

Kippax Matters

March 2019

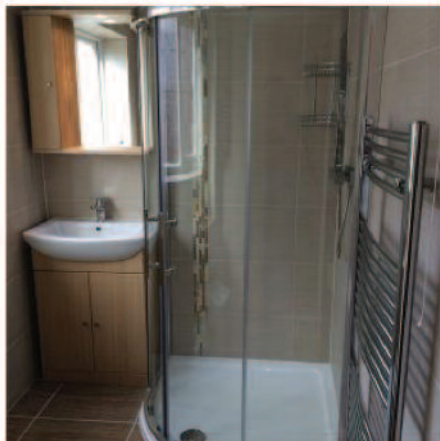


A Snowy Scene, courtesy of Kippax Art Group



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EDITORIAL

A very belated Happy New year to you all. By the time you are reading this magazine I hope we have had our 'beast from the east' and our 'pest from the west' and the days are getting longer and warmer.

My theme this time is TALENT and what a lot our village has.

Kippax had a very busy and successful 2018. There were fantastic contributions by every area of the village and all ages.

One big event was the Tour de Yorkshire as it flashed through the village. We were voted the best dressed village. What was more pleasing was the effort made by everyone, and to see neighbours chatting together. I wonder if we can do even better this year. There are plans to make it bigger and better. (see page 22/23)

November saw the village unite together again for the Armistice weekend. The churches and schools and many other organisations had surpassed themselves with the displays and services throughout the weekend.

Kippax in Bloom continue with their hard work and are always successful when it comes to judging day. They would appreciate more help.

There are a lot of talented people in Kippax. I, personally, can't bake, cook, sew, knit, paint, crochet at all well, but I like to try. There are many groups where you can work at your own level and not feel out of place, and more especially it's nice to have a chat and meet new people.

The Creative Writing Group meets once a month turn to page 27 to read some of the poetry we have produced. Perhaps you are a poet and didn't know it' or there is a novel inside you burning to get out.

The Wednesday Art Group produce varied and beautiful pieces of work. There is another Art group that meet Tuesday lunchtimes, again in Gibson Lane Community Centre. I have joined this and it is so relaxing and I am just having a go! This is group belongs to the newly formed U3A Garforth and Kippax District. The U3A have a wide variety of interest groups, so there is bound to be one for you: <https://u3asites.org.uk/garforth-kippax/home>

We received some fantastic entries from Kippax North and Kippax Greenfield Schools for our Christmas card Competition. We know how busy schools are, and trying to fit in a Christmas card entry in October isn't easy. So, thank you for your support.

Keep taking the photos of Kippax, different times of the year for our next Calendar. We will need them by July 22nd 2019

There are some talented photographers in the village, SO get snapping so we can produce another calendar for 2020. More details will follow but hang on to your photos through out the next few months. Good luck

The calendar does not make any profit but it seems to have become an annual production. WE would welcome any ideas of how we can improve the calendar or the magazine.

Diana McEwan

(one of the editors of Kippax Matters)

NSPCC

There was some great dancing at the 1940 disco in the Legion, and a brilliant sum of £750 was raised for the NSPCC.

The next event for the NSPCC is their Spring Fair on March 23rd in St Marys Church Room. Look out for posters for more information nearer the time.

FRACK FREE ALLERTON BYWATER & SURROUNDING AREAS

Local residents concerned about potential fracking in our locality have formed the Frack Free Allerton Bywater and Surrounding Areas Campaign Group because the extraction of shale gas could commence in a wide area that stretches from Belle Isle, Great Preston and Ledsham on its northern edge to Wakefield, Featherstone and Pontefract on the southern edge. To the West it includes Outwood and to the East it includes Knottingley.

As you may already be aware this wide area has been identified as a potential for the extraction of shale gas. But did you know that new government guidelines exploratory work could be carried out with no requirement for planning permission and therefore no option for the community to voice their concerns/objections regarding this? This is of particular concern because, as you know, Fracking should not be taking place in former mining areas such as Kippax or nearby as there is a strong possibility that existing subsidence will be made worse.

