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EDITORIAL

Hello, I hope you are well. I must apologise in advance if you didn't get your magazine by the beginning of June, but two of the editors booked a holiday at the end of April, inconsiderate I know, so there was a delay with it being sent to the printers.

There are so many activities that have happened in the village due to the hard work of a number of people. I hope you enjoyed the Commemorative Events at the end of April, the organisers worked so hard to make it a brilliant success. I won't be surprised to hear that we have similar support for the events for the Queens Jubilee in early June.

Our annual calendar sales went well last year, and it has been commented on how good they were this year.

So keep those photos coming for our 2003 calendar, for details see page 21.

We three editors have been really pleased with the response to the early photos or questions about early life in Kippax. Please keep asking or sending information.

*I hope you enjoy reading about our holiday experiences, as it wasn't a holiday as such, see page 14.

I am writing this on the aeroplane, with Uzbekistan Airways, it's an 8-hour flight to Heathrow then a taxi to Kippax. I am really desperate for a mug of Yorkshire tea.

Apologies again! We had hoped to publish another book of local walks by Spring. The walks are about ready but need to be finished off before going to the printers.

However, I have been helping to put together a book of walks which are shorter, it has been funded by Healthy Leeds for LS26 and LS25 to encourage people to start walking to aid both their physical and mental health.

Diana McEwan

Joint Editor

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KIPPAX GREENFIELD SCHOOL

The Spring term went in a flash here at Kippax Greenfield, probably because we packed so much into such a short space of time! At the end of March, we took 18 children to the regional heats of the "Great big dance off," at the Victoria Theatre in Halifax. As you will see from the photograph, our dancers performed with flair, style and HUGE smiles on their faces. It was wonderful to be back competing with other schools and although we didn't make it to the grand final later in the year, we gained a great deal of enjoyment from the experience. Well done to our Great Greenfield dancers! We also held a sponsored event in school in March to raise funds for new IT equipment in school, and to support our friend, Junior Frood who has qualified for the world dance championships in Barcelona in May. Each class took part in "non-stop" sporting events which were chosen by the children and included a dance-a-thon and a non-top penalty shoot-out. We raised a whopping £3159 which we will use to invest in new interactive Smart screens for 2 of our classrooms. Thank you to everyone in our community who sponsored our pupils.



We also welcomed one of our grandparents, Mr Bracchi into school to lead an assembly entirely in British sign language. Mr Bracchi has a TikTok account which he uses to record short videos, teaching his followers how to communicate in sign language. He certainly had his audience here in school completely captivated!

This term we have started to make better use of our beautiful school grounds for outdoor learning. At the start of March, we began weekly Forest school lessons for all of our KS1 pupils, delivered by the wonderful "This Green Moon." Each week, our children go on adventures linked to our Science and Geography curriculum, and hunt for "Kippins" which, we are told on good authority, are mischievous but lovable creatures who



inhabit our woodland here at Greenfield. Who knew? Our PTA has funded the lovely new reflection circle which you will see in the photos, and this is used to start and conclude each lesson. You will also see we now have a willow tunnel which is going to look beautiful in the summer. Thanks so much to our very own Mrs Phelan and her family who have done this voluntarily and have devoted hours of their own time to creating this.



We remain focused, as we move into the summer term, on fostering a life-long love of reading for our children. One of the ways we do this is through our weekly rainbow challenge and we look forward to awarding reading ambassador badges to pupils who complete this in the coming months. We have invested in new, whole class sets of books which have also motivated our children and made reading lessons even more engaging and challenging. The coming term also sees the return of SATs for our oldest pupils for the first time since 2019! Good luck to all our year 6 children who have worked so hard this year. We are really proud of them. We look forward to sharing our platinum jubilee celebrations with you in the next edition of Kippax Matters. Ms Hartshorne and the Greenfield team
#GrowingGreatness@Greenfield



KIPPAX METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Minister for Kippax is: -

Reverend Andrew Checkley

Telephone number 0113 2877669.

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement with Rev Andrew Checkley.

Please see below our current activities.

