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## EDITORIAL

Hi again everyone.

How have you coped with the heat this summer? Too hot for me, I'm afraid, but as I am writing this, I can hear the thunder and have discovered the rain managing to get in under the back door, so maybe things are going to cool. I wonder what the weather will be like when you are reading this in September – might be snowing!!

We have an interesting issue for you this time. It has all the regular contributions plus information about changes in the village- including an introduction to our new Village Caretaker, (who I am sure will do a brilliant job), the new tennis courts and a new feature about local walks. There is also information about a Commemoration Event taking place next year to remember the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. There are lots of village events in the planning stages and your involvement is needed, so have a look at p24 for details.

I have had a couple of really good holidays since it was my turn to write this - an amazing short trip to Iceland, where I was lucky enough to see the Northern Lights as well as hot springs and geysers and a once in a lifetime journey to China. We walked on the Great Wall, visited Tiananmen Square (huge!!!), rode in a rickshaw, sailed on the Yangtse, saw Pandas and Terracotta Warriors and a million other things. I can't believe how lucky I am! Although anyone who has travelled to China will know that one of the biggest adventures is using their toilets! Definitely a challenge if you are female!

Some of you with good memories may remember that quite a while ago we introduced "Kind Kippisers" asking you to let us know if anyone had done anything particularly kind for you or yours. Unfortunately, we haven't had any submitted for a while. I know that these things still happen because I see them posted on Facebook, but remember that not everyone is on Facebook, or indeed on the internet, and if your kind deeds are in Kippax Matters everyone will see them. Reading about good deeds cheers people up so please let us know as well.

While I am asking you to send us things I should let you know that our email address has changed – you can find us at [magazine@kippax-pc.gov.uk](mailto:magazine@kippax-pc.gov.uk) Not quite so long winded to type as the other one!

On the same subject, we do live in a friendly village where most people are kind and considerate. My grandchildren often come to stay in the school holidays and when they do, one of their requests is always a visit to Pat's Sweets. Promise of this can work wonders (thanks Pat!). I remember an occasion while walking up to the village, we encountered lots of people on the way. A nod and a smile and a Good Morning every time! My granddaughter said 'you do know a lot of people grandma!' I explained that I didn't know them all but that villagers nearly always greet each other on passing. We also chat at bus stops and in the co-op. We're a friendly lot. 'But grandma' she said 'mum says you shouldn't talk to strangers!'

Get out of that one, grandma!

Can I point out that in reference to the insert in the last magazine regarding Activities for the Over50s, not all the activities listed are JUST for that age group. See Your Comments p.15. We have placed an asterisk next to the activities open to all adults.

Finally, well done Kippax!! 'Best Dressed Village' in the Tour de Yorkshire for the second year in a row! Also, congrats to Paul Flintoft for winning 'Spirit of the Tour'. A big thanks is due to everyone involved (see front cover). This kind of thing definitely puts Kippax on the map.

While we're talking about winning things, Good Luck to Kippax in Bloom who are awaiting the results of their latest competition.

**Val Laycock, Joint Editor**

## SUMMERTIME WITH THE LOWER AIRE VALLEY VOLUNTEERS

What a busy season it has been working with the Lower Aire Valley Volunteers managing our local nature reserves. We manage 10 nature reserves in the area: Townclose Hills, The Lines Way, Kippax Meadows, Owl Wood and Pit Plantation, Hollinhurst Wood, Rothwell Country Park, Rothwell pastures, Waterhaigh Woodland Park, Ledston Luck and Letchmire Pastures. This summer we have been working especially hard pulling the plant Himalayan balsam which is an invasive non-native species that spreads very quickly and outcompetes our native flora. You will often see it along water courses and it has shallow roots, a hollow stem and purple flowers. Unfortunately, we have it on many of our nature reserves in the Lower Aire Valley but the volunteers have been fantastic and worked tirelessly pulling it out and clearing large areas. Our reward for all this hard work is how beautiful the sites look during the summer. Townclose Hills aka Billy Woods looked spectacular this summer with plenty of orchids, yellow rattle, clustered bellflower, knapweed and field scabious (to mention but a few) in full bloom. This special grassland attracts the marbled white butterfly which is a beautiful black and white butterfly that specialises on chalky/ magnesian limestone meadows. Another star animal we have on site is the glow worm (which is in fact a beetle) and this year saw one of the best years for glow worms with over 30 females glowing on one night – it was absolutely magical! Without the careful management of these meadows and woodlands by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and the brilliant Lower Aire Valley Volunteers these sites would not be as fantastic for wildlife. We run volunteer days every Tuesday and Friday, and rove around the different sites. Tasks can include anything from litter picking, building steps, cutting down or planting trees, pulling undesirable plants and the list goes on. No previous experience is needed, just a willingness to get stuck in! So if you would like to get involved please get in touch with Elspeth Robinson (reserves officer for the area) [elspeth.robinson@ywt.org.uk](mailto:elspeth.robinson@ywt.org.uk)

Our volunteer days in September are:

Tuesday 3rd September – Townclose Hills Friday 6th September – Rothwell Pastures

Tuesday 10th September – Rothwell Country Park Friday 13th September – Townclose Hill

Tuesday 17th September – Letchmire Pastures Friday 20th September – Rothwell Country Park

Tuesday 24th September – Townclose Hills Fri day 27th September – Letchmire Pastures



Himalayan balsam - an  
invasive species



Marbled white butterfly on  
greater knapweed at  
Townclose Hills



Female glowing glow  
worm at Townclose Hills

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hello Kippax

Welcome to the chairman's chat

In the last three months, we have at last got a new village caretaker, his name is John, please say hello if you see him around the village.

