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Kippax Ward Councillors Update

Local hearing aid Clinic We were contacted by local people who had been asked to travel out of the area for hearing aid batteries. We took this up with the NHS and are delighted that as a result of our involvement there's now a bi -monthly hearing aid clinic in the Library/ Community Hub. The next dates are 11th March, 13th May, 8th July & 9th September all from 12 noon to 2pm.

Making Kippax a Demetria Friendly Village its great to be working with people to make Kippax a better place for people suffering from dementia, all three of us have been on dementia awareness training.

Kippax Leisure Centre Work is underway to refurbish areas of the leisure centre with a focus on the female & male changing rooms. We are committed to work with people on the centre's timetable of sessions.

Small grants to local groups We can make small grants available to local sports teams and voluntary groups and we will have funds available for VE & VJ day 75th anniversary events 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 and we are available the 1st Saturday of the Month at 11:00am in Kippax Library, you don't need an appointment.



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EDITORIAL.

GOOD MORNING KIPPAX, or whatever time of day you happen to be reading this magazine.

Anyway, thank you very much for reading it, I hope you enjoy the contents. Which brings me to the 'nitty gritty', a bit of info. and a plea for help.

Once the magazine is printed every quarter, 4,500 copies (there will be even more before long) are delivered to our volunteer Dave Pitts. He then divides them into 9 batches of differing sizes, arranges for them to be picked up by the 'Lead Member' of each area and they in turn divide them out and ensure they are picked up by their 'Posties'. There are approximately 50 Posties who deliver to all residences and businesses within Kippax boundary.

THIS TAKES ABOUT ONE HOUR, JUST FOUR TIMES A YEAR, in your own time. As you can imagine, we have a continuous turn over as people's circumstances change, although I have found it can become quite addictive! You get fresh air and exercise and meet new people. If it rains you go back home or have a cuppa with a friend till it stops.

So, come on give me a ring or an email please, you could be a reserve for a while first, to get 'hooked' on the idea!

Another subject you could write (or ring) me about is, why do so many drivers these days have their lights on 'full beam' no matter what time of day it is or whether they are coming to the top of a hill or around a corner.

They are so blinding to oncoming traffic. I am surprised there are not more accidents.

I am happy to be contacted on any subject be it comment or query.

Cheerio Joy Bate. 2866814 j2bate@outlook.com

HEARING AID BATTERIES

Many people in Kippax have been travelling to Garforth or Leeds for replacement batteries, this is rather inconvenient.

However, I can now confirm that Kippax Community Hub (library) has a

Drop-in Clinic. Unfortunately, we were not told about this earlier so we missed the first one on 15^{th} January. They are on a Wednesday 12.00 till 2.00 on the following dates this year. 11^{th} March, 13^{th} May, 8^{th} July, 9^{th} Sept, 11^{th} Nov.

I hope you are as pleased about this as we are.

Joy.

KIPPAX CALENDARS

Did you buy a calendar this year? What do you think of it? Did you like the photos contributed by local people? Did you send a photo? Have you any suggestions on how to improve it? We would appreciate any feedback you can give us. Please contact Di McEwan on Diana.McEwan@kkippax-pc.gov.uk



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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hello Kippax Welcome back, was Christmas really 3 months ago?

Anyway, a big thank you to the lights team and all those others who help make our 30th Lights a night to remember, but a special thank you to the villagers and all those who joined us on the night. Hope you all had a great time.

We haven't been lucky enough to get the TDY for a third year, so look out for the Tour de Kippax. Watch out for information on how you can join in.

It seems we have finally got the signs for the Brigshaw Lane, Recreation Ground and Outdoor Gym. Talking of which, it seems that the Bowling Club next to it are looking for new members, so if you are looking for a new hobby or are just interested in trying it out see page 14, or you can contact them through their webpage

https://www.kippaxbowlingclub.co.uk/contact-us

Now what else is coming up? We're having a peace parade and picnic along with exhibitions to celebrate the end of WW2 and the people that gave so much and are still doing so in so many parts of the world. Look out for information in Kippax Matters, pp16/17 and on the parish website. Its over the weekend of June $13^{th}/14^{th}$.

We are having another Gala day later in the year, please keep an eye out for that too. It's planned for Saturday 22nd August.

Have you seen the leisure centre? It's been upgraded on the outside and on the inside, improved changing facilities, a facelift to make it brighter too. Hope you like it. We have established a group to keep you informed and to work with the relevant people in Leisure services and our city councillors in order to keep the centre a thriving part of our community

Hope I haven't forgotten anything, whoops, the High Street! It seems that that is progressing well, and we hope by the time you read this, some of the improvements will have started to happen.

Talk to you all again soon

Thanks again for listening.

Francis T Kelly Chairman

KIPPAX DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Our November 2019 production of J B Priestley's 'When we are Married' played to capacity audiences and was very well received. It was a great pleasure for our society to revisit this timeless classic and we are delighted it proved so popular.

At the time of writing we have just started rehearsing a brand-new Murder Mystery Evening which will take place on Wednesday 15, Thursday 16 and Friday 17 April 2020.