Sunday	10.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	Sunday Worship and Acorns (Junior Church) Navigate
Monday	4.30 p.m.-5.30 p.m. 5.30 p.m.-6.45 p.m.	Rainbows Brownies
Tuesday	9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. 1st Tuesday in Month	Coffee Morning Holy Communion

Rooms in our building are available for hire at very competitive rates for meetings, groups, Children's parties etc. For more information contact our Booking Secretary, Kathy Swales, on 0113 2868418.

Please watch out for notices on the Church Notice Board at the bottom of Chapel Lane, posters in the Church windows or by following us on our Facebook Page - 'Kippax Methodist Church' for details of other activities.

HELLO FROM EVERYONE HERE AT KIPPAX COMMUNITY HUB

As restrictions are lifted, we have been happily been welcoming customers and events back to our Community Hub which has been wonderful. As well as face to face appointments with our on-site Customer Service officer we are continuing to offer appointments from our Customer Service officers via telephone as well if there are no face-to-face appointments available that day.

We have enjoyed the return of our Story & Rhyme Time sessions on its new day of Wednesdays at 1.30pm – 2.30pm welcoming all the children back to these sessions and other fun activities involving arts and crafts. We continue our Ready Steady Readers scheme as part of our Story & Rhyme Time sessions where children are rewarded for reading their books. Please keep a check on our social media pages for other up and coming events on our Kippax Community Hub page on Facebook and on our @LCCKippaxhub page on Twitter.

The Hearing aid clinic will also be returning for retubing, batteries, and advice for NHS teaching hospital hearing aids and will run on the following dates between 12:00 and 1:30pm:

Wednesday 18th May

Wednesday 20th July

Wednesday 21st September

Wednesday 16th November

If you require any support with looking for employment our Job shop 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 jobshop@leeds.gov.uk or pop in to see us and we'll be sure to pass your details on to the team. You can also find out more information about employment, apprenticeships and vacancies on our website at www.leeds.gov/jobs-skills-and-training. Leeds City Council Job Shops have received additional funding to provide the 'Job Shop Employability Support Programme' which assists adult (18+yrs) residents of Leeds who are unemployed and need help finding employment. The Job Shop team can provide one to one, intensive support through face-to-face appointments with regular email/ phone contact. To find out more speak to a member of staff about being referred or email jobshop@leeds.gov.uk to find out more. We also display posters in the hub for any job seekers events that may be coming up as well as updating our social media pages (twitter: @LCCKippaxhub, Facebook: KippaxCommunityHub).

Facilities

Self-serve computers are available to access during opening hours up to 10 minutes before closure. These are free to use, but a charge of 20p per side applies to printing. Free Wi-Fi is available in the building and can be used on any of your own devices.

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Opening Hours (from 01/11/2021)

Monday: 9am – 5pm

Tuesday: 10am – 5pm (for staff meetings)

Wednesday: 9am – 7pm

Thursday: 9am – 5pm

Friday: 9am – 5pm

Saturday: 10am – 4pm

Best wishes from all of us at Kippax Community Hub, we hope to see you again soon

HELLO FROM YOUR KPC CHAIR

As I write this article in April I hopefully will have been re-elected in May as Chair of KPC for another year.

If not I wish my successor well in their role.

Hopefully all went well for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Unfortunately I wasn't able to help on the weekend as I was in America for my daughter's wedding.

Designs for the proposed new playground on Kippax Common are progressing well and planning permission will be applied for shortly.

Three more KPC funded defibrillators have been ordered and should be installed soon outside both Kippax doctors' surgeries and also in the new bus shelter at the bottom of Butt Hill.

It was good to see a large turnout at the Kippax Annual Village meeting held in March with residents asking lots of questions.

Thanks to all the groups that attended.

Residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and speak in the Public Forum section of the meetings.

Dates and times of all meetings are published on the KPC website and in the village notice boards.

Thanks

Cllr Martin Eyre

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Said Parish Eucharist: every Sunday at 10.30am. Everyone welcome, including children.

All-Age Service every first Sunday of the month at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

Mid-week Said Eucharist every third Tuesday: details on our website and Facebook page (St Mary's Church – Kippax).

