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December 2019



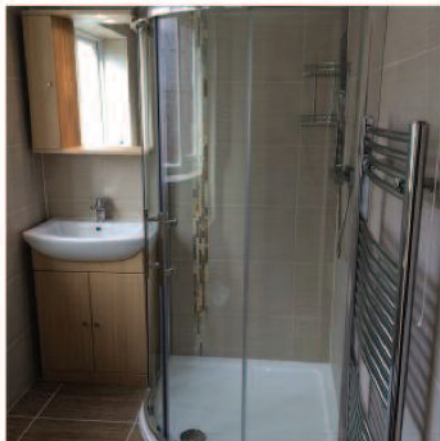
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EDITORIAL

Hello, by the time you read this perhaps Brexit is sorted, there is going to be an election and you are getting stressed by Christmas?

We, as a family, are going to make our own crackers, not sure about the design, my sister has purchased the 'banger' part. I am not sure what will go in the middle, but it won't be plastic. I need some good jokes too. We also have agreed not to spend a lot on presents as it is the thought that counts, not how much is spent.

My favourite song is 'Always look on the bright side of life', with all the problems of the government it hasn't been easy. However, locally we are always here to help each other, Kippax is a great community. See our Kind Kippisers letter on page 21? Have you any good news to share?

I had a Macmillan Coffee Morning at home in September and raised £252, thanks to the generosity, of friends, neighbours and the Monday Walk and Talk Ladies. The village CO OP supports many charities they raise a lot of money, thanks again to the generosity of the community and the people who support them. There are many volunteers who organise the sports teams for our youth, the Guides Brownies Rainbows Cubs and Scouts are all run by volunteers. There are many more groups who work hard for no financial gain but help support the young and the old in our village. Let's not forget the 'posties' who deliver your 'Kippax Matters' magazine 4 times a year.

The Parish Council is also purely voluntary, and works many hours trying to do the best for our village. We are hoping to produce another book of walks, which would be free to every household. It is easy enough to do the walks, it's not so easy to write them down and producing a map for each. A map good enough so we don't lead people to getting lost! The walks will vary in length 3 to 6 miles and will be in Kippax and surrounding area. So, if any one has any skills that could help, please contact me via the magazine email address (see centre pages)

In the centre pages you will see your parish councillors and their contact details.

Happy Christmas and New Year.

Diana McEwan

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

And All Best Wishes to you
WONDERFUL POSTIE

Once again everyone connected with the production
of the Magazine and KIPPAX PARISH COUNCIL
send their grateful thanks to you
for your consistent dedication.



Rt Hon. Alec Shelbrooke M.P.

Conservative Member of Parliament for Elmet & Rothwell
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Dear resident,

Seasons Greetings

It's certainly been an interesting (and at times difficult) year in Parliament. Some MPs have not shown themselves in a great light and I've been angry at the attempts by a few to block the wishes of the many.

But looking back over the last year I give thanks to all those in our local 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 their hard work.

In the Autumn it was with pride that I welcomed HRH The Princess Royal to the Growing Zone. I'm proud to be Patron of the Growing Zone and always have good fun when I visit.

As we enter 2020, I will continue to hold 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.

Happy Christmas folks!

Rt Hon. Alec Shelbrooke M.P.

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hello Kippax

It only seems like yesterday that I sat down to write the first chat. Well time flies and here we are again.

It's just around the corner, the lights are on the trees are up and dressed.

Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all Kippax Villagers from all on the Parish Council. If you can please remember those who need our help, even if it is only popping into a neighbour to see they are OK.

Talking of this time of year we hope that you all enjoyed the 30th Anniversary Light switch on. A big thank you to all those who helped put it together.

We had a special visitor to Kippax in September HRH The Princess Royal visited The Growing Zone. Councillor Diana McEwan and I were the lucky ones who got to represent the parish council. Do look out for the report on pages 24/25.

To all those who attended and took part in the Remembrance Day Parade. Thank you for again making it a very special day.

You hopefully will have noticed we have a new website, do visit it and let us know what you think, and if there is anything you think is missing or can be improved on. Thanks to Councillor Michaela Biscomb for all her hard work to get it up and running.

We had our first Gala for a very long time, despite the weather everyone who came seemed to have a good time. It is coming back next year. Keep an eye out for further details coming your way

Flags, well we seem to have the fastest flag changers in the west, as soon as one lot come down the next ones go up, down came the Remembrance Day flags – up went the Christmas ones. Please do let us know if there is any other occasion that can be recognised by flying flags.

Things we ought to keep you up to date with.

The High Street Upgrade is still under discussion, slow going. We are planning with our friends in other organisations a Peace celebration to coincide with VE and VJ days next year, again look out for further details.