In addition they are very concerned about proposals that Knostrop sewage works is to be used to handle flow-back waste from various existing Fracking sites in Lancashire and North Yorkshire plus others across the north of England. The processing flow-back waste produces highly toxic material and radioactivity that will be discharged into the River Aire.

If you support the 3 objectives of the Frack Free Allerton Bywater & Surrounding Areas campaign group;

1. To oppose Fracking licences issued by the Government within this locality. PEDL licence 275 granted to Hutton Energy and PEDL licence 37 granted to Alkane Energy.
2. To oppose the Government treating Fracking as Permitted Development rather than requiring planning permission, particularly in former mining areas, and the subsequent removal of our right to discuss applications.
3. To oppose the proposed use of Knostrop Sewage Works in Leeds for the treatment of fracking flow-back waste water from sites across the north of England and the Midlands before being released into the River Aire.

Then please join their Facebook group "**Frack Free Allerton Bywater and Surrounding Areas**"

Twitter "**FrackFreeAllertonBywater@free_frack**" for more information

Please attend their regular meetings the 2nd Wednesday of every month 7pm at Edward VII Club, 65 Leeds Road, Allerton Bywater, WF10 2HE

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Where have the last three months gone. It doesn't seem like yesterday when I sat down to write my first chairman's report.

Let us start with a little story. About 6 years ago a group of Kippax villagers got together to form a group to develop a neighbour plan for the village. The idea was to give the village more say in what happens here. We lost members of the group on the way, two of whom died while still doing what they could. In the end only two of the original thirty-five remained, determined to see the process through. We thank those who participated, however long they stayed on the journey.

We also got help from a lot of various other sources and thank those people who helped in whatever capacity

So, we came to the part where the village had to decide yes or no. We kept everyone we could informed by way of posters, postings on the parish website and on Facebook.

We have also held two final drop-in sessions, to let you come and ask any questions you may have had.

As we are looking back, we hope that the answer was yes, as this will give us a greater say in the planning process.

The Christmas light switch went well. We would like to thank all those who took part, helped organise it and especially all those who came on the night. Please make a note in your diaries that this year is our 30th anniversary, so keep an eye out for further details of what will be happening on Thursday 21st November 2019

You will have all heard by now that the Tour de Yorkshire will visit us again on Friday 3rd May with both races going through the village. By the time you read this, the business of getting the village ready will be well under way.

This year is election year for the Parish Council, so if you feel that you can add something to the council or would like to give something back to your village, please get in contact with the parish clerk.

clerk.kippaxparishcouncil@btinternet.com

The election will be held on 2nd May 2019, the same day as Leeds City Council councillors' election.

Finally, if you have any ideas on how the village can be improved small or large, please get in contact with one of the parish councillors or contact the parish clerk. Contact details are on p.19.

Francis T. Kelly
Chairman

**Please turn to p.29 for details of your Annual Village Meeting
on May 9th 2019 at Gibson Lane Community Centre at 8.00pm**

KIPPAX ART CLUB

2018 was a good year for a Kippax Art Club, we maintained our membership, had some good guest demonstrations, had an Exhibition in the Summer, and had a Christmas meal at Franco's which was great fun.

One of our members Mike Musgrove renovated the mural on the cottage near the bottom of Gibson Lane. This records a local farmer sporting a top hat who was renowned for bringing his pig to watch local parades. Our members are still enjoying doing a variety of styles and mediums, shown below, some are "work in progress".

You're very welcome to drop in any Wednesday (except the 3rd in the month) at the Community Centre in Gibson Lane! Next to Ash Tree School, from 7 pm to 9 pm.



A work in progress

HELLO FROM EVERYONE AT KIPPAX COMMUNITY HUB

Welcome to new and old Kippax residents from all the staff at Kippax Community Hub. If you're new to Kippax or you just haven't visited us for a while, we are the building at the top of Leeds Hill and the junction of Westfield Lane which housed the library from the 1970's until 2016. After the refurbishment in 2016, The Library, Customer Services and the Job Shop merged and we offer a wide range of services locally for the Community. The Community Hub, just like our village, is ever evolving with staff knowledge and skills changing to keep up to date with new services to the community such as help to claim Universal Credit etc. If you haven't visited for quite a while call in, see what's new, improved or evolving.