We have been working with Leeds City Council Ward Councillors to replace the tennis courts and add outdoor gym equipment at Brigshaw Lane. This has been achieved with funds from both parties and a donation from the family of our former chairman Doug Morley. The Official opening was Tuesday August 6th and I know that everyone who attended the official opening of the refurbished Brigshaw Lane Recreation Ground & Outdoor Gym would have had a great time, so a big thankyou to all involved in the projects on all sides and a special thank you to those who organised the official opening.

You will I hope, have noticed that we are trying to keep the flags flying in the high street, with Yorkshire Day and Pride flags flying proudly on the High Street. We are endeavouring to change the flags to match the occasion, so if you can think of, or know of any occasion, anniversaries coming up please let us know.

Talking about letting us know about things, all the councillors' phone numbers can be found on page 2.

A couple of congratulations we feel should be given, although it is a while after the event: To everyone in Kippax Village for becoming the Tour de Yorkshire Best Dressed Village, without your support we could not have won.

To Paul Flintoff for wining the Spirit of the Tour – Your hard work and determination make you a worthy winner.

A thank you to all who voted for either or both categories.

We are hopeful that Kippax in Bloom will once again win the gold, we hold our breath in anticipation.

Things we ought to keep you up to date with.

We are making progress with the Traders and Leeds City Ward Councillors on upgrading the High Street, as always with these things it seems slow going till it happens.

Just to remind you, we are celebrating 30 years of Kippax lights this year, watch out for more news.

Please watch out for next year's Kippax Village calendars, coming your way soon.

Thanks for listening to my first and I hope many chats

***Francis T Kelly, Chairman***



## ***Christmas Lights Switch on 2019***

# 30 years of Christmas Lights

No, I have not lost the plot! And I know some of you will have not even had your summer holidays yet, but CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

No end of local talent keeps on entertaining us year on year, but we are always on the look out for something new, so please get in touch if you have any ideas or know of someone who could entertain us this year. I would especially like to hear from people who have entertained us over the last 30 years to bring nostalgia to a bigger spectacular this year to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> year in spectacular fashion. We are even thinking of having 2 stages at each end of the High Street so we can get local bands on,

I would like also to hear from people if they have got any old photos of previous years switch on, to form a bit of display for people to reminisce over.

Kippax Lights group is a very small group made up of a few Parish Councillors, traders and local residents and like any other group in the Village, are always looking for new volunteers with new ideas, so please get in touch if you can help improve the event in any way.

Our grateful thanks go out to all the entertainers and people involved with these events over the last 30 years, and all residents who come along to support this annual event.

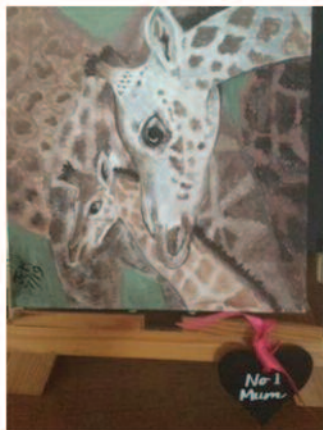
It just leaves me to say see you all on the 21st NOVEMBER for this year's Switch On from 6pm.

Gail Hardwick  
Contact Gail Hardwick@aol.com



## KIPPAX ART GROUP

The Kippax Art Club were on the green outside the Parish Church during the Summer Fair on July 6th. Samples of work were available for passing people to view with a chance to talk to members of the club. It was a really pleasant day.



## KIPPAX DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Our November production this year is to be J B Priestley's 'When We Are Married'. It is twelve years since we presented this well loved Northern Comedy and although many of the original cast will be taking part there will also be some new faces to be seen.

With humourous insight and gentle irony, Priestley reveals the hidden truths behind three apparently 'happy' marriages when some startling and unwelcome news is received.

For details of how to book tickets or any other information please see the flyer opposite.

We look forward to welcoming you to our show.



**Kippax Village Action**  
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**Kippax.**

A fabulous day was had by all on our visit to Lotherton Hall, Guided tour round the house, Coffee and cake, and free time to look round the bird gardens; and as you can see by the photo the weather was perfect.



Next trip Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September to Eden Camp, if you are interested please phone one of the contact numbers below as places go very quick.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Millstone, Harrogate, Christmas Outing.

Millstone's is a full day, greeted by the lovely staff, seated, coffee/tea and biscuits, lunch, bingo, raffle, sing song and dancing, free time to look round the on-site shop, and just before we depart on coach - coffee/tea and cake.

For more information regarding the above trips, please telephone the numbers below: -

Jean - 2875143

Pauline - 2860669



**KIPPAX DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

# **When We Are Married**



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## HELLO FROM EVERYONE AT KIPPAX COMMUNITY HUB

Hello everyone,

Welcome to our latest update with details of services available and events coming up throughout autumn in your local Community Hub here at Kippax.

