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EDITORIAL

Hi there, I will start on a positive note.

On the few times I have allowed myself out of my comfort zone I have been increasingly aware of how tidy and swept up our various ginnels and bye ways are these days. This is in no small way due to our Village Caretaker who is proving invaluable for the image of Kippax and enjoyment of residents. Not forgetting our friends of Kippax in Bloom of course. Many thanks to ALL.

I also want to share with you a tree, Yes, a certain tree. I am amazed at the height of it. It appears to be well over 20ft. I have never seen a Laburnum tree so tall. HAVE YOU.?? I hope there is room for me to have a photo to show you. It was not yet in blossom fully so there is an enlargement of a branch to prove what it is. I came across it when I was delivering magazines on the outskirts of Kippax, it is a lovely walk in that direction. See if you can find it!

You will see that our magazine is not devoted to advertisers, as many are, but just a selective few. We would be grateful if you could support them whenever possible, as long as you remember to keep on reading the interesting articles that we are constantly supplied with.



Talking of which, we are always happy to receive letters, notes on scrap-paper or full articles from you whether memories, opinions or “heaven forbid” grumbles!! Which do make interesting or confrontational reading, wouldn’t you agree?

Right, that’s all for now. OVER TO YOU. Take care,

Joy Bate

Joint Editor. 2866814



KIPPAX METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Minister for Kippax is: -

Reverend Andrew Checkley, Telephone number 0113 2877669.

COVID19: THE LATEST LOCKDOWN

Sadly, we are not open at present for Public Worship or activities but are optimistic for early summer. Please look for notices concerning when we will be able to open for Public Worship and other activities. These notices will be placed on the Church Notice Board at the bottom of Chapel Lane, as posters in the Church windows or by following us on our Facebook Page - 'Kippax Methodist Church'

We have continued to worship by either Zoom meetings or by our Minister producing written monthly worship notes. We marked Easter by displaying our Easter Cross and by planting rose trees to both mark Easter Sunday and to remember everyone over the past year.



KIPPAX VILLAGE ACTION SUPPORTING THE ELDERLY ACTIVE OF KIPPAX

Since the last write up restrictions on lockdown are easing a little, but groups greater than six are still unable get together at the time of writing.

Normally all trips would have been booked by now, so hopefully we will have more positive news in the next issue.

Further information can be obtained from

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KVA

KIPPAX COMMUNITY CLUB

We hope everyone is safe and well.

Because of current Government guidelines we do not know when we will be able to meet again. We hope to be able to give you more positive news in the next issue.

Further information regarding the club, please contact

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HELLO FROM YOUR KPC CHAIR

It was May last year when I was first elected as KPC Chair, hopefully I will have been reelected for another year by the time this magazine arrives on your doorstep.

Quite a few changes have happened over this past year within the Parish Council.

The Yorkshire Local Council Association carried out a Governance Review and subsequently we now have over 40 new policies in place.

It was good to see that vacancies for new Parish Councillors were oversubscribed and that the successful Co-opted Councillors have brought new ideas with them.

Thanks to Cllr Francis Kelly for his years as a Parish Councillor until his recent resignation, for his ideas that he brought to the council and his time as Chair.

The public support we received during the 20 weeks KPC organised the food bank was overwhelming with special thanks to Kippax Band Club for allowing us to use their premises as a base for the food bank.

Cllr Martin Eyre

VILLAGE MEETING

Thank you to those who attended the Annual Village Meeting, it was great to see a few members of the local community and also hear from our Ward Councillors and local policing team. The meeting is an opportunity for members of the public to share their opinions and ideas and also ask questions. The Parish Council also presented some of the projects we have delivered this year and things coming soon. Here's a quick summary:

COVID-19: Delivered information leaflets to every house in Kippax, collected prescriptions and shopping, awarded grants to Garforth NET and Brigshaw Trust, sent cards and gifts to elderly residents at Christmas, set up Kippax Food Bank and helped 70+ local families.

Corporate Governance: Hired a new Clerk, undertook a complete Corporate Governance Review and implemented a plan of action, created 50+ policies and procedures to improve the efficiency of the council (available on our website!), co-opted several new councillors, transitioned to virtual meetings and carried out lots of training and upskilling.

Projects: Continued with the High Street Flags, created 'I Support Kippax Businesses' tote bags, bought litter pickers to loan out free of charge, created the Keeping Active in Kippax Walking Guide, invested £25k in Kippax Leisure Centre renovations, renovated the flower beds at Kippax Meadows, ran the annual Christmas Card competition, created the annual Kippax calendar, created four Kippax Matters magazines, installed accessible picnic benches at the tennis courts, loaned Kippax Welfare our ride-on mower, ran the Christmas window display competition and trail, worked with LCC and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust on lots of repairs and maintenance, - our caretaker also replanted the flower beds on Appletree Lane, maintained ginnels and pathways and other general maintenance and litter picking.

Coming Soon: The council recently approved two new defibrillators which will be accessible 24/7 (outside Moorleigh and Valley Ridge Community Centre), two new benches at the top of Billy Wood to enjoy the view, refurbishment of the multi-use games area at Kippax Common, and a consultation for additional facilities.