Lord and Lady Hardingley are hosting a house party whereat the renowned Soprano Signora Valentina Catania is to entertain.

But things do not go according to plan and the party hits a wrong note as tragedy strikes.

This Murder Mystery is set in the 1920's so is the perfect opportunity for you to don cloche hats and feather boas (and that's just the men!) and join in the fun. Of course, that is by no means obligatory but we love it when our audiences dress up.

Full details are on the flyer opposite.

These Murder Mystery evenings are always very popular and tickets sell quickly, so if you want to have a great evening testing your detecting skills whilst enjoying a tasty two-course supper, ring one of the contact numbers shown.

We look forward to seeing you.

Kippax Athletic Under 10's White's Junior Football Club





The Under Tens applied for a funding grant in October of £330 to purchase waterproof coats, balls and water bottles.

A Murder Mystery Evening Wed 15th. Thurs 16th, Fri 17th April 7:30 St Mary's Church Hall, Kippax £12 incl. Supper Bring your own drink ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY Tel: 0113 2862834 or 0113 2871693 www.kippaxdramaticsociety.co.uk

The Whodunwot Players

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	4th Kippax Brownies
•	7:30 pm	Open Door Meeting
	-	On winter break restarts 6th April 2020
Tuesday	9:00 am	Holy Communion on the first Tuesday of each month
	9:30 am - 11:00 am	Coffee Morning
Wednesd	lay 9:30 am - 11:00 am	Pram Club & Toddler Group for mums and
		Babies/toddlers up to two years old.*
	12:30 pm	Men's Lunch Group meets second Wednesday monthly
		September to June
Thursday	/ 5:30 pm	2nd Kippax Rainbows
Friday	4:30 pm - 6:00 pm	JIGSAW Crafts ,Activities, Stories, Fun. last Friday of
		the month. Any queries contact Jigsaw Admin on:
		jgswdmn@gmail.com
	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 5th April	10:30 am	Palm Sunday Service
Monday 6th April	7:30 pm	Monday Fellowship Restarts
Friday 10th April		Morning Service for Good Friday
Sunday 12thApril	10:30 am	Easter Sunday Morning Service

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 (Under 10 years of age) Birthday parties. Ring 0113 286 2660 for details.

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KIPPAX "PARISH COUNCILLOR" PAST AND PRESENT

I'll never forget the first time I saw Kippax, looking down from Garforth Cliff on a crisp winter's day, on my way to view a house which I eventually moved into May 16th 2003. You're not from around here? comments were common place as my Essex or as some might still say (incorrectly) Cockney accent was and is still obvious. Being the gregarious type Kippax was perfect for me. I had and still have the most amazing neighbours, although I will always place Mr Bernard and Mrs Mavis Watson as the best neighbours anyone could get, if Carlsberg did neighbours.......Believe me when I say I am disappointed when anyone from the North, South or anywhere in the middle doesn't respond to my "Good Morning", "Good Afternoon", "Now then" or another other pleasant greeting regardless as to whether they know me or not. I wouldn't and never will move back South, just in case you wondered. Consider me an adopted Yorkshireman.

My first experiences of the Parish Council or Environmental Forum as it was then was about 12 months later. I presented to the forum, explaining why a certain ginnel had been closed off, and created what is probably still considered "Ginnel Gate" in the Moorgate Tap Room. My now good friend Dave Eason can explain to you all if you give him the chance, if he's not busy injuring himself! Being a newbie to the village the presentation was very daunting, but I was impressed by the diplomacy and professionalism of the forum members, many or most of which would become the first Kippax Parish Councillors.

Shortly after that experience I started to visit the Moorgate. What better place to start? The first person I met is now my cousin by marriage (Swerve) and the second, maybe not surprisingly to some was Kevin Higgins, now Uncle Kev to me. After being introduced to Kippax Leisure Centre Monday 5 a side by Matthew and the Moorgate Pool Team by Kevin, it was Kevin (then councillor himself) who said that one day I would make a good parish councillor. The seed was sown.

Fast forward to 2016 and I was officially an elected Kippax Parish Councillor (KPC). The seed sown by Kevin wasn't the only reason for joining, I wanted to make a difference and my professional civil engineering and safety career served me in good stead to help try to do just that. Being a volunteer Parish Councillor is challenging at times and you don't get paid, much to some people's disbelief, especially when you measure just how much effort some councillors put in to this day. Nobody epitomised the efforts of a parish councillors more than Doug Morley, the then Chair of KPC, a guy I loved dearly and loved being around. The fact he's unfortunately not with us anymore still puts tears in my eyes writing this now. Kippax Parish Council meetings, precept decisions, planning committee meetings, AGM's, Memorial Parades, Christmas Lights switch ons, Breeze events and Neighbourhood Plan involvement have all been quite fulfilling things to be part of and I encourage anyone who has the time, enthusiasm and ability, to get themselves involved. You can never be too young or too old to make a difference if you think you can help make Kippax better.

I guess I was in my element being part of the Skate Park project, as both of my engineering and safety knowledge and experience came into play. I think it's such a great project for the village past, present and future, and people still come from far and wide to use it.