The centre brings together various services under one roof, making it easier to contact us face-to-face. This is a free and confidential service. The main services provided by our fully-trained team include the following:

Adult Social Care

Children and Young People Social Care

Disabled parking badges and disabled bus passes

Hate Crime reporting and advice

Housing Leeds

Council benefits including free school meals

Council tax

Parking-related services

Other council services such as environmental services, emptying wheelie bins, street lighting and maintaining roads and pavements

Library services with internet access

Our Customer Service Officers can offer help and support to a large range of Council enquiries. Free Wi-Fi is available and a safe space to work in and you can use your own devices such as laptops and tablets. There are free daily newspapers available for all to read.

Free computer access photocopying, scanning and printing facilities.

Scanning – No charge

Printing - 20p per A4 copy

Photocopying –

Black and White A4 - 10p, A3 - 20p

Colour A4 – 20p, A3 – 40p.

### Jobshop

We are now pleased to announce we will be offering a Jobshop at our Community Hub running every Monday. Jobshops offer a **Free, impartial, face to face** service where you can talk in confidence to a fully qualified Advisor. We will look at your individual needs and explain the support that is available to help move you into employment.

### Jobshops offer:

Information, advice and guidance

Help with preparing or updating a CV

Support with completing job application forms

Help with interview skills

Internet access for job search

The latest information on local job vacancies

### Table Tennis

Free table tennis now available by bookable 1-hour slots on Mondays 3pm -5pm and Thursday 1pm -3pm. Please ask a member of staff for further information or to book a session.

## Dates for Your Diary

Under 5's Storytime join in every Friday 2pm to 3pm

Kippax Readers Group meet every second Monday of the month 5.45pm to 6.45pm

Creative Writing Group meet the last Monday in the month 5.30pm to 6.45pm

## Future Events

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

### Code Club 3:30pm till 4:30pm on the following Mondays:

**9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> October**

**4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Code Club is a global network for **children aged 7-11**. You will discover our easy to follow projects which will help you to learn a variety of coding languages by making games, robots, animations and websites in a supportive environment.

### Work Wonder With Words – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – 2pm till 3pm

to celebrate National Libraries week, come along and bring a poem to share or some creative writing at this relaxed workshop. **No booking is required.**

### Yorkshire Battles Talk – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 2pm till 3pm

Yorkshire has been the battleground for some of the bloodiest, treacherous and most vicious battles ever fought. Josh Flint will discuss the importance of Yorkshire Battles from the 7th to the 20th-centuries and how they are represented in the Leeds Libraries collection. **Free event bookable at the hub, refreshments are provided.**

## Opening Hours

	Customer Services		Library	
Mon	10.00am	5:00pm	10:00am	7:00pm
Tue	9.00am	5:00pm	9:00am	5:00pm
Wed	9.00am	5:00pm	9:00am	5:00pm
Thu	9.00am	5:00pm	9:00am	5:00pm
Fri	9:00am	5:00pm	9:00am	5:00pm
Sat	Closed		10:00am	13:00pm
Sun	Closed		Closed	

With all our best wishes from all the staff at Kippax Community Hub.

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

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## Kippax Ward Councillors Update

**A big thank you** We have had so many positive comments about the work volunteers have put in to make the village look amazing for the Tour de Yorkshire, In bloom and the High Street flags.

**Kippax Leisure Centre** Our plans to improve the Leisure Centre are moving forward quickly with proposals to renovate the changing rooms and improve the appearance of the outside of the building. Thanks to the local people and for working with us to make this happen and the Parish Council for committing funding.

We're pleased to see the first 'Kippax Triathlon' scheduled and we hope that this will help raise the profile of the Leisure Centre and we will continue to work with the council's active lifestyles service to make more opportunities for different sports and classes available.

**Greenbelt victory** The Council's 'Site Allocation Plan' to guide future development is in place. We are delighted to say that after many years of work and rounds of consultation the Green Belt around Kippax now remains exactly the same. Thanks to everyone who wrote in.

**Small grants to local groups** We have recently given small grant to the local University of the Third Age and Kippax Welfare u11s. 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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## WE LOVE OUR NEW TENNIS COURTS & GYM TRAIL

We're delighted that the much-needed refurbishments of the Tennis Courts on Brigshaw Lane are finally complete – from the response on social media, whilst many have much loved memories of the courts, plenty more didn't even know they existed – so we are pleased to see them looking great and back in use. By the time you're reading this, we will have had the official ribbon cutting and open day with coaching sessions for both adults and children and more coaching programmes in the pipeline! We'll be sure to share photos and more details in the next edition of the magazine!



Alongside the courts, we've also had six pieces of gym equipment installed which we hope will encourage more people to keep fit and enjoy exercising – there's lots of different exercises to do for all abilities, along with a bench for resting and enjoying views across the fields to Brigshaw School.

The project has been a long work in progress for the Parish Council and was only made possible with the collaborative efforts of Parish Councillors (led by Cllr Bate and Cllr Eyre), our Ward Councillors and a generous donation from the Morley family on behalf of former KPC Chair, Doug Morley.