How to Get Involved: Don't forget you can attend any of our meetings and speak at the public forums, contact our Clerk with information or ideas you want the council to consider (including tasks for the caretaker), contribute your stories of feedback to this magazine, apply for funding through our community grants or consider joining one of our committees as a public member.



Your local team

RECRUITING NEW PLAYERS

Under 8's



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

Under 8's - School Year 3

PLAYER RECRUITMENT

We host 2 teams in the Garforth Sunday league and will move to 7 a side next season so we have spaces for new players for the coming season. All ability, genders 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 the one of our coaches

FA Qualified Coaches

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Paul Stephenson **07738266186**

KNIT AND NATTER



Government Guidelines Permitting we will be able to meet up again on the 24th June 2pm Thursday, at Black & Cream Coffee Bar, opposite Jason's Hairdressers. By then most of us will have had our first and second vaccination for Covid.

At the moment we don't have any knitting projects planned, as we had to stop knitting for Neo-natal because of the volume of knitting they received.

The first wave of Covid we Knit hearts for various hospitals in Yorkshire, as they asked for them.

So, our first meeting we'll just have a coffee and natter, and be grateful we can just get out and meet up once again.



Everyone Welcome.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Kathleen

Kippax's City Councillors Update

We are delighted that as part of our work to make sure there are defibrillators across the area that there's been a new ones being installed jointly funded by ourselves and Kippax Parish Council.



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

Thanks to all the wombles, litter pickers and volunteers who have put in time to help make Kippax look better. We're keen to help people who carry out this work and please get in touch

Hopefully we will be able to restart face to face meetings and have our stall in the Co-op soon as we've really missed seeing everyone! Please contact us on the details below if you think we can help you with any local or council issue:



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You can write to us: c/o Labour Group Office, Civic Hall, Leeds LS1 1UR

Good news we have a start date Wednesday 21st July, 7.30pm (Government Guidelines permitting).

We will be making this an informal night as I think we'll all be grateful to get out and have a good Chinwag.

We will do our utmost to make it as safe as we can, providing hand sanitizer, masks for anyone who has forgotten theirs. We'll let you all know what activities we have planned for the following months when we meet.

Did you notice the banner W.I. put up to celebrate International Women's Day?
I noticed a few gardens decorated as I walked round the Village.



We have run on line activities, quizzes, sit fit, zoom meetings, but understand this is not for everyone, but if you had joined, I guarantee you would have had a good laugh.



Our first face to face meeting in over a year at The White Horse, finalising everything for our July meeting.


Looking forward to seeing you all.

June, Sue, & Committee.



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WHO'S TO BLAME?

I blame the government. I blame the parents. I blame anyone, just a minute - what about me? I am a spiritualist and I believe in the same God as many people. There are seven principles We try to live by:

One of these is personal responsibility, that means I am to blame. Am I? I have lived in Kippax and Ledston luck for all my 70 years. In all these years there have been many changes. When I was a child, we didn't look for someone to blame, and if we had done it, cries of wasn't me wouldn't wash. Dad was in charge, he thought, with mam really the gaffer. The only difference between then and now were disrespect = punishment. Gran was a special person apart, there for treats, outings and an extra copper or two.

The other main difference was that money was tight. We working class had to work for our pocket money and only professionals' kids, pit managers, policemen, teachers seemed to have more spends and better clothes and shoes. Dad was a pit deputy and mam a good seamstress and knitter. So, we got new clothes more often than birthdays and Whitsuntide to go to Sunday School, always under protest because we wanted to be outside with our mates.

No computers, games, Netflix, mobile phones, if you wanted to talk to your gang you had to get outside. Footie and other games on the street not many knocked down then by speeding cars!

A sneaked smoke in the park if someone could pinch a couple of dad's woodbines.

School holidays were for taking a couple of sarnies and a bottle of pop to go out to the woods or when we were older off on our bikes. Roads were quiet but we were not allowed to go too far. Ledston and Garforth if we could do the Hills, no multi geared bikes then, 3 speeds if you were lucky and NO CHANCE of parents buying us a car at 17. No chance of leaving bottles for someone else to clear up, 1p for returned bottles to the pop delivery van or at the office. 1p bought a bag of chips and no chance of booze fuelled leave your litter here parties. Can't say we always took our wrappers home but they weren't plastic, only biodegradable paper. Couldn't afford it, couldn't buy it unless one of the older lads could get served. Curfew on school nights was 9.00pm and a bit later in holidays or on lighter nights. I had to be home by 10.00pm weeknights even when I was working. There were plenty of kids on much longer leads than us but they were usually 'wrong uns'. Holidays abroad, don't get me going! I was 18 and married and had worked and saved for 2 years and 'tipped up' until the week I got married. I was a lot better off than lots of my mates.

So, who's to blame. A throwaway society, with too much more money than sense as my mam and grannies used to say. Kids growing up with no respect and answerable to no one. Some with parents who still have little in this 'affluent' society where food parcels are the norm in many households but care what their kids are doing. Others whose parents give their kids lots of pocket money but not their time to play together and to have fun without destroying other people's lives.

