## Kíppax Matters

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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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#### LEISURE CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

New fencing has been installed by LCC around the Leisure Centre to prevent unauthorised access





#### **EDITORIAL**

**Hello**, here we are again bringing you news and something to read whilst keeping safe. I find it quite unnerving when I go shopping (very rarely) as I cannot recognise anyone with their masks on, so if I ignore you just give me a nudge, with your elbow of course!

Did anyone see or perhaps take a photo of a swan on Gibson Lane? Yes, I did say SWAN. It came zooming down and crashed on the road near the allotments, perhaps the wet road was shining like a lake?? It hurt its leg but was able to be shooed off the road just in time before a bus came down (the road I mean!) As this was quite a few weeks ago, I was wondering what happened next?

On another subject, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that Kippax now has three defibrillators. These fantastic machines which save lives are to be found, outside the Hub (library) on Westfield Lane, on the wall right hand side. In a telephone type kiosk near Kippax North Primary School, Brexdale Avenue, off Leeds Road. The third is at Kippax Welfare Sports and Social Club, Longdike Lane. These marvellous machines save lives and I am given to understand that they have instructions on how to apply them. Every second is vital and apparently you cannot make the person's condition any worse. If you know of any others please let me know.

I cannot comment on the contents of this issue this time, as to be honest I have not seen them yet. All the Parish Council meetings are 'virtual' so they are via the computer. It is difficult to look at a stack of articles that way. I personally don't like meetings being like this, but if that is the least of my worries with all these restrictions, then I am lucky.

If you have any interesting stories or photos of what you have all been up to, during these frustrating or inventive months please share them with us. (we could do with a laugh!!)

Best Wishes for happier times.

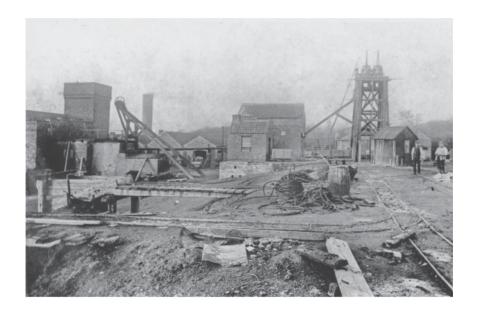
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#### **OLD KIPPAX**

These photos were sent in by Mr Ashey Land. Can you identify the location and the approximate year? Do you have any anecdotes about Kippax in the past?









Please contact us at <a href="magazine@kippax-pc.gov.uk">magazine@kippax-pc.gov.uk</a> if you have any thoughts about these pictures. There will be more to follow in future editions of Kippax Matters.

## Lorraine School of Theatre Dance

The last time I wrote an article for the Parish Magazine I mentioned that we were so excited for the things we had planned for 2020. Who would have thought!!!! So many things and so many people's lives put on hold our dance school included but finally we can see a small light at the end of the tunnel. September will hopefully bring lots of changes and new ways of moving forward. Our pupils have not only missed out on their academic education but their passion for dance has also been interrupted. Never since we opened back in 1975 could I ever have imaged that classes would be put on hold for seven months. Dance exams, our annual show, competitions, festivals, charitable and village events and projects we were involved with all cancelled.

















The Community Centre where we hold our classes also had to close due to Government Regulations so along with all groups we came to a standstill. Hopefully this will be changing in the near future and September will be a new start for everyone as the Centre has been cleaned, sanitisers fitted, lots of notices as a polite reminder to look after each other and with a positive attitude we will all be slowly releasing the brake pedal.



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

#### WELCOME AGAIN FROM YOUR KPC CHAIR

Hopefully when this edition is delivered to your homes KPC will be back to having meetings at Valley Ridge Community Centre instead of holding virtual Zoom meetings which we have been having due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Any member of the public can come to our meetings and speak at the Public Forum sessions which are at the start of the procedures. Details are available on the KPC website.

It's great to see all the High Street shops back open again with lots of people using them. Hopefully the approved schemes to resurface the car parks and additional street signage will start soon.

Ideas would be welcome regarding what designs would depict Kippax that could be incorporated in a new display / sculpture on Crosshills Roundabout to enhance the approach to the High Street.