We are just starting to look at what is required for the village to become a dementia friendly village. We will keep you updated on progress.

Thanks again for listening

Francis T Kelly
Chairman



GO TRI Kippax

Venue: Kippax Leisure Centre

Date: Thursday 29th August 2019

Having already proved popular at other sites, GO TRI arrived at Kippax Leisure Centre for the first time in August. A brand new venue event for 2019, GO TRI Kippax included an aquathlon event for juniors and a full triathlon for adults. Starting in the late afternoon sun, 40 competitors gathered ready to race. The aquathlon saw competitors take part in a 100 metre swim followed by a one kilometre run. Those taking on the triathlon needed to complete a 200 metre swim, a six and a half kilometre open-road cycle and a three kilometre run. Competitors briefed and last-minute puncture repairs completed, racing got underway.

The juniors were first to go with a packed gallery of spectators watching the action. Four lengths of the pool was followed by two laps of the playing fields after a quick transition into running gear. Cheered on by those waiting to compete in the triathlon, Kieran was first home in a record time of 5 minutes and 38 seconds.

As the remaining juniors crossed the line the pre-race nerves began to kick in for some of the waiting adult competitors – some of whom were taking part in their first triathlon. After a quick warm up, all the competitors were on poolside ready to take the plunge. Eight lengths of the pool to be completed before heading outside to the transition area.

The cycle route was a loop which was half on the roads (including speed bumps!) and half on 'The Lines' public right of way. A tough incline to start followed by a nice long descent before heading off road provided a good challenge to those taking part. Two laps of this were completed before the competitors headed into transition for the final time. Bikes and helmets dropped off, they set out for the run which was a straightforward three kilometre out and back along a flat section of The Lines which was welcome news for the tired legs! Sam was first across the finish line in an impressive 31 minutes and 30 seconds. Everyone was cheered across the finish line where they were presented with a GO TRI t-shirt for their efforts!

All in all a great first event at Kippax which proved hugely popular with all those who took part. The centre and surrounding area provide a great GO TRI venue, offering a challenging and enjoyable course. Definitely one to be added to the regular GO TRI calendar and will be back in 2020.



Many years ago, Robert Morley, the late actor, placed an announcement in The Times, saying "Due to the unexpected arrival of Christmas in December this year, Mr Morley will not be sending Christmas cards". Funny how Christmas always catches us unawares!

I was at the end of my tether
Christmas had been the usual rush
Cooking, baking, cleaning, visiting
Shopping all done in the usual crush.

My New Year's resolution – this must change!
I'd plan, make lists, get organised at least
I'd shop throughout the year for perfect gifts
And fill the freezer for the next December feast.



I started out with good intentions
The January sales drew me in
I bought cards and wrapping paper
This year I'm going to win!

I planned to buy the odd *objet d'art*
On my travels throughout the year
The perfect little *je ne sais quois*
As long as it wasn't too dear.



In autumn, a flurry of baking
I'd make stuffing, cake and mince pies
Have puddings maturing in basins
Buy a turkey of generous size



Well, December's here again and my plans are unfulfilled
The freezer's full of nothing but a very empty space
My list is lost, no presents bought
And I can't find the cards and wrapping I put in a very safe place.

Chris Porter

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KIPPAX VILLAGE HISTORY WALK

Start Point: Kippax Leisure Centre, Station Road, Kippax. LS25 7LQ

Begin the walk by standing at the edge of the car park by the meadow, with your back to Station Road and behind the Leisure Centre, look carefully to the left at the red brick wall, with vertical spaces in it bordering the houses; this is all that remains of Kippax's second Gas Works. Turn around and walk to the edge of the car park on Station Road and look to your right, behind the pizza shop, into the yard of the Kippax Motor Company. On the back corner of the building can just be seen the base of a chimney, all that remains of the first Kippax gas Works. In the area of grass to your left was a coal mine in the 19th century which had a tramway transporting coal to the Aire and Calder Navigation at Allerton Bywater. In the allotments opposite was the Water Mill for the village, which was listed in the Domesday Survey of Kippax.

Commence the walk by turning left along Station Road and walking a short distance towards the village. Take the first turning left into The Drive (opposite Rookwood Avenue) at the entrance to the "Wimpey" estate so called because the main contractor when it was built was Wimpey & Co. This was built in the 1950's for the National Coal Board to house the large influx of mineworkers and their families who moved into Kippax from Scotland and the North East of England. Continue through The Square, with a large expanse of grass on your left, and turning right up to The Green. Here, turn left and then right along South Ridge and following it to cross The Drive. At a large cream painted house, keep to the right of it turn into Cross Hill Gardens. As it bears left, there is a footpath on the left which leads to a white painted house at the bottom of Well Lane. On the way you will pass a stream covered by grating, this is the outflow from the "well" which gives its name to Well Lane.

