

Kippax Matters

December 2020



St. Mary's in the Snow



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EDITORIAL.

Hello, by the time you read this I am not sure where we will be with the Covid situation, but what will be the same is that Christmas and all the stress of shopping will be, as it is, every year. Let's hope, whatever the situation that we take care of ourselves and friends and family. I enjoyed running a book swap from the end of my drive which I started at the beginning of lock down in March and I have built up many boxes of books. It was a great way to meet Kippax residents who only lived a short distance away as well as walkers from Garforth and the surrounding area. There was a big demand for a murder mystery or pure escape books. Jigsaws came and went, magazines only stayed a while. Some hardbacks never moved. Thank you to everyone helping with the book swap. Also, a big thank you to my husband Jack for putting out the table and helping carrying out the rather heavy boxes of books. Still happening if the weather is dry on a Friday 9-00am to 4-00pm

During the summer it was lovely to see families walking or biking by. Brecks Lane became very busy, but it was spoilt by car and delivery van drivers not sticking to the 20mph speed limit, very dangerous when children play out. Look out for a free health booklet that will be delivered to every household in Kippax very soon, this includes walks in the area.

We have really been enjoying the farming programmes that have been on TV, as a farmer's daughter it was a trip down memory lane. However, the machinery has certainly changed, I remember picking potatoes by hand in all weathers, and milking the cows and having warm unpasteurised milk on my cereal. Then, in winter there would be frost on the inside of the windows. We sometimes went to school on the tractor if the snow was too deep, myself and two sisters, clinging on for dear life. No health and safety rules! and the school never closed. In the summer we had to walk the two miles home by ourselves, my elder sister keeping control?

I really admired the Yorkshire Shepherdess, the way of life the family have, all nine children working and playing on the farm and in the surrounding fields. Even the younger children were delivering lambs, they all helped in their own way on the farm and learnt through playing and helping.

The programme about Rob Burrows and his struggle with M.N.D was so sad. His lovely wife and children were so strong and positive. I felt so ashamed after I had been moaning about my aching hip when I realise what Rob goes through every day.



Another favourite programme during the summer was the Repair Shop, there were some lovely sentimental stories, which bought on a few tears. The skills of the workers in the shop were fascinating to watch. When I saw what was being thrown away into the tip, it seemed such a waste. Some objects were repairable and re-cyclable, which then could have been sold to help raise funds for charity. We managed to renovate a porter or sack wheels and a set of sack scales during lock down.



Lock down had many ups and downs. One of the saddest was for many has been the crisis in our care homes. Families trying by as many means as possible to have contact with a relative. The staff have had an impossible job, to keep the residents safe, but at what cost? Please read page 19, which recounts the frustration felt by a Kippax resident trying to keep contact with her elderly mother in a care home.

Also, we have had two valuable members of the Parish Council leave, Colin Child who was the clerk for the Parish Council for many years (see page 27), and Cllr Paul Spivey, who always managed to provide Father Christmas his transport on the Light Switch On, we really appreciate all their hard work.

A Happy Christmas and hopefully a happier new year. Stay safe and take care,

Diana McEwan (joint editor)

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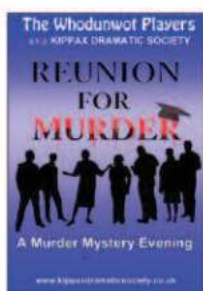
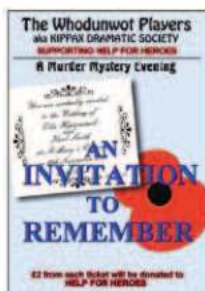
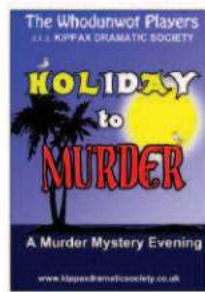
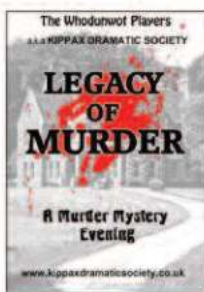
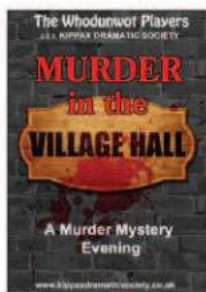
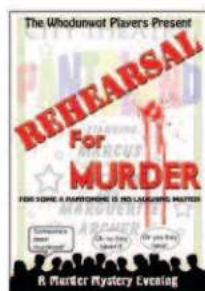
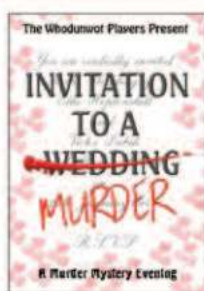
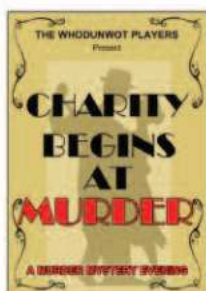
At the time of writing the society is rehearsing the short production to be aired on YouTube in November, as well as holding its regular Zoom meetings.