It was a difficult decision to postpone the KPC Village Gala which we planned to have in August, but it will be back on next year's list of proposed events bigger and better than before.

KPC have ordered picnic benches to be situated next to Brigshaw Lane tennis courts and the outdoor gym. Hopefully these will be in place soon for everyone to use during the summer. Kippax in bloom supported by KPC have continued with their much appreciated work helping to enhance the village with their colourful displays and maintaining the many planted areas around the village.

Regards Cllr Martin Eyre



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## Kippax's City Councillors Update

Firstly we'd like to say thank you to all our volunteers, key workers, carers and NHS staff and everyone who's worked so hard through the lockdown and the months since to look after people and keep vital services running in these unusual times.

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 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 getting back up and running after the lockdown but need new equipment or may have not been able to fundraise. Please contact us and we'll try and help out

The glass recycling bins that were at The Moorgate are now on the old garage site off Valley Road and Birch Drive and there's now one at the sports centre.

Finally we're Leeds United fans and thrilled to be back in the premier league!

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



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#### KIPPAX METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Minister for Kippax is the Reverend Andrew Checkley, Telephone number 0113 2877669.

At present Kippax Methodist Church is closed for public services with all other activities are suspended. Although COVID19 regulations have changed and churches may now open for public worship, The Aire and Calder Circuit has decided that its churches will not re-open until 1<sup>st</sup> September at the earliest. Watch out for notices on Church Notice Board at the bottom of Chapel Lane, on our 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	4 <sup>th</sup> 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.*
Thursday	5:30 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kippax Rainbows
Friday	7:00 pm - 8.30 pm	Friday Feeling Junior Youth Club. (7 years and upwards) (Please tel.0113 2869808 for availability of places.)

You are welcome to join us for any of these regular events, as well as the ones listed below \*Babies & Toddler Group operates during term time only.



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

#### Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement with Rev Andrew Checkley.

For more details 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.





#### KIPPAX ART CLUB

Our members have been busy at home during the dreaded 'Lock Down' and have produced a wonderful variety of content and styles and many have commented how getting involved in painting has helped during such a stressful period. We wait and hope our meeting place, the Community Centre in Gibson Lane, will reopen and subject to Social Distancing and sensible rules we shall be able to resume meeting on a Wednesday night at 7 pm, so watch local press and information. Sadly, at time of writing this still isn't possible. I send best wishes to all members and hope very much to see you all once the meetings resume, and would love to see anyone who has discovered the joys of drawing and painting during isolation and fancies joining us.

Update: Art Club will resume, with appropriate social distancing rules, in the first week of September.



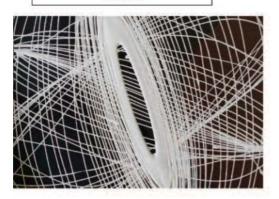








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# Your local team

RECRUITING NEW PLAYERS



## THE CLUB

Kippax Athletic J.F C are an FA affiliated amateur Junior Football Club formed in 1992, none-profit and proudly run on an entirely voluntary basis by parents, grandparents, players and local football enthusiasts.

All of our coaches are DBS checked and FA qualified and our base is Brigshaw High School, where we offer training and teams from age 4 up to open age and give more than 150 local children a place to develop, both as footballers as well as young people and this is expanding every year

## 2020/21 AGE GROUPS

Development - Ages 4 to 6

Under 7's - School Year 2

Under 8's - School Year 3

Under 10's - School Year 5

Under 11's - School Year 6

Under 13's - School Year 8

Under 15's - School Year 10

Under 16's - School Year 11

## PLAYER RECRUITMENT

We host multiple teams in a number of our age groups and currently have spaces for new players in many of our teams for the coming season. All ability and experience levels are welcome, whether you have played before or want to try football for the first time.

If you are interested in joining a fun and safe environment, playing football and making new friends please contact us



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#### 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).

As of 28 July 2020, the church and all church buildings are to remain closed for all for our regular services.