Now climb up the lane, passing the old stone and brick retaining walls brings you out on to Cross Hills. On your left, the garden is the site of the Primitive Methodist Chapel demolished in the early 1960's and on your right the Well's garden which is the site of the old library and nearby Goslins blacksmiths smithy.

Turn right onto Cross Hills and walk for about fifty yards to the top of Butt Hill, the name may indicate the way to the Butts for archery practice in times gone by, passing the old coach house belonging to Kippax House on your right which is now an off-licence. Kippax House is opposite, now called The Royal Oak; this was the home of an important family the Claytons and is one of the oldest buildings in Kippax.

Immediately past the pub is Butt Hill Gardens on your left, which are the remains of the Bus Depot for the now defunct Yellow Bus Co. which operated a bus service from Ledston Luck to Leeds for many years. A few years ago, the now disbanded Kippax Environmental Forum (KEF) created a community garden on the site and today it is maintained and cared for by volunteers from Kippax in Bloom. After admiring the plaques set in the floor and the gardens retrace your steps and with care return to Cross Hills passing The Royal Oak on your right, this is the back of the house, the front is facing south on to what would have been a large private garden now the car park.

Keep on the right-hand side of the High Street for about 200 yards and turn right after Godall's Bakers onto an unmade road. A few yards down on the left note the remains of a mounting block next to the single storey stone building *which was the smithy of the second blacksmith in the village, he was called Hick*. Proceed round the end of the smithy turning left into the car park next to the Housing Office and go to the far side to turn right along a footpath which leads to the south of the village. On the brow of the hill you will find a display board showing the places of interest to be seen to the south of the village, e.g. Emley Moor transmitter, the South Pennines and all the way to the Peak District, on a clear day.

Return to the High Street through the car park coming out almost opposite the large stone double fronted house, to the right across the street, which has shops on the ground floors. This house is known as The Hermitage and dates from the middle of the 18th century at one time it was lived in by the local miller and Methodist hymn writer Richard Boggett.

Turn right along the High Street to pass the old gate piers from Kippax Hall and turn right into Hall Approach before the Co-op Supermarket. The Hall which stood where the Co-op is now, was demolished in the late 1990's. The large mansion was the second on the site

and they had a wonderful view to the south of the village. Pass the surgery on the right and enter into the car park, turn left to walk the length of the car park and cross Apple Tree Lane, to the right of Kippax Auto Spares, to carry on beyond the end of Manor Terrace, Park View, Mount Pleasant Gardens and Longdike Court, to reach the top of the High Street.

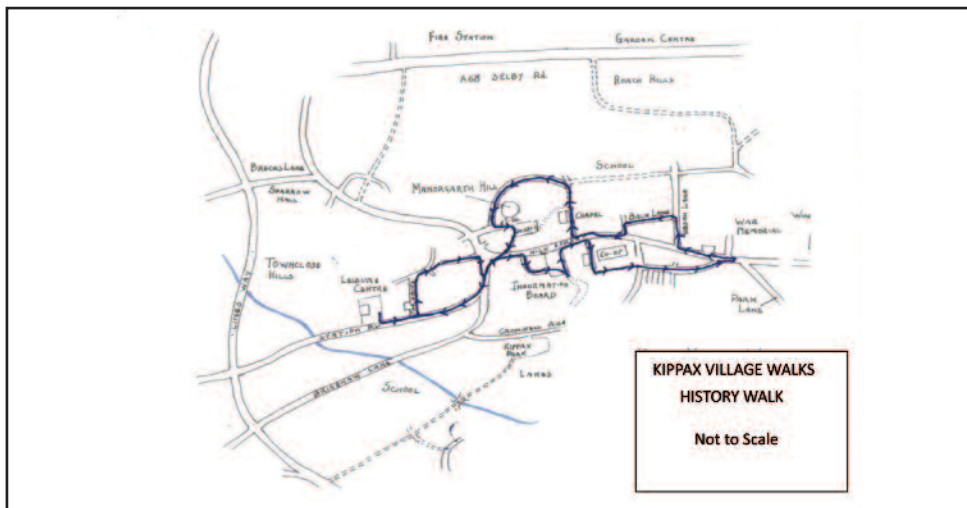
Opposite is the War Memorial commemorating the men of Kippax and Ledston Luck, killed in two world wars and the Korean War. *The stone wall bordering the houses along the south side of Longdike Lane is a part of the boundary wall of the former Kippax Park estate of the Bland family, who lived in Kippax c.1580 to 1928, and was high enough to retain the flock of deer within the park.* Park Lane, further along the street on your right, was the top access/exit to the park and the High Lodge may be viewed from end of Park Lane but there is no public access to it.