If the YouTube 'experiment' is a success we will put together another on-line show sometime in the New Year should the Covid-19 pandemic still be among us.

Of course, if things are back to normal, we will present last April's postponed Murder Mystery 'Murder at Kyllem Hall' in April 2021.

In the meantime, a reminder of the Murder Mysteries that we have presented over the past few years. How many times did you deduce Whodunit?

Please keep an eye out for the latest KDS information in this magazine, Facebook and posters.



HELLO FROM YOUR KPC CHAIR

Hope the Kippax Christmas lights are brightening everyone up after a year when KPC couldn't organise any other events which I am sure were missed by everyone. Unfortunately LCC were not making any new Christmas light motifs this year so we couldn't purchase any additional ones but hopefully we will next year.

Thanks to all the children who took part in our Christmas card competition. The winning designs are printed on the High Street flags.

We have recently had a few changes within KPC with a new Councillor, Janet Simpson and a new Clerk.

Thank you to Cllr Michaella Biscoomb, who stood in as temporary Clerk until a new Clerk was employed.

John, our village caretaker, has now obtained training certificates to comply with our insurance requirements when using power tools.

This enables him to get back to strimming the weeds in the ginnels and other areas around the village where his skills can be put to good use.

I hope everyone who shops local managed to be given an 'I Support Kippax Businesses' tote bag. A big thank you to everyone who supported our local traders who were able to remain open during lockdown and also to the traders for all their hard work.

Thanks to our Ward Councillors for joint funding the tote bags along with KPC.

Don't forget to buy your KPC calendars available from the High Street shops.

May I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cllr Martin Eyre

ST MARY'S CHURCH KIPPAX

Clergy: Team Rector - Post vacant following the retirement of the Revd. Canon Rosemarie Hayes on 21 March 2020.

Revd Diane Flynn - 0113 286 4607 (Team Vicar).

During the Covid-19 restrictions the church will be open at the following times:

Every Tuesdays 9.30am-10.30am for Private Prayer with Morning Prayer at 9.30am
There will also be a Said Eucharist (Holy Communion) at 9.00am on a Sunday once a month – dates will be published on our website and Facebook page. Communion will be in one kind only, i.e. only bread but no wine.

Please note: Wearing of facemask is mandatory in the church and you will be asked to use hand sanitiser on entry and before leaving the church.

Live streaming of Weekly Worship and Daily Prayer (on the Facebook page St Mary's Church - Swillington):

Sunday Worship 10.30am and 6.00pm

Morning Prayer 9.30am Monday to Thursday and 11.30am Saturday

Mid-Day Prayer: 12.15pm Monday to Thursday

Evening Prayer: 5.00pm Monday to Thursday (6.30pm on Wednesdays)

Please follow us on our Website at stmarykippax.org.uk and Facebook Page St Mary Church – Kippax, for news and updates.

Kippax's City Councillors Update

We are delighted that as part of our work to make sure there is a good spread of defibrillators across the area that there's been a new one installed at Kippax Sports centre.

There's been much in the news about children who have been denied Free School Meals. We are shocked and saddened at this and doing what we can to help. Please contact us if you or someone in your family needs help.

Work is taking place with the Neighbourhood Elders Team (NET) and other local voluntary organisations to make sure people who are isolating or shielding are not left behind and are able to be supported safely. You can call NET on 0113 2874784. Council advice & updates on services are online at [Leeds.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://leeds.gov.uk/coronavirus) and over the phone on 0113 222 4444.

We have our community grants available for local charities, voluntary groups and sports teams. We know many organisations are trying to get back up and running but need new equipment to be Covid- secure or may have not been able to fundraise. Please contact us and we'll try and help out

Finally may we take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy Christmas and all the best for a happy and much more normal 2021!

We are not doing face to face advice sessions or community meetings at the moment but we are here to help Please contact us on the details below:



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HELLO FROM EVERYONE HERE AT KIPPAX COMMUNITY HUB

As the magazine arrives on your doorstep we would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas & a Happy, Safe and Healthy 2021 from all the team at Kippax Community Hub.

As we write this article for the magazine we are in tier 2 & it is October so as we are sure you can appreciate the information may have changed but we are all hoping that as the festive period arrives we will all be able to see our family & friends.

All Community Hubs & Libraries across the city are closed over the holiday period but for current up to date information on council services & links to local services & charities please look on www.leeds.gov.uk. Kippax community Hub will close at 3pm on Thursday 24th December 2020 & reopen on Monday 4th January 2021 at 10am.

Christmas & New Year for some can be a worrying time and we can feel socially isolated, throughout the pandemic access to other library services has been available online & we have added availability of resources and new downloads which are all free to use in your own home. Please take a look to see what is available on www.leeds.gov.uk/leisure/libraries

These have been very challenging times for us all and with many changes to people's employment status. Leeds City Councils Jobshop's are still working and available to help with your C.V. or assistance with application forms and interview skills their email address is jobshops@leeds.gov.uk. You can also visit www.leeds.gov.uk and in the search box if you input Jobs there are links to Job Vacancies, local job opportunities, apprenticeships, employment & skills, Interview skills & much more.