KPC are already planning more projects to improve our parks and leisure facilities in the village, we'd love to hear your thoughts and feedback so please do get in touch!

**Kippax Parish Council**

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Adults (ages 16+) 7.00 - 8.00 pm

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## Alec Shelbrooke MP

Conservative Member of Parliament for Elmet & Rothwell  
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Dear resident,

### **My Dementia Directory - online now!**

It's hard to believe we're already half way through 2019 - although frustrations in Parliament this year have made me wish the year away at times!

I have been angry with the way some MPs have sought to frustrate Brexit, but I remind myself that my job is not just about Brexit, it is also about getting things done locally; be it delivering record employment, lower taxes or putting in schemes to make our communities better places and live and work.

That's why I have updated my *Dementia Directory*, which will soon be dropping on your doormat. Like many local families, my own family has experienced looking after a loved one with Dementia and I wanted to build on my experiences in order to make that journey a little better for others.

My *Dementia Directory* acts as a guide to accessing quality Dementia services in our local communities, as well as providing information on the signs of Dementia and how to seek medical advice.

You can also find my *Dementia Directory* online at [www.alecshelbrooke.co.uk/dementia](http://www.alecshelbrooke.co.uk/dementia).

As ever, if you have an issue to raise or problem to solve, get in touch with me directly and I'll be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

**Alec Shelbrooke MP**

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# 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.

## OTHER NOTICES

**TABLE TOP SALE** in St Mary's Church Hall, Kippax, on Saturday 5 October 10.00am - 2.00pm. Please contact John Speller on 0113 2867846 for details.

**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, Sheila Bryant 07969 141808 or 0113 2861259.

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

## YOUR COMMENTS

Dear Editors

It was good to see the table of activities for 50+ in the June edition of Kippax Matters. I'm aware that there are also activities for pre- and school age children. But what about the rest? For instance, where is the Kippax pub that does good food? And yes, we love the Grand Bengal and Sylhet Balti restaurants, but wouldn't it be great also to have a licensed restaurant for a pleasant evening out with friends? Kippax is a good place to live, but it could be better!

**Chris Porter**

PS both Vivavox and Illuminate choirs are open to all adults, not just the over 50's.

**Editors' Note:** *Thanks Chris. Does anyone have any more suggestions? Can you recommend anything that will make our village better? For activities for children, please see pp.*

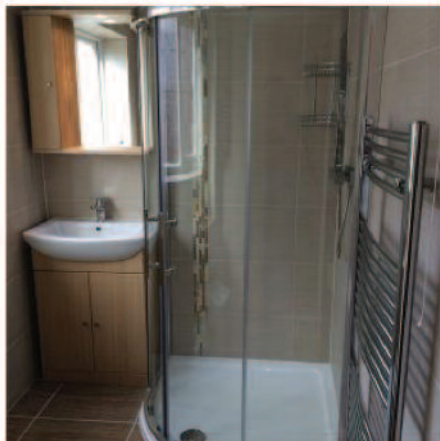
## Activities for 50+ in Kippax (\* indicates any age group welcome)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
AM	<p>Breakfast Club 8.30-10.00 <b>Cross Hills Court</b></p> <p>Yoga 10-11.00 £5.00 Gibson Lane Comm Centre *</p>	<p>NET Lunch Club 11-1.00 <b>Cross Hills Court</b></p> <p>Coffee morning Methodist Church 9.30-11.00 *</p>	<p>Arts and crafts 9.30 <b>Mount Pleasant Gardens</b></p> <p>NET craft club 10-12.00 Community Hub</p> <p>U3A reading group 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed every mth 10.30 in people's homes</p>	<p>Breakfast club 9.30-10.15 Valley Ridge</p> <p>NET coffee morning 10-12.00</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in mth <b>Mount Pleasant Gdns</b></p> <p>U3A walking group Under 5 miles. Start from Kippax</p>	<p>St Mary's Church open for prayer 10.00- 12.00 *</p> <p>Let's Get Active swim session at Kippax Leisure Centre 2.30-3.30</p>		<p>Kippax in Bloom volunteers *</p> <p>Methodist Church service 10.30 *</p> <p>St Mary's Church service 10.30 *</p> <p>Swimming at Kippax Leisure Centre 9-10 adults swim</p>
PM	<p>U3A Arts and crafts 1.45-400 Valley Ridge Valley Road LS25 7DS</p> <p>Community Café 1.30- 3.30 <b>Mt Pleasant</b></p>	<p>U3A Art group 10.00 – 12.00 Every 2 weeks The Elders, Great Preston</p> <p>Bingo 1.00-3.00 <b>Mount Pleasant</b></p>	<p>Senior Citizens Club Bingo 1.00-4.00 <b>Cross Hills Court</b> Monthly Lunch club every 3<sup>rd</sup> wed £3 12.00-2.0 0113 2871962 St Mary's Church Hall</p>	<p>Let's Get Active swim session at Kippax Leisure Centre 2.30-3.30</p>	<p>Afternoon tea 2.00-4.00 £1.50 <b>Cross Hills Court</b></p>	<p>Let's Get Active swim at Leisure Centre 12.05- 1.05</p>	<p>Let's Get Active swim session at Kippax Leisure Centre 12.00-1.00</p>