Turn around and cross the High Street to walk on the right-hand side, passing the Pinfold after only a few yards, at the end of the old cottages. The Pinfold is little more than a small yard now but was the place where stray animals were kept until a fine was paid to regain them. At Gibson Lane turn right for a short distance then cross it to turn left along Back Lane between New St. on the right and the Central Club on the left, *note on the left Jumbo's Nick (now closed) where it is said an elephant got stuck when it's owner tried to take a short cut down the narrowing ginnel.*

Coming out by Peasefold turn left onto Ash Tree Grove and return to the High Street to turn right and keeping on the right hand side to pass the Old Tree Inn (which for many years had a beer only licence) and the old cinema now a business selling snooker cues etc. to reach Chapel Lane by the Post Office. Turn right and go up the lane to reach the present Methodist Chapel, *just before is a small block of flats which replaces the old Institute where there was the first library of books available to people in Kippax.*

Continue past the chapel to reach the path through the two parts of the churchyard to Robinson Lane and bear left along it, you are now walking outside the Bailey of Kippax Castle, until you come to Church Lane North. Here you turn left where you can read the Information Board relating to Manorgarth Hill (locally known as Cheeney Basin), *which is the remains of the Medieval Castle.*

At the end of Church Lane North enter the churchyard through the gate on the left, turning right and then left to come to the front of the church. Take time to look at the mostly Medieval Grade I listed church with its unusual "Herringbone" masonry, then look at the Medieval grave cover to be found close to the churchyard wall east of the church. Return to the Leisure Centre by way of the exit from the churchyard on the right down past the redbrick church hall on to Cross hills by the Indian Restaurant, *this building is thought to be the oldest house in the village dating from 1682.* Now either retrace your steps down Well Lane or follow Butt Hill back to the Leisure centre



KIPPAX COMMEMORATION EVENT GROUP

Commemoration Weekend Event for 75th Anniversary of the End of WW2

June 13th and 14th 2020 (Schools' Day, 15th June)

The group would like to receive information from anyone who has relatives who served in WW2, either in the services or on the Home Front. In addition, we would like information on any connections with evacuees to Kippax, and weddings that took place just before, during or just after the war.

Does anyone still have items in their home or attic which have the wartime *Utility* symbol on?
Is it something that you would be prepared to bring to the exhibitions?



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or Pat Brook on **0113 2869808** or bropatri4@aol.com

If your organisation would like to contribute to the exhibitions, or to join in the Parade on the Saturday morning please contact Pat Brook (see contact details above.)

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Tuesday: 10.00am Said Eucharist (lasts approx. 20 minutes).

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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, are very welcome to all our services.

DAILY PRAYER is said at 9.30am.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday 22 December 7.30pm Kippax Brass Band Concert in Church.

(More info nearer the time).

CHRISTMAS EVE:

4.30pm Christingle / Nativity Service.

8.00pm First Eucharist of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS DAY: 10.30am Christmas Eucharist.

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.

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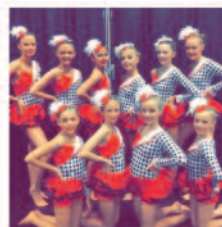
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LORRAINE SCHOOL OF THEATRE DANCE

I am writing this article to let everyone know about our dance school which has now been established in Kippax since 1975. We have been based at Gibson Lane Community Centre since the building opened back in 1982 after starting in St Marys Church Hall and then Kippax Band Club. How time passes by? Over the years we have grown in numbers but still kept our family-based ethics. Our pupils perform regularly in festivals, charity events and appear with Castleford Tigers Paws and Claws.



We are very proud of all our pupils and are delighted to announce that we have six pupils awarded places at the IDTA 2020 dance scholarships in Modern Jazz/Tap and Theatrecraft in Manchester and two Freestyle Scholarships in Birmingham and our pupil Annie has successfully attained a place in the IDTA Miss Dance final at Blackpool Winter Gardens after being chosen from over 1,000 entrants and who last year gained 6th place out of 52 competitors. By the time this information is published we will have finished our annual dance show "Body & Sole" and excited to see what 2020 has in store. We make time to be totally involved and support local events in the village and surrounding areas. Our dancers regularly audition for Kippax Amateur Operatic Society productions and together with other pupils from various dance schools will be appearing in their pantomime Snow White in January 2020. Our teachers are all fully qualified and DBS registered to ensure we maintain quality and safe teaching practice.

For information please contact Lorraine on 07904643502 or call in and see us.



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	Open House, a weekly social meeting for everyone. A programme of relaxing activities, talks, music, and a cuppa, finishing by nine o'clock.
Tuesday	9:00 am	Holy Communion on the first Tuesday of each month
	9:30 am - 11:00 am	Coffee Morning
Wednesday	9:30 am – 11:00 am	Pram Club & Toddler Group for mums and Babies/ toddlers up to two years old.
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.)