We have, however, tentatively begun public worship in the church during the week around our times of private prayer. Our online offering is well established and will continue. So, whether you join us in our beautiful building or online, we worship together a God beyond time, place, culture or even a dodgy internet connection. Please do think carefully about the risk to yourself and remember to keep to the 2m social distancing, sanitise your hands on entering and leaving and not to linger socialising - however tempting!

The church is open every Tuesday 9.30am – 11.30am for Private Prayer with Morning Prayer at 9.30am.

As the mandatory wearing of face masks in shops and other enclosed spaces has come into force, the Church of England strongly advises that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship, including ministers, worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors, where there may be other people present; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.

There are some exemptions. Please click on the link to the full guidance from the church which contains useful information about exemptions and how to wear and store a mask safely.

https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-07///COVID%2019%20advice%20on%20face%20coverings%20v1.0.pdf

## <u>There is live streaming of Weekly Worship (on St Mary's Church - Swillington</u> Facebook page):

Sunday Worship 10.30am

Morning Prayer: Monday – Wednesday, 9.30am & Saturday at 11.30am.

Evening Prayer: Monday - Thursday, 6.30pm.

#### For queries please speak to the Church Wardens:

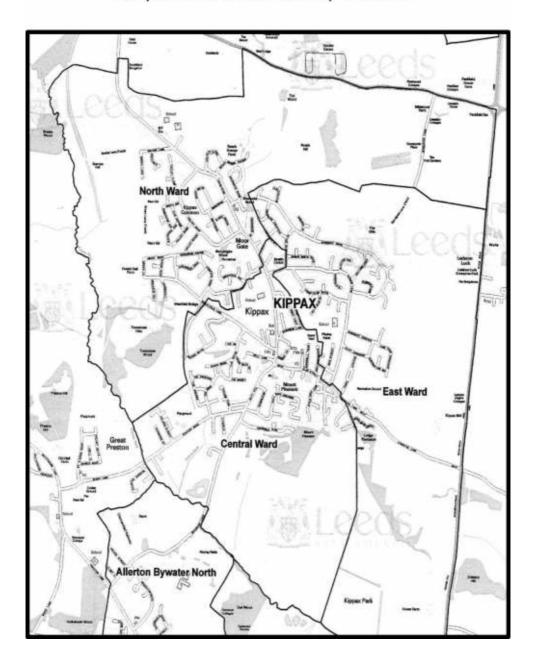
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You can also follow us on Facebook: St Mary the Less - Allerton Bywater St Mary's Church - Kippax St Mary's Church - Swillington

## Do you know which ward you live in?



## Kippax Parish Council

Kippax Parish Council is made up of 16 Councillors, each representing one of the three Kippax Wards. In addition to the full council, there are various Committees and Advisory Committees made up of Councillors and members of the public who focus on different projects and tasks including Finance, Planning, Communications, Village Services, Youth and Leisure and Christmas.



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#### HELLO FROM EVERYONE HERE AT KIPPAX COMMUNITY HUB

We really hope everyone is keeping safe & well, at the time of writing this article Kippax Community Hub is still temporarily closed and we do not have a date for reopening. I imagine like all our staff during lockdown and the opening up phases you have adapted and changed to live by the new rules on an almost daily basis. On a positive note isn't it amazing some of the wonderful new skills people have been acquiring developing & improving internet skills, cookery, walking & time where we are just simply able to appreciate the lovely things in our own vicinity.

Currently Leeds City Council has opened 7 Hubs with limited services to keep staff and customers safe they are

Armley Hub
City Centre Hub
Compton Centre Hub
Dewsbury road Hub
Headingly Hub
Reginald Centre Hub
Seacroft Hub

Leeds City Council is in the process of planning the reopening of other Community Hubs & Libraries across the city. For up to date information on which sites are open and the limited services available please go to <a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk">www.leeds.gov.uk</a> & if you put Community Hubs in the search box all that are open will be listed as well as opening times, available services & the current safety guidelines. We do ask if you visit one our sites please wear a mask.

For those of you who need to access drop-in services that are usually available at the Hub, Leeds City Council are offering a limited service in the Hubs that are open which at the time of writing this article 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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These have been very challenging times for many with changes in many people's employment status. Leeds City Councils Jobshops are still working and available to help with your C.V. or assistance their email address is jobshops@leeds.gov.uk. You can also visit <a href="www.leeds.gov.uk">www.leeds.gov.uk</a> 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.