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## KIPPAX IN BLOOM

If only the different timetables for different aspects of Kippax life could be in sync! This article is being penned shortly after the Yorkshire in Bloom judges visited and embarked on their tour of the village in mid July. Of course, you will not be reading this until a further two months down the line. Moreover, as the results won't be known until the 10th of September during a ceremony at York Racecourse, it will be the December edition of this magazine when you will read about it. What we can report is how brilliantly Judging Day went. The comments of the two judges following their tour were extremely positive. They congratulated and thanked everyone in the Kippax Community for the very high standard and pride shown on their visit and they praised the efforts of all involved, commenting that clearly an awful lot of hard work had gone into making Kippax look good. One of the judges had visited five years ago and was very impressed by the tremendous progress made, the obvious sense of teamwork and the elements of community support from the residents of Kippax clearly evident. This is an issue which seems to increase remarkably year on year. It is evidenced in the quality of residents' gardens, the displaying of posters on judging day and generally the comments received by the volunteers throughout the year, and not forgetting the supportive observations made on Facebook.

Furthermore, we must give a big thank you to the Moorgate for their continued support; their welcoming of the judges and the KIB mob is very much appreciated. I would also like to mention the Growing Zone which again showcased their outstanding work.

It must also be noted that the hanging baskets along the High Street are particularly brilliant this year with their mass of colours. Once again huge thanks to the sponsors who make this possible and The Arium/LCC Parks and Countryside for making them and looking after them.

New developments shown to the judges included the completed, amazingly colourful 'Bee Friendly' bed at the entrance to Greenfields School, having worked with the school over the past few months, and also on their Memorial Beds inside the school grounds. This is in addition to the continued work with Kippax North School who are amazing.

The easy-maintenance contemporary bed

on the corner of Sandgate Terrace has also been completed. I also hope that everyone has noted the new Bee at the Moorgate and the magnificent Spider climbing the wall near the Legion and opposite the Library. These were again created by the KIB volunteers on a course at Church Fenton.

One very positive development of recent times is the additions to the team of volunteers, increasing the average age of the group. One young lady in her teens is very welcome. Three young students from Brigshaw have also been out on Sunday mornings as part of their Duke of Edinburgh challenges.



Of course, the challenge remains, as always, to maintain the high standards achieved so far so that our environment can be enjoyed by everyone who lives here and visits us. We continue to be grateful for the support of the 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. Of course, most importantly, thanks to our volunteers and those who help in myriad ways as Jack, one of the Yorkshire in Bloom judges, wrote to us “when everyone pulls together, the results are amazing”.

Please call into Pat’s Sweet Shop on the High Street, ring on 0113 2862283 or e-mail at [psamykib@aol.com](mailto:psamykib@aol.com) if you can contribute in any way. Any help or sponsorship, however small will be very welcome. Our webpage is [kippaxinbloom.com](http://kippaxinbloom.com)

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## MEET OUR NEW VILLAGE CARETAKER, JOHN!

In June, our new Village Caretaker, John started his role and hit the ground running! John is funded by Kippax Parish Council and works 10 hours a week, helping to maintain and improve the village alongside the work that Leeds City Council do.

He has already made a great job of clearing the pathways at Shuttock’s Fold, tidying up the edging alongside the allotments on Station Road, as well as helping Kippax in Bloom ahead of judging day!

John is managed by the Village Services Group (part of Kippax Parish Council) who are the



eyes and ears of the village, keeping a check of things that need maintaining, replacing or sprucing up – either liaising with Leeds City Council on issues that fall under their remit, or assigning John to assist.

We would always encourage you to report any issues directly to Leeds City Council, but if you need any support, or have any suggestions for jobs in the village that our Caretaker could work on, please contact the Chair of the Village

Services Group, Julie Biscomb: [Julie.biscomb@kippax-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.biscomb@kippax-pc.gov.uk). And if you see John around, please give him a wave and say ‘Hello’!



September already, so what has the W.I. been doing since the last magazine. Well I can tell you that the wine tasting night was a huge success, plenty of tasting, cheese biscuits and nibbles, we'll definitely be doing that again.



July, our annual day out, this was a very successful day. First stop Black Sheep Brewery, guided tour round the brewery, tasters, lunch and free time to look round shop.

On the coach to Ripley castle, another very interesting and informative guided tour round the castle, free time to shop and to complete the day we treated ourselves to a famous Ripley Ice cream.



August - Summer Event, this event is going to be held at The Band Club, theme for the night 'The Cruise', so we'll be dressing up again, Buffet, and entertainment from Lee McGowan who used to sing on the cruise ships.

September - Ashley Land – Genealogy

October - A.G.M.

November - Christmas Activities

December - Christmas Party

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## **KIPPAX COMMEMORATION EVENT FOR THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR 2**

Next year there will be national celebrations to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WW2 and the coming of peace. The Kippax Commemoration Event Group, in conjunction with the Parish Council, is planning a special weekend in the village to commemorate the peace and those who served in any way.