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, Weddings & Funerals by arrangement with Rev Andrew Checkley.

Forthcoming Special Services

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Sunday 22 nd December	11:30 am	Carol Service

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THE VIEW FROM A NORTHERN GARDEN by EBG Jardinero Esq.

As I write this near the end of October, the lawns are at last beginning to fill in the patches where the grass had disappeared from during the dry spells of 2018. This was worse than it could have been last year because I didn't water them during the dry spells. I've not seen them look as bad as that, in the dozen years we've lived here. I've since kept the grass a smidge longer, cut it regularly, kept the edges tidy and put some seed and fertiliser on a couple of times. I've recently applied an autumn lawn fertiliser to help it remain strong throughout winter. If there's some decent growth between now and next spring, as long as it's not too wet or frosty, I'll cut them again, keeping the blades a bit higher.

Tomato 'Golden Crown' have grown well in the greenhouse this year and I've enjoyed their taste and how their yellow skins look. I've never done it before but I had 3 of them left over and I put them out in a raised bed and they've produced some fruits. I'll definitely grow it again next year but try and start them off a bit earlier.

The usual subjects have been grown in the raised vegetable beds and I've had good harvests from courgettes, various beans, beetroot, sweet corn and peas. I didn't bother putting potatoes in this year as they take up more space than I think the yield warrants.



Fungi on a tree stump

Autumn has been a great time to get out and about and I've been on a couple of organised fungi walks. Wow there's some fantastic fruiting bodies in a variety of colours and forms, to see when you get your eye in. I still don't pick any though as I'm not sure which are poisonous and those which aren't.

Winter won't stop me working on the garden when it's dry enough to do so. Pots with plants such as dahlias, agapanthus, a newly bought Chinese Elm bonsai tree and a Cornus kousa 'China Girl' that need a bit of protection, will be stored in the greenhouse before frosts do any damage. I'll be able to plan and buy seeds for next year and do some sowing in the greenhouse when it's wet, particularly when it gets closer to spring. The greenhouse and used pots will be cleaned before building up plant no's in there.

I'll also be continuing to renovate some of the wilder areas of the garden where trees such as elderberries have grown too large. Having visited a number of gardens this year and been on some organised nature walks, I've decided I need to balance tidiness and wildness. I like the look of tidy but realise that less clearing can provide valuable habitats for wildlife. So, the areas I can see from the kitchen window will be kept relatively tidy and everywhere else will be less so, particularly through winter. One of the walks I did was on a Nature Reserve near Goole and afterwards, I changed the way I think about and



Rowan berries ready for the birds

consider weeds. I've gone along with the definition that a weed is 'a plant out of place'. In places by the side of business parks for instance where plants have seeded into disturbed ground, I've tended to dismiss them as weeds or that they were weedy.

However, with some local people sharing their knowledge, there was an astonishing number of butterflies, dragonflies and other flies and beetles in the 'weedy' areas. Often butterfly bush can look weedy but there was one on the Reserve at the edge of a woodland glade. On a sunny day when I was there, it was providing food and a place to take in the sun's rays, for a dozen painted lady and red admiral butterflies. A rich resource for them and food for thought I'll consider in the garden in the future.

Here's to a berry Christmas and a fruitful new year.

Get out and enjoy a garden

KIND KIPPISERS

We have only lived in Kippax for 3 years and I have to say I don't always read the Kippax magazine. However, I read it today and noticed that you had not had any "Kind Kippisers" recently. My experience is from March 1918 when we had snow! Our street, like most of the streets in Kippax, is hilly and a delivery van drove down halfway, but couldn't get back up again. My husband went out to give him a push. Unfortunately, when the van lurched forward, he fell in the snow. I was watching for him to get up again, but he didn't. When I went out, he was still lying on the ground, in agony.

The van driver phoned for an ambulance, as my husband couldn't move. Neighbours appeared from every direction to help and I'm not sure what I would have done if they had not been so helpful. I took a computer chair out and two of the neighbours helped my husband to sit in it and then pushed him to the side of the house out of the very cold wind. When the ambulance arrived, it couldn't get down the street, so the two young sons of one of our neighbours valiantly cleared the snow from the whole street to allow the ambulance to reach our house down at the bottom.

I did buy those boys a box of chocolates each, but apart from saying thank you at the time, the weather and my husband being in hospital held matters up. My husband had broken his hip bone and had to have a replacement hip. Luckily, he is a regular gym user and recovered very quickly from his operation. I don't know how I would have coped without the kindness of the neighbours and one couple came to the house to ask about his recovery, as did the driver of the van. The neighbours who helped all know who they are and I hope, better late than never, that they will accept my grateful thanks for their help.