2020 will be historically remembered by us all and on a positive note it has also been the year that has seen us all been resourceful, community spirited & acquiring new skills as we have adapted and changed to live by the new rules on a daily basis. Kippax Community Hub has closed & reopened and although offering a limited service there is access to the computers, photocopying & Customer services. We now have 30 minutes browsing time for you to be able to select your own books. We continue to offer the face to face service for Leeds City Council and currently are open 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday. Services available in the hub are as follows.

- Booking telephone appointments
- Booking PC slots using Netloan and using Self Service PC's
- Collecting LWSS vouchers
- Requesting Trussell Trust e-vouchers
- Posting out of Council Tax bills
- Temporary Parking Permits
- Raising repairs
- To Drop Off documents
- To Purchase Radar Keys
- Tenancy Termination Notices

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You can contact Leeds City Council via telephone on 0113 222444 & numerous different email address for the relevant department that you may require. These are all listed below with the telephone numbers. General enquiries & answers to most frequently asked questions can be found on our website www.leeds.gov.uk

Our Library still offers an Order & Collect Service in addition to our 30-minute browse time. Please note you can only reserve and collect a book from the same site & we are operating a quarantine period of 72 hours for returned books with minimal staff contact for Covid safety measures. You can reserve a book on the Order & Collect service on your library app, by email libraryenquiries@leeds.gov.uk by telephone 0113 3785005 or by visiting www.leeds.gov.uk/leisure/libraries

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Public Computers are available to use they have to be booked by email LibraryEnquiries@leeds.gov.uk or by Phoning - Library Enquiries 0113 378500. Booking times are 45 mins and there are strict cleaning procedures in place for Covid Safety.

Please follow us on our Social Media pages for updates on the services provided at the Hub:
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Kippax Community Hub on Facebook

Telephone Numbers

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Anti-Social Behaviour:	0113 2224402
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Children Social Care:	0113 222 4403
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Customer Relations:	0113 222 4405
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Online: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-universal-credit>

Telephone: 0800 328 5644

Text phone: 0800 328 1344

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Welfare Rights provides an information and advice service covering a whole range of welfare benefits. The service offers free, confidential and impartial advice to all residents of Leeds. Help can be given to complete benefit forms, make sure you are getting the correct benefits or help with any benefit problems you are having, including help with an appeal to a tribunal. Help can currently be given over the phone by ringing 0113 3760452 or by emailing welfare.rights@leeds.gov.uk

Support with Food

Please contact the Local Welfare Support Scheme on 0113 376 0330.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy & Healthy New Year from all of us here at Kippax Community Hub



CALENDAR NEWS

Look out for your 2021 calendar arriving in early Autumn, with photos contributed by local people

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THE VIEW FROM A KIPPAX GARDEN by EBG Jardinero Esq.

Well it's nearing the end of October and we are still in a state of flux from week to week.

The one constant throughout all this for me has been the garden and gardening. Plants grew and flowered (including weeds) and wildlife have all got on with what they do. Thank goodness.

Must mention tomatoes: T. 'Golden Crown' has done really well both in the greenhouse and outside. Loads of yellow fruit and tasty with it. My one plant of T. 'Beefsteak' didn't do much as the fruit split but that could have been my watering. In general, in the last few years, I've watered the pots with a watering can rather than a hose and took off more lower leaves earlier. This has reduced disease by keeping water off leaves and allowing greater air flow around the plants.

I've had my best success with squash this year with both S. 'Uchiki Kuri' and S. 'Patty Pan' producing fruit that I've harvested and then laid out in the greenhouse. Any sun on them will harden their skin and help them store better.

The columnar apple trees referred to in the last issue have also had their best year I can remember. Thinning the fruit looks to have worked. The tree that fell over hasn't yet been pushed up-right but it will be after the last of the shiny red fruits are removed. I don't know what variety it is but it looks, smells and tastes really good.

As always, I'm in conflict with how much tidying up I do at this time of year so I compromise by tidying plants that are close to the house and less so, further away. Many a time when I've pruned woodier plants, I've left piles of the cut branches on the ground for wildlife to over winter in. Leaving some leaves from the trees in piles here and there also provides potential habitat, food and bedding. Plus, over time, they rot down and improve soil structure. This time last year in the bed at the back of the house, I arranged some stones in a semi-circle on the soil. By straddling the stones with some leftover flags I had, it gave some shelter to whatever might go in it. Cut branches over the top gave some more shelter and made it look more natural. There was a temptation to have a look in there over winter and see if a hedgehog had moved in. I deliberately didn't go near it though because if one had, disturbing it during its hibernation would have been a terrible idea. I have little idea if a hog stayed in it but this summer, we had the most hedgehog sightings in the garden we have had. Maybe it's connected and I should make a few more shelters.