The event will take place on the weekend of **June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with an additional day for schools on Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>**. This date has been selected as being part way between VE and VJ days, and not in school holiday periods. Indoor events in St. Mary's Church and Hall, and Kippax Methodist Church will include exhibitions of research into those people from Kippax and the locality who served in any way, in the forces or on the Home front. As in previous events, relatives of anyone currently living in Kippax can also be included in the commemorations. There will be supporting information and displays around the topic, produced by local schools and community groups and presentations from dance/drama groups, choirs and schools.

Outdoor events, organised by the Parish Council group, will involve a peace-themed parade on the Saturday morning followed by an opening ceremony, and a community picnic with commemorative tributes and entertainments on the Sunday afternoon, proposed to be on the Cheney Basin.

### **Research: Information urgently required**

An initial list of names of service and home front personnel has already been compiled, and this will be displayed in Kippax One Stop Centre Library area in the two weeks commencing October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and in the Coop on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2020. The lists will also be placed in the Parish Council notice-boards at various times. If you have relatives who served in any way, please consult the lists and send any information or photographs to Ashley Land. Information from forces websites is not as easy to obtain as it was for WW1 personnel, and family stories and memorabilia will be vital.

**Contact details for Ashley are:** ashleyland1972@gmail.com or 0113 2820507  
**Postal address :**18, Oulton Lane, Woodlesford, Leeds, LS26 8NL

We are aware that there are many more people who are not yet on the list, so please add names and contact Ashley if you have relatives, including those who did not live in Kippax at the time, if you would like them to be commemorated.

### **Wartime Weddings**

We would like to feature displays of photographs, memorabilia and stories of weddings which took place just before, during or in the few years just after the war. If you have details of these, please contact Ashley Land (see above) or Pat Brook on **0113 2869808** or **bropatri4@aol.com**

If you are interested in being involved in planning, we hold monthly meetings and anyone is welcome to attend and to join in with the work. If you would like your community group to participate in any way, we also need to hear from you. For either of these purposes, please contact Pat Brook, Secretary to the group on the above contact details.



## Retirement



I dreamed about retirement, thought how it would be  
When time, all those long hours, would stretch ahead of me.  
My house would be so tidy and extraordinarily clean  
My windows all would glisten with a professional-standard sheen.  
My kitchen cupboards ordered, tins like soldiers standing  
And I'd empty that box of "things" I trip over on the landing.  
There'd be nothing in my freezer that wasn't labelled clearly  
Everything would be eaten by its "best by" date, or nearly.

More than ten years into retirement, I'm reporting a radical rethink  
First of all, who knew that time - days, weeks, years would significantly shrink?  
Hours just disappear while doing what's essential  
Like walking out with friends, exploring the potential  
Of new bars and cafes, or the hidden treasures of a wood.  
There are songs to sing, poems to write, and of course it's understood  
That learning to prioritise what's dear  
Means having the holiday of a lifetime – every year!



I'm pleased to say that now I've seen the error of my ways  
Domestic duties are quite low on my "to do" list nowadays  
My cupboards are still treasure troves of items of out-of-date  
The contents of my freezer are still in a terrible state  
But I've done and seen things, been amazing places  
Spent so many happy hours surrounded by friendly faces  
And, just in case you're wondering, my house IS fit to be seen  
That's because of Julie, who comes on a Wednesday to clean!

**Chris Porter**

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## THE VIEW FROM A NORTHERN GARDEN by EBG Jardinero Esq.

In the garden I've watched Gardeners' World on BBC for as many years as I can remember. The episode on 12 July this year had a more profound effect on me than anything I've seen, in terms of gardening going forward. It was a special episode about

wildflower gardening; their decline, why they are important and why landowners and gardeners just like us, can make such a difference and help to reverse this deterioration going forward. I thought I was aware of the issues but I'll certainly allow it to influence me in the future. Last September, I sowed a wildflower and grass seed-mix on part of the far reaches of the garden, that I'd cleared of perennial weeds. When the growing season is over and any seeds have fallen on the ground, I'll clear the vegetation. If this is left, grasses will like the increase in fertility more than the wildflowers and then start to out-compete them. This September I'm going to sow some more wildflower seeds into the existing patch and also extend its area from its existing 5x2m. Near the house behind the garage, I'd had my eye on a shrubby honeysuckle in a raised bed which I had previously given a trim. It looked like a set of sticks two foot high with wisps of foliage on the end. Last year, I had another such plant nearer the kitchen window that was clipped into a ball but was two feet across and was too big for the scale of the surrounding plants. I pruned this to two inches high and since then, as it grows, I've been pruning it back. So now it's a tight mass 10cm high and I can keep on top of it and keep it to a much better scale. So given this, last week, the one behind the garage was trimmed further. I couldn't stop there though and three adjacent hebes got the same treatment, being pruned to where there were some little shoots showing. Such severe pruning does have its risks but if they survive, they will be a better shape and I took some cuttings off their tips as an insurance. If the cuttings take and the original plants don't re-shoot, then I have some replacements and at least some more new plants. Once I get those secateurs snipping away, I sometimes find it hard to stop. I've collected a dozen mint plants over several years and a couple of years ago, I put them in separate 15cm terracotta pots so I could display them. These include Eau de Cologne, chocolate peppermint and apple. Previously, the pots were by the side of the greenhouse and weren't growing all that well. I moved them this spring to a low stepped wall in front of the kitchen windows. They're flourishing and I put it down to a combination of more sun and more regular watering. This season, I've bought a Banana mint, Lime mint and a Strawberry mint and these have increased the range. Mints are one of those plants that it's best not to plant them in open ground as they will run and spread far and wide.