Patricia Cockram.

HELLO FROM EVERYBODY AT KIPPAX HUB

We hope when you receive your copy of Kippax Matters the weather is not too cold. Having a problem in how to occupy yourself in the winter months? Why not come and visit us in your Community Hub we are sure you will be delighted with what is available right on your doorstep.

Job Shop

Do you want to update your C.V.? Are you looking for employment? Every Monday we have a Job Shop Advisor available to assist you. We offer a confidential service and tailored where possible to your needs. There are also job folders in the hub which are constantly updated with the latest jobs plus information on local job fairs, apprenticeships and other related information.

Registering for Housing and Leeds Homes Magazine

If you wish to register, bid for housing or view the Leeds Homes properties, this service is online at www.leedshomes.org.uk please ensure you have your national insurance number and email address available when you register online. The website is updated weekly and bids can be submitted from 9am on a Wednesday until 5pm Monday.

Self-Serve Computers

Public computers are linked to the Leeds City Council Self Service Page where you can make online council enquiries yourself such as Register for Council Tax, make payments online or bid for housing, information and application for free school meals, report a housing repair and you are able to apply for Jobs within Leeds City Council.

There is a Freephone situated upstairs where you can make phone calls to other council services such as Local Welfare Support, Adult and Children's Services, Planning, DWP/Job Centre plus and other organisations such as Step Change (a free debt advice) and Victim Support.

Table Tennis

Want to keep active? Fancy a game of table tennis? Why not book one of our slots to use the table. Book a free session on Mondays between 3pm and 5pm or on Thursdays between 1pm and 3pm. Bats and tennis balls are available to use free of charge.

Children's Storytime

The under 5's storytime and rhymetime is now running every Friday from 2pm to 3pm. Come along and join in our storytime and enjoy adventures, rhymetimes, crafts and other activities

Future Events

Often we have events which are arranged after Kippax Matters is published. Please keep on the lookout through social media, posters around the village or just pop in and ask a member of staff.

Come along and join us for our Christmas Storytime on Friday 13th December 2pm to 3pm. Please note we close for Christmas on Saturday 21st December 2019 and we re-open on Thursday 2nd January 2020. Should you require access to any council services during this period please visit www.leeds.gov.uk for information or call the contact centre on 0800 1884000

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Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2020 from all the staff at Kippax community Hub.
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**50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
LEGACY A REAL LIFE SAVER!**

Great excitement at Kippax North! Our Kippax North Connections Group wanted to leave a lasting legacy in celebration of Fifty Golden Years at Kippax North for the school and local community and so decided to raise money for a defibrillator to hopefully benefit all concerned. Research started, fundraising began in earnest. The Parish Council, one of our Kippax Councillors and local businesses were all approached asking for support, and school was overwhelmed with the donations given and interest shown. Fun events within the school community to raise money also took place, which added to the target needed. A donation of a telephone box meant that there was somewhere to house it with easy access for school and the local community, Finally, the work was completed, the target amount raised – and more excitingly – the defibrillator is now up and running. It has been registered with the Ambulance Service and now has pride of place in the school fence at the top of Brexdale Avenue.





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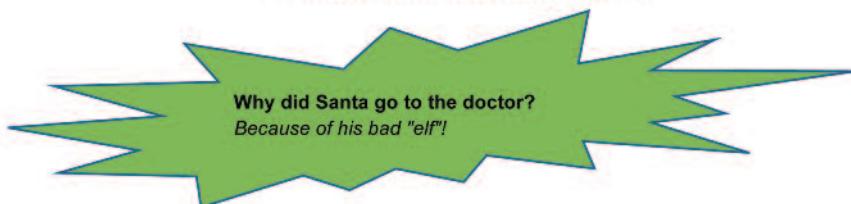
The World's Largest Lesson 2019: What World Do You Want In 2030?

Our first job on our first house day of the year was to make sure everyone had a house to go to. The children are all sorted when they start at the school into one of the four houses: Aysgarth Falls, Brimham Rocks, Dalby Forest and Flamborough Head. We are lucky enough to have a real sorting hat in school. As usual, it was in fine voice deciding which houses the children should be in. Once the children had got settled in they started to look at the theme: "What world do you want in 2030?" This was part of the world's largest lesson run by UNICEF. Children all around the world are thinking about the same theme this year. It included the children thinking about the impact we have on the world and how we can protect it so that it is still beautiful in 2030. They also thought about how we can help reduce inequality and make sure the world is a better place for everyone, rich or poor. The activities included debates, choosing our priorities for change, creating new products from recycled materials and visualising the world as we would like it to be. It is fair to say that the children of today have a clear view on how we should be looking after each other and the environment.