"More Steps" every Sunday for children aged 4 - 10 years with activities for young children in the church hall and then joining the rest in the church during Communion. No need to book.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday at 9.30am. Everyone welcome.

FIRST STEPS, for play and friendship. for children of pre-school age, every Thursday 10.00am-11.15am. Please contact Elizabeth Thomas on 0113 287 0326 for more details.

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals: Please contact the Rector for more information.

OTHER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

WW11 Commemoration weekend: 30th April till 3rd May

Table Top Sale: Saturday 14th May 10.00am till 2.00pm in St Mary's Church Hall.

Flower Festival in St Mary's on Saturday 4th June – 10.00am-4.00 pm. The theme is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Refreshments will be served.

Kippax Band Concert in St Mary's Church on the Friday evening 1 July at 7.30pm. Admission by ticket only – details later.

Summer Fair on 2nd July – 10.00am-2.00pm. There will be a raffle and various stalls and refreshments will be served.

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

We hope you all had a good Easter, now we are getting back to a bit of normality.

Our March talk by Martin Eyre was on Defibrillators; Martin gave us a very informative and educational talk. We all came away much more knowledgeable and confident about using a defibrillator if we ever have to.

April – Petals by Louise

Louise came and did a flower arranging demonstration, one basket, one posy and a table arrangement. As you can see from the photos below, she is a very talented lady.

Thank you, Louise for stepping in with little notice.



June – Roger Monks

“Old Kippax Tales - Memories of a pit village”

July – Annual Trip

Lotherton Hall

August – Andy Lloyd

“Chocolate, Cream, Tea and Me”

See you all there

Kippax Committee and Kathleen

KIPPAX AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Well, we finally made it!

The murder mystery 'Murder at Kyllem Hall' was originally intended to be presented in April 2020 but had to be postponed (more than once) due to Covid. It was so good to be back and I think it's safe to say that a good time was had by all! We had extended the run of the show from three nights to four to allow for better spacing of the tables and were sold out very early. The success of these murder mystery evenings is in no small part due to the way in which our audiences get involved and we do appreciate their enthusiasm (and really enjoy the interesting solutions that many people come up with – mostly completely wrong but often ingenious!)

On this occasion we were all conscious of the sufferings being endured by the people of Ukraine and we wished in some small way to show our support for them. We opted for blue and yellow serviettes, had a bucket collection every night (£78), donated the raffle money from the Friday and Saturday shows (£187) and added our own weekly raffle money (£85). All this totalled £350 and we were pleased to donate this amount to the DEC UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way.

And so to our next production in November which will be a full length play. We are looking at various scripts and once one has been chosen, we will be starting rehearsals. Only one thing is certain – it will be a comedy!

We look forward to seeing you then.

THE CAST OF “MURDER AT KYLLEM HALL”



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Lily Miller



Conrad Miller



Signora Catania



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Samuel Tinker



Penny Pollard



Caleb Castlebone

Kippax's City Councillors Update

We were pleased to see the investment in **Kippax Sports Centre**. Heat pumps that are powered by solar panels will heat the building reducing CO2 emissions as well as the costs of running the building. Thanks to everyone who's been patient with the closures for this work and other maintenance to take place and together they give the centre years more of life!



Earlier this year we approved funding to renovate the council's playground in the Welfare grounds including new equipment, repainting existing equipment and new graphics to bring new life to the site.

We know people in Kippax will be hit by the cost-of-living crisis. Help from the council is available through the hub in the library, by calling 0113 376 0330 or online <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/benefits/help-with-food-and-bills>.

We have grants available for local charities, voluntary groups and sports teams. If you are part of an organisation that needs some financial help please contact us and we'll try and help out!

We hold regular in person advice sessions where we are available to have a chat about local issue and any problems you'd like us to look at:

1st Saturday each Month: Kippax Hub & Library: 11:00am –11:45am

You don't need an appointment to see us you can contact us on the details below if you think we can help you with any local or council issue.

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YOUR COMMENTS

Does anyone have any photographs of Duffield House on Westfield Lane? The Garden went down to Well Lane. It may have been owned by George Ellerton at the time of the Blands. Then Enoch Parkin, Sam Smiths also had it for a short time then Sewing Factory, Printers, Westfield Windows, TI Security and now detached houses.

