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## EDITORIAL

Hello everyone. Is it too late to say Happy New Year? Not sure, but I'll say it anyway -Happy New Year! Let's hope that 2021 turns out better than 2020. Fingers crossed!

I'm sitting here with my laptop thinking "what on earth can I say?" Nothing much happened last year, everything cancelled, postponed, rescheduled and not much hope for some of them this year either. One concert I have a ticket for has been rescheduled twice already. It should now be taking place in September, so with a bit of luck and a strong wind, I might finally get to see it. All village community events were cancelled, but we did still have the Christmas lights and flags to cheer us up.

All those cancelled holidays too! Some friends and I should have been going on the Silk Route last April. We're hoping to book it again for 2022 all being well. We were lucky enough to manage a few days in Rome in February. Northern Italy was already in lockdown, but the Foreign Office assured us that Rome was safe. We were a bit dubious, and one of the group backed out, but I for one am glad we went. We had a lovely few days, taking in all the wonderful sites and a guided tour of the Vatican, and all that lovely food and wine!

At least, as I am typing, the snow has gone! By the time you read this it will be almost spring and the daffodils will be out. Lockdown is so much easier when you can get out in the garden, isn't it? Of course, we might be out of lockdown by then, I hope, but it seems a bit doubtful at the moment.

How have things been with you? It has been a strange situation. One we haven't encountered before. I know there have been some cases of Covid in the village, but I think that residents have been brilliant at keeping safe. Mask wearing is the norm and people carefully give each other wide berth if passing in the street. All the shops that are open have strictly followed Covid rules – my hands have never been as clean!! The thing I dislike most about wearing a mask is that you can't smile at people or see them smiling at you. Also, it really muffles voices, making conversation a bit difficult; and it can sometimes make people harder to recognise! Necessary though!

Have you experienced the delights of Zoom yet? Not my favourite way to see people but better than nothing. Lots of meetings are now virtual – at least you only need to look smart from the shoulders up!

Although all community events are on hold, there are lots of people who are still working and keeping things going. Schools are "shut" and yet teachers are still teaching keyworkers' children in school and providing online lessons for those who are not. Medical staff are there for emergencies and those long-awaited vaccinations. Staff are manning supermarkets and essential shops. The bins are being emptied, milk delivered, and postal deliveries continue as well as the huge increase of parcel deliveries from all the online shopping we are doing. I even got a Christmas card from the "Hermes Girls"!

Kippax in Bloom haven't given up (see p.19) and of course we now have Kippax Food Bank which is organised entirely by volunteers and is providing a vital service at this time ( more info on p.16 ). We owe thanks to all these people, and anyone else I may have forgotten to mention, for helping us to keep going. Also don't forget the Book Swap, held every Friday at 14, Brecks Lane. Exchange books you've finished or just take one to try. No charge!

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this magazine. I know it hasn't been easy to find something to send.

Let's hope that when the June issue is due things will have improved.  
Fingers crossed.

Val Laycock  
Joint Editor

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

Well, it's nearing the end of January. At the end of last year, I did some tidying up and in recent years, I'd start after Christmas by pruning things that needed it and doing some weeding. With a combination of rain, snow and frost, I have to admit I've had a lull outside since the new year.

There's a lot of interest in house plants these days. A bit of a misnomer really as no plant evolved to be grown in a house. However, if we take into account the conditions indoors relating to day/night temperatures, humidity and light levels and couple this with the correct seasonal watering and feeding, then we can successfully grow plants indoors that are suited to the environment.

In our first house, 30 years ago, we used to buy mainly foliage plants such as Weeping Fig, Philodendron, Swiss Cheese Plant and Dracaena. Someone asked me recently if I had any house plants and my first reaction was 'no'. When I thought about it though, that's not true. For years, I've had some Christmas roses which burst into flower in vivid pink shades before and after Christmas. The rest of the year they can be a bit boring, so they are put in a prominent position, only whilst they are in flower.

We have several Phalaenopsis or moth orchids. It's easy to just go and buy a new one that's in full flower but it's a great feeling when you keep them and get them to flower again. Keep the foliage dry but roots damp. Bark chips in the pot allows good drainage as using potting compost would likely lead to rotting. The roots are attracted to light and so are best kept in see through pots.



**Aloes and Air Plants**

I've also got some cacti and succulents usually picked up after being tempted at Flower Shows. Typically, they're quite small so not expensive and 'don't need a lot of care'. Recently, I've bought a couple of Tillandsia or air plants. The great thing about all these is that they can take a degree of neglect but will obviously grow better if they are well looked after. Cacti and succulents prefer a gritty compost but air plants don't need any as they absorb water and nutrients through the air. The air plants I have have their bases lightly glued to a piece of bark and they make an attractive feature.

Despite not doing much outside gardening lately, I gave myself a New Year's resolution to be fitter when I restart. I challenged myself to either do a minimum 2 mile walk each day or a 5-mile cycle ride. I've been out in all weathers and so far, so good. The key is to have the right clothes, equipment (a torch has been put into use at times) and some water/food. I'm largely going

local but often decide mid-walk or cycle to just do a bit more and if I have the right kit with me, including an OS map, then all well and good. A map is particularly good if a path is blocked due to flooding and I need to find a way round, as happened to me this week. Initially I looked to do the challenge for January, but aim to see how long I can keep it going beyond that.