Finally, being a Parish Councillor meant that I had the chance to take a leading involvement in the first ever Kippax Tour De Yorkshire event. I've experienced many very proud moments as a Husband to Jane, Dad and Step-Dad of 5 children. That day, Friday 4th May 2018, is up there with the best of them. Arguably the best attended event in the history of Kippax, leading to the first of two (so far) Best Dressed Village awards, on its first attempt. Thank you all for attending in numbers, it was amazing!!!

I have now stepped down from my role as a Kippax Parish Councillor, as I want to focus on a new career, but I hope my experiences above will inspire someone else to take my place and join the amazing team of councillors who all work so hard to make Kippax a better place. I am from around here and proud of it.

Dominic Woolnough

KIPPAX IN BLOOM

As I write, a new decade has dawned. Just as in the last decade, KIB volunteers are continuing their efforts, working with the whole community, to improve our environment in a sustainable way year on year, while at the same time bringing colour to our village through lots of plants.

Our volunteers have been kept very busy over winter. We've planted more bulbs, pansies and polyanthus, which will be looking lovely by the time you all are reading this. We've continued with the usual maintenance: we've pruned, dug over, spread compost, weeded and litter-picked. We've split some of our larger perennials and replanted them in the Churchyard. We have ordered our summer bedding plants to start planting at the end of May (who says there is no forward planning!) for all of our residents and visitors to enjoy, which will also mean that there will be a wonderful display throughout the village for the Yorkshire in Bloom judging in early July. Hopefully, the judges will be just as impressed as last year.

And it is not just about horticulture! We continue to work closely with lots of local groups, our schools and the teenagers doing their Duke of Edinburgh Award, hopefully emphasising to the young the importance of the work we do to improve our community and sustainability. We are also now working with the recently formed High Street Team so look out for more planters for summer.



As you know our volunteers are a group of amazing people. Andy Wilcock one of these amazing people had set himself a very ambitious target to trek to the base camp of Mount Everest. He did just that over this Xmas spending 7 days to reach base camp and 4 days to come down. So, while we were all eating our Xmas dinner he was climbing! What an amazing achievement. Well done. The charities that he is supporting are our Prince of Wales Hospice and the Gurkha Welfare Trust Donate at

https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Andy.Wilcock.

Please remember that we are part of the Co-op Community fund this year and register at https://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration to choose us as your local good cause.

We continue to be grateful for the support of Kippax Parish Council, our LCC Ward Councillors, The Arium, LCC Parks and Countryside Department, their Locality Team and Marie and Jonny at Woodend Nurseries, without whom our efforts would be greatly diminished.

We have a fantastic bunch of volunteers who do a marvellous job but we would love to welcome more new members. We could do more to continue improving where we live with your help, however small a contribution you could make. Please call in to Pat's Sweets on the High Street or contact her at **psamykib@aol.com**

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).

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday: 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

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

FIRST STEPS: Every Thursday: 10.00am for children of pre-school age and their parents or carers.

MORE STEPS: Christian based activities for 4 - 10-year olds with stories, songs, crafts, games and more at St Mary's Church Hall, Kippax, every Sunday 10.15am-11.30am approx. No need to book, just turn up. For more information contact Elizabeth Thomas (0113 287 0326).

Everyone, including children, are very welcome to all our services. *

DAILY PRAYER is said at 9.30am.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday - 5 April: 10.30am The service will begin in the Church Hall followed by a procession with palms to the Church for the Eucharist.

Maundy Thursday - 9 April: 7.30pm Sung Eucharist

Good Friday - 10 April: 7.30 Service will include Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

Easter Sunday - 12 April: 7.30pm Sung Eucharist

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

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

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 with Kitchen, stage and toilets or Lower Meeting room with Kitchenette and toilet. 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.

HELLO FROM EVERYONE HERE AT KIPPAX COMMUNITY HUB

Thank you to all of our lovely customers over this last year. We rely on the support of the local community to be able to continue providing services on behalf of Leeds City Council and we wouldn't be here without your continued support. We hope everyone has had a good start to the New Year, however if it hasn't been too good and you need some advice and guidance on where to turn, please feel free to pop into the Hub and have a chat with us to access support.

We're looking for some inspiration here at the Hub! Is there a group you would like to see set-up in the Hub? We're always looking for ideas and passionate people to help facilitate groups; if you have an idea or would like to share your skills please call in to discuss it with us!

Hearing and Sight Loss service

We are now offering a hearing aid drop-in service where Lindsay runs free hearing aid support sessions for people who use NHS hearing aids, providing a repair service, useful information and plenty of friendly support. If you have hearing aids from Leeds Hospital,

need batteries, re tubing or small maintenance come to our drop-in service: 11th March, 13th May, 8th July, 9th September and 11th November.

Period Products

Did you know that we can provide sanitary pads free of charge to those who need them? There is always a small stock in the accessible toilet which can be taken as and when needed. If you need additional supplies, please ask a member of staff wearing a purple badge for 'Pack 1' and you will be provided with a pack of sanitary pads free of charge.