Red Admiral admiring a
Dahlia flower

After travel restrictions had eased and just before the Eat Out to Help Out scheme in August, I re-joined the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). A couple of trips to RHS Harlow Carr and a number of Partner Gardens followed. I confirm there were several instances of 'coffee and cake' being consumed. Members of the RHS can get into the Partner Gardens for free at selected times of the year; check the RHS website for details.

Round the back of the house, the long raised bed has an area with lots of hellebores, ferns and cyclamen in it and these are relatively low growing. Over time, some other plants have been put in such as geraniums and echinops (globe thistle). Both of these spread and can get scruffy lank foliage.

In previous years when I've given the latter ones a prune, I rediscovered the ferns struggling under them. The flowers of the echinops were high at 8 feet from ground level and were far too high compared to the rest of the plants in the bed. So, the echinops and geraniums have been taken out, split and potted up. When they are big enough, I'll plant them out elsewhere in the garden where they are better suited. With a few gaps, I was tempted to buy a few more ferns and these included Woodwardia fimbriata (Giant Chain Fern) and Osmunda regalis (Royal Fern). Both are tall and I've put them at the back of the bed rather than in the middle. My hope is that all the plants in this part of the bed will look more harmonious together, I'll be able to see them better and they should grow stronger for the changes.



I cut back the plants in my mini meadow after their seeds had dropped and took out some plants that were taking over. All prunings have been put in the compost bin as leaving them would raise the fertility of the soil, which the plants there don't need. I'll shortly sprinkle some more wildflower seed over the bare patches and next year we'll see what comes up.

I'll still get out into the garden and greenhouse over winter. Some plants and pots will be moved into the greenhouse to avoid frost and some sowings can be made such as broad beans. Grass will be cut on a high setting if it's dry enough. I also find it helps to take time to just go and sit in various spots in the garden and consider what's working well and what could be improved. Do I need to do some pruning, moving or new planting?

2020 has been unlike any other I can remember. A year of loss for many and tremendous kindnesses by many people. Gardens have provided some highs for me this year and as gardening activity will shortly have some lulls; I've never looked forward more to the next year's gardening. Thanks for reading and look after yourselves.

Get out and enjoy the garden.

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Watch out for notices on Church Notice Board at the bottom of Chapel Lane, on our Facebook page and in our church windows. Stay Alert!

When Open for Worship and other activities, this is the list of weekly events.

Sunday	10:30 am	Sunday Worship and Acorns (Junior Church).
Monday	5:00 pm	4th Kippax Brownies
	7:30 pm	Open Door Meeting
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. (Term Time only)
Thursday	5:30 pm	2nd Kippax Rainbows
Friday	7.00 pm - 8.30 pm	Friday Feeling Junior Youth Club. (7 years and upward

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

You can find us on Facebook, as a Public Group 'Kippax Methodist Church'

Baptisms and weddings by arrangement with Rev Andrew Checkley.

Future Events

There are no planned Future Events at the moment.

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

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

Ring 0113 286 2660 for details.

The Rt Hon. Alec Shelbrooke M.P.

Conservative Member of Parliament for Elmet & Rothwell
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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Dear Resident,

Seasons Greetings!

This year has not been one that many of us could have predicted and it has been a difficult period for many in our communities. But with Christmas approaching, I hope we can all find some way to lift our spirits.

As is often the case, difficult circumstances bring out the best in people and that has certainly been the case in our community. During the darkest days of the lockdown we came out weekly to applaud our key workers - the doctors, nurses and care staff working to keep us safe.

I also want to say a note of thanks to those who have been at work throughout the pandemic, making sure that our services kept running - teachers, local government and supermarket workers.

The unprecedented nature of the global pandemic has meant that governments across the world have got some things right and other things that they'd have done differently with hindsight. There will be a time to reflect on that and change the way we prepare for such global events, but for now, as Christmas and a new year approaches, I wish you all the very best of wishes and hope for a healthier and happier 2021!

Best wishes,

The Rt Hon. Alec Shelbrooke M.P.
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HOPE

There's nothing so dark
as the light of the dawn.
That limbo time
preceding the morn.
Night time dreams
are in the past.
Future hopes,
outside my grasp.
Gritty eyed
from lack of sleep.
Swirling fears
around me creep.
Senseless thoughts
fill me with dread.

Synapses
have lost the thread.
And yet....
The sun will rise
and welcome the day.
Morning mists
will burn away.
Clear horizons
will beckon me on.
My heart will sing
A hopeful song.

Laura De-Lucchi

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Parish Council meetings are held at 7-00pm on the third Thursday of each month at Valley Ridge Community Centre and are open to the public. (Present meetings are held virtually due to Covid 19)

Planning meetings are also held monthly – please check notice boards or the website for dates.