Monica

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In the photo of Leeds Road on p13 (March magazine) the ladies are probably outside number 22. The stone building beyond was demolished many years ago. The surgery entrance is beyond the tree where the path is light coloured and was built in 1896, Dr Brown not being there until the 1930's and his doctor sister running the practice during the WWII. We lived in the 'surgery'. Not used as such since the early 70's



Madeleine Byram

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Hi, I was wondering what your readers think about parking at Brigshaw school. You are not allowed to park inside the school you have to fight for a place on Brigshaw lane or Brigshaw Drive. This causes problems for the people that live on Brigshaw Drive and when you drive down Brigshaw Lane it's like running the gauntlet! One day this will cause a serious accident. I've seen cars parked just after 2pm to make sure they get a parking spot.

What gets me is there is lots of space inside the grounds to make a big carpark. The lane where the buses park at the side is a big spare ground with a little hump, nobody uses it or plays on it, it's just doing nothing. Why don't they use that to make a big car park or there is more spare land that runs level with Brigshaw lane. Again, its spare doing no good just a waste. If it's the cost I am sure all the parents would help raise money to help pay for a car park.

I've been taking kids to Brigshaw school for over 30years and it is getting worse each year.

Thanking You
Mr R Thorp

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Dear Kippax Matters,

On questions on page 18 in Kippax Matters from December 2021,

The answer is about 1963, when the photo was taken. The shop you can see is Woodmansey's.

It was Ivy Woodmansey that sold Yarn, Children's clothes and some womens' clothes.

My mum (Mary Devina Moe, born Clough) was born and raised in Kippax, but lives now in Norway. She moved to Norway in 1966, but her heart has always been in Kippax.

My parents got married in St. Mary's Church in Kippax, in 1963 to the organ being played by her mother.

Kippax Matters magazine helps her to see what happens in Kippax.

Best Regards from

Wenche Marilyn Clough Moe
Norway





Uzbekistan where on earth is that you may ask?

It is a country in Central Asia, double land locked and once a part of the USSR till independence in the late 1980's, and was totally independent in 1991.

The reason to travel there was it was part of the Silk Route, which started in China and silk was transported across land to Venice in Italy.

Margaret, my sister-in-law, and I had travelled to many counties and this was the next on our bucket list, sadly she died suddenly but I was still determined to go, luckily a few friends agreed to go too.

We flew to Tashkent, the capital, then before we had time to recover (we landed at 4am) we had an internal flight to Urgench (chaos at the airport but that seems to happen everywhere) From there onto a coach and to a town called Khiva.



One night there, then 'we went through a desert with an unpronounceable name' for 9 hours. You thought our roads were bad!

There were no signs of life but some scrub, apparently there is wild life, snakes, scorpions and black widow spiders! In fact, there are 9 deserts in Uzbekistan.

We had two stops at oases, where years ago camel trains of up to 50 camels would rest, well, they were originally, but now are service stations. I won't mention the toilets but if you are desperate!



Sand storms are common as well as salt storms, I will explain about those later.

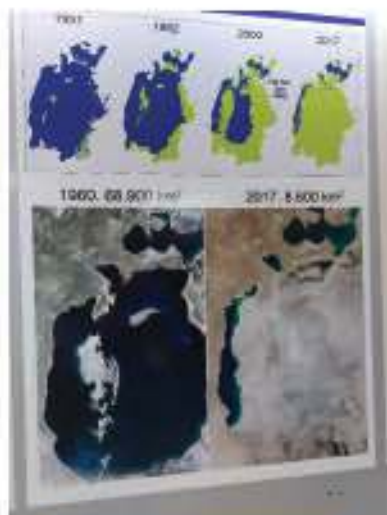
The history of Uzbekistan and the surrounding countries, is fascinating, and several famous people were there hundreds of years ago. Marco Polo, Genghis Khan, Alexander the Great to name but a few. If you look on a map you will see its surrounded by 5 countries and at one time all the 'istan' countries were one.