Table Tennis

At the Hub we have use of a full-size ping pong tennis table. The table is available for use on a Monday between 3pm - 5pm and on a Thursday 1pm - 3pm. Sessions are booked in hourly slots and need to be booked in advance. Use of the table and all equipment is free of charge. A consent form would need to be completed prior to first use only. We have varying sizes of equipment and ways to play which make ping pong accessible to all. If you would like to book a slot or just have a look, please feel free to call us on 0113 3781878 or pop in if you're passing.

Regular Events

Kippax Readers Group - 2nd Monday of the month 5.45pm – 6.45pm Creative writing Group – Last Monday of the month 5.30pm – 6.45pm Jobshop – Weekly drop-in Monday 10am – 4.30pm Under 5's Storytime / Rhymetime - Friday 2pm – 3pm

Future Events

We often have events which are arranged after Kippax Matters is published, so please keep a look out for posters around the village and on social media via Facebook and Twitter **Facilities**

Self-serve computers are available to access during opening hours and are free of charge to use. Charges apply to printing. We also have free WIFI available in the building, so please feel free to make use of this if bringing your own devices into the Hub.

Jobshop is available on a Monday at the Hub and provides essential information, advice and guidance on CV preparation, interview skills, job search and much more. The service is free to use and runs on a drop-in basis.

Photocopying is available on-site at 10p per A4 side in black and white, 20p for colour.

The site also has lift access to all floors, accessible toilet with baby changing facilities and a water machine on the ground floor which is free to use.

We are open

Monday 10am-7pm Tuesday 9am-5pm Wednesday 9am-5pm Thursday 9am-5pm Friday 9am-5pm Saturday 10am-1pm Please note Customer Service

Please note Customer Service is only available Monday to Friday until 5pm For up to date information on what resources are available online visit **www.leeds.gov.uk/libraries** or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Flickr at facebook.com/leedslibraries

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HAPPY NEW.... BEGINNINGS AT KIPPAX NORTH!

2020 at Kippax North so far has been really exciting. We had a wonderful evening when Key Stage 2 launched our Kippax North Book Awards. Our love of reading was shared, all took part in various activities, we toasted each other with a champagne flute of pop and met Book Buddy Barney, who was the hit of the evening. Barney is a Cockapoo, and he met all of our pupils, and shook them warmly by the paw! Barney has now started work, and visits us once a week, helping to hear readers and being very encouraging. He has his own bandana uniform, which he wears with pride.

Pupils of all ages have taken part in our Winter Wildlife Watch, using our own Wildlife Observation Hide, which is on our school field, and noting and observing the wide variety of wildlife that we are fortunate to have around



our school grounds. Our children have been amazed at the amount of species of birds that they have seen, as well as the various animals that frequent our site on a daily basis. It was great fun using the binoculars and dressing up warmly to go outside in all weathers.

Nearly one in three young people know someone living with dementia, often a grandparent but increasingly a parent. Our school has been working closely with a lady called Julia Almond, from the Kippax Parish Council, and we are proud and pleased to be a Dementia Friendly School.

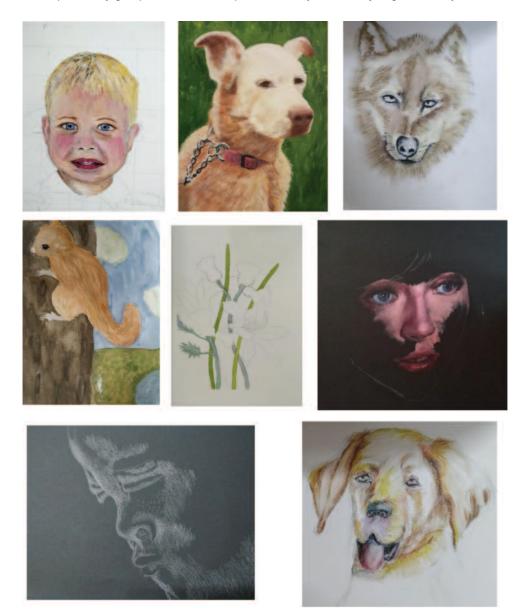
Finally, all our Year 5 & 6 pupils have completed their Bikeability Training with Sustrans. They now know top tips and guidelines as to how to ride their bikes safely on the busy main roads around school.

Definitely a case of Happy New.....Beginnings at Kippax North in 2020!



KIPPAX ART CLUB

The members enjoyed a meal out to celebrate Christmas at Bella Vita, with a great meal and service, a good time was had by all. We are back in the groove after the new year. So, anyone looking to stretch their inner artist is more than welcome at 7pm on Wednesday at the Community Centre on Gibson Lane, Kippax (apart from the 3rd Wednesday of the month). Friendly group and freedom to paint/draw in your own style, give us a try!



KIPPAX COMMEMORATION EVENT FOR THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR 2.

June 13th and 14th 2020 (School Visits Day June 15th)

Preparations are now heavily under way by the Commemoration Event Group and Kippax Parish Council towards the Commemoration weekend in June. Plans for the weekend are shown below and a more detailed programme will be made available nearer to the event.