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KIPPAX CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – 2020

It is with a very heavy heart that Kippax Parish Council has decided to cancel the Christmas Lights switch on event for 2020.

With the ever-changing guidance and updates, the council felt it would not be able to deliver such a popular and well-attended event safely and are truly devastated about this.

However, the “Best Christmas Premises Window Display” competition will still be running again, for properties on the High Street and Cross Hills. Entry is automatic and, three independent people will judge the Windows, from 5pm Saturday 28 November. “Pats Sweet shop” won the competition last year, and has proudly displayed the shield all year, so good luck to all for 2020 – 2021.

This year we are going to hold a High Street Christmas Trail, which you can do as a family or an individual. The shops on the High Street will have decorated their windows especially for Christmas, but if you look closely, you’ll find something that definitely shouldn’t be there! Match the image to the correct shop on your trail sheet to win a festive surprise. Sheets are available on line, from the Kippax Parish Council web site, this magazine or from some local shops. Please return your completed sheet to the Christmas Trail Box inside the Co-Op by Friday 18th December for your chance to win!

You have all done Kippax proud over the years with your fabulous turn out to support the Switch On event, and all the usual acts are deeply saddened by this year’s switch on not taking place, but hope that not having an official switch on will not dampen your enthusiasm Kippax looking great for Christmas 2020

Ho Ho Ho

CLlr Gail Hardwick
For Kippax Parish Council



Kippax High Street Christmas Trail



The shops on the High Street have decorated their windows especially for Christmas but if you look closely you'll find something that definitely shouldn't be there! We've hidden something summery in 32 shop windows, match the image to the correct shop on your trail sheet to win a festive surprise!



Return your completed sheet to the Christmas Trail box inside the Co-Op
by **FRIDAY 18th December** for your chance to win!

NAME:

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Kippax High Street Christmas Trail

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sheets here by
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WE ARE ALWAYS HAPPY TO CONSIDER NEW CLIENTS

CARE HOMES DURING COVID

My mum settled happily into a local care home and was well cared for. We visited regularly, took her out shopping, for coffees, and family gatherings.

Two weeks before her 99th birthday we went into lockdown. The family party was cancelled. In the last eight months she has not been out of the care home apart from hospital visits, however, at present no visits are allowed...not even window visits!

She is spending her last days in isolation and loneliness separated from all her loved ones. How can our society allow this to happen??

Infection, prevention and control should not exclude care and compassion.

I'm 99

I enjoyed my life..... now it's an
existence

I enjoyed my family..... now
they're unreachable,

I enjoyed my outings..... now
I'm trapped.

I'm 99

I need my family..... i'm so
lonely

I need a hug..... It's not allowed

I need a chat..... but there's
endless silence

I'm 99

I'm a prisoner..... but I'm
innocent

I have Rights..... but they're
ignored

I fought for freedom..... but
now I have none

I'm 99..... Please Help





End of Life Care

Has your loved one recently died or are you currently caring for someone in a hospice, care home or at home in Leeds?

We would really like to hear your story about the end of life care that your loved one received or is still receiving.

Healthwatch Leeds is an independent organisation and we want to hear your story about the end of life care you received for your loved one so that we can help to improve services in Leeds.

We want to know what worked well and what could have been better.

You can share your story with us by phone, email or post. You can choose to share your personal details or remain anonymous.

We can provide any support needed with access requirements such as interpreters.

If you would like to talk to us about this or know someone who might be interested or would like any more information

Please contact the team at Healthwatch Leeds

Tel: 0113 898 0035

Email: info@healthwatchleeds.co.uk



Healthwatch Leeds is working with Leeds Palliative Care Network to support the work being done in the city around 'dying well in the community'

As part of this project we are carrying out surveys with people who may be supporting a loved one at the end of their life or may have lost a loved one recently (since January 2020). We are looking for people who and have had experience of end of life care and support either at home, in a care home or in a hospice.

We would be grateful if you could share the link to the survey within your organisation and networks so that we can hear from as many people as possible.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZPCHJ66>

We are also looking at putting together some case studies to share with service providers and commissioners about people's experience of end of life care in the community. We are keen to hear from a wide range of people and the stories can be shared in a format that suits them. These can include audio, video, written stories or phone conversations and people can choose to remain anonymous if they wish. As a small gesture of thanks, we can offer a shopping gift card (£10) to those that want this in return for sharing their story.

We are particularly interested to hear the experiences of people from hard to reach communities and can provide any support needed with access requirements such as interpreters. If you know someone who might be interested or would like any more information, please contact Sharanjit Boughan or Parveen Ayub at Healthwatch Leeds

Tel: 0113 898 0035 Email: info@healthwatchleeds.co.uk

Brigshaw Cluster Family Support Initiative COVID-19



Due to the unprecedented circumstances all families find themselves in with the Corona Virus, there has been an ongoing need to ensure our most vulnerable families within the community you serve were supported over the past few months. With families facing self-isolation and social distancing, families have also faced increasing difficulties in terms of purchasing food and essential supplies such as medication, transport, household products, bills etc. Many families have faced huge changes to their income with loss of jobs, children at home and for some, mounting debt. We have used the funds provided by Kippax Parish Council to ensure families have access to all of the above since the initial lockdown and over the summer period. We continue to support families even though schools have reopened.