Society has moved on in my lifetime but I remember a time when neighbours spoke, shared problems and if a child went missing everyone turned out and there were no Sharon Matthews' parents looking for "TV" publicity. I hope you enjoy my view of who's to blame and let the editor know if it is rubbish cos there's plenty more where that came from in a road, wood, stream or park near you.

Doreen Hinchcliffe aka Holliday, Barton.

LORRAINE SCHOOL OF THEATRE DANCE



Before writing this article, I decided to take a look back at the previous magazine post which read "excited to see what 2020 had in store". Who would have guessed? Everything on hold for all our pupils and the world in general. Gibson Lane Community Centre where our school is based closed not only to us but the rest of the groups who regularly run their activities from the centre.

Well, it is now April 2021 and the glimmer of light we had is beginning to get brighter. The Centre will open on Saturday 17th April and dance school will restart and hopefully remain so for the foreseeable future albeit with a few government rules still in place. All remaining groups are slowly emerging and will return after 17th May and the centre will once again be happy and active. Even the council are back in so you can come along and vote on Thursday May 6th.

Kippax 'village', if we can still use that term, came together and with the help of the Parish Council ran a productive food bank to help those in distress. We all clapped together for the NHS and numerous charity events took place and we all got to know Sir Tom.

Let us hope that Kippax as a community can roll out the red carpet and just 'maybe' this year some of the cancelled events in 2020 can be resurrected and emerge better than ever. We, as a dancing school established in Kippax since 1975, cannot wait. From opening in St Marys Church Hall to Kippax Band Club and to our now home at the Community Centre where we have been based since it opened in 1982.

Locked and Shuttered March 15th 2020



Open and Waiting April 17th 2021



Our dancers from Tots to Senior's eagerly waiting to get back to what they love "TO DANCE"



(Pre-Lockdown 2020) International Dance Awards Manchester

Winner Annie Knight

With fellow pupils Kayleigh Goddard, Ella Norman, Alana Orr and Poppy Wood



It has been a while since we shared our Brownie news with the village but I wanted to send this to reassure you all that Brownies and the rest of Girlguiding are still here and very much active , despite being unable to meet in person for so long.

We have continued meeting the majority of our girls through Zoom meetings and have our weekly chats online . Some of the crafts we have created and skills the girls have shown us have kept all of us going through the lockdown and it's been lovely to see the brownies enjoying themselves.

We have celebrated together, had new girls join and say their promises to become full brownies and even had sleep "in or outs" last year, all in our own bubbles. We are looking forward to being able to meet up again , all together and to being able to plan our proper adventures.

Thank you to those of you who helped support our Charity stamp collecting for the RNIB. We collected hundreds of stamps, which have all been sent to raise money for the charity. We can continue taking stamps through the year if anyone is kind enough to donate them .

3rd Kippax Brownies was re-opened 25 years ago this week (22nd April) and we have had the pleasure of guiding with hundreds of girls, some of whom are now mums bringing their 7 year old daughters.

We had planned a get together to celebrate , for old and new members but have had to delay this for the short term and will make a plan to meet later in the year. We will post on the Kippax Facebook sites and pop notices out when we have a date . Look forward to seeing you if you can make it.

Kind regards
Angela Foley
For 3rd Kippax Brownie leaders

INCREDIBLE EDIBLE KIPPAX

'If you eat, you're in! Our vision is to create kind, confident and connected communities through the power of food.'

Have you spotted the Incredible Edible growing beds on Valley Road and in front of Kippax Leisure Centre? They may not look very exciting just yet, but they will do soon! You'll be able to pick your own herbs, vegetables and soft fruits throughout the year and all for free! Volunteers around the village are busy growing a variety of seeds to plant for you to harvest. Peas, beans, chard, carrots, strawberries and much, much more!

What is Incredible Edible?

Incredible Edible Kippax is a new community group forming part of the national Incredible Edible network with a mission to show how ordinary people can transform their own landscapes and turn plots into abundant sources of healthy food. There's a key focus on community and learning for all age-groups through the shared experience of planting, growing, harvesting, and cooking food.

What has happened so far in Kippax?

Incredible Edible Kippax was formed in October 2020 by local people to help support families and local residents with fresh fruit and veg, starting with distributions of produce from The Real Junk Food Project. Since then we've formed a committee who have been busy planning how to take this to the next level by building community growing-beds, sourcing seeds and connecting with volunteers interested in supporting the project. We're working with other local community groups to create a community resource providing access to free, healthy food, and to encourage people to learn about how foods grow.

So far, we have two large raised growing beds, located at Valley Road and just in front of the Leisure Centre. We're planning two more, to be sited around the public footpath to Roach Hills, and planting up existing planters around the Mount Pleasant area to complement the planned Kippax In Bloom Dementia Garden. We also have a growing bed in a new privately accessed fruit orchard where we have planted fruit shrubs: redcurrants, goji berries, blackcurrants, honeyberries, cranberries and blueberries.

Funding for the beds has been generously donated by Leeds City Council Housing Advisory Panel, our local ward councillors, James Lewis, Mary Harland and Mirelle Midgeley, Kippax in Bloom, Kippax Parish Council, Garforth Lions, Persimmon Community Champions, Morley Signs and generous seed donations have been made by Wood End Nursery

What are we planning?