There's a lot of talk these days about doing more for nature by providing better habitats, reducing chemical use and being more organic in our gardens and neighbourhoods. Walking around Kippax, the slower pace allows you to see road-side hedgerows in more detail and in places, the rubbish that has accumulated in them is really unsightly. It looks like the majority of it is takeaway cups and snack wrappers thrown out of cars by a minority. We are aware of issues about plastic in the sea and countryside as most of it is very slow to breakdown and



can cause even more problems if it does go into smaller pieces. Over the past year, many more people are reaping the benefits of being out in the countryside and the beauty of it. My hope is that reduced car journeys and a greater appreciation of nature, will extend to those who have dropped the trash in the past. How much nicer would it be for our community on our walks, if the rubbish wasn't there and it would certainly be better for wildlife.

So, looking forward, what will I be up to when the weather improves? Well, the usual really.

A job to do when it's raining is to get my box of seeds out and dispose of any packets that are too old. If in doubt whether old seeds will germinate, I can take a small pinch and sow them when the packet tells me to, if they come up, the rest of them can be used and if they don't, they can be replaced. I'll do a list of what seeds I need because it focuses my mind to only get what I need, when going to buy them. Washing the greenhouse outside and in and used plant pots will be done before the greenhouse gets filled with seedlings from seeds sown in spring. Also, there will be the ongoing jobs of pruning, weeding and grass cutting to take care of.



**Rubbish alongside  
Sheffield Beck**

Finally, I keep trying to think of ways of improving the habitat in the garden for wildlife. For instance, for security, we recently blocked off access to the back of the house, with a fence and gate that are flush to the ground. However, I've realised that hedgehogs now can't get through it to access the front and back of the house (they can't reach the latch either). I'll be cutting a 13cm-by-13cm hole in the bottom of the fence to allow hedgehogs to pass through, before they come out of winter hibernation. They need to be able to roam at night when they are looking for food and I don't want to restrict that. So, we both benefit; they keep the access and I still get the security.

**Get out and enjoy the garden.**

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# **ST MARY'S CHURCH KIPPAX**

**Clergy:**                    **Team Rector:** Post currently vacant, however, the Revd Bob Bailey has been appointed our new rector and is due to be with us by the end of March.  
**Team Vicar:** Revd Diane Flynn - 0113 286 4607

## **An Introduction from Bob**

Hello! We are really looking forward to being with you soon, hopefully by Palm Sunday. Some of you will remember us from the summer when I covered for Diane (Flynn). I am very honoured to be appointed Team Rector. I am looking forward to many things but mostly getting to know you all. We are all going through a very difficult time at the moment and it is heart-breaking to see the suffering of so many people and to have our church doors closed. But I am encouraged to see us continue in worship, fellowship and service to our communities in whatever ways we can. I am also inspired by the hard work of our teams. It has also been an exceptionally tough time for our PCCs and Church Wardens who have worked tirelessly to open our buildings, only to close them again on top of providing pastoral care during our lockdowns. We are also very grateful to Diane and Gordon (Cooper) who have worked so hard.

I have been serving as Assistant Curate in the Elmete Trinity Benefice, Barwick, Scholes and Thorner since 2017. I was born in Suffolk, being brought up in a small village near Newmarket. I have had a fulfilling Curacy and enjoyed being involved with the life of Barwick village and School (while working across all three churches).

So, blessings to you all and we are very much looking forward to seeing you in the coming months. Stay safe and well. Be assured of our prayers as you pray for us.

**Revd Bob Bailey**

## **Covid-19: THE LATEST LOCKDOWN**

**Sadly, the Church will not be open for any form of Public Worship until further notice.**

**Funerals may still take place but within the guidelines.**

**Morning Prayer will be streamed live every Tuesday at 9.30am on the Facebook page of St Mary's Church – Kippax**

**Live streaming of Weekly Worship and Daily Prayer  
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**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](http://stmarykippax.org.uk) and Facebook Page St Mary Church – Kippax, for news and updates.

# HELLO FROM YOUR KPC CHAIR

## Council Tax Precept

It was a unanimous decision at our January meeting not to increase the Parish Precept this year.

We have still budgeted for events including a Gala, Scarecrow trail and Christmas lights.

Other new projects are also in the pipeline so look out for details as they progress.

The refurbishment of Kippax Meadows flower beds have all now been completed with the surrounding paths been resurfaced and an information board installed explaining the four sensory flower beds.

## Food Bank

The response has been amazing to our request for food and financial donations for the food bank we set up with plenty of volunteers also coming forward.

At the time of writing this article, the food bank provided food for 133 people the previous Saturday.

## New Parish Councillor

Hopefully by the time of publication KPC will have co-opted a new parish councillor, to fill the vacancy, so we will be back up to 16 Councillors.

## New Clerk

Debi Meir has settled in now as our new Clerk and KPC are getting all the required policies up to date.

Thanks to Cllr Michaela Biscomb who stepped in as temporary clerk whilst we recruited a new Clerk.

## Apple Tree Lane flower beds

Thanks to The Growing Zone for providing new plants for John (KPC Caretaker) to plant in the Apple Tree Lane flower beds that we have been smartening up.

Cllr Martin Eyre

# KEEP MOVING AROUND KIPPAX' GUIDE

We were delighted with the positive feedback we have received for our Keep Moving Around Kippax Guide, filled with lots of ideas on how to keep active in our local community, including fitness facilities and walking routes. Thank you to the Local Care Partnership for funding the project, councillors for putting the booklet together and the volunteers who braved the cold and delivered them around the village to every household.