What would you like to see in your Community Hub? Would you like to get involved in volunteering or running an event? Any ideas please call in and speak to a member of the team.

Looking for space for your group to meet? Have you thought of using our local Community Hub where your self-facilitating group can meet for free? Talk to any member of our staff team either in person, via the telephone 0113 3781878 or access us via www.leeds.gov.uk where we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Do you remember libraries having large reference sections? Reference sections still exist but are now accessed online via www.leeds.gov.uk/libraries/online-resources. Some of the Online Resources can be used on your own devices, such as your mobile phone, whilst others are available free of charge via public computers which are available in your local Community Hub. These include resources such as Ancestry/ Which Extra online. Why not try Ancestry and uncover your family history if you want a little help with using Ancestry, we are running an event on Monday 29th April 2019. Please note if you wish to attend you will have to be able to use a mouse and a keyboard. To book your free place go online www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents.

Come along to our Lego Club on Thursday 25th April, Thursday 23rd May, and Thursday 20th June all 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Murder mystery – Monday 3rd June 2pm to 3pm make up your mind who the killer was and their motive.

Event Dates

Monday 8th April 2pm – 3pm - Children's Easter themed event

Monday 29th April 2pm – 3pm – Getting Started with Ancestry .com

Regular Weekly Events

N.E.T. Arts and Crafts Club - Wednesday 10am to 12 Material Charge of £2.50

Under 5's Storytime / Rhymetime - Friday 2pm to 2.30pm

Regular Monthly Events

Kippax Readers Group – 2nd Monday of the month 5.45pm – 6.45pm

Creative Writing Group – Last Monday of the month 5.30pm – 6.45pm

Kippax Chill Coffee Afternoon – First Tuesday of the month 2pm to 4pm

Coming soon to the Hub

Table Tennis - If there is anyone out there who enjoys playing table tennis or perhaps would like to learn how to play? We will soon have Table Tennis sessions on offer with our very own ping pong trainer on hand.

Also coming soon to the hub, we will have some large indoor & outdoor games such as chess, dominoes & scrabble, lots of fun to be had with our new games that can be used inside & outside.

Please look out for information on the above with future dates advertised on posters in the Community Hub and also on our twitter page **@LCCKippaxhub**



Presentation of Plaque for best dressed Christmas window

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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Kippax Community Hub

Monday 29 April 2.00 – 3.00 pm

Discover how to use Ancestry.com in this online session. Explore the census and civil registration databases to uncover your family history and see what you can discover.

You will need to be able to use a mouse and keyboard for this session.

Suitable for Adults. Refreshments available.

Book your free place: www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents

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A VIEW FROM A KIPPAX GARDEN by EBG Jardinero

It's near the end of January and I don't remember too much recent rain but we have had a few frosty mornings; no snow as yet. As you would expect, growth is largely in pause mode but we are beginning to see some here and there. In recent weeks bulbs are starting to peek through the soil. Snowdrops and daffodils are leading the charge along with butter-yellow flowered winter aconite and miniature iris. Iris 'Lady Beatrix Stanley' is lovely with violet blue flowers and grows 10cm high. Much of my efforts over winter has turned to trees and shrubs that had outgrown their space and getting them pruned whilst they are dormant. 6 years ago, I was given 3 Holm Oak saplings that were no longer than 15 inches high and I put them in a border alongside a flowering red current and a twisted hazel. All have grown excessively and as they weren't doing each other any favours, they have been coppiced which means they have been cut down low to the ground. In adjoining beds, I made inroads into areas that had been previously overlooked and had yet to be tended. This meant more cutting out of overgrown elderberry and cotoneaster. Whilst this part of the garden is on a south facing slope, it does have a conifer with golden foliage nearby blocking out direct sun. It's an opportunity to put in some shade tolerant plants. I've split plants from elsewhere in the garden including ferns, drumstick primulas and Epimediums to put there and have a pot of bluebell bulbs to go in. The latter weren't taken from the wild but were bought from a nursery using cultivated stock. I've bought a Geranium 'Miss Heidi' which has pink/darker veined flowers and grows to 40cm. I reckon I can split it into 3 clumps which will bulk it up in the ground and make a better display. A great favourite are trilliums and whilst they've not had the best of success in the beds near the house, I'm hoping they will take off with a bit more shade.