We have lots of exciting plans once the weather has picked up!

- We'll be planting the beds around mid-May and putting up fact sheets telling you what's there, what it looks like, what to pick, and how to cook with the goodies.
- Sunflower competition with free seedlings for you to grow on.
- Packet seeds for you take and have a go at growing your own at home. Look out for us putting the washing line out for you to grab a little packet!
- Seedlings to take home and plant in your garden or pots.
- Open Days to talk to us about the project and sample the delights of the fruit harvest.

Follow our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ediblekippax> just send us a message if you'd like to volunteer or email us at kippax@edibleleeds.org.uk

You can find out more about Incredible Edible online at <https://www.incredibleedible.org.uk/> we'll be adding our village information soon.

KIPPAX ART GROUP

The latest easing of COVID restrictions has the Art Club members full of anticipation and hope that we are not far off meeting again. Our meeting place, the Community Centre in Gibson Lane, is not opening yet, work on a policy to ensure the safe use is under way. Once the reopening is confirmed the Art Club will work out a safe way to meet, depending on the COVID rules at that time. Something we are all looking forward to announcing.





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 27th 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.
magazine@kippax-pc.gov.uk

THE VIEW FROM A KIPPAX GARDEN by EBG Jardinero Esq

Well, it's nearing the end of April. Gardening since the start of this year has been unusual for me. On the one hand, I feel that I've hardly done any as it was relatively wet with rain and even some snow in the first part of the year. Contrast that with the last month or so. I don't recall much rain and there's none in the forecast for the next two weeks. It's a good job I've accumulated some more water butts in recent years and these collect water from the greenhouse roof. There's plenty of watering required at the moment and I can't afford to turn my back on any pots, the greenhouse or the borders as something will dry out. If this keeps up, I might have to get some more butts. We're also in a spell of frosty nights so the more sensitive pot plants will only make it out of the greenhouse when conditions allow. When I do bring them out, if a frost is threatened, I'll drape them with horticultural fleece or put them back in.

Over past years, we've bought ornamental pots for outside and because of this, their style became more and more random with examples of terracotta, glazed and silver metal containers. In time they can get a bit neglected. The nutrients in the compost inside becomes exhausted and as the root balls expand, compost is lost. This makes it harder to keep the roots damp to their optimum level. A refresh was in order and every pot is being given some attention. The silver metal containers have been retired and the plants in them, swapped to terracotta ones. I'm still going to use a couple of glazed pots and when they are no longer fit for purpose, I'll replace them with terracotta. Some of the pots have only had the top layer of compost gently scraped off and then it's been replaced by fresh compost. Others though have had the plants taken out and either put back having been split or have been moved whole into bigger pots. I added some chicken pellets to the mix as some of the leaves of the castor oil plants for instance, were looking a bit yellow. I'm hoping that this and regular watering will bring them round. A final touch is that all the pots have had some grit put over the compost. I like the idea this makes them look more coordinated and it will help to reduce weeds and retain moisture, saving me time in the long term.

The compost I've bought recently has been shall we say, a bit lumpier than it used to be. It's peat free and it will have composted bark in it which won't have had as long to break down due to the increased demand. I've broken up the lumps by hand when I've used it for the outside pots, where the plants are a bit more robust. When I used it for seed sowing, I got my old garden riddle out and sieved it. The 'rejected' lumps will be going into my compost bin and so won't be wasted.

For years I've done many jobs in the garden using hand tools including weeding borders on hands and knees with a trowel. It's not quick but does give me a feeling of satisfaction. However increased age and increasingly sore knees have made me think about how I do things. So, this week I've weeded a border using a hoe and it took a fraction of the time. I'd previously put a decent edge on the hoe using a sharpening stone and I know it was sharp as a two part hellebore can now verify. I might miss a few weeds with it but it won't take long to go round with the hoe again and new weeds will continue to germinate and keep coming up anyway.

I got the greenhouse cleaned outside and in and have since sowed lots of flower and veg. seed. They'll need pricking out and potting on over the next few weeks but at least there's space in there as the old pots have been cleaned and stacked, ready for reuse. I was worried that I was late doing the sowing but most seed packets confirm that the sowing can be done over at least a couple of months.

Over the past 15 months I've not been able to do any gardening at my mum's house. It was a joy to visit, pulling weeds out and clearing the pond of accumulated leaves. Planting half a dozen new plants in the borders and some in a couple of troughs, have all generated a vibe of renewal for the coming year. I also moved a fat ball feeder from a tree in the far corner

and re-located it to the nearest tree to the house. The birds have apparently re-discovered the feeder and when using it, can now be seen more easily from the living room window.