Uzbekistan, alone has reserves of natural gas, gold and uranium. They were prone to many invasions.

For 300 years they were ruled by the Mongolian Empire. There have been many other cultures that over the centuries have shaped the Uzbekistan of today.

More modern-day influences are equally as interesting and we felt that we had not heard much about them. Queen Victoria was part of 'The Game'. There was a demand not only for the precious metals in central Asia but also access to India and the Indian ocean, many larger powers were desperate to control the route.

In 1920 they were invaded by the Bolsheviks from Russia and they held control till the breakup of the USSR.



The Aral Sea is in the north west of the country and its demise is catastrophic. The demand for cotton and silk was still great and cotton needed plenty of water so the Russians dammed the lake. As you can see from the photograph how quickly it has shrunk.

Also, they had a secret experimental site on an island in the middle of the sea. The sea quite quickly shrank. Large areas of salt lay where the bottom of the sea should be. There were now salt storms, which covered towns. Helena, our guide, said that after it, her hair fell out and people were ill. In the salt there were poisonous unknown chemicals which had been left to leach out after the Russians left.

We were only several days into our visit. We went onto Bukhara.



KIPPAX CELEBRATES LGBTQI+ PEOPLE WITH NEW FLAGS

Kippax Parish Council has purchased a selection of flags for the High Street to celebrate Pride month, which falls in June every year. This is to remember the Stonewall riots which took place in June 1969, where protestors demanded equality for LGBTQIA+ people.

LGBTQIA+ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or questioning, Intersex and Asexual. The plus symbol is used to encompass anyone who doesn't feel included in the other categories.

Each group has a flag, and explanations of the flags you'll see on the High Street are given below.



The 6-colour Pride flag is one of the earliest flags used to celebrate gay pride internationally.



This version of the Pride flag is known as the Philadelphia Pride flag, with the addition of the colours black and brown to include people of colour.



This is the Gender Fluid flag, representing people whose gender identity and expression may change over time.



This is the Transgender flag. Transgender people have a gender identity or expression that differs from the gender they were assigned at birth.



This is a lesser seen version of the Transgender Flag, known as the Pellinen flag.



This is the non-Binary flag, used to represent people who do not identify with the gender male or female.



This is the Pansexual flag. Pansexual people may feel attraction to someone without thinking about their gender.



This is the Bisexual pride flag. The pink symbolises attraction to the same gender, while the blue represents attraction to a different gender. The purple represents attraction to two or more genders (bisexuality)

These flags here have been chosen by the Parish Council to celebrate Pride Month. The phrase 'love is love' is often used by the LGBTQIA+ community to show that gender and sexuality do not matter when it comes to loving a person.

The flags on this page are the ones you will see on the high street, but there are many, many more flags used to represent LGBTQIA+ people.

To learn more about the terminology and flags, you can visit www.outrightinternational.org

Written by Helen Robinson,

Kippax resident and Member of the UK Speech & Language Therapists Pride Network Committee.



Commemorating the 75th
anniversary of the end of
WW2







Accepting New Members

If you are interested in joining a dedicated and competitive club in your area and would like a free trial please contact:
membership@kippaxasc.com

All new swimmers aged 4 – 17, from beginners to competition level will be considered.

Calendar 2023



We have had a lot of positive feedback about our calendars so we would like to produce one for 2023. 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 29th 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.

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RICHARD BOGGETT 1796 – 1879 to commemorate his life.

A copy of the service held at Kippax Methodist Church on 16th September 1979.

September 17th this year marks the 100th anniversary of the death of Richard Boggett, the Kippax-born composer and arranger of Wesleyan Church music. Richard's grave, along with those of his wife and parents, can be found in the churchyard, just to the south of Kippax parish church, close to the pathway through to Chapel Lane.

The Boggetts were a long established Kippax family. Parish registers show that one Johannes Boggett married to Anna Key in November 1675.

Richard was a miller at the corn-mill known as Boggetts Mill along Longdyke Lane. The windmill tower was likely to have been built in the 1820s, though a steam engine was probably always used rather than windmill sails. Inheriting the occupation from his father Benjamin, Richard was a man of substance and owned property in the Kippax-Garforth area. The 1851 census describes him as a corn miller and farmer, employing three labourers. He had a farm of forty-four acres and his house at that time had two servants, Sarah Elizabeth Thompson and Mary Colley.