Saturday June 13th	Sunday June 14th	Monday June 15th
Peace Parade		School visits day
Forms up from 9.30 by Kippax Band Club		A pre-booked
10.00 Parade sets off along the High Street		programme of visits
and round to Robinson Lane		for classes and staff
Families, local groups and individuals are		from local Primary
invited to join in the parade. Dress in 1940's		schools
style if you wish, and/ or prepare an		
appropriate banner to carry.		
Opening ceremony		
Cheney Basin approx. 10.45		
11.00 -4.30 Exhibitions to commemorate	12.00 – 4.30 Exhibitions open	Exhibitions open to
Local people who served in the forces and on	Exhibitions to commemorate Local people	the public from
the home front	who served in the forces and on the home	11.30 to 12.45
St. Mary's Church,	front	And 3.00 to 4.30
Kippax Methodist Church	St. Mary's Church,	only
St. Mary's Hall	Kippax Methodist Church	
Refreshments available in Methodist Church	St. Mary's Hall	
and St. Mary's Hall	Refreshments available in Methodist Church	
	and St. Mary's Hall	
Presentations	Community Picnic	
11.30- 4.30	2.00 -4.00	
St. Mary's Hall	Kippax Ash Tree School field	
Presentations of singing, drama, readings and	Bring your own food and drinks. Light	
dance from Local schools, choirs and	refreshments available to purchase on site.	
organisations.	Tribute entertainments from	
	The Thorny Roses	
	Skywriters	
	Sticks and Stones	
	Other local groups	
1940's Dance(with Pie and pea supper)	6.00 The Armed Man	
Kippax Ex- Service and Social Club	Kippax Methodist Church	
Tickets £6.00 per person from	A Service using material from The Armed	
Denise 07525 403348	Man, a mass for Peace, by Karl Jenkins.	
Paul Flintoft, Family Butcher	The Wesley Singers	
British Legion (Ex-Service and Social Club)	Ticket only, due to space available, but free.	
Raffle, Tombola, Other games	Tel.0113 2868418	
Prizes for best 1940's outfits		

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

Please contact Ashley Land on <u>ashleyland1972@gmail.com</u> or 0113 2820507 Postal address :18, Oulton Lane, Woodlesford, Leeds, LS26 8NL or Pat Brook on 0113 2869808 or <u>bropatri4@aol.com</u>

KIPPAX COMMEMORATION EVENT FOR THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR 2.

How can you help or contribute?

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

Does anyone still have items in their home or attic which have the wartime *Utility* symbol on? Is it something that you would be prepared to bring to the exhibitions? Do you have other WW2 memorabilia?



Plant for Peace



In memory of the **Dig for Victory** campaign, we would like to invitie families, organisations, groups and individuals to contribute a small *Plant for Peace* container planter for display outdoors in St. Mary's Church yard or the Methodist garden. This container might be something recycled, such as an old washing up bowl or a pair of wellies. It can be planted with flowers or vegetables, herbs, or a mixture. Please aim your planting so that flowers are in bud or bloom and vegetables are well on their way. **Pleased add a marker with the name or your organisation and an address or phone number. Planters can be brought to the venues on Friday June 12**th, from 9.00 a.m. and reclaimed from Tuesday 16th.

START GROWING NOW!!

Please join in with these initiatives.



Items can be brought to any of the three exhibition venues on Friday June 12th, from 9.00 a.m. Please label your item with your name and address or phone number.

You may wish to bring photographs of the item before and after reinventing, to accompany it.

KIPPAX PARISH COUNCIL



KIPPAX PARISH COUNCIL INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON THURSDAY MAY 14th 2020 IN ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL KIPPAX AT 7.00pm

Come along and voice your concerns, tell us your ideas about anything in Kippax which bothers you. Kippax Parish Council is the first level of Local Government with links directly to Leeds City Council.

If you have any suggestions of how the Parish Council could improve our village, we would like to know.

You have a right to have your say in the future development of our village. If you care about where you live and have an opinion on it, we want to hear it.

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





KIPPAX WOMENS INSTITUTE

Happy New Year to everyone.

We had our annual Christmas Dinner, at the Community Centre, food, entertainment, Disco and Santa all provided by Andy. This was a fabulous evening, enjoyed by everyone.



January Tim came to talk about "Life in the CID" this was very interesting.

February	×	Social evening - games and quiz
March	-	A talk by Brian Hull "The History of Parlington"
April	-	Fashion Show - by Victoria (Anne Marie's)
Мау	×	ТВА
June	-	"Power, Paint and the Corset" by Dulcie Lewis

Kathleen, W.I.

Rt Hon. Alec Shelbrooke M.P. Conservative Member of Parliament for Elmet & Rothwell UK Representative to the NATO Assembly



HOUSE OF COMMONS LONDON SW1A 0AA

Dear Resident,

Thank You

Happy New Year!

I'd like to offer my heartfelt thanks to the thousands of residents who came out to cast their vote in the General Election on 12th December 2019.