This funding has enabled the Cluster Guidance and Support team to support families since the beginning of lockdown in March to the present day and we continue to do so. We have been able to ensure that supermarket vouchers are sent to families struggling to buy food, pay bills, fund household necessities sometimes in emergency situations and fund clothing /uniform for those most in need and to ensure children and young people could return to school in September.

KIPPAX ART CLUB

Well Kippax Art Club managed two meetings before the dreaded Rule of Six was announced and we had to cease meeting up again. It was lovely to be (socially distanced) together again and chatting as we worked on our separate master pieces. Some of us have managed some work at home, others have found the conditions in lockdown not very conducive for inspiration. We all live for the lifting of restrictions and a returning of life to normality. Watch this space for when we can resume normal service and perhaps come and join us. Meanwhile chin up everyone and keep smiling.







KIPPAX VILLAGE ACTION SUPPORTING THE ELDERLY ACTIVE OF KIPPAX

We hope everyone is keeping safe and well, the situation of the club is still the same due to Covid restrictions.

All monies received for the Murder Mystery evening have been returned due to cancellation. Here are some photos from previous events from KVA.

Further information can be obtained from

Jean - 0113 2875143

Pauline - 0113 2860669



KIPPAX COMMUNITY CLUB

All Monday meetings are still on hold due to restrictions, let's hope that next year things will change for the better. Here are a couple of photos from last year's events. We hope everyone has a safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Further information regarding the club, please contact

Barbara - 0113 2870853

Shirley - 0113 2874353

BOOK SWAP - We are still holding a Book Swap, at the end of Di's Drive, on Brecks Lane, every Friday; this has been a huge success, not only for WI members, but open to everyone. Books for every age group, Fiction, Non-Fiction, Craft Books, Cookery Books, Books for Men and Women and a good selection of Jigsaws.



SEPTEMBER - ZOOM meeting with Matt Wilson.

Matt made the exercises seem a pleasure to the most ardent couch potato, making us feel energized and empowered to help us stay independent as long as possible.

He says exercise can be fun and easy even sat in a chair muscles can be improved.

Matt's enthusiasm is truly catching.

Matt also does an online quiz every Thursday afternoon 1pm <https://zoom.us/j/6655897001> open to everyone.

OCTOBER - ZOOM Quiz night hosted by Di.

Thank you to all the ladies who took part, we had a fabulous evening, plenty of chatter and laughter, the quiz was enjoyed by everyone, Di made it funny and easy. Thank you, Di.



We hope in the next few months to start a ZOOM Book Club, and also ZOOM craft afternoon.

Fingers X.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members, and everyone who is reading this a Very Merry Christmas.

Kathleen W.I. Member.

AN OVERDUE APPRECIATION

This piece was prompted by a conversation I had recently concerning our Posties. Where to start?? Kippax Community Environment Forum was originally created by six residents of this area. They were 'Kippax People Working for Kippax' and they produced a one sheet NEWSLETTER in 2001. This evolved into The Kippax Flyer with Editor Ian McNichol "Silvertop" until 2007. Thank you all.

In the meantime, in 2004, we had formed a Parish Council, which produced Kippax Parish Council Magazine in June 2005 with Editor Steve Ward until March 2007 and then Alison Smith till September 2011. A team was then formed gradually of Joy Bate, Diana McEwan and then our technical advisor Val Laycock. The magazine is now named Kippax Matters, has 32 pages and we get approx. 5,000 copies printed. Here comes the punch-line..... In order to deliver a copy to every household and business within the Kippax boundary we need at least 50 volunteers. Don't be worried, at present we are managing very nicely, thanks to our great team. This is our chance to extend a great big HUG (virtual of course)! to all of you past, present, new or old, temporary or "it feels like a lifetimer's," with the grateful thanks of all the village residents to our indispensable POSTIES. We salute you. (It's easier than touching elbows don't you think?)

We must not forget Dave and Denise Pitts in our appreciations. They receive ALL the magazines from the printer, divide them into the 9 areas & ensure that they get there.

I have asked just a few of our Posties to write a couple of sentences on how they feel about the job. Here are some responses but we could go on forever.....

Ann & Harry Bratley.

We have been "Posties" for Kippax Parish Council magazine since 2008. Although the population of Kippax has grown over the years, the Parish Council have worked hard to keep the feeling of a village community and the quarterly magazine has been one of the key means of achieving this important element in our locality. We deliver to over 150 addresses in our part of Kippax at the top end of Westfield Lane/ Ascot Road and take pleasure in being able to keep our neighbours informed about what is happening in our village by way of the Parish magazine.