Please be aware the information in this article was written a month before the magazine was distributed throughout Kippax therefore services may have been adapted due to any changes in the Corona Virus current situation.

Follow us on Social Media for updates on the services provided at the Hub: Twitter @LCCKippaxHub

Kippax Community Hub on Facebook

Best wishes from all of us at Kippax Community Hub

#### **Useful Numbers:**

- Adult Social Care: 0113 2224401
- Anti-Social Behaviour including noise from homes: 0113 2224402
- Housing Leeds: 0800 188 4000 (free from a landline)
- Housing Leeds: 0113 3760410 (alternative local rate number)
- Choice Based Lettings: 0113 2224413
- Children and Young People Social Care: 0113 2224403
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- Customer Relations including customer feedback, compliments and complaints: 0113 2224405
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- Highways including street lighting and street cleaning: 0113 2224407
- Registrars including births, deaths, marriages and ceremonies: 0113 2224408
- Planning: 0113 2224409
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- Parking Services: 0113 37 85000
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#### Out-of-hours emergency phone numbers

- Council house repairs: 0800 188 4000 (free from a landline)
  - 0113 3760410 (alternative local rate number)
- Social Care and homelessness: 0113 2409536

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

Well, it's nearing the end of July and we are living in more challenging times than I can remember in my 60-odd years.

There are many people who are still working and volunteering selflessly to get us through this. A number of people have quite rightly been in the public eye for all they have achieved but there are thousands of others who receive no publicity and their contribution is immense. To you all, our thanks.

Whilst there have been some acts of what I can only call stupidity, the situation has brought out the very best in so many people and I hope the latter can be part of the legacy as we go forward.

For so many including me, gardening and being outside in general, has been a first-class tonic. Numbers of people walking and cycling has increased and lots have taken up growing things, both outside and in.

In previous springs, I would fit gardening in with other pursuits such as golf and walking and it wouldn't always get the time it needed. This spring it got more time than ever but even then, there was always something more I could have done. The trick is to not beat myself up about it; anything not tidied up has been 'left to help the wildlife'.

I'd already bought seeds and compost in February before lockdown started in March and so was well placed to crack on.

Shrubs and perennials have grown well and a number of them such as the hardy geraniums have been cut low down after flowering. The leaves will re-sprout and they will hopefully flower again in a month or two.

Tomato plants are growing well in the greenhouse but there is little fruit on them yet. There's 7 Tomato 'Golden Crown' I raised from seed and I bought a seedling of T. 'Beefsteak'. They're all in 30cm pots with their bases removed and have been partly buried in the border soil. The idea being that this gives the plants greater access to moisture. When they are planted, they have a cane pushed in each pot to the side of the root ball. They are regularly



tied in and have the sprouts removed which grow from the stem just above where the leaves come out. A regular tomato feed helps when the fruit start to show.

Blackcurrant, purple gooseberry bushes and a cherry tree all have had good crops. Mangetout and peas have done well and have been cleared after they finished producing.

It took two sowings before I got some seedlings but I planted out green and yellow courgettes when the danger of frost had passed. I also popped in well grown-on seedlings of a couple of squashes which I haven't grown before; S. 'Uchiki Kuri' and S. 'Patty Pan'. Both should have good flavour with the former being orange. The latter is light green and looks like someone might have gently sat on it.

I have a couple of columnar apple trees that are more spreading than they should be but I've already thinned the fruit on them to two per cluster. Whilst this will mean less fruit, it should mean the survivors are bigger and better. The trees need to have the long side shoots pruned which will put more energy back into the fruit. It also lets more sun in which helps them grow and ripen. This will particularly help one tree that is leaning over. After pruning, I'll try and gently push it so it's more upright and put some canes around it as a support.

A consequence of having more spare time is that I have been better this year at sowing seeds in succession and using gaps in the beds. Some lettuce seeds put in on the end of the brassica bed have developed good leaves and more will be sowed as gaps appear. Weeding has also benefitted from having more time but if I turn my back on them, they still grow like billy-o.