Richard and his wife, Charlotte, lived in various houses in the village, most notably Hanover House, in Goughs Yard, and, in his retirement, the Hermitage, which still stands in the High Street, the property of the Sherburn family.

From his earliest days Richard loved music and was a self-taught musician. In his youth, he played the violin in the Wesleyan chapel before the advent of the organ. During his life-time, Richard would have seen three chapels of that denomination in Kippax. The first, the old stone chapel, after which one of his hymn-tunes was named, was in the New Street area. It was later converted into cottages, and demolished in 1949. Secondly, there was the 1856 chapel demolished last year to provide the site for the new church, and thirdly, Trinity chapel of 1870 and recently vacated.

After learning to play the organ, Richard became the organist for the Wesleyans. He also had organs built for his own use at home. One of his organs was given to the chapel in Kippax, and one was later sold to Fairburn chapel.

Richard Boggett's published work is a volume of tunes written for hymns in the Wesleyan hymn book of that time. Five of these tunes are to be sung at our special service. Hand-written manuscript books of Richards arrangements and compositions are still owned by local residents who had connections with the family.

One of Boggett's contemporaries was a Mr Darley, grandfather of Mr R Wright of Robinson Lane. Mr Darley sang alongside Richard in the choir at one time. So deeply immersed in the study and enjoyment of music were they that Mr Darley named his children after famous musicians. Handel, Verdi, Novello, and Bertha (after Bertha Bernhardt) formed the family.

As the custom was, Richard used to entertain visiting preachers at his home. One of his guests was the Rev. Abraham Eccles Farrar who, during his visit, heard Richard composing a tune which he thought was quite remarkable. He was so impressed that he asked for the song to be named 'Eccles' after him. It was sung in Leeds parish Church, where it was played by the great organist, Dr S. S. Wesley, grandson of Charles Wesley, and also in Brunswick (Wesleyan) Chapel, Leeds.

Mr Sam Cheesebrough remembers that 'Eccles' was well-known by our forefathers in the village and was often sung by the miners on their way to work. It appears in our present Methodist Hymn Book as hymn number 97

In his old age, with his eyesight and hearing failing, Richard is said to have sat close by the pulpit in the church, following the service with his ear-trumpet.

After the death of his wife Charlotte, in 1871, he remarried twice, firstly to a Mrs Green, widow of Benjamin Green, and secondly to a Mrs Marshall. He died childless at the age of 82.

Written by Pat Wright.

Pat Wright expressed her thanks to the following people who helped with the above information. Mrs Vera Sherburn of The Hermitage, Mrs Roland Wright, Mr S Cheesebrough.

KNIT AND NATTER

Hope you've all had a fabulous Easter and are looking forward to holidays.



Our Easter fund raising event was a huge success! Thanks to the Cop-op and Chris and his amazing staff for letting us hold the event in his store, we raised £500! From selling Easter Chicks, Bunnies and Easter Baskets we raised a further £300, sending in total £800 to DEMENTIA UK. A big thank you to everyone who supported us. All raffle prizes have now been claimed.



Thank you
Kathleen

CONGRATULATIONS FREYA!

Freya Hill, of Kippax, who trains at Gymnastics Elite in Pudsey, became British Disability Junior Champion in October 2021, and qualified to compete at the Masters in Liverpool in March 2022.



She competed against all ages and won Silver on the vault at just 13!

Well done, Freya!



KIPPAX VILLAGE ACTION SUPPORTING THE ELDERLY OF KIPPAX

Since our return after the Christmas break, the club arranged a few activities for its members.

Firstly, we had a pampering afternoon with Helen from Tropic giving most of the ladies a hand massage. Our ladies loved how soft and supple their hands felt afterwards.

Some of our ladies spent the afternoon with members making Easter Baskets and gift boxes which was a great success.

Everyone went home happy with their baskets complemented with various sized Easter eggs. All materials were sourced from a grant received from Kippax Parish Council which "the Club" received before the Covid lockdown.