Christine Webster.

It is always lovely when someone acknowledges you with a smile and a "Thank You". It's interesting to see the changes in the gardens on your route throughout the seasons. Unfortunately, I cannot answer questions about bin collections or litter problems. It can be very challenging at times to get to the letter box, I wouldn't want to be a full-time paid postie.

Barry Chew.

I have been a Kippiser for 81 years now and was brought up to help anybody in the village whenever I could. So, I became a Postie and have checked out footpaths too. The downside for me is seeing how the High Street has become an eyesore when it used to be lovely.

Gail Hardwick.

Exercising to get my 10000 steps in.

Caroline Dixon.

Being a Postie is great, particularly in the warmer months when people are out in their gardens so I get to chat with local people who I wouldn't normally see. The Winter months aren't so great as it is often raining, but it's good exercise. Still it's nice to know there's community spirit when people want to engage in conversation and are interested in what's going on.

Alison Smith.

Best thing about being a Postie: It takes less than an hour, it's a small way of giving back to the community of Kippax and gives me the chance to appreciate the wonderful gardens some people have created. I often come back with loads of good ideas, none of which I ever follow through!

Worst thing: Delivering to houses with gates that are not maintained and difficult to open and letter boxes at the bottom of doors. (If you are getting a new door think of your Post Office postie and his/her back).

Well, I enjoyed reading all those, hope you did too.

If you feel moved to make any comments please feel free to write, phone or email the magazine address or Di. 2873420. Or me 2866814.

Joy Bate.

An Editor and Postie Organiser.

November 2020



A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND ALL BEST WISHES FOR 2021
TO OUR FABULOUS "POSTIES"

All contributors, advertisers, editors
and KIPPAX PARISH COUNCIL
Send you their grateful thanks
for your continued dedication

FAREWELL NOTE

My wife and I returned to Kippax some 20 years ago.

It was at the time the Environment Forum was being set up. The aim was to regenerate the village following the closure of the coal mines.

We joined and had some good times on Sunday mornings digging, planting and generally tidying the village up. Kevin and I found it was a good way to work off a hangover. It brings a smile to my face when spring comes, and the village burst into life and is full of Daffodils. We were limited in what we could do due to lack of funds.

This prompted the forming of Kippax Parish Council. The first tier of local government.

The Forum carried on as Kippax in Bloom. What a fantastic job the team have done over the years winning Gold awards in Britain in Bloom and Yorkshire in Bloom Competitions. Well done to Pat and the volunteers.

First working as a Councillor and then as the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer I have been involved with Kippax Parish Council since the start. It was good back then we all seemed to be working as a team and pulling in the same direction.

Kippax Parish Council has put some good events on during my time with the council including Galas and that great annual event the Christmas Lights Switch On. This event predates Kippax Parish Council. Cllr Hardwick being the driving force some 30 years ago.

I hope that Kippax Parish Council will carry on improving the village for everyone.

So, it is with some sadness that I have decided to resign from my position with Kippax Parish Council.

I wish the council all the best and hope the fun returns to the council.

Finally - I have

SHUT DOWN

LOGGED OFF

GONE TRAVELLING

COLIN

KIPPAX IN BLOOM NEWS

Congratulations KIB. Well, almost. Next year, 2021, will see the twentieth birthday of Kippax in Bloom, branching out from general community issues to stand on its own two feet as it were. The aim from the very beginning has been to enhance the environment in which we live. Like so many mining villages, Kippax had been left in the lurch, as it were, following the rapid decline of the industry, left to fall by the wayside as it were. The commitment and foresight of a group of local people had other ideas and provided the foundation for the more colourful and attractive Kippax that we see today. If anyone has suitable photographs from the 1990s before Kippax in Bloom started then Pat would love to receive them

That the efforts of those gardening pioneers have become much appreciated, is very evident as in these particularly tough times we know that KIB's efforts have brought great pleasure to all of you. How do we know this? You tell us as we continue to work improving the environment and appearance of Kippax. I think you will agree that the efforts of 20 years have not been wasted! We have a brilliant group of volunteers and it would be great if any of you could possibly join us in our efforts. Believe me, it is very rewarding to be outside working in these difficult times amid Covid rules.



Our volunteers busy as always with maintenance and also planting bulbs and pansies

Thinking of more recent successes, KIB were nominated as one of the local voluntary groups for the Cooperative Community Fund's money-raising programme. This ended at the end of October: we will be given the money you have raised by shopping at the Co-op, whom we would like to thank enormously, along with all those of you who specifically nominated KIB. At the time of writing, we don't know the final amount raised, but it will be going towards a dementia-friendly sensory garden.

We are presently replacing summer annuals with some winter bedding in order to bring colour and pleasure across our community. We are also adding perennials to our beds for sustainability and to encourage pollinators. We are continuing with our large-scale pruning and weeding programme, as well as planting bulbs. The Leeds Rotary Club has donated 2000 Mauve Crocus bulbs to us – the mauve crocus is a recognised symbol in the fight to eradicate Polio throughout the world, the funds raised going towards the final push to eradicate this debilitating disease.