A couple of years ago, a neighbour gave me some red and blue sweet pea seeds. Planted out each year since, I didn't get many flowers from them, until this year. When they aren't picked, they stop flowering and so having the time this year has accounted for a better result.

With no garden waste collections for some time, I had loads of material to put in the compost bin. I thought I'd give it a quick turn before putting the new stuff in. I looked forward to seeing some rich crumbly compost in the bin as I turned it. It proved not to be the case. Even though we had had some recent rain, it was unbelievably dry in there and so it wasn't breaking down. It shows I need to keep an eye on it more and wet it as necessary.

It's fantastic to be able to support local businesses more since some of the restrictions have been eased. However, lockdown showed me I could do without buying as much stuff as before it (2 tee shirts-really?). Restricted travel meant virtually no fuel going in the car and the fresh air close to home felt the same as that farther afield. Less spending and less travel improved my bank balance and hopefully in a small way, the environment. Going forward there are things I'd like to buy and there are places I'd like to go to but it's made me think.

Whilst it's still summer when I'm writing this, autumn will be soon upon us. A highlight in previous years has been going on fungi walks where some very well-informed people share their knowledge. It's usually the fruiting bodies we see and whilst I won't see as many on my own, once you get your eye in, there's loads to look for. Such a variety of different shapes and colours. I don't pick any up though because I want to leave them for others to enjoy and I don't want to potentially mistake a poisonous one for a safe one; too late if I get the id wrong. When out and about, I've seen butterflies, moths, bees, dragonflies and fantastic flowers; both wild and in gardens. Birds have still been busy and red kites continue to float effortlessly over the house. Lockdown has emphasised to me that we have a rich tapestry of nature on our doorstep.

Thanks again to everyone sharing an act of kindness with others, no matter what the scale of it.





Puffball in leaf litter

#### KIPPAX IN BLOOM

It seems strange to be starting a piece about KIB without the group being the centre of attention. However, whilst the Bloomers had been continuing as usual, another momentous occasion grabbed the local headlines – the disappearance of the 'magnificent' cottage. It seemed quite remarkable that a very old and disused toilet block should become an icon of Kippax' local and archaeological history!! And how the Chinese Whispers flew on social media. The Parish Council were blamed, Local Councillors were blamed, Leeds City Council was vilified. And of course, none of these groups had anything to do with the demolition. A member of the public had registered a concern back in January that the rear of the toilet block was unsafe – which of course it was. It was after all a very derelict toilet block, very run-down and falling apart, whose appearance had been 'rescued' by the In-Bloom team creating 2 cottage garden area's in front of it and adding window boxes, while the whole frontage had been given a lease of life by Kippax Art Group's frontispiece of a cottage.

Nonetheless, it remained a derelict building in danger of falling down. Consequently, the owners took the decision to demolish it for safety reasons. What many did not realise is that the building and surrounding land is privately owned!! The one real regret is that the owners did not give us notice in order to save the plants from the garden to be replanted elsewhere in Kippax nor to be able to remove the very attractive art work.

Meanwhile the KIB volunteers continued to do their best throughout the period of lockdown. Of course, it has been more difficult while maintaining personal distance but weeding. (lots and lots of it) pruning, cutting back trees and bushes, grass cutting and general labouring carried on apace. Thus, summer planting this year is limited to providing colour to the various tubs around the village. Hopefully, by the time you read this, you will have enjoyed colourful flower displays in a still attractive village. As I write, I am reminded that today is International Friendship Day. It is true to say that over the years since Kippax in Bloom originated, many friendships have been fostered and developed. The gatherings of volunteers, out in all weathers, will clearly show the togetherness and support for one another, without which our success would not be possible. These days, that is further sup-



ported by appreciative villagers passing by with a word of thanks. Together, they all result in colourful floral displays which enhance our environment. It is also now increasingly recognised that gardening has a therapeutic quality; hence Bloomers are so well-balanced!!