Of the resulting cut down woody material, I'm doing one of three things to it depending on its width. The thinnest is being cut up fine and will be mixed into my compost bin. I recently had a delivery of wood chips for the veg. bed paths but was running out before they were all covered. So, the mid-size material I will chop up and spread on the uncovered paths. I've kept a couple of bags back of the delivered chips and will sprinkle this over the stuff I've cut up, making the paths look a bit more uniform. We'll see what it looks like when I've done. The thickest prunings have been cut up lengthwise and will be put on log piles around the garden, but if any are surplus, they'll be going to the local Council tip for recycling.

It's taking a lot of effort and someone might say 'get a mechanical chipper machine' but I don't want one. It's been a joy to be visited by a robin whilst I've been weeding and doing the tidying. It comes to within a couple of feet and dashes in sharpish to tuck into any insects that become exposed; keeping a beady eye on me as if I'm competition for what it's scooping up. Near where I was working, I was overwhelmed by heady scent that early spring brings forth from some Christmas box plants (*Sarcococca*). The same bed has a couple of witch hazels in them and it won't be long before the flowers release their own spicy scent.



Trillium in late April



Drumstick Primulas in various shades

The veg. beds have been weeded but they are infested with bindweed which loses top growth over winter, only to re-emerge in spring from rhizomes (underground stems). broken bits can develop new plants so it's hard work fully getting rid of it and it's a climber using any plants near it to gain height. It's radical, but I'm considering not growing anything in the beds this year and see if I can get control.

Elsewhere, the lawns have improved from the worst of the drought last year but parts of them still look like they've been ploughed. There was some scruffy patchy growth on them so on 13 January I gave them a high trim as it wasn't frosty and it was dry enough. From the house, they look heaps better, because I did the edges which is half the

battle. I believe they will improve over coming weeks if it warms up and we get some rain. The seed I put down in autumn has taken but needs to bulk up to fill the gaps. I'll seed again if required. I've had lots of cuttings in pots in the garden over winter and I spent a couple of hours in mid-January removing leaves that had blown onto them, taking out weeds and topping up soil where it was low. Much healthier for the plants and they actually look a lot better as well. In coming weeks, I'll continue weeding in borders and the greenhouse will have its annual clean, both inside and out. I'll also be planning what seeds I need so I can go and get them and not get too many impulse buys. I'll look at what I've got left over from last year beforehand and dispose of any that are too old.

Jobs for the months ahead

March – Annual herbs can be sown under cover, along with cucumbers, carrots, peppers, peas and lettuce. Divide perennials that flower in summer and need it, before new growth appears. Put out specialist hedgehog or dog food out for hogs emerging from hibernation; don't give them bread and milk.

April – Sow annuals that prefer direct sowing this month; check the seed packet instructions. Sow under glass crops such as pumpkins and runner beans to plant out after last frosts next month.

May – If sweet pea shoots make a bid for freedom, tie them into their supports. Pinch out mint and lemon balm shoots to prevent flowering and promote bushiness. Sow basil in succession to add to pesto or tomato dishes.

A view from leaning on my garden fork

After Christmas has been and gone, I always feel uplifted when days get longer and we start to see signs of spring, with shoots bursting forth and wildlife becoming more active again.

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 Junior Church.
Monday	5:00 pm	4th Kippax Brownies
	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting On winter break restarts 8th April 2018
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.
	12:30 pm	Men's Lunch Group meets monthly September to June
Thursday	5:30 pm	2nd 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, Normally the 2nd Saturday of the month . See Church Notices for confirmation.

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.

Future Events

Monday 8th April	7:30 pm	Monday Fellowship Restarts
Sunday 14th April	10:30 am	Palm Sunday Service
Friday 19th April		Morning Service for Good Friday
Sunday 21st April	10:30 am	Easter Sunday Morning Service

For more details of these and other events, look at the notice-board or at posters in the Church windows.