If you didn't receive a guide, please let us know as we have some spare - a digital version is also available on the Kippax Parish Council website - [www.kippax-pc.gov.uk](http://www.kippax-pc.gov.uk).

It has been brought to our attention on the 'Walking Route: Kippax to Garforth Circular Route', an error has been made directing walks through a private field. The following revisions should be noted for bullet point 6 and 7:

- Turn right, to join Selby Road A63
- Turn left onto Selby road following the narrow pavement until you reach Garforth Garden Centre.

Next year, we hope to work on a new guide featuring extended walks for the more ambitious and seasoned ramblers. If you have any walking routes or suggestions you would like to submit for consideration, please contact [magazine@kippax-pc.gov.uk](mailto:magazine@kippax-pc.gov.uk).



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## KIPPAX DRAMATIC SOCIETY

At the moment there is very little for us to report. We presented a short 'comedy of errors' on YouTube in November which seemed to go down very well. It was actually viewed by a lot more people than our usual 4 night run would have reached – not that that's much consolation! We like to see and hear our audiences. Our group continues to meet regularly via Zoom with the usual mixture of readings, anecdotes and quizzes. At our next meeting we are trying something new; a whodunit with a difference. This is something of an experiment so it will be interesting to see if it works (but there's no two-course supper involved unfortunately!)

In the meantime, please be assured that the moment it is safe to do so, we will back in the Church Hall bringing live theatre to the people of Kippax.

The photo shows the cast members of our November YouTube production 'Practice makes Purfect'.



## THE VILLAGE GREEN

One of the nice things about Kippax is its trees. As you look out across its housing estates, the harsh lines of urbanisation are softened by mature Ash, Hawthorn, Willow, Maples and the occasional Leylandii. Kippax is a green village. A village of gardens.

Tucked away amongst the trees and houses, there are five allotment sites, four of which are owned and run by the village, not the local Councils. In a recent online posting, I understand it was said about these that "the allotments are rubbish". Whether it was said or not it's a good point, and one worth elaborating on.

From the beginning, the committee that runs the village allotments has been made up of volunteers from amongst its tenants. It has always operated under a not-for-profit policy as a service to its tenants and the village. However, after the second world war, as interest in allotments declined, past committees felt that it was right to sell some plots to their tenants for a few hundred pounds. It was done in good faith that they would continue to be cultivated.

And here lies reason to say "the allotments are rubbish". Sadly, too many tenants have been asked to leave because of the amount of rubbish accumulating on their allotment or because they do not cultivate it, or worse still, believe they can use it as cheap land to operate their business from. It is the committee that ends up finding the time and money needed to clean up after them, and sometimes that rubbish is hazardous. It can cost thousands to properly dispose of asbestos, for example.

But over the last 10 years there has been a resurgence of interest in allotments, and the committee has addressed this by clearing all the allotments under its ownership and buying back several more where possible, in order to service its waiting list. What remains are those still in private hands, and yes, most certainly, too many of those are "rubbish".

But Kippax is a green village, witness all those solar panels amongst the trees. Kippax cares about its green spaces, witness the award-winning Kippax in Bloom. Kippax voted near unanimously to preserve its remaining green space during the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan. So, the allotment committee, amongst many others, are disappointed when some of those private owners feel they have a right to use their land to dump rubbish, strip off the topsoil, or try to make a small personal fortune selling the land for building. It is in these peoples' interest to destroy the land as green space.



So, is it time to take heed of those fine words "the allotments are rubbish"? Is it time to do something now to lobby both the City and Parish Councils to enable those neglected allotments to be regenerated as village green space? Times change, needs evolve, trends come and go, but underneath all this, there remains a fundamental human desire; we need Nature. Allotments are merely part of this, but they can be places supporting education, relaxation and rehabilitation. Witness again the huge benefit to the community demonstrated by the Growing Zone; recognised nationally and visited by Royalty.

So: those "rubbish" allotments, those allotments being quietly destroyed in private hands. Is our green village going to sit by idly and let this continue? Or would you, as that community, prefer to regenerate this "rubbish" land, return it to the community and recreate something where our children can learn, our elderly may find solace, and families may come to re-energise. It is the reason why allotments should not be "rubbish", they do all this.

If you feel the same way the allotment committee do, why not make your views known, technology allows us to do this easily, and where better than posting your views on "Kippax Past, Present and Future" to do that.

**Kippax Allotment Committee**



## Calendar 2022



We have had a lot of positive feedback about our calendars so we would like to produce one for 2022.

We rely on the fantastic photographs of **Kippax and its local area** sent in by the residents of Kippax. We would like as many entries as possible between now and the 27<sup>th</sup> July, **BUT a maximum of 4 per person**.

They will be chosen on their content and how they will reproduce in a calendar.

Each will need to have a **description of where/what it is**.

Scenes throughout the year will be useful for the months of the calendar but not essential.

The technical bit: preferably **landscape** and a **jpeg** and sent to the magazine address.

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## MY EARLY YEARS - Barbara Gough (nee Phipps)

I was born in 1943 at the house of my grandparents (Mr and Mrs Henshaw) in Westfield Lane, Kippax. My father was in the army and drove a tank in the D-day invasions.

I was delivered by the local midwife Polly Barrett and attended by the only doctor in the village, Dr Brown (the other two doctors had been called up for war service).