I am deeply honoured to have secured a majority of votes in every village, including Kippax, Allerton Bywater and Great Preston - which is a first in the history of this constituency. Thank you to everybody who cast their ballot for me to continue serving as your MP.

Now Parliament has returned I will get back to serving everybody, whether you voted for me or not. This People's Government will prioritise our exit from the European Union and then focus on delivering the country's priorities—investing in our NHS, schools and the police.

I have resumed my weekly advice surgeries, so if you have an issue to raise or a problem to solve, please get in touch with my office and we'll be able to book an appointment for you.

Best wishes,

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In memory of my father-in-law, Peter Wilcock, (1927 – 2019), who died of Alzheimer's Disease. His visual perception was particularly badly affected.

TWENTY TWENTY VISION

With forensic 20/20 vision, perhaps I'd have a key To the mind, the brain, of a man who couldn't see A mind beset with holes and gaps and spaces Unable to retain memories of times, events and faces A brain for which visual reminders were of no use A brain that found the signals from his eyes increasingly obtuse So couldn't be reminded of his youth, his golf, the army But could define dementia "It doesn't hurt, it just sends you barmy!"

There were some joyful days when he could still dance and sing When, in his own words, he was "full of the boys of string!" Playing to the crowd, laughing while making a yogurt cake, Before the world around him became ever more opaque "Hello love," his greeting in the days when he still sensed that we were there "Hello love," his greeting to the ones who gave him daily care Always "please" and "thank you", a gentleman, you could tell Till dementia took the words, the sight, the man, as well.

Those who loved, who watched this cruellest condition Change a man beyond their recognition Didn't need 20/20 vision to see the sadness of a life that's lived too long Or the longing for the end, that inevitable swan song To go while there was some last shred of dignity That he, and they, be spared what was to be. The vision for 2020 and beyond? That society would allow The privilege of choosing just when to take that final bow. **Chris Porter**

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KIPPAX COMMUNITY GALA

Kippax Community Gala is set to return to Kippax Common on Saturday 22nd August 2020, expect inflatables and activities from Breeze Leeds alongside entertainment and performances from local talent, craft and gift stalls as well as food and drink. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact <u>vicky.land@kippax-pc.gov.uk</u>.

YOUR COMMENTS

Dear Editor,

The Allotment Association recently planted a length of new hawthorn hedge on Gibson Lane. This was to re-instate the hawthorn hedge along the whole length of the allotment site which borders Gibson Lane. The aim was to increase wildlife habitats and to improve the appearance of the site for the local community.

Unfortunately someone has been stealing the young plants. The Allotment Association isn't going to continue replacing plants for other people to steal so the hawthorn hedge will not now be re-instated. As ever there are a small number of selfish folk who spoil things for the rest of us.

SCARECROW COMPETITION

This summer there will be a Scarecrow competition for the village. The theme will be decided soon, so watch for details. Start saving your old clothes etc now!

OLD KIPPAX

We often see comments and pictures of Old Kippax on various Facebook sites. It would be wonderful if they could be reproduced in the magazine. Remember that there are many older people in the village that maybe don't see Facebook and they could well be the ones most interested. So, if you are posting a memory please send it to us as well.

magazine@kippax.p-c.gov.uk

It will be greatly appreciated.

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KIPPAX VILLAGE ACTION SUPPORTING THE ELDERLY ACTIVE OF KIPPAX

Events planned for this year 2020: -

April	-
June	-
September	-
December	-

Murder/Mystery including Supper York River Cruise - with Afternoon tea Visit to Tong Garden Centre Christmas Party - Kippax Church Hall

All pick-ups British Legion.

For more information regarding the above events, please contact: -

Jean - 0113 2875143

Pauline - 0113 2860669

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KIPPAX COMMUNITY CLUB held their annual Christmas Dinner at St. Mary's Church Hall in Kippax, on the 16th December, with 39 members attending. A donation was

Church Hall in Kippax, on the 16^u December, with 39 members attending. A donation was received from Kippax Parish Council.

Everyone enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch, with entertainment provided by Tim.



Further information regarding the club can be obtained from either: -

Barbara - 0113 2870853 OR Shirley - 0113 2874353

KIPPAX CIRCULAR: LINESWAY – BRIGSHAW – TOWNCLOSE HILLS

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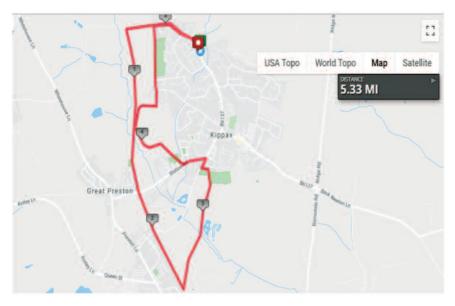
Start: Moorgate road, Kippax, but it can be started anywhere along the route.

From Moorgate road, turn right onto Leeds road. Follow Leeds road uphill to the junction with Brecks Lane (just beyond the pedestrian crossing). Turn left into Brecks Lane, following the road onto Brecks Lane bridleway.

