes spread throughout the village, but also great land art projects all of which led to Kippax winning the best dressed village award. You may have noticed as well that the pig on the wall has been given a refresh!

By the time you read this we will have celebrated the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, with events throughout the village over the weekend, ending with the remembrance parade from the two Kippax churches to the cenotaph on the Sunday morning and the beacon lighting there in the evening. Thanks to the Kippax Armistice Commemoration Event Team and the Royal British Legion for all their hard work around these events.

I hope you all came to our Christmas lights switch on, a great evening of family entertainment ending with our usual fireworks display. Watch out for our 30th anniversary switch on next year on 22nd November 2019. Put the date in your calendars now.

Can I take a moment to introduce myself? My name is Francis Kelly and I am your new Parish Council chairman, having previously been vice chair. I would like to thank all the councillors and our clerk, for all their dedicated work throughout 2018 and for their help in these early days of my chairmanship.

On behalf of the Parish Council, may I wish all Kippax residents a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Francis T Kelly
Chairman



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* **New class* Street dance** Wednesdays 5.15-6.15pm (from 7yrs upwards)



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Kippax Ward Councillors Update

World War One armistice centenary It's a pleasure to have been able to support the work of volunteers who've worked so hard for the village to have events in place to mark 100 years since the end of WWI.

Kippax Kicks We are really pleased that working with the Leeds United Foundation and the local council Youth Services we have brought 'Kippax Kicks' to our leisure centre on Monday evenings it's an hour session which costs 50p for boys and girls with football coaching for age 11-14years from 4.45-5.45pm then age 15-18yrs 5.45-6.45pm.

Road safety It's great news that two schemes that local people have been in touch about for many years have come about. Residents in Cross Hills Court now have a safe crossing to get to the shops and services on the High Street alongside traffic lights on Charlie Sweeps corner which were part of the Sandgate's development.

Fracking There's been lots of concern and local meetings about Fracking happening in our area. We have made sure that Leeds City Council is opposed and will continue to work with local people.

Small grants to local groups We have recently given small grants to Kippax Athletic JFC and the University of the Third Age. We can 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.

Advice session: If you want help and advice from us please contact us using the details below or we are available the 1st Saturday of the Month at 11:00am in Kippax Library, you don't need an appointment.



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This term we have seen that learning does not only take place in our school building. Year 6 enjoyed a three-day residential visit to Todmorden, to experience a variety of outdoor and adventurous activities at the Robinwood Activity Centre.



Year 3 visited Brigshaw High School's Food Technology labs for a day of cooking healthy meals. Their three-course menu was pumpkin soup, spaghetti bolognese and a yoghurt, berry and oat crunchy dessert.



The whole school went around the local area learning to travel safely on foot, by scooter and on our bikes.

Governing Body:

We have a vacancy on our governing body and are looking for an interested party with an expertise in finance to join us. If you are an accountant or work in a local bank or financial organisation, could you spare a few hours a year to support our school? We have small, very active group of governors who will make you very welcome.

For more information please contact our school by email: kgpsoffice@brigshawtrust.com
Telephone: 0113 2876195 Website: www.kippaxgreenfield.co.uk

KIPPAX VILLAGE ACTION

Summer Tombola Stall

KVA had a tombola stall, at this year's Breeze Event at Valley Ridge. We raised a total of £95, which will go towards our next trip, Millstones Harrogate, on the 23rd November, leaving British Legion Car Park at 10am. Keeping the price down to £27 same as last year.



We are busy planning next year's program, which as always in January will be the Pantomime.

So, if you would like to join us or are interested to learn more please contact: -

Jean - 2875143

Pauline - 2860669

Kathleen, KVA

NEW ROAD SIGN FOR KIPPAX?




Kippax awarded Best Village in Tour de Yorkshire!! So proud! Is there an award for the village with the most road works?

Kippax, without doubt, a winner!!

WOW!! LOOK AT THOSE LOVELY LEGS!