We are pleased to have continued with some of the benefits of KIB through what have proved difficult times. As usual, however, none of this would be possible without the support of the Parish Council, our local city ward councillors, Leeds City Council, the Arium, LCC Parks and Countryside Department, their Locality Team and Marie and Jonny at Woodend Nurseries. As usual, however, huge thanks go to our band of volunteers who have striven to keep things going during this difficult pandemic.

If you feel you could offer any support in any way whatsoever, please e-mail Pat at psamykib@aol.com, ring her on 0113 2862283 or visit her in her sweet shop on the High Street. Our webpage is kippaxinbloom.com



#### KIPPAX VILLAGE ACTION SUPPORTING THE ELDERLY ACTIVE OF KIPPAX

As trips for this year were cancelled we have no news when further events will take place. We are waiting for details when the Murder Mystery evening will take place. We hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Further information can be obtained from

Jean - 0113 2875143 Pauline - 0113 2860669

**KVA** 

#### KIPPAX COMMUNITY CLUB

We have no news of when club members will be able to meet again. We hope everyone is safe and well.

Further information regarding the club, please contact Barbara - 0113 2870853 Shirley - 0113 2874353

BARRY RICHARDSON

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The mission goes on for **NET**. We are still sourcing foodstuffs, packing and distributing food parcels to the community of Kippax and the wider community that we cover. The emergency requests have mercifully reduced but we are still fully committed to support all our clients and any emergency requests from the LCC helpdesk. It has been a mammoth task over the past four months to fulfil requests and support the community.







Back ground: The successful delivery of Emergency Food Packs

Ward Cllr's Mary Harland, Mirelle Midgley and James Lewis along with LCC Asset Management have been magnificent and within 48 hrs (16<sup>th</sup> March) a suitable venue-lockup premises was secured in Allerton Bywater - Food purchased and further donations received from local supermarkets – Kippax Co-op, Lidl, Tesco and Sainsburys.

NET has set up a base in Allerton Bywater where the food bank is housed. We have between 45 -60 food hampers going out daily to those in need in the area we cover, 46 square miles. We have great links with the community partnerships not only NET Volunteers delivering the Food Parcels, but Garforth Lions have been outstanding with their support to NET in the delivery also.

#### Services that we have delivered so far in Kippax are as follows; We have delivered over 1600 Free Food Parcels in Kippax

General needs are responded to within 24 hours.

To date we have carried out **251** Individual Bespoke Shopping Trips. In addition to this we have offered:

Bespoke Volunteer Shopper to those that are End of Life care;

We match to a senior member of the NET team to an individual and they keep in contact with that person to do the shopping as they need it. 5 Individuals in the Kippax area are receiving this service.

Emergency Shopper for client's extreme dietary needs – Gluten Free-Celiac etc Some individuals just need a one off emergency shop. This is reactive and generally needs to be responding to within 24-48 hours.

Prescriptions we have delivered over 200 in Kippax alone.

Teams of volunteers keep in touch with clients by a friendly phone call. In Kippax we identified additional volunteers who have been supporting an additional 50 plus people! In total over **700** people from Kippax have been supported with daily calls.

Many sincere thanks to **Kippax Parish Council**, **Lola and Billie's** magnificent cycle fundraiser and donations from the **residents of Kippax** has helped greatly. However the funds are still running low as so many people are being helped! All donations are welcome. I would just like to add the Trustees and I lead a magnificent 10 staff team along with our wonderful volunteers. We have certainly risen to the challenge facing us in every way! The additional support received from all Ward Councillors, Parish Councillors, Leeds City Council staff and all in the community has been outstanding! I am so proud of our wonderful city, everyone pulling together during this crisis.

Much love and stay safe

Monica xx



#### "Your cream Tea from Net has arrived."

This is a new venture we hope our Luncheon club members enjoy! From the reaction we have received after our first week of deliveries to 170 addresses in our area it is a resounding success and growing rapidly. We operate fourteen Luncheon Clubs and during Covid 19 sadly these have had to temporarily close. Over the next four weeks

we are delivering afternoon teas along with a Luncheon Club bulletin, a mixture of personal messages to friends, jokes, poems and stories, sharing loving kindness within the group.