Christmas Celebrations

In the run up to Christmas watch out for our Christmas events. The children from Reception to Year 5 will all be performing in their Christmas shows. We will also be holding our Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December, 3.30-5.00pm, all welcome. Father Christmas will be taking time out of his busy schedule to visit!



Why did Santa go to the doctor?
Because of his bad "elf"!

KIPPAX ART CLUB

Another enjoyable year, membership is stable but we'd love to welcome new members, come along and meet us any Wednesday, except the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 7pm until 9pm at the Community Centre in Gibson Lane near Ash Tree School. We have a relaxed atmosphere, where you can do your own style of painting, and if you need, there are people willing to help or advise. By the time this is published we will have had a demonstration of a technique, new to most of us, showing us how to use water colours with a palette knife, that should prove a challenge. Here are a few pictures, done by members, some still a work in progress.



HRH PRINCESS ROYAL VISITS KIPPAX

On Wednesday 24th September Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, paid a visit to The Growing Zone Group Kippax, to view first hand the accomplishments of the youngsters with challenges from our community.

For those who are not aware of The Growing Zone, it is a free community project available to all ages and abilities and does not discriminate. GZ was built and is maintained by youngsters and older people together within our community.



HRH and Ed Anderson Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, greeting our Patron Alec Shelbrooke MP, Kippax and Methley Ward Councillor Mary Harland, KPC Chair Francis Kelly, Swillington PC Chair Jaqueline Smith and Founder/Chair of GZ June Perkin BEM.



Princess Anne admiring the plants and the Tour de Kippax



Admiring the Orchard

The Growing Zone is supported by local volunteers as well as various companies who offer their time and work days. At this point GZ would like to say a big Thank You to all our sponsors who are helping GZ to support our youngsters and develop their skills for their future.

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KIPPAX IN BLOOM: Champions Again

It's that time of year again – although actually it's not! By the time you read this, you'll be thinking of Christmas, that time of year. At the time of writing, we bloomers are merely thinking of late autumn and the work that is required over the winter to prepare for another colourful blooming spring and summer.

In the meantime, we can bask in the knowledge that once again, Kippax in Bloom was the winner in the Urban Community category, along with another gold medal, in Yorkshire in Bloom. Many thanks to everyone who helped us to achieve this amazing result. The judges thought that "this community, with so many support groups, is so obviously bursting with pride, which abounded everywhere on the judges' tour." They commented on the "obvious attention to the minutest detail in every possible place." They particularly commented on the amazing allotments, the incredible Growing Zone, Kippax North Primary School bursting with wildlife, finding bee orchids growing in what was a coal mining area as the ultimate in restoration of the natural environment. They also stated that the wild flower meadow at Billy Wood is "a joy to behold." They were struck by the genuine commitment of everyone they spoke to.

We shall continue with our programme of clearing and pruning, weeding and digging and putting some wonderful compost on our beds, generally tidying up and planting our winter bedding for Spring displays. We shall then be ready to enter Yorkshire in Bloom again next year. We have a very high standard to maintain.

The Christmas lights will have been switched on by the time you read this: to prepare for new lights provided by the Parish Council on the silver birch trees at Calvert Close, we have given some winter colour to this area with grasses and heucheras.

We are particularly grateful for all of the support we get from so many people and the thanks we get from so many residents. We also continue to receive generous donations from residents for which we are so appreciative, as it means that the In Bloom work is very much a community activity these days. A special thank you goes to Drive Reviver Dave whose generosity is much enjoyed by our volunteers.

Some great news just received is that Kippax in Bloom have been chosen to benefit from the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund for a sensory and dementia garden. Please support us by choosing us as your local good cause when the new funding round commences on Oct 27th 2019 or if you haven't already registered as a Co-op member please do so at <https://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration> and pick us.

An interesting development in the current national concerns over treating mental health is that there's lots of evidence that gardening is not only good for you physically but it seems mentally also: of course, we have always known this! We feel these benefits. We would love some more volunteers to join us and make a difference around Kippax while also feeling these benefits. If you can help in any way please email Pat at psamykib@aol.com, ring on 0113 2862283 or visit her in her Sweet Shop on the High St. for information. Our webpage is kippaxinbloom.com

We continue to be grateful for the support of Kippax Parish Council, our LCC Ward Councillors, The Arium, LCC Parks and Countryside Department, their Locality Team and Marie and Jonny at Woodend Nurseries, without whom our efforts would be greatly diminished. Finally, of course, our tremendous thanks go to our team of volunteers who strive to make our environment a joy.

Finally, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



The sun came out for our volunteers doing the winter planting

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What do you get when you cross a vampire with a snowman? Frostbite.

What's brown and creeps around the house? Mince spies.

Why couldn't the skeleton go to the Christmas party? He had no body to go with.