Shorts and socks for Silver Strollers Walking Football Club funded by Kippax Parish Council



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Adults (ages 16+) 7.00 - 8.00 pm

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Clergy: **Revd Rosemarie Hayes - 0113 286 2710**
 Revd Diane Flynn - 0113 286 4607

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.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES

SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER: 7.00PM KIPPAX BRASS BAND CONCERT

MONDAY 24 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE:
4.30PM CHRISTINGLE & NATIVITY SERVICE
8.00PM THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF CHRISTMAS
TUESDAY 25 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DAY:
10.30AM CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

OTHER NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Life Remembered



Walter Douglas Morley

1942 – 2018

DOUG MORLEY

Doug was an active member of the Kippax community for most of his life, from working with the youth of the village to becoming Chair of Kippax Parish Council. Along the way he was a Lion, a Santa Claus and a friend to many people.

Initially he was involved with several other people in the Kippax Community Environment Forum (KCEF) in 2001. Doug joined in 2003. Following on from this was the formation of the Parish Council in 2004, and he became Chairman in 2011.

Doug always referred to the views of the villagers, gleaned from various questionnaires published in documents such as the Village Design Statement, the Parish Plan and the forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan.

He was always concerned with the needs of the Youth and how they saw the future of their village and he was determined the village would get a Skatepark!

These are some of the projects that Doug presided over.

The Tour De Yorkshire put Kippax on the Map



Doug was especially pleased when Kippax received the award for the best dressed village on the Tour De Yorkshire route.

Pictured (from l to r) are

Doug, Sir Gary Verity DL,
Paul Flintoft, Dominic Woolnough

“Santa” and his enchanting Elves on a KVA bus trip to see the lights of Kippax and surrounding villages in 2009.

Pictured (from l to r) are Joy, Hilary, Doug, Di

Kippax Village Action was instigated to provide activities and trips for the elderly of the village.



Memories from friends

One thing I can remember is sitting round the kitchen table at their house completing the application form for the funding for the skatepark, we just knew we were nearly there, we celebrated by eating Pontefract Cakes like big kids.

Ann

All of my memories of Doug are fond and it is with a heavy heart that I write this. But he wouldn't want that, he wouldn't want sadness. Doug was a Do'er, he got stuff done. He didn't have time to waste. I loved our outings to the community hubs in and around Leeds on my day off, seeing how we could benefit the village further. He had me up at the church hall pulling out tables from under the floor, and I have spent many a cold morning up at the lock up with him, spent my weekend Hammering in Christmas statues in to the frozen ground, with my kids in tow. Doug always had time to speak. He always answered my phone calls no matter what time of day and night I called him. Doug was very by the book for the official meetings but like a good 'sub-committee' meeting in the Pub with a pint. 'Cheap date' he always called me because I only had pop. He would throw a bag of crisps at me too, to 'fatten me up' he would say. He was a good friend to me, he let me have my own and this I liked! I could ring him or call round and he would help me with whatever mad ideas I had. He liked a cuddle too, and that is what I will miss the most, our cuddles. When he got ill he took me to one side to tell me because we had a strong friendship based on respect, and I will forever respect Doug and what he stood for. No one will take his place in my heart or within the village. The village of Kippax will be in his debt forever, and it is a much better place for him being in it. RIP my lovely friend. Andy & Vicky Gaitley

Lighting the Beacon for the Queen's 90th Birthday



In 2016 Doug proudly lit the Beacon to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in Kippax.

The Kippax Calendar

Doug with one of the winners of the several photographic competitions organised to produce our Kippax Calendar.

Pictured (from l to r) are Doug, Ruth Barratt and Cllr Mary Harland.



Kippax Skatepark

Or “Multi Wheeled Facility” to give it its proper title!



Doug with the Lord Mayor of Leeds happily opening his “baby” at long last.

Doug worked tirelessly for at least 10 years to get this project off the ground and in use and was determined to see it through.

CARNIVAL

Doug was involved in many Kippax Carnivals.

This photo is from 2008.



War Memorial



Doug laying a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council on Remembrance Sunday



The flowers from Doug's Funeral were finally laid at the War Memorial.

DOUG

Just a bit of back ground. We go back many, many years as family friends. My mum and dad went on holiday with Doug and Margaret, the Morley family make up was very much like mine 3 girls one boy so whatever we did we always ended up one way or another with a Morley and Simpson line up (before we all got married and changed our surnames)

As families we have all worked together over the years for the good of the uniformed organisations (Cubs, Scouts. Brownies and Guides) and of course Kippax. Someone put on Facebook recently Mr. Kippax referring to Doug, and that's right, Kippax has always been a focus for him.