Stuart Atkins kept the members mesmerised with his talk about his "showbiz" life and times with various orchestras. His association with Batley Variety Club, Wakefield Theatre Club, The Mecca in the Leeds Arcade and other local interest held everyone's attention. His association with numerous famous artists and his career was a really memorable afternoon to all in attendance.

Our Events Co-ordinator has arranged for "sit-fit" exercises for our members. The ladies will visit and do exercises every three weeks. Our first meeting went very well.

As discussed in the last magazine, we have now arranged our outings for 2022.

Our first outing will be Wednesday, 18th May comprising of a York River Cruise and afternoon tea. The bus will depart from outside the British Legion at 12.30 and will cost £30.00 per person. By the time you all read this the event will have taken place.

Other events are trips to: -

Pocklington and Burnby Hall Gardens and Museum on Wednesday, 6th July.

Cannon Hall Farm on 21st September.

For further information please contact: -

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A HUNDRED AND ONE!



Frances Heaton, formerly of Kippax, celebrated her 101st birthday on March 25th!

Here she is enjoying a special pork pie made for her by Paul Flintoft of Kippax.



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HELLO FROM KIPPAX IN BLOOM

Spring has arrived and we're all enjoying the lovely daffodil displays that our volunteers have planted over the years and also the winter planting of pansies and polyanthus that are now at their best. We never stand still though! There are a number of celebrations coming up in the next few weeks, Easter, the belated 75th Anniversary of V-E Day and the Queens Platinum Jubilee so we're extra busy making sure our village looks at its best for these events. Our mowing teams have started cutting the areas we look after around the Entrance Stone, Tropical Beds and Calvert Cl on Leeds Rd., also the Crosshills Area and Butt Hill Gardens. We've been dividing established perennials and filling spaces in our beds. Although it's still too cold to plant our summer bedding, our planters will have a makeover ready for planting at the end of May when all chances of frost are gone. This is just the right time though to plant the wildflower seeds for a fabulous display in summer.



We are always delighted when people praise our efforts and thank us for making Kippax so visually impressive. None of our achievements would be possible without our brilliant volunteers who continue to work tirelessly. We are coming to our busiest time of year and we would be most grateful if anyone of you could give us a bit of help. Please contact me at psarmykb@aol.com, telephone number 0113 2862283 and leave a message or call into Pats Sweets on the High St. if you can help in any way.

We are most grateful to Carole at Millrace Garden for her donation of lots of bulbs and perennials from her beautiful garden. We thank all at Kippax Parish Council for their continued support and help. We are most grateful also for the support from Marie and Jonny at Woodend Nurseries, our 3 Ward Councillors Mary, Mirelle and James, LCC Parks and Countryside and Cleaner Neighbourhoods Teams, the Arium and our sponsors. Our webpage is www.kippaxinbloom.com Thanks from Pat and the Team

OLD KIPPAX BUILDINGS

The Hall was situated more or less where the present Co-op Store is in Kippax. People living in it had an excellent view from the front across the Aire valley, very similar to the one from the viewpoint off Hanover Square.

The building was large about 150 metres long and of generous proportions with ceilings on the ground floor of c.4metres high, but had few architectural merits. Constructed of brick, it was



rendered to give the appearance of stone and had a fairly short existence - only about 100 years. It was unbalanced in appearance with high gables and an off-centre tower with iron railings round the top. The Hall was built almost on the site of a previous Georgian style Hall, owned by the Medhurst family who had been Lords of the Manor of Kippax, by Ald. Edgar Breffitt owner of the Aire and Calder Glassworks in Castleford, who unfortunately did not live long enough to move in but his widow did. Ald. Breffitt intended to live in the grand manner as the rooms included Ballroom, Dining Room, Library, Servants Hall and Butler's Pantry etc. All the main rooms had a moulded plaster cornice and the woodwork was good quality pitch pine -the windows were large which let in plenty of light. At the time of construction, it was no doubt thought modern with running water to some rooms (unheated) supplied from a storage tank in the tower and a Bathroom. The "facilities" were outside at the rear in the yard.