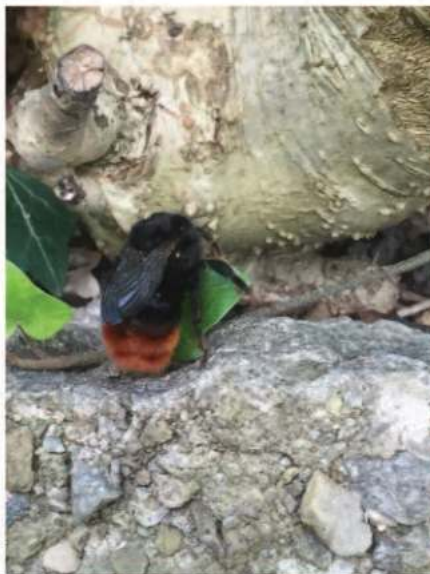
Upcoming jobs to do include watering, pruning and potting on seedlings. I'm also determined (time will tell!) to keep the garden a bit tidier by putting used pots and tools etc. away more promptly. It'll look better and there's less chance of me falling over something. Usual lawn mowing and weed removal from the green(ish) sward are a given. Oh, and taking the opportunity to sit now and then to smell the roses.

Out and about recently, local woods have some fantastic flowers in them including bluebells, wood anemones and wild garlic. I also saw a couple of things I'd never seen before on the same walk. I had to look them up when I got home and it turns out they were a water shrew swimming and feeding in a local beck and a Dark-edged bee-fly. Totally brilliant and they're on our doorstep. It's an enormous pity that I had to go past the most littered local site to see them. I know which area I prefer.

Nature is fantastic; it shouldn't be spoilt by plastic.

Get out and enjoy the garden.

Red-tailed Bumblebee



Wood Anemones



KIPPAX COMMEMORATION EVENT GROUP

The event planned to commemorate those who served in World War 2 had to be postponed last year. Things are still a little unclear regarding holding large community events, but there is hope as Covid 19 restrictions are gradually being lifted.

Although much of the research into WW2 personnel was already completed, the grant funding obtained (and still held in our bank account) is for engaging as many community groups as possible in the enterprise. Hopefully groups will soon be up and running again, (no longer just on Zoom) and venues re-opened. We are still committed to holding a WW2 Commemoration Event, and as soon as planning meetings are possible again, we will be mustering the team, along with colleagues from Kippax Parish Council. Meanwhile, below is a little evidence found when recently going through old documents, of Kippax's ability to put on community events during WW2. These are the covers of Handel's Messiah programmes from 1939, and from the end of the war, in aid of the Welcome Home Fund (where a charge of two shillings was made.) The events, although held in the Trinity Wesleyan chapel, were full community events, and on other similar programmes, say "United Choirs of Kippax and District". There will have been choirs from St. Mary's, the three Methodist chapels in Kippax, and possibly other choirs. Orchestras were mustered locally, accompanying along with the organist, Miss Frances Mary Bickerdyke, organist at St. Mary's for many years. Some of us who are of "Baby-boomer" age and above may remember key people named on the programmes. There may be a very small number of people still living who sang or played in those events. Please let us know if you did.

Let's hope we can engage that same Kippax and District community spirit again for the WW2 Commemoration Event, as we look forward to planning a date and preparing for it. Any further contributions to the research into local people who served in WW2 should be sent to ashleyland1972@gmail.com.



KIPPAX GREENFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

School is once again full of children following a number of weeks with only the children of key workers attending. As you will have read in the previous issue of 'Kippax Matters', school staff have continued to work throughout the lockdown and were so excited at the prospect of all children returning. It's been wonderful being able to cautiously move towards some kind of normality for our children. Swimming lessons at Kippax Leisure Centre have finally resumed for our Year 5 children and they're thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to get back in the pool. The whole school has participated in 'The Big Pedal', encouraging all children to travel to school by bike, scooter, heelys or on foot! We're delighted that so many children have participated in the challenge, making their journey to school fun and a great form of daily exercise.

At the end of the Spring term, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Kirsty Moleele. Mrs Moleele has worked at Kippax Greenfield Primary School for the last 21 years and has led the school as headteacher for the last decade. Over the years, Mrs Moleele's nurturing approach has enabled hundreds of children to flourish and to develop a real love of learning during their time at Kippax Greenfield. Her commitment to developing the 'whole child' was evident right through to her very last day which culminated in a whole school talent competition as well as each class dedicating a final performance to say 'farewell' to a much-loved headteacher.

Our new headteachers, Ms Beth Hartshorne and Mrs Katie Pashley are currently appealing for any memories or photographs you may hold of Kippax Greenfield Primary School from years gone by. This year marks 40 years since the school opened its doors to its very first pupils. If anyone has any information, we would love to hear from you. Please email our school office kgpsoffice@brigshawtrust.com Thank you in advance for anything that you are able to share.

ST MARY'S CHURCH KIPPAX

Clergy: Team Rector: Revd Bob Bailey – 0113 286 9606
Team Vicar: Revd Diane Flynn - 0113 286 4607

The church is NOW OPEN for Said Parish Eucharist every Sunday at 10.30am within the Covid rules until further notice.

Face masks must be worn at all times except to take the communion. Hand sanitizers to be used on entry to and exit from the church and social distancing must be observed.

Baptisms and funerals services can also now take place in the church within the Covid rules.

Please contact the Rector for more information on baptisms.