Doug and I along with Colin Child (now our Parish Clerk) and many others started Kippax Forum in 2001. Kippax in Bloom was born and the first entry to Yorkshire in Bloom was 2002 and from there on in it has been success all the way with Doug and Derrick riding the grass cutter to make the grassed areas of the village more presentable than other Villages. Pat Samy and her team planting away. The forum soon discovered that we needed a lot of money to improve services and areas of our village. Moving over to form a Parish Council was the next step, having to get a percentage of the village to agree to it before any progress could be made, so lots of weeks stood in the KOOP (as Ron Shaw would say) canvassing people for their commitment to a Parish Council began.

On the 17th June 2004 the first every Parish Council meeting was held and Derrick Morgan was voted in as Chairman of the council. Unfortunately, due to ill health Derrick stood down in May 2011 and in September 2011 Doug took on the Role of Chairman of the Parish Council which he undertook with even more passion than his early years in the forum. There were not many groups in Kippax that he didn't know something about or how to find things out.

Back in 2005 when the Parish Council was finding its feet we asked the residents of Kippax what they wanted us to do in the Village. Questionnaires were sent to every household. From this we drew up a list of projects that we could get our teeth into, to the people of Kippax we meant business. I know that Doug always kept this list in his black leather folder and at times we would get it out and review things. The list had 24 things on it and I can tell you as at today, 17 of them have been completed or nearly as the road crossing scheme outside Cross Hill Court is nearly there! and the Big one was the Skate Board Park (or in today's terms a wheeled facility) opened last year.

We also have to admit occasional defeat and lost the Old School Building which we wanted for a large community building to be known as the Arc. We also wanted a Village Square, which over the last 15 years we can never seem to get out of the starting blocks. But who knows if we keep chipping away.

Doug worked tirelessly on all the projects we did, and was not afraid to get his hands dirty or let people know what he thought. He worked on projects right to the end, checked that Francis and I had got things sorted for the Christmas lights switch on which he had to delegate due to his illness.

This little bit of potted history of the Council does not do justice to the work Doug did. The Parish Council will go on, but he will be a hard act to follow for all the time, energy and commitment he gave to improving Kippax for everyone.

Gail Hardwick

Walking beside him, it was a privilege
Always there when you needed something
Loved by his family, loved by his friends
This man is not gone
Every day we will see his life
Round the village, in the pub

Do you notice the small things he's done?
Often quietly he made these happen
Undaunted by any task
Glad when it was done
Looked to keep the village at its best
A blade of grass never left out of place
Santa never missed a call

Made a wall, built a skatepark
Only two of the things that he helped get done
Respected, respectful, reliable, helpful, never said can't
Looked to the future, not to the past
Every day a new adventure
You may be gone, we will never forget you

PRESENTATION AT BRIGSHAW

On Thursday 11th October members of KPC joined by school staff, officially handed over the Bobath Plinth they had purchased for Brigshaw High School, this was to replace their present one which had become badly damaged after many years of continuous daily use. The treatment bed allows young people with physical disabilities to spend some time out of their wheelchairs and undertake individual physiotherapy programmes.

Care staff and pupils love it, apparently it is much easier to use than the previous one.



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KIPPAX NORTH - GOLD AWARD IN OUR GOLDEN YEAR!

Earlier in the year, there was great excitement around school. Pupils were busy designing flower beds, planting, weeding and watering.

Then, one pleasant day in July, a party of children welcomed the judges from the 'School in Bloom' Initiative, along with Pat from Kippax in Bloom. They proudly gave our visitors a presentation of all the work gone into making the gardens and beds so lovely, and then showed them around our beautiful school grounds where all the work had taken place, where everything was growing, and where our livestock live. The judges seemed very impressed – however they said we would have to wait until September to find out our results! It seemed a very long time away for our students to wait!

Imagine our delight when a further visit from Pat told us that we had won the prestigious Gold Award! The judges had said lots of complimentary things about our school, and she proudly presented us with our plaque and certificate.