Church rooms are for hire, special rates for Children's (Under 10 years of age) Birthday parties. Ring **07387 749357 for details**.

KIPPAX WOMENS INSTITUTE

Happy New Year to everyone.

We ended 2018 with our Christmas Dinner held in The Community Centre where we hold our monthly meetings, all decorated, delicious Christmas Dinner, Santa visited with gifts, entertainment, and ending the evening with a disco. An excellent end to a very successful year at WI.

Well done and thank you to the committee who arranged such a fantastic evening.



100 years of WI was another enjoyable evening, talk and quiz by Jill Robinson, and as you can see by the photos ladies from WI need no excuse for dressing up.



January meeting talk by Kirsty Walton, giving us all good nutritional advice; it was an entertaining and informative evening followed by chair aerobics, and of course lots and lots of laughter.



- 20th February Local Shop, talk from Globe not for Profit
- 20th March - Belly Dancing and Social
- 17th April - Dulcie Lewis speaking on Social History
- 15th May - Summer Planting with Amy, local florist from Buds & Blooms.
- 19th June - Wine Tasting & Nibbles
- 17th July - Summer Outing.

As you can see the first half of the year, we have some very interesting speakers.

See you there.

Kathleen

ST MARY'S CHURCH KIPPAX

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, are very welcome to all our services. *

DAILY PRAYER is said at 9.30am.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Monday 15 April: 7.00pm Stations of the Cross.

18 April: MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7.30pm Eucharist with Foot Washing.

**19 April: GOOD FRIDAY: 7.30pm Service with Communion from the
Reserved Sacrament.**

**20 April: HOLY SATURDAY: 7.30pm SERVICE OF LIGHT AND THE FIRST
EUCARIST OF EASTER.**

21 APRIL: EASTER SUNDAY: 10.30 Sung Eucharist.

OTHER NOTICES

MOTHERING SUNDAY is on 31 March - Sung Eucharist at 10.30am as normal, and there will also be a distribution of a bunch of daffodils to every mother during the service.

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.



Tribute from Kippax Greenfields



Poppy Waterfall: Knit and Natter Group



Recycled Poppy Fall

Kippax Armistice Commemoration Event November 2018

Souvenir Pull-Out Supplement

We would like to thank all those who helped to make this event a fitting tribute to all who served in World War 1.

Kippax remembered them.



Some of the 750 Peace Flags designed by Kippax and Great Preston school children



Opening Ceremony with the Deputy Lord Lieutenant



Exhibitions in the Methodist Church



1918 Home Area with hand-made clipping rug.



Floral tribute, St. Mary's Church



Kippax 4th Brownies and 2nd Rainbows Pebble Cross



Research on Kippax WW1 service personnel



Visitors to the commemoration exhibitions in St. Mary's Church



The Klppax Soldier



An appreciative audience for a school choir presentation



Lorraine School of Theatre Dance presentation: *Respect from the Next Generation*



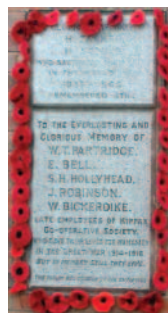
Young people's reflections on war and peace



Origami peace doves by St. Mary's Brownies



Kippax Library/One Stop Centre Tribute window



Kippax Coop War Memorial Plaque



Kippax Dramatic Society : A Time to Remember



The Beacon, lit at the War Memorial

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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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KIPPAX DRAMATIC SOCIETY


As part of the village's Armistice Centenary Commemoration last November, our society presented a specially adapted Murder Mystery entitled 'An Invitation to Remember'.

We were delighted to donate a percentage of the ticket money to the 'Help for Heroes' Military Charity in the sum of 554 pounds. Thank you to all who bought tickets making such a generous donation possible. We also donated 120 pounds (the proceeds of our members' weekly raffle) to the Leeds Branch of the Royal British Legion.

So now on to our April production which is a brand-new murder mystery entitled 'Reunion for Murder'. Seven ex-schoolteacher colleagues get together for a reunion at a remote country house. Someone there present has a long held guilty secret. Is the past about to catch up with them?