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

There will also be live streaming of Weekly Worship and Daily Prayer (on the Facebook page St Mary's Church - Swillington):

Sunday Worship 10.30am and 6.00pm

Morning Prayer 9.30am Monday to Thursday and 11.30am Saturday

Mid-Day Prayer: 12.15pm Monday to Thursday

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

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

YOUR COMMENTS

Good afternoon, just a quick note to say thanks for creating the magazine.
I walked the Kippax to temple Newsam route today and really enjoyed it.
Please keep up the good work,
Thanks
Dave Stead

KIPPAX PARK LODGE (Cover photo)

The image is of the lodge that is at the bottom of Mary Panel, dated 12.4.1915. I believe it shows one of the estate staff. Opposite there is a small bridge that leads to the fishing pond. This was originally a flooded field where we spent all day fishing.
There was another entrance opposite the woods going towards Kippax and I think this was just a gated entrance which gave access to some deer sheds.
Allan Harkins

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HELLO FROM EVERYONE HERE AT KIPPAX COMMUNITY HUB

Kippax Community Hub is still here with many services remaining available. We have adapted the ways in which services can be delivered whilst still working with Covid safety measures in place. This article has been written during Step 2 of the Roadmap out of Lockdown as set by the Government. The information within this article is correct at time of writing but may be subject to change by the date in which the magazine is published.

Our Library offers an Order & Collect service. Books can be reserved via the Library app, by telephone 0113 3785005, by emailing libraryenquiries@leeds.gov.uk or by visiting www.leeds.gov.uk/leisure/libraries. Please note we are operating a quarantine period of 72 hours for returned books with minimal staff contact and following Covid safety measures. Access to other Library services such as e-magazines, e-books and a number of new downloads and resources continue to be available, free of charge, through the Leeds Libraries website.

Customer Service enquiries continue to be limited on-site to minimise contact and time spent within the building. Documents for Council Tax, Housing Benefit and Housing can be left in our Hub Dropbox where they will be quarantined for 72 hours before being sent to the appropriate department within Leeds City Council. We will then arrange to return your documents to you by post or collection. We can also log new repairs for existing council tenants, arrange temporary residential parking permits and issue RADAR keys. All other Customer Service enquiries are currently being managed via telephone appointments, these can be booked in person at the Hub or via phone by calling 0113 2224444.

Public Access Computers are available to book in 45 minute time slots. Bookings should be made in advance via phone to Library Enquiries 0113 378500 or by emailing LibraryEnquiries@leeds.gov.uk. We are operating strict cleaning procedures in place for Covid safety.

The past year has undoubtedly been a challenging time for all of us in one way or another. For those who have been affected by unemployment or who are looking for a change of role, Leeds City Council is continuing to provide employment support via Jobshop. Jobshop can assist with updating or creating a CV, assistance with application forms and interview skills. You can contact the team by emailing your details to jobshops@leeds.gov.uk. You can also find out more information about employment, apprenticeships and vacancies on our website at www.leeds.gov.uk/jobs-skills-and-training

Our current temporary opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am until 4pm. For any updates regarding our Hub, please follow us on social media:

Twitter @LCCKippaxHub

Facebook Kippax Community Hub

Useful Contacts

Leeds City Council can be contacted by phone via the main switchboard number 0113 2224444 and directed to the appropriate department from there. Please see below useful email addresses:

Blue Badges and Bus Passes	bluebadge@leeds.gov.uk
Council Tax	council.tax@leeds.gov.uk
Housing Benefit, Council Tax Support, DHP	lcc.Benefits@leeds.gov.uk
Housing Options	housing.options@leeds.gov.uk
Leeds Home Register	LHRadministration@leeds.gov.uk
Parking Services	parkingservices@leeds.gov.uk

Welfare Rights

Welfare Rights offer free, confidential and impartial advice to all residents of Leeds with regards to welfare benefits. Assistance is currently being provided over the phone by ringing 0113 3760452 or by emailing welfare.rights@leeds.gov.uk

Support with Food

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

Debt

If you are struggling with debt, you can find information on free advice and assistance on our website at <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedsmic/debt-and-money-advice> For those without internet access, please see below for useful numbers:

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 466 348

Citizens Advice Bureau	
Phone:	0113 223 4400
Website:	www.citizensadviceleeds.org.uk
Opening Hours:	Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm

Leeds City Credit Union	
Phone:	01132423343
Email:	services@leedscitycreditunion.co.uk
Website	www.leedscitycreditunion.co.uk

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

Mental Health

If you find that you are feeling overwhelmed and struggling with your Mental Health, the best advice is to contact your GP directly. However you may also find these contacts helpful:

Samaritans

Phone: 116 123

Email jo@samaritans.org

Shout Crisis

Text "SHOUT" to 85258 (aged 19 and over)

Text "YM" to 85258 (aged under 19)

Childline (aged under 19)

Phone 0800 1111

Thank you again to everyone for your continued support over the last year.

Best Wishes!

All the Staff at Kippax Community Hub

KIPPAX FOOD BANK UPDATE - and do you have an idea for another community project?

After operating for 20 weeks, the Kippax Food Bank project came to an end on Saturday 10th April. We would firstly like to say thank you to every single person who donated food, money or time or even just shared words of gratitude and support for the work we were doing. We'd also like to thank the people who reached out to us for help - it's never easy asking for help - and it was a privilege to be able to provide that support. Over the 20 weeks, we delivered over 400 parcels, to over 70 different families including those with young children, teenagers, those living alone and adult-only households.