Most of the produce in the beds is ready for harvesting, and Pat and her colleagues have been invited to our 'Home Grown Soup Week' to taste the fruits of all our hard work!



ARE YOU AN EX PUPIL OF KIPPAX NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL?

This academic year Kippax North is celebrating its 50th Birthday! We would love to hear from any of our past pupils. Do you have information that you could give us – memories, photographs, stories – in fact anything at all that we can share with our current children. We are hoping to collate material to show Kippax North during the last fifty years. The changes, the differences in teaching etc. Also, where in the world are our pupils now? What jobs are they doing? We would love to plot on a map of the world just where Kippax Northerners are now.

If you have any information/anecdotes etc., please get in touch with Mrs. Chris Clarke by email clarke05@brigshawtrust.com or by telephone on 2869427, or contact the school. As you can imagine, this year is going to be very exciting for all the staff and pupils. We really hope that you will be able to share your memories with us.

Thank you in anticipation.

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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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YOUR COMMENTS

Hi

I would like to say thank you to the young man who put out a fire in Billy Woods and also the fire brigade who arrived a little later to make sure the fire was out after some thoughtless kids, possibly 8 of them girls included, had started the fire. I'm sure they know who they are. When asked if they had started the fire they immediately ran away. Do they not realise the implications of such irresponsible behaviour and at their ages should know better? The whole of Billy Woods could have gone up in smoke and who knows what the consequences would be. It's a shame they have nothing better to do.

(Name and address withheld)

As a serving elected Parish Councillor, I was dismayed to read the editorial by Joy Bate in the previous Kippax Matters magazine.

Joy clearly implies, in my opinion, that she would like other candidates to apply to become Parish Councillors in the May 2019 elections so that the present serving parish councillors are not co-opted onto the council again.

She states that no offence was meant which also implies that she knew the article might offend, which it did.

I and other Parish Councillors would like Joy to apologise for the offence she has caused.

Cllr Martin Eyre

Dear Kippax Matters.

I recently saw a film at Allerton Bywater entitled 'Living With Fracking'. It was filmed and presented by a couple from Kirby Misperton, North Yorkshire. They had had conflicting messages about fracking and so they travelled to Pennsylvania, to see for themselves and film what it means to have fracking on your doorstep.

The film was an eye-opener....

The state of Pennsylvania is only a bit smaller than England. But its population is much smaller (roughly 10 million as opposed to our 54 million). So it was hoped originally that a few drilling sites could be hidden in vast swathes of woodland.

As they toured around, it was clear that the wells were very much in evidence. A well pad is dug down deep into the earth but the fracking occurs in the wells that are dug out horizontally beneath the ground Millions of gallons of water mixed with sand and chemicals (some carcinogenic) are pumped at high pressure into the well so that the shale splits and gas is forced out which can then be pumped to the surface,

Once a well has been fracked it is redundant and new fracking wells must be built in order to continue fracking, The Pennsylvania residents interviewed said they had had no idea of the extent of the fracking before it started.

Many were involved in legal battles with the fracking companies as the wells had ruined their farms and polluted water supplies.

One of the most shocking images from the film was of the 'dead' wells. After the fracking companies had left, old wells sometimes erupted causing explosive burning fires

Problems occurred also when fracking came 'up close' to areas of higher population, Chemical contaminants in the air and water have had abnormally high adverse health effects in children and adults in those communities

Like the UK, Pennsylvanians had been promised 'gold standard' Industry safeguards and were not warned that this devastation would happen.

Ve Wright

KIPPAX ART CLUB

The Kippax Art club continues to thrive, the members enjoy painting, you can see below the variety of subjects and mediums. New members are always welcome to come along and see if it's a club they'd like to join. It's all very casual and everyone is happy to help if you need it. We meet on the 1st, 2nd, 4th (and 5th if there is one) Wednesday at 7pm at the Community Centre in Gibson Lane, Kippax.



The members of Kippax Art Club enjoyed another very interesting demonstration on September 26th by Stephen Coates on reflections. He showed us how to get superb effects, the pitfalls and the tricks of the trade, all of which were of great use for our future painting tasks. A good proportion of the membership attended plus a couple of non-members (always welcome and the club charges a nominal fee). Shown here completing the sunset scene reflecting the clouds Stephen then answered questions. A most successful evening.