Walk down the bridleway, past Sparrow Hall Farm, until you reach a crossroad of paths, turn left here (onto 'the Linesway' – not sign posted). Follow the Linesway diversions, after approx 1 mile passing under a road bridge and passing Station Road Motors on your left, reaching Bowers Junction after another 0.5 mile approx.

At Bowers Junction (a crossroads of paths) look to your left, and take the footpath on the left (at the bottom of the slope) to enter a field. Follow the left-hand path along the edge of the field until you reach a junction of paths. Here go straight on following the path signposted for Kippax. Follow this narrow path along the perimeter of Brigshaw school grounds, then crossing a bridge and crossing a tarmac road. Just prior to the houses, cut through the tree line on the left to arrive by the outdoor gym & tennis courts.

Passing the gym & courts, at the junction with the road (Brigshaw Lane) turn right, at the junction of Brigshaw Lane and Station Road turn left, following Station Road downhill. Approaching, but before the leisure centre, immediately after the last house on the right, take the bridle-path to the right. Follow the bridle-path around the edge of the field to reach a staggered-gate in the hedge/fence line with an information board. Passing through the staggered gate follow the path diagonally uphill, using the metal stile to enter Townclose Hills nature reserve.



On entering the reserve, turn left following the path along the hedge line, at a fork in the path (approx 2/3rds of the way down) take the right-hand fork, continue straight along this path to enter woodland with a pylon to the right.

Follow this path through the woodland area reaching a junction of paths. Here, follow the path to the right and uphill (Woodland walk – purple arrow) At the next junction of paths turn left and downhill (towards Westfield Lane / Green Lane)

On reaching the end of the path, cross to follow Green Lane road – Green Lane bridleway – Green Lane road to its junction with Brecks Lane. Turn Right to re-trace your steps back along Brecks Lane and right down Leeds Road, back to Moorgate Road.

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THE VIEW FROM A KIPPAX GARDEN By EBG Jardinero Esq.

So far this winter, as I write this towards the end of January, we haven't seen any snow but there have been some recent frosty mornings. It's been lovely to get into the garden with the sun streaming down from a blue cloudless sky. The first shoots of spring can be seen coming up through the soil with various bulbs such as daffodils and snowdrops leading the charge. I have various varieties of primroses and polyanthus around the garden, planted in blocks of the same colour. I prefer this as it avoids having different colours in amongst



each other which I think looks bitty (I'm on the same wavelength when it comes to laving out crocus). The frost we've had so far wasn't hard enough to stop me digging or tidving up. It's essential when using any tools in the garden, that they are regularly cleaned and sharpened, in order to keep them working efficiently. This extends from secateurs and hedge trimmers to spades and hoes, with the former two honed more than the latter. Over the years, I've upgraded most of my garden tools including the ones I use most which are a hand fork and a pair of secateurs. There's some common sense to buying tools along the lines of 'buy the best you can'; great if it's going to be used frequently but some I don't use enough to spend top prices on, such as an electric strimmer. There's a case for stainless steel digging tools but for instance I've an old spade that's not and it still does a good enough job. I did buy a stainless steel hand fork and hand trowel though and they are lasting better than previous cheaper versions. Tools I use most frequently are Felco Model 2 secateurs, a folding Felco Pruning Saw and a Bosch 450W electric hedge trimmer and they all work significantly better than the budget models I bought before them. The hedge trimmers get used lots of time every season on shaping hedges and I've even used them to cut down patches of brambles. I do make sure that if I'm using any electric tools then I use a RCD (residual-current device) just in case I cut through the cable. Cables are always put over my shoulder so they are kept out of the way.

Planning for spring is moving along but it's in my head rather than written down in any master plan. Over the Christmas holidays, I looked through my box of seeds; empty packets from last year have been removed and I've listed what I've got that's usable this year. I have done another list of seeds I would like to buy and I'll be giving the budget supermarket first crack at supplying them. I took a photo of the list on my mobile and I can access the list whenever I call in.

The greenhouse and used pots will be getting a thorough cleaning in advance of sowing seeds, so there's less to move out and back in, when I do it.

The paths around the veg. beds have been cleared of fallen leaves and topping up the wood chip surfaces will soon be complete.

In time for last summer, I sowed a wildflower meadow (ok a meadow was over egging the scale of it). Over winter, I've weeded it as some plants like verbascum had grown in it and I thought the size of them was too big. Plus, I didn't want some of the perennial weeds in it that had blown in. I like the idea behind a 'meadow' relating to its value for wildlife so this year I have doubled the size. The new bit has been seeded and some of the mixture has been put over the existing bit, as the two blocks will merge into each other better.

Some of the far reaches of the garden have been re-claimed by weeding and lots of cuttings and divisions of existing plants I had, have been put in the newly cleared land. There's still plenty of space though and when I buy some veg. seeds, I'll keep my eye out for some flower seeds or small plants that will fill gaps for a reasonable price per plant.