#### "All luncheon club members continue to receive their afternoon Teas"

Lovely messages received from the Cross Hills Luncheon Club that we thought we would share......

Lyndsey - missing you all and can't wait to see you as soon as we can

**Denise** – Would like to send everyone at Cross Hills her love and to let you know that she is missing you all so very much.

Edna - hope everyone is ok

Esme- sends her love and best wishes to everyone - missing you all very much

Gerda - sends her best wishes to Margaret, John and Hilda who sit on her table

Patricia - hopes to see everyone again soon

Leonard - hope all doing well and hopes to see everyone again

Margaret M - missing everyone, please give her best wishes to Gerda

Margaret S – sends her love to everybody and many thanks for the teas she is really enjoying them.

Message from Mary C, very satisfied with NET for what they do for them. Thank you Malcolm and Leonard hope everyone keeping ok both said the Afternoon Tea looks good can they have the same next week!



#### KIPPAX WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

September already. This will be a year we will never forget, Lockdown, Social distancing, Facemasks, Missing our loved ones, Desperate for a hug from our children and grandchildren.

W.I. Committee meetings have also been very different. ZOOM - never heard of it four months ago, but now like many others we are enjoying our fortnightly committee, quiz, meetings on line.



July - Summer Outing





We were so looking forward to our July picnic. Not what we had planned, not our usual Sunny day, but a picnic on Kippax common was enjoyed by all. August - Afternoon Tea Kippax Common 3pm.

September - Sitfit hosted by Matt Wilson

Wednesday 16th September 8pm ZOOM, I cannot say how much we are all looking forward to this meeting.

ID and Pass code to be sent to all W.I. members.

If you would like to contact Matt regarding any fitness issues his details are:-

Matthew@F1tnessmatters.co.uk. @f1tnessmatters, Or Phone 07974266945. He comes highly recommended. F1tness made fun.







#### KIPPAX AMATEUR DRAMATICS

At the time of writing - end of July - it is looking increasingly unlikely that our society is going to be able to stage any kind of performance in the Church Hall in November, as the Covid19 pandemic has yet to be brought under control.

However, our group has been having regular Zoom meetings, entertaining ourselves (and keeping in practice!) with monologues and excerpts from plays etc., always rounding off the meeting with a quiz.

We do miss our audiences though and so, utilising the wonders of modern technology, we are intending to present a specially written production lasting approximately one hour that will be accessible, essentially for our usual audience but also to anyone in Kippax who might like to view it, on the YouTube channel (further details on how to access this will be found nearer the time on our website www.kippaxdramaticsociety.co.uk). We do realise that YouTube is a world-wide platform so we could reach a world-wide audience but you will be amongst the first to see it!!

The production is to be premiered on YouTube on Wednesday 18 November at 7.30 p.m. which would have been the first night of our Autumn production. If you can't make that then don't worry as it will be available to view after that date either on YouTube or on our website.

Further updates will be given on our website and Facebook and we hope that many of our patrons will be able join us.

### **CALENDAR NEWS**

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

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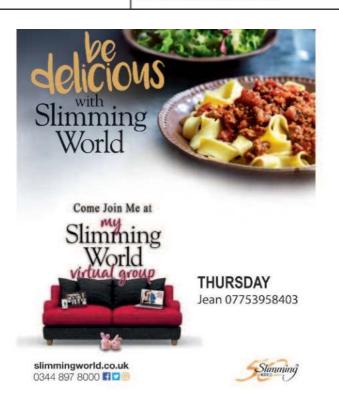
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## More excellent work from Kippax Group













## A linear walk from Kippax to Temple Newsam Woods on Bullerthorpe Lane.

Note:

#### This is a linear walk, with no comfort stop.

However, when reaching the woods, you could walk on to the house and farm, for coffee and toilets, OR turn right and walk to Colton retail park where there are several outlets including McDonalds.

#### The Walk

Start in Brecks Lane (parking carefully) and head towards the farm road. Pass Swallow Hall Farm, there is a lovely farm shop operating at the moment.

The farm shop has been a great support for a lot of Kippax residents during lockdown and after. The regular supply of eggs and flour, as well as fruit and vegetables was invaluable when the weather was hot (remember those days) for drinks or ice-creams.