THREE VIEWS OF YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM JUDGING DAY, KIPPAX 2018

The Resident

I'm living in Kippax after years away
And boy, how things have changed!
Kippax in Bloom have shaken things up
They work like they're deranged!
And coming up to judging,
The pressure's on for me
Trim the hedge, mow the lawn
Is all tidy, weed and litter free?
I've even put the poster up
Let's hope it doesn't rain
Well, not on judging day at least
Kippax has a reputation to maintain

The Volunteer

I'm one of what's known locally as Pat Samy's Bloomers
Most of us aren't young, so-called Baby Boomers
Does she make allowance? Not one little bit
Treating us like athletes, young, lithe and fit
Unpaid slaves is what we are, out in every weather
Working singly on the mower or digging a bed together
Trowelling on our knees, Brufen will help the pain
This year we'd have been better off simply praying for rain
But coming up to judging, we see our efforts show
Kippax is looking lovely, flower beds aglow
We know that other groups work hard and take the strain
After all Kippax has a reputation to maintain

The Yorkshire in Bloom Judge

As a Yorkshire in Bloom Judge
It's just a working day for me
Going to different places,
Never knowing what I'll see
Sustainability, imagination, flair
Help to win my praise
With teamwork, community spirit
There's more to it than flower displays!
I have to be fair in sun, hail or rain
We judges have a reputation to maintain

Chris Porter



Kippax Chill

Coffee Afternoon

Join us for a friendly and fun afternoon, meet new people and find out about local groups and services in your area.



Where:

Kippax Community Hub, Westfield Lane, LS25 7LY

When:

First Tuesday of the month, 2 – 4pm

For more information please contact Ruth 07545604005
or Mags 07891276526



HELLO FROM EVERYONE AT KIPPAX COMMUNITY HUB

May we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Life seems pretty busy here at Your Community Hub, please feel free to pop in anytime, even if it's just to read the newspapers. Did you know that you can reserve any books in the Library system for free? So, if you see a book in the supermarket that you fancy we could try and bring it to the library for you.

We now have a regular Coffee Afternoon on the first Tuesday of the month from 2 – 4pm. Join us for a friendly afternoon, meet new people and perhaps find out about local groups and services in your area. Now the dark nights are here it gives you a chance to get out of the house and have a friendly chat with someone of a like mind. There might be cake! For more information please contact Ruth on 07545604005 or Mags on 07891276526.

Another reason to join us every Wednesday morning from 10 – 12 noon is the fabulous N.e.t Arts and Craft Club. If you would like to re-awaken your creative talent give it a try. It costs just £2.50 towards materials and refreshments. For more information please contact 0113 2874784.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the toddlers and babies in your family. Did you know that we have a Storytime especially for 'littlies' every Friday afternoon from 2 – 2.30. It's a nice little group, not too noisy, and it helps the children to socialise and have fun listening to a story and join in singing Nursery Rhymes, all the time helping them with their development. It also helps Mum's share information, advice and support.

Look out for our posters in the village for information of our Christmas Events and drop in to see the entries from all the local schools for the Parish Council Christmas Card Competition.

We do hope that you managed to see our window to commemorate the Centenary of the end of World War 1. It generated some wonderful comments. If you didn't see it here it is!



Don't forget that any information about Kippax Community Hub can be found online at www.leeds.gov.uk/libraries or follow us on:-

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Best wishes from all at Kippax Community Hub

KIPPAX IN BLOOM

Champions Again! In the previous edition of the magazine, I wrote about the difficulties created by the drought this year, adding greatly to the workload of the volunteers. I also wrote of Kippax looking good when the Yorkshire in Bloom judges visited in July but we had to wait until September to find out our results. Once again, Kippax in Bloom won a Gold Medal and, moreover, were again the outright winner in the Urban Community category. If we add that to the Best Dressed Village award in the Tour de Yorkshire, what a fabulous year



it has been. The judges referred to the difficulties provided by the drought which had been overcome, and that “their work was showcased throughout the village for all to see.” There was praise for “the whole community approach,” the involvement of schools, churches and community groups and the continuing support of the Parish Council and Leeds City Council. They were very complimentary about the group “always looking to future developments,” and “coupling floral displays and perennial planting with historic features and art.”