Life was not easy for anybody and food was rationed. Grandad had a large garden and grew all his own vegetables and kept a pig so we were luckier than most.

When I was about 2 my father was very badly wounded, he developed gas gangrene and had his leg amputated above the knee. He was fitted with an artificial leg and made the best of his life. He returned to run his fish and poultry business in Castleford market and we moved out of the area.

We returned to live in Kippax when I was 16 and my sister, Diane 12. It was like returning home and I consider my childhood to have been very privileged.



**Spot the difference.**

**Cross Hills - Can you guess the years these photos were taken?**

## KEEPING FIT

Here is a proposed little workout to make use of some of the gym equipment at the tennis courts.



### Warm up;

Don't forget to do yourself a warm up before starting a full workout.  
How about utilising the perimeter of the tennis courts by fast walking/jogging a few laps of it to start with. Maybe include some high knees, bum kicks, arm swings too to get all those muscles moving.

### Main workout:

30 reps on the air walker



15 bodyweight squats  
Repeat 4 times.



20 reps on the  
rower



10 tr dips or press ups using the low parallel bars

Repeat 3 times

20 bodyweight walking lunges (down the nice paved section close to the tennis court fence)

10 knee raises  
(suspended from the high parallel bars. Hold yourself with straight arms and bring knees towards chest.)

Repeat 3 times.

Don't forget to include some cool down stretches before you leave or once you reach home.





## KIPPAX COMMON

I wonder, with all the walking everyone has been doing have you noticed what has happened to Kippax Common?

It is not easy to see initially but when you get near to the far end away from the skate park, without realising, you could be stepping on to the young saplings planted there by LCC. In very neat rows hundreds have been planted as part of a national desire to help prevent global warming and increase the wild habitat of Kippax. Good intentions, but the trouble is there is no protection for these very young and fragile trees.

Kippax Parish Council hopefully in the future will be putting a proper pathway which will wind its way through the woodland.

So please be careful where you walk, where your children play and where your dog runs. It will take decades for these fragile saplings to mature, so it will be our future generations that benefit from this development.

For more information go to  
<https://www.theardumleeds.co.uk/woodland-creation#>



## Kippax's City Councillors Update

It was great to have a site visit and see all the completed work inside and outside Kippax Sport Centre which was due to open but we were thwarted by lockdown. Hopefully by the time you are reading this we will be at it if not closer to the date government guidance changes and the centre is open once more.

We're pleased to have worked with Kippax Parish Council and volunteers from the village to set up and expand the food bank so that no families in our area are going hungry during these difficult times and can get support with no awkward questions being asked.

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 may 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



In January we went to say thanks to the volunteers who helped run the vaccination programme in Kippax. We know everyone is thankful for all the volunteers who have given so much time to help the community during the Covid-19 pandemic and key workers who have kept vital services running.

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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## KIPPAX FOOD BANK

Whilst we are undoubtedly disappointed that there is a need for such provision, we are absolutely delighted with the success of Kippax Food Bank. We (Kippax Parish Council) launched the food bank at the end of November after the idea was brought to full council by Cllr Gattley. The Parish Council pledged funding to the project, with additional funding provided by our Labour Ward Councillors, James Lewis, Mary Harland and Mirelle Midgley. In addition, we have been absolutely overwhelmed by generous donations of both cash and food from local businesses, organisations and individual members of our immediate and surrounding communities.

We set up the food bank in response to the COVID-19 crisis which saw many families and individuals lose their jobs and face uncertainty and struggle. It's true that none of us knows when we might find ourselves in a position of needing extra support and struggling to make ends meet and inspired by the work of Garforth NET and the Brigshaw Trust Cluster Team, we were keen to contribute to the relief efforts and provide as much support as we could to our community.

With any project, especially one which we have never delivered before, we have learnt and adjusted as we have gone. Going from four families in the first week quickly up to around 30 households we support on average each week - from people living alone, to couples and families with young children and teens. We have been able to provide tailored packages, responding to the needs of our families to ensure each package is valuable and provide meal options for everyone in the family.

Over Christmas, some of our local businesses came together to enable us to deliver turkeys and Christmas dinner essentials to the families we were working with, as well as Christmas gifts and treats. Further funding from the Ward Councillors have also enabled us to extend our service beyond Kippax to the surrounding villages.



Our Parish councillors have worked tirelessly, not just on Saturday mornings when we pack and deliver the food parcels but also managing all the referrals, collections and donations in between to deliver this life-line service. We have also had the incredible support from local volunteers and Garforth and District Lions who have assisted us with deliveries!

We were confident that our community would come out in full force to support one



another through such a challenging time, but the volume of donations is amazing, and so gratefully received - a testament to the incredible community spirit we have here in Kippax.

And whilst we do not deliver projects like these for praise and recognition, it was very nice to see our efforts noted in the Yorkshire Evening Post and a slot of BBC Radio Leeds (in addition to the lovely comments and feedback we receive regularly on Facebook.). The added publicity has also helped us to spread the word and led to more people getting in touch to get the support they need.



The great news is that the Parish Council recently approved to extend the service into March to allow us to continue providing valuable support to those in need. We're thrilled to be able to continue this vital provision whilst also looking at different ways we can support and enhance our community - something that guides all our decisions on the Parish Council.

You can make a donation to Kippax Food Bank via collection points in Kippax Coop, Kippax Sainsburys, Love & Stephens and HICI Wine shop or at Kippax Band Club on Saturdays 8.30-11am. Alternatively, contact Cllr Eyre (07811674239) to arrange a collection of donations.