Towards the end of the project, the number of people we were supporting that had been impacted by COVID had thankfully dramatically reduced, particularly as children returned to school, workplaces reopened and those who were shielding were able to leave their homes more. For those families who required longer-term support, we were able to signpost them to services that are able to offer that longer-term support, including Garforth NET who supports our area in various ways all year round.

We have learnt a lot during this project - not only how generous our community are with their donations, money and time - but also what it takes to safely deliver something like this - from the insurance and food safety perspective to risk assessments, safeguarding and data protection - there's a lot to consider and put in place. Whilst we are lucky to have councillors who bring with them a mixture of experience and skillsets, all Parish Councillors fulfil their role on a voluntary basis, and many juggle full-time jobs and busy family lives alongside their commitment to the community.

Delivering such a successful project has definitely increased our confidence and commitment to delivering future projects of this scale. Not only would we welcome any suggestions you have, but we also welcome applications for funding (or even just help or advice from the council) if you have an idea that you'd like to get off the ground - whether it's an event, a new club or a project to benefit our community. Our Grants Policy and Application Form can be found on our website (www.kippax-pc.gov.uk) and you can get in touch with us via our Clerk, clerk@kippax-pc.gov.uk - or come along to one of our meetings and speak on the public forum.

Thank you once again for all your support and for proving what a supportive community we are.

Michaela Biscomb on behalf of Kippax Food Bank

WE NEED YOUR HELP

WE not only need your photographs for our annual calendar, 2022, but we are hoping to help diffuse climate changes, and even small steps can make a difference. There will be more details in the next magazine and on social media during the next few months, but for now we need recipes. Recipes that use local and seasonal ingredients, which will help reduce imports and air miles. Old or new recipes would be appreciated, please send them to magazine@kippax-pc.gov.uk

Thank you.

MOORLEIGH HOUSE

Moorleigh Care Home is a 36-bed house and is found in the middle of Kippax and we like to call it the heart of our community. Many of our residents are from Kippax too.

Recently, we had a visit from the local children's nursery called Little Learners, which is found just over the road to us.

The staff at little learners read them a book about rainbows and happy days and they then painted us some lovely pictures which were inspired by the book. They came across to our care home on the 23rd of February and gave us the pictures through the window. The residents' faces were a picture alone. Their smiles were huge and there were even some happy tears. The young girls and boys aged 1-4 were waving and blowing kisses through the window and it brought a lot of joy and hope for each of our residents.

One week later, it's still a hot topic in our care home and has had a lasting effect on their mental health.

These times have been extremely tough for our residents, not being able to see their family for over a year and have the quality of life they deserve. Having this visit from the Little Learners really boosted moral around here for both them and staff.

We just want to thank them really, for all they've done. They truly are our little heroes in this time of need and we couldn't thank them enough.

Oona-Mai Sharp

Activities Coordinator at Moorleigh House



HELLO FROM EVERYONE AT KIPPAX IN BLOOM



It's been great to see you all out and about while we've been working around Kippax, enjoying the spring flowers in the lovely sunny weather we've had for the last few weeks. It's now 20 years since we started out on our journey to improve our village horticulturally and environmentally. We had hoped to have a big celebration when the Yorkshire in Bloom judges were due to visit us in July but this has been cancelled now because of the pandemic, although we're still hoping to celebrate when restrictions allow.

Since we started out, we've made and maintain 44 flower beds/ borders, installed 33 planters and planted 25 large trees, established a Wildlife Garden and installed the Coal Tub as a nod to our mining heritage. We've planted thousands of bulbs. We've looked after the Wells Garden and Butt Hill Gardens from when they were installed. We've achieved Gold Medals and also been category winners in the Yorkshire in Bloom competition for the last few years. We've also twice, in 2012 and 2016, been Gold medal and category winners in Britain in Bloom. These are fantastic achievements for our group and have put Kippax on the map. We're grateful for all the help we've received to be able to achieve this and wish we could name everyone but there are just so many and we'd need a very large book!

Over the last few weeks our volunteers have been planting shrubs around Kippax Hall Surgery following a major pruning of the existing ones. We will continue to improve that whole area. We've also started working on the sleeper bed next to the Top Fish shop on Crosshills. Watch out for a lot more colour there. Our grass cutting teams have started their mowing. Summer is coming.

Onto the future, we are soon starting work on a Sensory/Dementia Garden just off the High St on Malkiln Lane. We have obtained funding from the Coop Community Fund, Leeds City Council Housing Advisory Panel and Kippax Parish Council up to now but this is a huge project and if anyone can help with sponsorship or with work, we would be most grateful.

As always, we are most grateful to everyone who continues to support us and can't thank you all enough, every bit helps. We also thank Marie and Jonny at Woodend, LCC Parks and Countryside staff and the Arium, our local LCC Locality Team, our Parish Council and Mary, James and Mirelle our Ward Councillors. If you feel you could give us a hand in anyway, please contact me at psamykib@aol.com or Phone 0113 2862283 or call to Pats Sweets. Our website is www.kippaxinbloom.com

Thank you.