Vegetables Well I thoroughly expected to give the beds a rest this year and leave them fallow, so I could get to grips with the bindweed in them. I haven't stuck to the plan. The greenhouse looked underused without its usual vegetable seedlings so I potted some up and then planted them out. To be fair, the veg. in the beds are looking good, despite the bindweed. Watering, weeding and feeding of them have been better than in previous years so I've already had some good pickings of Courgette Black Beauty. Sweet Corn Incredible, Beetroot Kestrel, Kale Dwarf Green Curled, Pea Carouby De Maussane and Runner Bean Scarlet Emperor are all looking like they will produce some good harvests. A pair of apple trees have good fruit of them but I was too slow with the cherries and raspberries which provided a splendid feed for the local blackbirds.

The view over the garden wall I looked out from under an umbrella and it was chucking it down. So I went and sought cover in the main marquee but it was heaving being full of people who had had the same idea. Ground water was starting to puddle through the covering on the floor.

This was my first visit to RHS Chatsworth Flower Show and I was determined to enjoy it because I hadn't managed to get to the first two Shows there. I managed to relish being at the Show, with overcoming the weather only heightening the enjoyment. I bought another metal sculpture on a pole (which looks really good in the border now it's been 'planted') and stopped spending money on plants when the cash ran out. Amongst the plants I bought was a Sanguisorba Lilac Squirrel which will be 1m high with terminal spikes of fluffy flowers and



Dahlias on show at the Show



Cornus kousa

a Cornus canadensis which is a lovely low ground cover 10-15 cm high. The Cornus has similar bracts to a Cornus kousa China Girl which is a small deciduous tree that I bought last year and have in a pot in the back garden. I was one of the last to leave and it certainly became easier to walk around the marquees when others had gone home a little later on. Also, the brolley was a boon because without it, I'd have been soaked to the skin and had to leave earlier. I've been a regular visitor to see the Chatsworth estate and to see the backdrop of the House, with the show in the foreground, was a great scene to take in. With it being a relatively local show for me, I'll be back next year, hopefully with better weather.

**STOP PRESS** – Last night after hearing a very loud snuffling noise from outside, it was exhilarating to see three hedgehogs working their way round the back garden. In the 12 years in this house, I've only seen single hogs less than a dozen times. Let's hope this is going to be more regular, that it shows that they have adequate access and that the environment is giving them food and shelter. Appreciating the hogs and nature in general. Get out and enjoy a garden.

## FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS AT KIPPAX NORTH

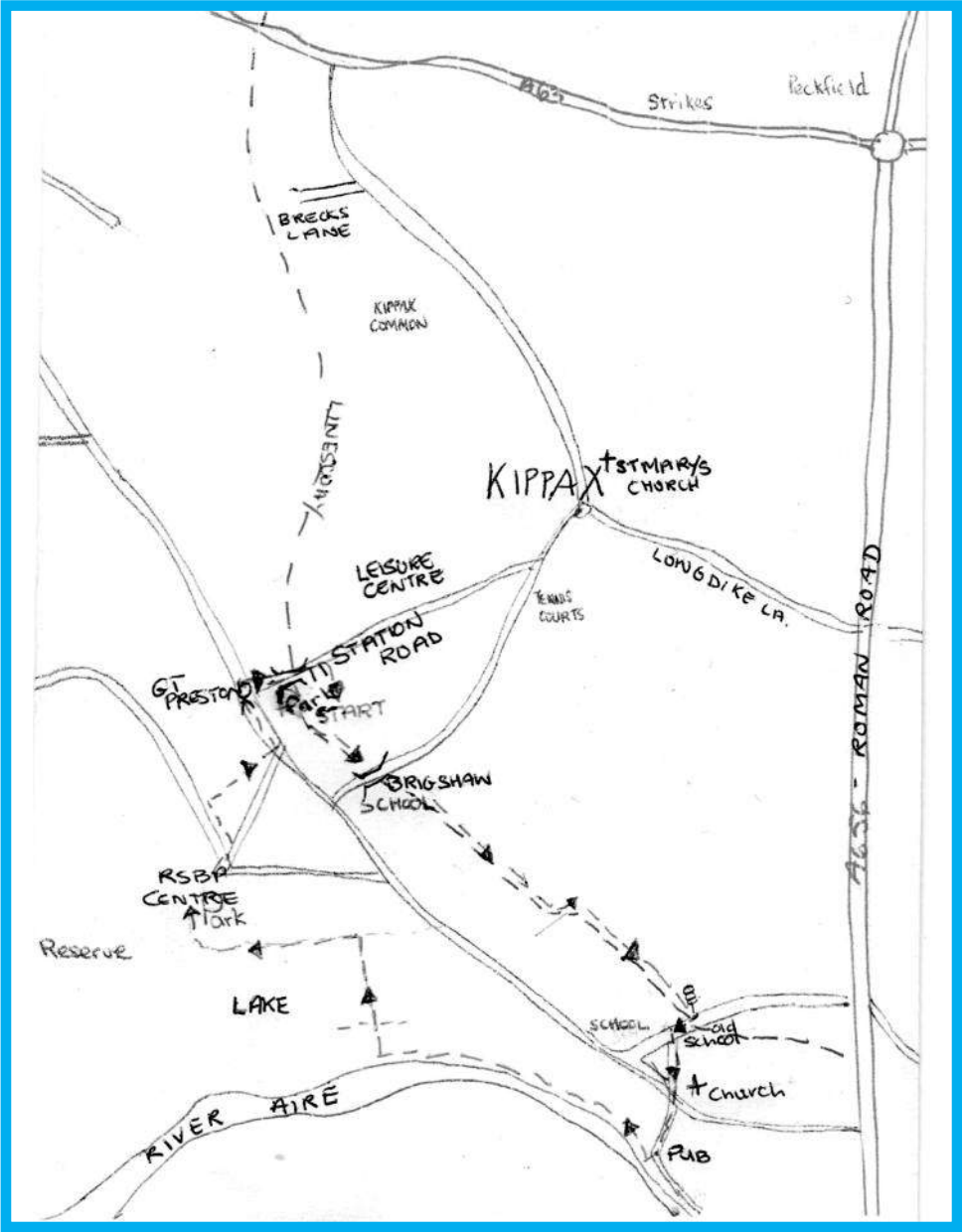
This last academic year has seen Kippax North celebrating its 50th birthday – and what a year it's been! We've seen our Wildlife Observation Hut built and opened on our school field, our Bushcraft Wigwams completed and the community defibrillator, which will be commissioned shortly, sited in the fence on Brexdale Avenue. Past pupils responded to appeals for photographs and memories of their time here – it was interesting to find out what jobs they now do, and where in the world they are making their mark. Far flung places like Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Our current pupils have been fascinated to see the old registers showing their mums, dads and in some cases grandparents names! Our exciting year has finished with a Thanksgiving Service for Fifty Golden Years at Kippax North held at St. Mary's Church, and a street party in the playground, where everyone had a picnic and a piece of birthday cake. Here's to the next fifty years!