Asking for help is never easy, and we are grateful to the families and individuals who make contact with us and allow us to help. The ethos of the food bank is to give help and support without judgment and without awkward questions and to provide a service that is well-considered and useful. If you are in need of some extra support, whether it's a one-off or a more regular need, please drop us a message or give us a call, in confidence, via 07594379788 or 07795070043 to self-refer.

## SUE McGUIGAN

Sue is retiring from Kippax Library at the end of March after nearly 25 years of working for Leeds City Council. Everyone, colleagues and customers over the years, would like to wish her well for the future.

Sue is known to many in the village and surrounding areas and shouldn't leave without her service to the community being acknowledged. She will be greatly missed and the library will not be the same without her.

Thank you, Sue! Enjoy your retirement (and your role as Grandma!)

You won't be forgotten.

### **CROWNING GLORY** by Chris Porter

"What a lucky little girl, her hair's so curly  
Long and blond, so pretty and girly  
Doesn't she look a lot like Shirley?"  
Temple, that is.

**I never liked my hair.**

Having it all cut short before starting school, I was thrilled to bits  
Only later discovering my mother was scared I'd get nits!  
The daily torture of brush and comb was still cause for dread  
Why oh why wasn't there straight hair on my head?

**I never liked my hair**

In my teens, the backcombed, bouffant years just passed me by  
And as for a sleek mod bob – well, pigs might fly!  
Sleeping in rollers the size of mugs, ignoring the pain  
Newly tamed locks still turned to frizz when I went out in the rain

**I never liked my hair.**

I thought my day had come with the advent of the hippy scene  
At last, long, wild curls made my friends envious, green  
Unfortunately, my boss took quite a different view  
"A professional woman should NOT have a hairstyle like you"

**I never liked my hair.**

I didn't win the battle so in later years gave up the fight  
Given a good cut, my curly hair usually looks all right  
I've almost learned to love it, but not quite  
Because you see, now it's not just curly, it's white!

**Life can be so unfair.**

# **BARRY RICHARDSON**

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## UPDATE FROM GARFORTH, KIPPAX AND SURROUNDING AREA U3A STILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Our local u3a, launched in 2017, has worked to adapt to lockdown and is still offering a number of opportunities to meet, discuss and pursue activities on-line for our members.

We have adapted our activities so we can currently offer on-line via zoom:

A meeting the first Wednesday in the month with a speaker

A monthly quiz

A weekly singing together group

A monthly play reading group

A history group meets monthly

A monthly craft group

In addition,

- The art group offers topics for people to work on at home
- A photography competition on the topic of spring is underway
- The new cycling group offers guidance on routes and tips for people restarting cycling.
- We have a monthly newsletter

We are a volunteer group led by volunteers and are open to new ideas and interest groups forming. Once national guidance allows, we will resume a number of other groups which cannot meet at the moment due to lockdown restrictions.

We have 200 members and membership is open to anyone not in fulltime employment.

Details of what is on offer and how to join can be found on our web page

[www.u3asites.org.uk/garforth-kippax/groups](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/garforth-kippax/groups)

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### RIDDLES FOR KIDS

How many months of the year have 28 days?

*All of them! Every month has "at least" 28 days.*

What has hands and a face, but can't hold anything or smile?

*A clock*

It belongs to you, but your friends use it more. What is it?

*Your name*

If you don't keep me, I'll break. What am I?

*A promise*

What 2 things can you never eat for breakfast?

*Lunch and dinner*

I have a tail and a head, but no body. What am I?

*A coin*

## KIPPAX IN BLOOM NEWS

This year, we're celebrating 20 years of working to make Kippax into a greener, cleaner and more beautiful place for everyone. We're not sure what's happening yet with the Yorkshire in Bloom competition but we'll still make the greatest effort to have a brilliant show for spring and summer in all our beds, planters and troughs. Like you all, life has changed for us Bloomers over this past year because of Covid-19 but we're still managing to enjoy our gardening and we look forward to better times soon. It's been great to see a lot more of you all while you've been taking your daily exercise. We hope you've enjoyed our winter planting of pansies and polyanthus and by the time you read this will be uplifted by the show of daffodils that we've planted each year. These past few weeks has seen us start a new planting scheme around Kippax Hall Surgery and also start our Moonlight/White Garden on the corner of Gibson Lane and Peasefold. Things have started to move forward with the planned Dementia Garden. Thank you, Ellen Grier, for your brilliant work on the plans. We've continued with the maintenance of all our gardens, beds and planters too. As always, we litter pick wherever we're working and below is a photo of a very icy morning that meant we couldn't do anything else as the ground was frozen solid!



We are keen to involve as many gardeners as possible in the BLUE CAMPAIGN which promotes rewilding Britain's gardens using the blue heart symbol, a natural solution to climate change and restoring biodiversity and a simple no-cost way to help restore nature across Britain - garden by garden. Just choose an area of your lawn, it can be just a small area, and don't cut this area until the winter. It will grow naturally into a wild grass and flower meadow and will attract insects, birds and small mammals. Nature will select those that grow well which can be supplemented next year with suitable wildflower seed. We will be supporting this campaign around Kippax. Let's see what we can achieve.