Everything in my first compost bin put in in 2019 has been turned over and put in the previously emptied second bin. By remixing, it puts some air back into the heap and evens out dry and overly damp areas. I was really encouraged to see how many specialist composting worms were there that have found their own way in (it's amazing what I find to be so interesting!). Any new material since is being put in bin one where the process starts over again. We had lots of plain cardboard (not any with ink all over them) left surplus from

deliveries over Christmas and it has been broken up and added to the fresh green waste. The aim is to get between 25 to 50 percent of soft green materials such as grass clippings, vegetable kitchen waste or manure and the rest should be woody brown material. This can be cardboard, straw, dead leaves, paper or prunings for instance.

By definition of it being a verb, gardening requires effort in order to undertake it. It's fantastic though to include some moments to just do nothing between jobs. Whether it's standing or sitting it allows time



to appreciate an unfurling bud, a robin that comes close to check some newly turned over ground or a vivid sky during the day or at dusk. Evidence is around that all this is good for physical and mental health. Get as much of it as you can.

Get out and enjoy your garden.

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Planning meetings are also held monthly – please check notice boards or the website for dates. **PARISH CLERK** Colin Child BSc

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U3A is a UK-wide movement which brings together people in their 'third age' to develop their interests and continue their learning in a friendly and informal environment. What is meant by third-age? It is that time after formal education, then working or bringing up a family and now in retirement you have the time to pursue your choice of interest or to simply try something new.

U3A members draw upon their knowledge and experience to teach and learn from each other but there are no qualifications to pass – it is all for pleasure. Learning is its own reward.

Garforth, Kippax and District U3A is one of the newest of over 1,000 U3As nationwide who are home to many activity groups covering hundreds of different activities from art and biology to yoga and zoology.



On the national **U3A Day** the people of Kippax will have the opportunity to meet up with present members of Kippax U3A at their display at the Co-op Store on the High Street. There, you'll be able see and talk about some of the topics and interests of the various groups. Are you new to Kippax? U3A is a fine way of meeting people, keeping your brain active and expanding your horizons.

LEARNING not lonely

Mark the date **Wednesday 3rd June** in your diary or on your calendar. Watch the website **u3asites.org.uk/garforth-kippax/welcome** for the latest information and times of the Kippax display.



Introducing the new Kippax High Street Team!

The Kippax High Street Team is a working group of local Kippax traders, Kippax Parish Council representatives and Ward Councillors who have committed to working together to improve and enhance our High Street.

Kippax High Street is home to some fantastic and unique traders and the working team are looking at ways to bring more visitors to the village and encourage more residents to shop local.

Kippax High Street recently received a portion of funding from the Leeds City Council Local Centres Programme which is designed to bring investment to local areas, and over the coming months you can expect to see some of the agreed projects coming to life, including repairs and resurfacing to parking areas and footpaths, additional signage and enhanced green spaces and gardens.

Moving forward, The High Street Team hope to maintain the momentum with a series of ideas and projects in the pipeline including marketing activities, village markets, awards and shop window displays.

If you have any ideas or are interested in getting involved, please contact Pat Samy: psamykib@aol.com or call in to Pat's Sweet Shop.



KIPPAX CELEBRATES 30TH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Whilst Christmas may now be a distant memory for most of you, this is the first Kippax Matters issue of 2020 and the first opportunity to reflect on our fantastic 30th Anniversary Christmas Lights Switch-on!

Our team of volunteers worked incredibly hard to pull an event together that was bigger and better than ever before, including a brand new stage and set-up, **more** stalls, **more** lights and **more** fireworks!

It was wonderful to see so many people come out to celebrate and enjoy the fantastic line-up of entertainment, hosted by Pulse FM's Danny Mylo and Rosie! A massive thank you to everyone who entertained the crowds including DJ Harry, Lorraine's Dance School, Caroline's Dance School, Kippax Rainbows, Brownies & Guides, Bare Brass Band, Kippax Brass Band and KAOS, Rob Chew and Gemma Riggon.

We were also lucky to have both Ronnie Rhino and JT Tiger entertaining the crowds as well as Reverend Rosemary sharing an important Christmas message.

Tucked inside Co-op, our Santa's Grotto was as popular as ever, a massive thank you to our special Santa and his wonderful little elves!

As always, we announced the winners of the annual Christmas Card competition on stage, having had a fantastic number of entries from all our local schools. We also turned some of the winning designs into flags, which adorned the High Street over the festive period - did you manage to spot any of the bespoke flags?

Talking of the High Street, competition was fierce yet again for the Best Dressed Window Competition with our team of judges awarding the 2019 prize to Pat's Sweet Shop for her fantastic Elf on the Shelf-themed display!

Alongside the night itself, the rest of the village was suitably dressed for the festive season, with a large Christmas Tree at Crosshills, alongside a special 30th anniversary Christmas light. We also added more motifs down Leeds Road and dotted some fantastic plywood motifs around the village, beautifully painted by Sally Robinson.

Would you believe work is already beginning on 2020? We've had a de-brief and collated lots of feedback and new ideas ready to put into action! If you have any ideas, or are interested in being involved in anyway, including with a stand - get in touch - gail.hardwick@kippax-pc.gov.uk!

You can see more photos over on our Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/KippaxMatters/</u>





Pat's winning window



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