Walk

Walk 1, of a series of walks in and around Kippax.

Start: Station Road car park, Gt Preston.

Terrain: mostly flat with firm paths. 2 stiles      Length: 4ish miles.



Start the walk on the obvious path, an old railway line, called 'the Linesway' heading away from Gt Preston. Follow this with no deviations, trying to ignore the rubbish as you walk under an old railway bridge! Continue for a mile with no deviations, when crossing a tarmac road, the path is on the other side, slightly to the left.

When the Linesway reaches a road and housing and traffic lights, turn right along the footpath. The old Victorian school on your left. Cross the road and turn into the street to the right of the school, carry on noting the lovely church. Cross the quite busy road and follow it, till you have the Victoria Pub on your left. Spot the public footpath sign on your right, near a metal gate, and pass through a small gate. Walk ahead, up a slight slope, then you will see the river. Bear right up a slope to follow this, climb over a very solid stile, and follow the path with the river on your left. Plenty of wildlife to spot.

When you reach a junction of paths turn right and follow it going over a small wooden bridge and through wood land, very quickly you will gain another crossroads of paths, go straight ahead.

At the next junction turn left, onto a disused railway line, carry on, at the next junction of paths go straight ahead, the path opens up with a view of St Aiden's, turn right and head towards the RSBP visitors centre, for a welcome drink and toilet stop.

When you leave the centre, walk round the carpark, footpath on the left and walk up to the main entrance on Astley Lane. Here turn left and walk along the verge for a few yards, looking out for a public footpath sign on the opposite side of the road. You should see it before you reach a sign on your left.

Cross the road, then climb over a stile with care. The hedge is on your left, and follow the path on the side of the field. When the field ends walk through a small wood to emerge onto a road junction.

Turn left and walk along the footpath, with the village hall (once a chapel) and the old infant school on your left. At the mini roundabout turn right, passing the pub, Follow the footpath, it does run out, so you need to cross over the road. Go over the bridge, and cross the road again and the car park is on your right.

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## THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

**Calendars:** your 2020 calendar will be on sale towards the end of this month or early October from a variety of outlets in Kippax or from your local Parish Councillor.

### Christmas Card Competition:

this annual event will be organised as usual by local schools for all children to enter.



**Christmas Lights Extravaganza:** in late November – who knows what will happen this year!

**WW2 commemoration event in June 2020.**





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## OPEN DAY AT KIPPA GREENFIELD

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We aim to give our children wide and varied experiences with a full range of subjects taught; global awareness through the International Primary Curriculum; educational visits such as camping and theatre trips; fun and learning with children of all ages using our House system and lifelong skills such as first aid, arts and gardening.

We'd love to show you what we do so come and join us on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019** at our Open Day. Visitors are welcome 9.30am-12.00pm or 1.30pm to 3.00pm to see the school in action.



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## 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 <sup>th</sup> Kippax Brownies
	7:30 pm	Starting 9 <sup>th</sup> September. Open Door, 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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

Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	10:30 am	Harvest Festival
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	10:30 am	Remembrance Sunday

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