We would like to thank some new sponsors of Kippax in Bloom, Claire's Pilates who has sponsored one of our Tropical beds on Leeds Rd and Fastsigns for sponsoring a hanging basket on the High St. You too can become a sponsor either as a business, yourself or in memory of someone by emailing me or coming to see me in the shop when I can open. The deadline for the hanging basket sponsorship will be the end of March. A big thank you also to the sponsors who donated to us instead of sending Xmas cards,

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss in January of one of our volunteers John Urwin. John had been a volunteer and great supporter of us for the past 12 years. We will not only remember John for his contribution to Kippax Matters by writing our quarterly update but also for his wisdom, his way with words, his love of Liverpool FC and a daily crossword. Our deepest sympathies go to Virginia and the rest of his family. He will be greatly missed.

We hope you've found that gardening is a welcome respite and exercise during lockdown as have our volunteers who continue to do an amazing job. We would like more people to join us in our efforts so even if you only have an hour spare that would be very helpful. My details for anyone who could lend support in any way are: email [psamykib@aol.com](mailto:psamykib@aol.com), Tel no. 0113 2862283 or pop in my shop, Pats Sweets on the High St. Our website is [kippaxinbloom.com](http://kippaxinbloom.com) We would like to thank our Parish Council, Leeds City Council Parks and Countryside, The Arum and the Locality Team, our Ward Councillors Mary, Mirelle and James, Marie and Jonny at Woodend Nurseries and of course the people of Kippax for their continued support. Thanks, Pat Samy



## Kippax Welfare Cricket Club

KWCC is your local cricket club based at the Kippax Welfare Sports & Social Club on Longdike Lane. We play on Saturday afternoons throughout the summer.

We completed last year's Covid restricted season by retaining the Wetherby League Division One Championship and followed this up by both teams winning the two T20 cups on offer. We were also proud to be able to represent Kippax in the last 16 of the National Village Cup. We managed to defeat much larger teams from Barnsley and Manchester and were only beaten by an off field positive Covid test by our opponents.

Since we reformed in 2013, we have made our way through from Division 5 in the Wetherby Cricket League and have managed to win every cup the league had to offer. With no more left to achieve, we have decided to leave as league champions and ply our trade in the larger Pontefract & District League. We would love to see as many of you as possible at the Welfare enjoying the game from the patio and around the ground as we start our new adventure. The Club bar is always open.

We start the season on the 17th April 2021 and play at home every Saturday at 1pm, right through to mid-September.

Lastly, we would also like to thank everybody who supports the teams, The Welfare Committee, KPC, Local Labour Councillors, Advantage Mortgage Services, Kippax Post Office, Neil's Carpets, Ian Walker Photography, Stan Steel, our Groundsmen and not forgetting our Local Kippax Support. We hope to see you all up at the Welfare this Summer. From Captains: Imy Pandor & Paul Eastwood.



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Kippax Cricket



Kippax Welfare Cricket Club

## HELLO FROM EVERYONE HERE AT KIPPAX COMMUNITY HUB

This article is being written as we are in the third lockdown. We have closed, re-opened, adapted, changed and worked from home. Kippax community Hub is still here with many services remaining available and we have adapted and changed ways and which services we can deliver according to tiers and lockdowns. As this article is being written, the weather is truly British - we have endured Snow, Rain, Winds a little sun and we are forecast a blizzard and that is only this week! Hopefully as you receive the spring edition of Kippax Matters the sun is getting a lighter, warmer and brighter, the days longer and in 2021, like the weather is improving, so will our lives with Covid.

Our Library still offers an Order & Collect Service and you can reserve a book on your library app, by email [libraryenquiries@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:libraryenquiries@leeds.gov.uk) by telephone 0113 3785005 or by visiting [www.leeds.gov.uk/leisure/libraries](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/leisure/libraries). 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 still access Library Services through the Leeds Libraries website and take advantage of the availability of online services, reserve a book, e magazines, e books & access to a number of new downloads & resources now available free of charge. Why not take a look just visit [www.leeds.gov.uk/leisure/libraries](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/leisure/libraries). Public Computers are available to use they have to be booked by email [LibraryEnquiries@leeds.gov.uk](mailto: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.

These have been very challenging times for us all and with many changes to people's employment status, Leeds City Council's Jobshops 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](mailto:jobshops@leeds.gov.uk). You can also visit [www.leeds.gov.uk](http://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.

And for debt contact there is lots of information on our Leeds.gov website but these are some telephone numbers for those without internet access below:

### **Ebor Gardens & Money Buddies**

**Phone** 07936 368 045

**WhatsApp** 07716 848 827

### **StepChange**

**Phone** 0800 138 1111

### **St Vincent's**

**Phone** 0113 248 4126

**WhatsApp** 07479 468 348

The Pandemic has been challenging if you have found yourself with mental health problems which can be overwhelming for some. There are a couple of useful numbers below and the best advice if you are suffering from mental health is to contact your G.P. directly.