Having interviewed Pat regarding our continued success, the Yorkshire Evening Post reported that “green-fingered volunteers are celebrating fresh success in a year that has confirmed their village as a blooming lovely place to live.” And while awards and medals are very welcome, that after all is the purpose of our efforts. Special congratulations must go to Kippax North School on winning a Gold Medal this year for their first-time entry in the schools’ section of Yorkshire in Bloom. What a wonderful achievement!

Now of course, our amazing team of volunteers continue with the next cycle of planning, pruning, weeding, digging and planting. By the time you read this article we will have had another Litter Pick so our village looks it's best for Remembrance Sunday. Mike from Kippax Art group will have finished the revamp of the "Pig on the Wall" mural preserving a bit of local history originally painted by Gary and we'll have planted more bulbs to add to our spring displays. We wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

We continue to be grateful for the support of the Parish Council, our LCC Ward Counsellors, LCC Parks and Countryside Department, their Locality Team, Woodend Nurseries and all our sponsors. We especially thank June and her team at the Growing Zone for their amazing work there and the residents who helped us with the extra watering needed this year.

We hope some of you can join us in the coming year to continue with improving our village. All the evidence suggests that gardening is very beneficial to our mental and physical wellbeing. Please call into Pat's Sweet Shop on the High Street, ring on 0113 2862283 or e-mail at psamykib@aol.com if you can contribute in any way. Our Website is kippaxinbloom.com




In spite of the above, I end on a very sad note. We were most upset to hear of the death in October of Doug Morley, the Chair of the Parish Council. Doug had always been a great supporter of Kippax in Bloom, ever since its inception in 2002. Not only did that support come through the Parish Council, but Doug also mucked in to help. That he will no longer be seen around the village cutting grass is a great shame and loss. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts remain with Margaret and family.



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Dear resident,

Seasons Greetings

Where has the last year gone? It's hard to believe that Christmas is upon us once again.

Looking back over the last year I give thanks to all those in our community who work hard to make the village a better place to live and work. Parish councillors work tirelessly, on a voluntary basis, all year and our local community benefits from the work of many volunteers, including Kippax in Bloom and the Growing Zone, of which I am proud to be a Patron.

There has been a lot going on in Westminster as the UK prepares to leave the European Union on 29th March next year, but I have also been working with the Government on key domestic issues.

I was pleased to support the Prime Minister's long-term plan for the NHS, which will deliver an extra £20 billion a year in real terms for our health service. As we mark the 70th birthday of the NHS, I think it's right that we secure its future as a service free at the point of need and I believe this extra £400 million a week for the NHS - funded by the Brexit dividend and us a country paying a bit more, will help deliver that.

Next year I will still be holding my weekly advice surgeries and I'll be out and about in the area as normal, so if there is a particular concern you'd like to raise with me, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Alec Shelbrooke MP

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KIPPAX WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

December already, so what have we been doing the last few months: -

August - Summer event. Probably the best evening we have ever had at WI.

Lee McGowan {Professional Vocalist} came to entertain us, and what a successful evening it was,

Everyone joined in with the sing-along and we had a little dance. He finished off with Sweet Caroline and that lifted the roof off with us all singing. Pea and Pie supper followed by Homemade Trifle, lots of hard work from the committee, but well worth it for such a fabulous evening.



September - another successful evening, with a talk about Births, Marriages and Deaths.

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

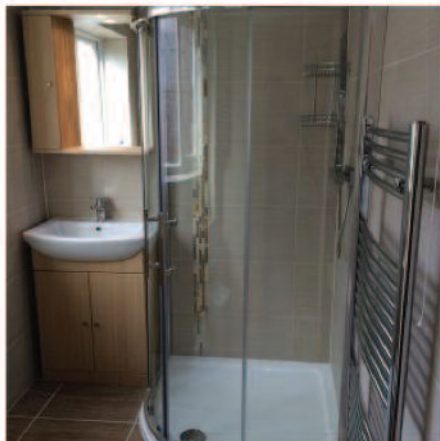
November - 100 Years of the W.I.

December - Christmas Dinner at the Community Centre.

Kathleen W.I. Member



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