Pat



Owl Wood & Kippax Meadows circular

Distance 3.25miles (apx)

Terrain Well-made tracks, woodland paths, some road walking

Accessibility Some stiles

Start: Great Preston, Station cottages.

Starting on the access road to No's 1-5 Station Cottages, just off Station Road in Great Preston, close to the boundary with Kippax.

Start with your back towards the 'Linesway' information board, take the footpath to the right of the play area in front of you, to join Glencoe Gardens. Turn right onto Glencoe Gardens, passing through an area with bollards to join a concrete footpath along a field edge. Follow this footpath to join Brigshaw Lane. Cross Brigshaw Lane to take a well-made path, before crossing the bridge.

On your left you will see the signpost for Owl Wood. Follow the well-made track, continuing round to the left, and further on, slightly right until you meet a crossroad of paths. Continue straight on (not signed) passing Owl Wood Cottage on your left.

Beyond the cottage on the left look for an entrance into the woodland (look for the sign pictured.) Take this path into the woodland, take the first left-hand path, continue on this path, realising you are close to the perimeter of the cottage grounds, on your left, and eventually with a beck on your right-hand side. Emerging from the woodland, turn right onto the well made path, following this to cross a bridge and crossing a tarmac road, continue to follow the path.

On reaching a large pylon on your left-hand side, take the path to the right, passing through a stile to enter Kippax Meadows (pictured) Follow the right-hand path along the edge of the meadows, bearing left, then at a junction of 5 take the right-hand path, through a stile into woodland. Follow the path, not taking any right-hand deviations, uphill to meet a well-made path. Turn right and follow the tarmac path to emerge via a stile amongst houses.



Follow the footpath straight on, ignoring any left or right turns, to emerge on Woodlands Croft, turn right onto Woodlands Croft and left onto Park Lane to reach the junction with Longdike Lane, opposite Kippax 'Royal British Legion' war memorial.

Turn left onto Longdike Lane, becoming High Street. Turn left onto Springfield View (just before central fisheries), following the signpost for 'scenic views' down the side of the car park and to the left of a house. Once on the zig zag footpath take a moment to observe the far-reaching views from Kippax viewpoint (with information board). At the bottom of the zig zag footpath turn right onto Hall Park Orchards, following the road round to take an unmarked footpath on the left, after the junction for Hall Park Meadows on the left, follow this fenced path and take the first footpath to the right, at the end turning right onto Cromwell Rise. Take an access way between houses on the left (opposite No 25 Cromwell Rise) to re-enter Kippax Meadows via an entrance with black & white bollards. On entering the meadows follow the path to the right to eventually turn right onto a tree lined path, and immediately turn left between trees to emerge at the side of the tennis courts. Passing the tennis courts, turn right onto Brigshaw Lane and the left onto Station Road. Follow Station Road back to Glencoe Gardens on your left.



The past fifteen months have been strange to say the least. We've had lockdown after lockdown and worry on top of worry. The effects of the pandemic have been felt worldwide and we've all found ourselves in the same storm. But while we've all been in the same storm, we've all also been in different boats. As we know all too well, we've all had our own unique set of problems to deal with, from financial difficulties to bereavement, from loneliness to depression. But what you might not know is that there is a free service in Leeds that can help with these issues.

"Linking Leeds" is a social prescribing service funded by the NHS and made up of an amazing team of friendly wellbeing coordinators. We are here to help. We offer an initial 1-1 ½ hour assessment with patients to find out what their needs are. We provide a safe space for people to talk about their problems and we then signpost patients on to other services and community groups who can help and support them with these issues. We want to empower patients to be able to make changes in their own lives to improve their social, emotional, physical and mental wellbeing. We encourage patients to self-refer to recommended services and groups where possible and we make a co-produced plan with them to help them break down the steps they need to take into manageable chunks.

For some patients, one appointment is enough, but others with more complex issues may need more. We can provide up to twelve 1 to 1 ½ hour sessions for patients dealing with more complex issues who need support in accessing a variety of groups and services to improve their overall wellbeing. We believe that everyone can live a fulfilled life, however, sometimes people need help to achieve this and that is where we come in.

We can signpost patients to services which can help with isolation, mental health issues, debt and money management, alcohol and drug misuse, eating disorders, housing, anti-social behaviour, LGBT+ issues, weight management, support for older people, smoking cessation, mediation, chronic pain, food poverty, sexual violence, family issues, benefits, advocacy, peer to peer support, fitness, domestic violence, bereavement, legal issues, cleaning and shopping, assessments for learning difficulties, employment support and learning new skills and hobbies. We can also signpost patients to services and resources to help with anxiety around Covid-19.

Since the start of the pandemic, we've been working on the telephones, so we can keep people safe. We can work with anyone over the age of 16 who is in need of social, emotional, physical or mental support.

If you need support, you can book directly onto our service by calling 0113 336 7612 or by going to <http://bit.ly/LinkingLeeds> and filling in the form. We'll be in touch within 5 working days to arrange your initial assessment and get you started on the path to a happier and more fulfilled life.

Sarah Bradley
Joint Well Being Co-ordinator



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