### **Samaritans**

**Phone** 116 123

**Email** [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

### **Shout Crisis**

**Text "SHOUT" to 85256 (aged 19 and over)**

**Text "YM" to 85256 (aged under 19)**

### **Childline (aged under 19)**

**Phone** 0800 1111

You can contact Leeds City Council via telephone on 0113 222444 & numerous different email addresses 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](http://www.leeds.gov.uk)



Please follow us on our Social Media pages for updates on the services provided at the Hub:  
 Twitter [@LCCKippaxHub](#)

[Kippax Community Hub on Facebook](#)

#### Telephone Numbers

Adult Social Care:	0113 222 4401
Anti-Social Behaviour:	0113 2224402
Blue Badge:	0113 2224444
Children Social Care:	0113 222 4403
Council Tax and Benefits:	0113 222 4404
Customer Relations:	0113 222 4405
Education Services:	0113 222 4414
Election Services:	0113 222 4411
Environmental Services:	0113 222 4406
Highways:	0113 222 4407

Housing Leeds:	0800 188 4000
Housing Options:	0113 222 4412
Local Welfare Support Scheme:	0113 376 0330
Minicom:	0845 1271113
Out of Hours Council Repairs:	0800 188 4000
Out of Hours Homelessness:	07891273939
Out of Hours Social Services:	07712106378
Parking Services:	0113 378 5000
Planning:	0113 222 4409
Registrars:	0113 222 4408

#### Email Addresses

Blue Badges and Bus Passes	<a href="mailto:bluebadge@leeds.gov.uk">bluebadge@leeds.gov.uk</a>
Council Tax	<a href="mailto:counciltax@leeds.gov.uk">counciltax@leeds.gov.uk</a>
Housing Benefit, Council Tax Support, DHP	<a href="mailto:LCCBenefits@leeds.gov.uk">LCCBenefits@leeds.gov.uk</a>
Housing Options	<a href="mailto:housingoptions@leeds.gov.uk">housingoptions@leeds.gov.uk</a>
Leeds Home Register	<a href="mailto:LHRAdministration@leeds.gov.uk">LHRAdministration@leeds.gov.uk</a>
Parking Services	<a href="mailto:parkingservices@leeds.gov.uk">parkingservices@leeds.gov.uk</a>

#### Accessing Support from Other Services

Citizens Advice Bureau	
Phone:	0113 223 4400
Website:	<a href="http://www.citizensadviceleeds.org.uk">www.citizensadviceleeds.org.uk</a>
Opening Hours:	Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm

Leeds City Credit Union	
Phone:	01132423343
Email:	<a href="mailto:services@leedscitycreditunion.co.uk">services@leedscitycreditunion.co.uk</a>
Website:	<a href="http://www.leedscitycreditunion.co.uk">www.leedscitycreditunion.co.uk</a>

#### Universal Credit Contact Details

Email: <https://gov.uk/apply-universal-credit>  
 Online: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-universal-credit>  
 Telephone: 0800 328 5644  
 Text phone: 0800 328 1344

#### Welfare Rights

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](mailto:welfare.rights@leeds.gov.uk)

### Support with Food

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

We wish you all a Happy Easter and hope that just as Spring brings the budding of new life the rest of 2021 will be lighter for us all and with a little bit of luck and hope we soon will be able to offer normal opening hours and services once again. At the time of sending this article we are open Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm. Please note information was correct at the time this article was sent to be published.

With All Our Very Best Wishes to Each & Everyone

All the Staff at Kippax Community Hub



### KIPPAX WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Happy New Year to Everyone,

What a difficult year 2020 was, I do hope you've all managed to keep safe, and well. Normally in March's Kippax Matters I am listing all the activities we have got planned for the coming year, but unfortunately due to this terrible Pandemic no activities are booked.

We did manage to end the year on a positive note by delivering 72 Christmas gifts to all our members.

Eight committee members hand delivered gifts which were very much appreciated, and we managed to have a little chat to some of our members. Social distancing adhered to.



Unfortunately, because of current government guidelines we do not know when we'll be up and running again. We do endeavour to keep our members electronically/or by telephone updated with WI news and WYF Zoom classes.

Because we are all limited to what we can do there is nothing on the horizon to tell you, other than follow government guidelines and await vaccination, then hopefully we'll be able to resume our meetings.

Thank you everyone, keep safe  
Kathleen



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

We hope you are keeping safe and well. We have no further news at the moment. Let's hope we have better news in the next issue.

Further information can be obtained from:

Jean - 0113 2875143

Pauline - 0113 2860669

## **KIPPAX COMMUNITY CLUB**

We have nothing to report at the moment, let's hope the vaccines will improve matters and we get some good news in the next few months.

Here's a couple of photos from the Lotherton Hall trip.



Further information regarding the club, please contact

Barbara - 0113 2870853

Shirley - 0113 2874353





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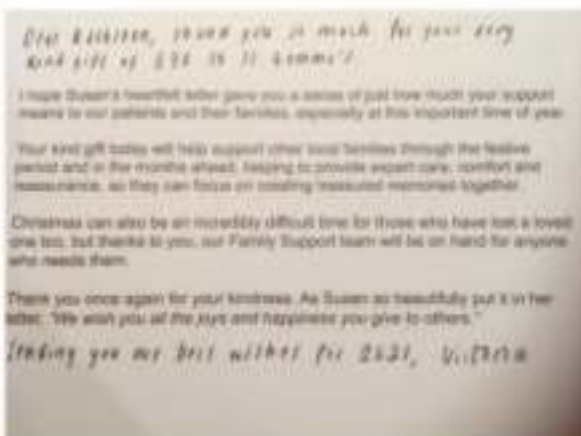
1. Heard the concert....	
2. Just me and Henry VIII....	
3. An American State...	
4. He wanted more...	
5. Your best mate...	
6. Lions, Tigers and Leopards...	
7. Learning to be King...	
8. Hymn of the Sahara...	
9. To the very young, it's a horse...	
10. Swindler on the roof...	
11. The spirit of Madame Butterfly...	
12. Young lady from Vietnam...	
13. Where to find Fiji or Tonga...	
14. From Hollywood to the Coast...	
15. Australian magician...	
16. The horses just go round and round	
17. It makes wheels go round easily...	
18. This desert animal is very warm...	
19. Disclose vessel	
20. Three old pence...	
21. Japanese Emperor	
22. Cornish brigands...	
23. They are not happy in France...	
24. Greetings to a mannequin...	