Kippax Ward Councillors Update

NET We're pleased to have been able to support the work of our Neighbourhood Network NET who help look after our older residents. Our local grant helps them run luncheon clubs and tackle social isolation.

Sandgate Terrace Allotments Thanks to everyone who wrote in to object to the planning application to develop a gypsy/traveller pitch on the allotments. When the application came before the planning committee at Leeds City Council it was refused.

Kippax Leisure Centre After working with local people, the Parish Council and Kippax Swimming Club we're delighted with the improvements to Kippax Leisure Centre which will keep it going for many more years.

Small grants to local groups We have recently given small grant to St Mary's Hall for repairs and a local indoor bowling club. 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.

May we wish everyone a Happy Christmas and all the best for 2020!!

Advice session: If you want help and advice from us please contact us using the details below and 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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December already, we hope you've all had a very happy 2019, and you all have a very prosperous 2020.

Kippax W.I. celebrated our summer event this year in The Band Club, Kippax, we were made very welcome. Committee arrived in the afternoon, decorated the room, all ready for the delicious food that members brought, our theme this year was Cruise night, and as you can see by the photos below, we all got dressed in our Cruise dresses.

Entertainment was by Lee McGowan (Professional Vocalist) as usual he was fantastic, everyone was up dancing, and the night ended too quickly.

A big thank you to all members, for the delicious food, to the committee for all their hard work organising, and giving up their time getting the room decorated.

And of course, this could not have been possible without Lee who captured the night perfectly.



October - A.G.M. and talk on dementia

November - Christmas Activities

December - Christmas Dinner - guest appearance Santa, at the Community Centre, Kippax.

Kathleen Jackson, WI



KIPPAX VILLAGE ACTION

Supporting the Elderly Active of Kippax

September outing to Eden Camp.

We left Kippax thinking the day was going to be a bit drizzly, but true to form the sun shone all day for us, 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 and sights in the Nissan Huts.

Outside World War 2 planes, tanks, artillery and Anderson shelters to investigate. A very successful trip, enjoyed by all.



November - Trip to Millstones our Christmas outing.

January - 9th our annual trip to the Pantomime, and this year it is Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, at Castleford Phoenix Theatre. If you are interested in this trip please phone one of the contact numbers below.

Jean - 01132875143
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Kathleen KVA



Dear all,

2019 has been a busy year for our Brownies. We have a thriving unit of girls and are now in our 23rd year since we set the unit up.

We kicked 2019 off with plenty of physical activity and a visitor who put the girls through their paces doing boxing training. All the girls loved this.

In March we made one of our regular visits to the growing zone and helped plant up the gardens there while having lots of fun outdoors.

We were absolutely bowled over by the generosity of everyone who donated to our bag packing fundraiser at the co-op in April and raised £384. Kippax Ward Councillors kindly added £300 to our total and this meant we had enough to fund our coach for transporting the girls on pack holiday, our weekend away with the girls. Pack holiday weekend was full of challenges for the girls, Abseiling, Archery, Canoeing, Fencing, Raft Building and loads of fun with our brownie family in between. Thank you for your help in making this happen.

During our weekly sessions, we have worked on our camp skills, pitching tents, packing bags, learning what to do in emergencies and how to make a campfire correctly (what could be better to toast marshmallows?) You might also have seen our discs hanging on cross hills which we made for the Tour de Yorkshire.

Since our summer break, brownies have been working hard on Girlguiding's Future girl planet protectors project. This investigates the causes, effects and potential remedies of plastic pollution on our planet. The Brownies worked hard and produced some fabulous work, then followed this up with a litter pick around Kippax which resulted in bags full of litter pollution being taken out of our environment. The girls think that living in a cleaner village is one of their main priorities and really worked with enthusiasm to make their mark in a positive way.

We followed this up with a visit to the RERF in Leeds (Recycling and Energy Recovery facility).

All Leeds' black bin waste is handled there and we spent the evening learning all about the process, recycling and the energy produced as well as a 7 storey high viewing of the amazing plant wall. All the girls now understand a lot more about the journey our waste makes and how important recycling is. The evening was enjoyed by all involved.

We are now heading into the busy end of year community events and will have attended the Remembrance Parade, taking part as we always do to remember those who made sacrifices so we can enjoy the freedoms we have; we will also perform at the Christmas lights in the village and hope you will appreciate our hard work and had fun. Our year will end with a visit to the Leeds Playhouse to see the Wizard of Oz.

Hope that gives you a small insight into our Brownie year. The entire organisation runs on volunteered time and enthusiasm of the adult guiders and if anyone is interested in sharing in the fun just register on girlguiding.org.uk and we will get back to you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all

Yours in Guiding, 3rd Kippax Brownie Leaders

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