At the time of writing (January) many tickets for each performance have already been booked, with the Friday night show completely sold out. Details of how to obtain tickets, performance times etc. can be found on the flyer opposite.

We look forward to seeing you at the show.






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7:30 St Mary's Church Hall, Kippax

£12 incl. 2 course Supper

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Tel: 0113 2862834 or 0113 2871693

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www.kippaxdramaticsociety.co.uk

Kippax Parish Council



Le Tour

Tour De Yorkshire Kippax – Part Deux

On Friday May 4th, 2018 we celebrated probably the best attended event ever to take place in our Village. Quite a feat for a location with such a long history and one which can be found nestled in the Domesday Book too.



It is one of the proudest moments I've ever experienced (so far). The Women's and Men's events passed through Longdike Lane, High Street, Cross Hills and Leeds Road, where 2500 blue and yellow flags were waved enthusiastically and encouragingly, by a wall of villagers young and old, standing shoulder to shoulder, several deep, stretching some 2500m.



Leading up to last year's event I can remember writing that "this is a once in a lifetime event, which may not ever happen again". Well that was before thousands of you turned up to watch the race and before Kippax rightfully won the Yorkshire Post and Yorkshire.com Best Dressed Village 2018 award.



We appear to have made such a positive contribution to the Friday stage last year that they have decided to come through Kippax this year too, on **Friday May 3rd, 2019!**

Can we do any better than last year? There's only one way to find out!

With the support of my fellow parish councillors, Kippax in Bloom, ward councillors, Schools, our high street traders, pub landlords, business owners and most importantly all our amazing villagers I'm ready to give it a try.

From now until 3rd May keep an eye out for updates on posters, noticeboards, websites and social media. We will unfortunately have to plan for road closures again but as I'm sure you will all agree, it was worth it.

The Kippax Parish Council and our extended support group have begun the process of identifying areas where we can improve the experience for our villagers.

This may include:

Stronger, better, more visible bunting

Large TV Screens at prime locations so we can watch the whole event from start to finish

More land art projects

And other ideas.

Maybe you have some great ideas that we could include too? Please email me at dominic.woolnough@live.co.uk or place a suggestion on the Kippax Parish Council Facebook page. The Kippax Parish Council and I would love to hear from you - Councillor Woolnough

Kippax Ward Councillors Update

Tour de Yorkshire We know many people are really excited that the cycle race will return to Kippax again this May. So many people worked hard to make the village look great and the whole day fun for everyone and I'm sure that working together we can do even better this year.

Sites for housing There's been lots of media coverage about planning issues for new housing sites in the area. We are pleased that once the old School and Sandgate Drive are finished our work on the Site Allocation Plan means there are no large housing sites in Kippax in the Council's plan for the foreseeable future.

Road repairs One of the common items in our inboxes is people asking for road repairs. We always take these forward to the council even if it can take time for resurfacing to take place. One road that lots of people contacted us about was Valley Ridge and which is very well used and we're pleased to have got the work started recently.

Ash Tree School visit the Civic Hall It's always a pleasure to welcome groups into the Civic Hall especially children who are better behaved in the council chamber than some who are elected there.

Small grants to local groups We have recently given small grants to St Marys Luncheon Club & Kippax North Connections towards a public defibrillator. We can make small grants available to 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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KIPPAX IN BLOOM

As I write, we have just welcomed in the New Year so I suppose that one of our hopes for 2019 is that we can be as successful as we have been in the past to benefit all that live, work and visit Kippax. All our volunteers will continue to work hard every week of the year and we will be entering Kippax in Yorkshire in Bloom again this year.

November of last year saw the marking of the centenary of the First World War Armistice. KIB planted polyanthus in red and blue in beds along the High Street and the entrance stones – red to remember those men who gave their lives and blue for the animals. We planted skimmia, heathers, cyclamen and pansies in our planters for some winter colour. We also planted daffodils around the Moorgate shops and Pub that have been sponsored by our grass-cutting contractor, Continental. New crocus bulbs will be appearing on Butt Hill, sponsored by Groundwork. Mixed bulbs were planted in borders at Gibson Lane Community Centre and Crosshills Court sponsored by a local couple as they do every year. Clearly, we are extremely grateful for these contributions. As this Parish Magazine is delivered to you these bulbs will be showing their lovely heads.