Recent Litter-Picks in March and September, unfortunately had to be cancelled because they are too well-supported with too many people to abide by Covid rules. We know that many of you do litter-pick on your own, which is most welcome and appreciated. It would be lovely to hear from you.

On this occasion, we must give a huge thankyou to Richard, his staff and customers at the White Swan for raising £230 in a raffle at the pub; this will go towards the purchase of more plants

As ever, we must also be grateful to the Parish Council, LCC Ward Councillors, Leeds City Council, the Atrium, LCC Parks and Countryside Department, their Locality Team and Marie

and Johnny at Woodend Nurseries. Without the support of all of these people, we would get nowhere! As usual, however thanks to our band of volunteers who have kept going throughout this pandemic, while ensuring that Covid safety requirements are met.

If you feel that you could lend support in any way whatsoever, please e-mail Pat at psamykib@aol.com, ring her on 0113 2862283 or drop in to her Sweet Shop on the High Street. Our website is kippaxinbloom.com.

KIPPAX NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back to Kippax North...

We have loved being back at school at Kippax North, playing with friends and having fun, learning new things and welcoming some new staff and new additions to our community.



We were especially excited to meet our three new ducklings who hatched during the summer holiday. These are our very first ducklings that we have been able to watch grow with their mum as our previous ducklings have been hatched in an incubator. We've seen mum guard her babies, teach them how to drink, eat and gain confidence in water. It's incredible how the ducklings learnt how to do things so quickly with mum close by to show them what to do. Daddy duck was very proud too!

Being at school this term is a little different from other years as many children had been working from home during the lockdown. We have taken on board several safety measures to help keep everyone well so that we can be at school for as many days as possible this year and focused our curriculum on the three "R's" ...

- Remembering (what we learnt before lockdown)
- Reintegrating with our friends
- Reigniting learning

We are very lucky to have wonderful school grounds that we can enjoy at playtimes. We have taken full advantage of all the opportunities our grounds have to offer in our learning for our children with a whole host of activities on offer to enthuse and support their education.

Our children are looking forward to entering the Kippax Parish Council Christmas card competition again this year and will be working hard trying to create a design that captures the essence of Christmas from a child's perspective.



The Growing Zone

Planting the seeds of friendship

**Patron: Alec Shelbrooke MP Patron: Kevin Sharp LVO DL -
West Yorkshire Lieutenancy**

THANK YOU, KIPPAX,

On behalf of everyone at the Growing Zone I would like to say a very big thank you to all the people of Kippax for their continued support of GZ over the years.

When we began in 2008 with one spade and one pair of wellies, we never expected to have the resources and community involvement we have today. In line with our mission statement to create a working and Leisure garden for all without discrimination, our project has gone from strength to strength over the years and we owe a great deal to our workers, helpers, volunteers and day visits from corporate companies.

The work that has been done has been very hard sometimes but lots of fun, new friendship and new skills have been learned by all. Our Young people who work on site most days, have individually learned and developed so much they have increased their own life skills, abilities and confidence greatly. This has led them to being convinced they are capable of running the garden by themselves for other young people in the same situation, they themselves were once in. I proudly believe they can as we can now see the life changing impact working at GZ has had on their young lives.

The immense kindness, understanding and willingness to help us, shown by the whole of our Kippax Community has been awesome. We send our heartfelt thanks to you all.

We would like to give a special thank you to:

Kippax Parish Council for their continued financial support of our local youngsters who need a step up in life.

Our ward Cllrs, for helping us when we need advice or when we urgently need something we cannot afford.

The Co-op and all the individuals of Kippax who have very kindly proposed us as the beneficiaries of their Co-op points. This has allowed us to purchase new equipment for our youngsters. They can now do more presentations to other groups and life skill classes, to try and encourage others to do the same and change their young lives.

Last but not least a big thank you to our friend Ian from Ask, as he has saved us a tremendous amount of money by supplying us with many much-needed freebies over the years.

The current situation with the virus has knocked us back this year, but our team has continued relentlessly to keep the project open and our visitors safe. This has also highlighted to us as a group, just how many vulnerable individuals in our area have been affected by this pandemic, in one way or another. This has led us to making significant changes to the way we work, and we have some new initiatives lined up for when we do eventually get back to normal. Changes which have been tried and tested during this year's lock down and will allow our resource to work more off site within our lovely community.

As safety is paramount at GZ, we have now decided that due to the increase in positive Covid 19 cases, it is necessary for us to semi close until Early Spring. Hopefully the situation should have improved by then. If the situation improves before Spring, we will be back. This information will be updated on our website.

Any one is welcome at GZ, any age any disability. Once we re-open come along and have a brew, we luv visitors. And we are FREE.

June Perkin BEM
Founder/Chair
The Growing Zone Group Kippax



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