More over the local residents were treated to the 'Beaky Blinders', these were 4 young male peacocks who insisted on roaming in the area, making sure we didn't sleep in.

I thought, that despite some complaints, they lightened the mood of the lockdown and gave the children, especially, something unusual and interesting to look and talk about.

When reaching a crossroads of tracks go straight ahead down the hill to the beck. Carry on straight ahead up a slope, with Brecks Wood on your right. (fantastic when the bluebells are out).

Carry on straight ahead up to Brecks Farm.

The farm used to belong to the Swillington Hall estate. The estate owned a large area of land and farms. The house was demolished in 1952 due to subsidence from coal mining. It was sold in 1920 to a colliery company, who changed it into flats for the miners.

It was a lovely house and one of the gatekeeper's cottage can still be seen along Wakefield road

With the farm and houses on your left, carry on along the farm road till you reach Wakefield Road.

Turn left onto the footpath and walk a short way along till you see the road opposite, cross with care. After a short walk down this lane look out for a footpath sign on your left. Do not cross the stile but take the obvious path to its right.

Follow this with a field on your right. Hidden on your left is an old Quarry.

This quarry is a result of the Swillington brickworks built by George Armitage who had a history of making bricks in the area since 1824. Initially it was built to produce 30,000 bricks in a day, and until 2007 it was producing a half a million a week. After several changes in ownership and the housing slump, it closed in October 2007.

The path takes a right turn but stick with the obvious route, with no deviations. You will finally reach Swillington Lane, with some kennel type buildings on your left.

Cross the road carefully to enter a yard with dwellings and sheds.

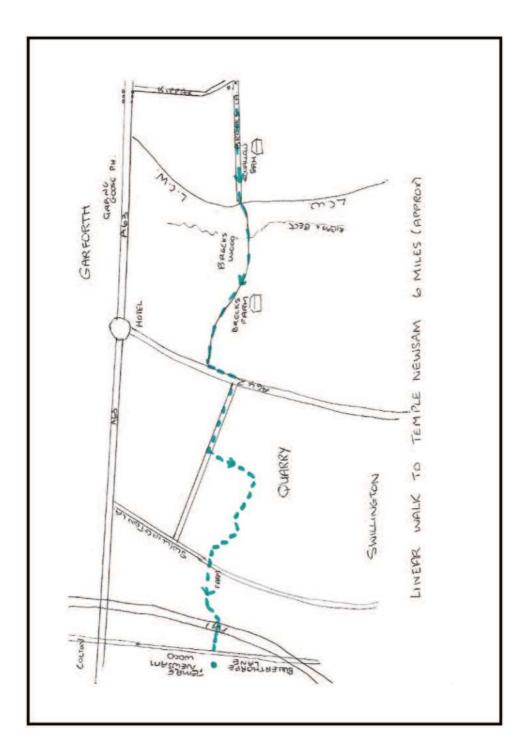
The path through the buildings is obvious, continue to follow the path, the noise of the motorway will become obvious.

Cross the bridge over the motorway and stay with the path heading towards the woods in front of you. The noise of the traffic prevents any conversation!

Cross Bullerthorpe Lane carefully and you have reached your destination. There are many paths leading from here if you wish to make the walk longer. You can aim for the House or explore the woods.

Reverse these instructions to get back.

Please be careful when crossing the roads, as cars seem to drive far too fast.





#### FISH WORDSEARCH

Can you find the hidden words? They may be horizontal or vertical

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BARRACUDA, BASS, BREAM, FLOUNDER, GOLDFISH, GROUPER, GUPPY, HAKE, HALIBUT, HERRING, MARLIN, MULLETT, PERCH, PIRANHA, SALMON, SARDINE, SHARK,

#### RIDDLES

- 1. What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?
- 2. What is it that you cannot hold even for ten minutes, even though it is lighter than a feather?
- 3. What word of five letters has only one left when two letters are removed?
- 4. If you drop a yellow hat in the Red Sea what will it become?

Answers: 1. short 2. your breath 3. stone 4. wet