We were again reminded of the importance of community involvement for “in-Bloom” with the announcement that the Tour de Yorkshire will again be riding through the village so we will be planting blue and yellow again. Kippax looked amazing last year and the way in which the whole community came together was so impressive. We will continue with our Litter Picks so look out for dates in our notice boards and on social media.

Pat has had quite a few residents express their concern about our fabulous bee being left out over winter down at the Moorgate. I'm afraid we have no choice in this as Layla from Dragon Willow who helped us make it says it will fall to bits if we move it and it cannot be repaired again.

Whilst we have increased the number of volunteers, we always need more so please can you help in any way, you do not need gardening experience. We hope some of you can join us to continue improving our environment. Also, can anyone help with the Kippax North School garden. They won a gold medal last year so any assistance would be most welcome. We now have three Duke of Edinburgh Award students working with us which is very good.

We continue to be very grateful for the support of our Parish Council, our LCC Ward Councillors, The Arium, LCC Parks and Countryside Department, their Locality Team, Woodend Nurseries and all our sponsors.

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.



KIB volunteers out in all weather's making our village look fab

YOUR COMMENTS

Dear Editors

After reading Councillor Martin Eyre's letter, I re-read Joy Bate's editorial to which he refers. Joy's wish that the people of Kippax should be able to vote for those who represent them on the Parish Council is laudable, and I know that the late Doug Morley held the same view. This does not mean that the service of co-opted members is not appreciated, although it is debatable whether someone unable to grasp the spirit of a document or is ignorant of the concept of democracy is suitable to be a Parish Councillor. Joy, you have nothing to apologise for.

Chris Porter

THANK YOU TO TWO SMASHING YOUNG MEN.

One Sunday afternoon in late October last year I was walking my dog (Violet) on The Lines heading from Garforth to Kippax, when two teenage lads on bikes approached me and asked if I was Miss Coates. I said that I was, wondering how the heck they knew my name! Then they produced my Bank Card which I had unknowingly dropped. How they spotted it on the lines with all the leaves etc. I don't know, but I was so thrilled. It would have been very worrying and embarrassing when I called at the shop on the way home, as I intended. I never thought to ask their names when I thanked them most sincerely but I would just like to thank their parents and tell them that their lads spoke nicely to me, and held eye contact, something that youths these days seem unable to do. Most importantly, they were honest. They could have had a beano using my card!!

Once again THANK YOU so much.

Sue Coates.




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Adults (ages 16+) 7.00 - 8.00 pm

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KIPPAX WRITING GROUP

We meet in an informal atmosphere once a month. Sometimes we set ourselves a challenge but any form of writing is always acceptable, for example prose, poetry or plays. I, personally, am trying to write children's books.

We are supportive not critical but we like to help each other if it is requested.

The place: The Hub in Kippax

The time: 5-30 to 6-45pm

The day: the last Monday in the month. Our next date 25th February then 25th March.

If you want any more information please contact Di on 07766552186 or email

dianamarsaymcewan@hotmail.co.uk

THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

The war to end all wars, they said
They didn't say there'd be twenty million dead
Ten million military, all with God on their side,
For King or Kaiser, serving and dying with pride.

They are remembered, but what of ten million others?

Mothers, fathers, daughters, brothers
Collateral damage, the modern phrase
Killed in unknown, unimaginable ways.

Weakened folk after years of deprivation
With lowered immunity from near-starvation
Faced influenza, said to be from Spain
Its death-toll cruel: more suffering and pain.

And soldiers returning, crossing homeland's border
With "shell shock" or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
Estranged and broken, fighting internal foes
Did they really find "A land fit for heroes"?

The war to end all wars they said, and then
A generation later did it all, and more, again.

Chris Porter

Unemployment

Winter conceives her limit.
Registers marks to an ordained degree
Never feels yawning emptiness inhabit
Mindless scars breeding conformity.
Creating an ever-changing backdrop
Foreseeing death for darkest shadows.
Ceres longs for the first snowdrop
Fears the fading of the last rose
Yet never fails to rise and fall in waves.
She breaks the back of grief.
Not bound always in still-born graves
Knowing no relief.