For answers see page 30

## KIPPAX KNIT AND NATTER

Like every other activity in Kippax, Knit and Natter, only had two meetings, last year, then everything stopped. We did knit over 2,000 knitted hearts when hospitals asked for these, distributed to different hospitals in Yorkshire. By knitting Christmas novelty stockings, and wreaths we managed to raise £70 for St. Gemma's and £100 for Kippax Food Bank. So, thank you to everyone. Thank you to Louise who also helped to raise money by selling novelty Christmas stockings.



Hopefully by following government guidelines and having vaccinations, we'll be able to resume our meetings soon.

Thank you  
Kathleen



## **KIPPAX A.S.C.**

Affiliated to: Y.A.S.A., N.S.C., Leeds & District A.S.A. and Airedale & Wharfedale District A.S.C.

### **Who are we?**

Kippax ASC is a not-for-profit swimming club, established in 1975, with around 100 members. We are a small, friendly, competitive swimming club and we are extremely proud of all our many achievements. The Club is run entirely by volunteers and we are proud to sit at the centre of the Kippax community.

### **What do we do?**

We coach children who want to learn to swim right through to children who want to compete at a senior level.

We have 45 years experience and are coached by many past swimmers with a wealth of experience.

### **When do we do it?**

In "normal times" you will find us at Kippax Leisure Centre Mon-Friday evenings and also at Rothwell Leisure centre on a Tuesday.

Weekends we could be anywhere in the country competing and spreading the Kippax name!

Finally like so many grassroots sports the Covid-19 pandemic has hit us hard. Our training has been severely compromised and our income decimated. If you feel that you are in a position to help this local club for local children in anyway then please contact us via our website at [kippaxasc.com](http://kippaxasc.com)

*Any enquires about membership should be sent to [membership@kippaxasc.com](mailto:membership@kippaxasc.com)*





## **JOHN URWIN - 18/01/2021**

A man who spent all his life in the service of others, father, teacher, Head teacher working in inner city schools of Leeds, member of KIB, but I know him from mainly from being a member of the Kippax Neighbourhood Plan.

A man whom without whose help the KNP would not have been completed. He was co- chairman of the group and made sure that all the information was collated and in the right place. His calming influence and methodical mind ensured that we always knew where we were and what we still had to do.

When it came down to the final push, John kept me going and enabled the plan to become a part of planning for Leeds.

He stayed to the end and for that I will be eternally grateful. He will be missed not just by his family, but all those whose life he touched even for a moment.

Francis Kelly

KNP Treasurer

## **THANKS TO PAUL**

We are sorry to see Paul Spivey leave Kippax Parish Council as a result of ill health.

He became a councillor in 2006 and later was elected Vice Chair for approx. six years.

He served on the Carnival committee for some years and happily provided a Beautiful Limousine for the Carnival King and Queen to make their entrance.

He also joined the KVA (Kippax Village Action) group and many of we "older and wiser"? residents will remember him driving the mini bus when we went on trips out and ended up having fish and chips in Wetherby by the river, or indeed went on tours of local villages to enjoy the various Christmas Lights and decorations.

Being a big lad, he was very useful with erecting tents and fetching and carrying, and was always to be seen at the front of the parade marching to the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. You will be missed. Joy and Jack and friends.

## **YOUR COMMENTS**

### **e-scooters**

In recent weeks I've twice encountered e-scooters being used on the pavements around Kippax. Would you please remind residents that it is illegal to use privately owned e-scooters in public areas. The only e-scooters that can be used in public areas are rental e-scooters in those areas that are part of the Government's trial; Leeds is not one of the trial areas. Kippax is blessed with a good supply of pavements and footpaths which are an important resource, particularly for the elderly, disabled, wheelchair and buggy users, and those with small children. It would be a great shame if a few inconsiderate folk spoil it for the rest of us.

Regards,  
Jean

## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2020

### CORRECTION

These are the winners from Greenfield School which were mistakenly omitted from the Christmas Card with your December magazine. This was due to a printing error.

Our apologies go to the four girls whose names appeared against the wrong pictures.

Sorry girls!



Katy Parkinson



Araya Jarrett



Aleyah Cran



Scarlett Forsyth

1. Sound of Music; 2. King and I; 3. Oklahoma; 4. Oliver; 5. Buddy; 6. Cats; 7. The Student Prince; 8. Desert Song; 9. Gi Gi; 10. Fiddler on the Roof; 11. Phantom of the Opera; 12. Miss Saigon; 13. South Pacific; 14. Sunset Boulevard; 15. Wizard of Oz; 16. Carousel; 17. Grease; 18. Camelot; 19. Showboat; 20. Half a Sixpence; 21. The Mikado; 22. Pirates of Penzance; 23. Les Misérables; 24. Hello Dolly

## KIPPAX ART GROUP

Kippax Art Club is still unable to meet, but some members are in touch and still doing the occasional pieces of work. We live in hope that the day will come when we are united once more. Meanwhile we are trying to keep safe and smiling.



# M.D.R

## Garden Services

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