Ve Wright

Ode on Walking Through Kippax Cemetery

Get your dog off me grandma

Let her Rest in Peace

Lord know she didn't have much

Above the earth

Let her rest beneath

Ve Wright



Standing tall and elegant atop the Dales
with slender, graceful, whirling sails,
harnessing the winds and gales.

These monsters of the modern age,
like actors stood upon the stage
whip up the audience's rage.

"Don't put more beasts in my back yard.
Find somewhere else, it can't be hard.
I don't want my horizon marred."

Yet how we like resulting power
topping up our charging tower,
feeding gadgets by the hour.

We once had chimneys belching smoke,
burning tons of coal and coke.
The air was thick and made us choke.

So learn to love a different scene
That keeps the atmosphere clean
And our children's future green.

Laura De-Lucchi

KIPPAX KICKS

Kippax and Methley ward councillors James Lewis, Mary Harland and Keith Wakefield have welcomed the launch of 'Kippax Kicks'; the new football coaching programme for children aged 10 to 17 years. 'Kippax Kicks' is organised by Leeds Youth Service in partnership with the Leeds United Foundation and provides football coaching sessions at Kippax Leisure Centre sports hall every Monday evening.

The programme, led by qualified football coach and two youth workers, aims to improve young people's fitness, teach new skills as well as provide younger residents with a safe space to make new friends and socialise. Youth workers are also on hand to discuss any issues that may affect young people and to signpost young people to other agencies who can provide support.

The launch of 'Kippax Kicks' follows consultation with young people from Kippax and the surrounding villages and builds on the success of the city-wide 'Kicks' programme which has proved highly popular in other areas of Leeds.

The new programme has been possible thanks to the generous contribution from Kippax and Methley ward councillors who agreed to fund the Kippax Leisure Centre hire costs over the three-month trial, with funding secured from Kippax Parish Council to support any future hire costs.

Councillors James Lewis, Mary Harland and Keith Wakefield (Labour, Kippax & Methley) said: "We're thrilled to support the new Kippax Kicks sessions at Kippax Leisure Centre which provides a safe and welcoming environment for girls and boys of all backgrounds and abilities to get involved in sport.

Football is a fantastic way for our younger residents to make new friends, let off steam and gain confidence all the while helping them stay fit and healthy. During the sessions, we also have a couple of dedicated youth workers on hand ready to discuss any issues affecting young people who can signpost them to other agencies they may find useful.

We heartily recommend all those between 10 and 17 years in the area to give Kippax Kicks a try and join in the fun."

Premier League KICKS Project Officer at Leeds United Foundation, Joe Scargill, added: "Sport and football in particular is a very powerful tool that can break down barriers, reach out to young people and provide a pathway towards something positive. Promoting good wellbeing, reinforcing values and offering personal development routes are what we aspire towards providing for the young people we work with; football acts as a brilliant means of doing this.

Denise and her team supported by Jordan, our LUF coach have managed to create a fantastic environment for young people to safely engage in positive activities in such a short space of time and the support from Councillors Lewis, Wakefield and Harland has been pivotal to its growth. Sessions are held every Monday at Kippax Leisure Centre Sports Hall between 4:45 - 5:45pm for 10-13yrs and 5:45 - 6:45pm for 14-17yrs. 50p per session. Just turn up at the session and complete a short registration form.

For more information, please visit the Youth Services Facebook page

www.facebook.com/youthservice123 or contact the Youth Worker, Denise Kempton, at **denise.kempton@leeds.gov.uk**.



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Please come along and let us know your views.
Refreshments will be provided

KIPPAX PARISH COUNCIL



BADEN POWELL AWARD

Shona Lally (in the centre, holding plaque) with all the guides, receiving her Baden Powell Award, the first one ever to be presented in Kippax District. Shona had to complete many tasks to receive this award, even going away to Belfast for the weekend not knowing anyone there before she went.



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Looking forward to another eventful year.
Kathleen KVA

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