However there appeared to be problems from the start as Wm. Green & Sons (the builders) moved in and converted the property into smaller units to provide living accommodation for his family alongside business use, perhaps there were financial problems? I remember the large safe in one room.

No. 6 The Hall was the part we lived in for almost 20 years had been one room originally as could be seen by the continuous plaster moulding on the ceiling but the installation of dividing walls and a staircase created a ground floor layout of kitchen, living room, lounge and passageway to the front door with three bedrooms and bathroom upstairs. The large three light windows on the ground floor had been divided to use one third to create a door. The living room had a back boiler to provide hot water as part of a cream coloured range fuelled by coal. The Hall could never be described as homely and only in summer was it truly warm and no need to have the fire lit - except to provide hot water for baths etc. but in winter we rarely felt warm with only the coal fire for heating. The invention of the electric blanket transformed going to bed, no more hot water bottles, and the luxury of getting into a warm bed, having got undressed in front of the fire (so as not to freeze in the bedroom) and run up the stairs.

Many people over the years have said to me that The Hall should have been saved but they never lived in it
Edgar Pickles

ST MARYS COTTAGE

St Marys Cottage; - The present road leading up to our Cottage was previously known as Church Hill, not sure of the exact date it was changed but there is a reference that it was still known as Church Hill in 1944.

There is a reference made in the Church records in 1676 of part of a Terrier of ye Glebeland and Rental of Kippax a cottage with one tenant Margaret Booth with a little garth adjoining and another cottage with a tenant John Benson Senior with a garth adjoining. The Cottage has a date of 1686 engraved on the wall and this was added by the owner in the 1960's but it's not known where that date came from. There is a further reference made to the Cottages in the value of Kippax Vicarage before the Commissioners of the Queens Bounty on the 24th November 1707 in respect of two cottages of £1-10s-0d.

It is known that by 13th November 1888 a John Naylor Clayton (late of Kippax and Strand on the Green Middlesex owned the Cottages. He died on the 4th March 1889 and a Mr Godfrey Mosley was appointed Executor and Trustee. Money raised from the estate was put in trust to his niece Elizabeth Georgina Sykes Clayton and his cousin Edna Naylor Calthrop. When John N Clayton purchased the cottages isn't clear but in 1888 a lot of land and tithes were disposed of by the Vicar of Kippax as Vendor. The cottages remained in the families until in 1932 a Gerald Fancourt Clayton was appointed as a Trustee and on 29th August 1932 the cottages were sold to a John Henry Williams of Castleford for £155. The tenants at this time were Mrs Brooke and Mr E Hoyle.

On the 21st December 1939 a request was made by West Riding County Council for the cottage walls facing the new Church Hall to be removed to make way for ambulances to turn, as the Church Hall was to be used as the First Aid Post for the village during the Second World War.

On the 5th January 1944 the cottages were purchased by St Marys Church PCC & Ripon DBF from J H Williams for the sum of £150.

In 1953 the tenants were Mr E Rhodes and Mr E Hewitt and rents received amounted to 8s-1d per week.

The Church retained the cottages receiving rents up until the 1960's when they had run into disrepair. They were sold to Mr C Rhodes on the 18th February 1969 for the sum of £400. He then knocked the cottages into one property modernising them internally.

After Mr Rhodes died in 1978 the cottages were sold again and have had 2 more owners, the current family have lived in the Cottage for 20 years.

Sheila Bryan

MOORLEIGH

Moorleigh House was built around 1907 for my 3rd great granduncle, William Adams (1848-1908), who was a Draper, Grocer and General Dealer. William and his wife Sarah (née Wilkinson (1853-1930) moved there from 'Cross Hill House' which was later better known as Butterfield's Greengrocers shop before being demolished. William passed away soon after he moved into Moorleigh (you can just make out 'Moorleigh' on his headstone), but his widow Sarah lived there for a long time, along with two of her children, who took over the house after their mother passed away in 1930: William Alfred Adams and Sarah Eleanor Adams. The latter passed away in 1932, and William Alfred Adams sold Moorleigh in 1938. The buyer I think had already moved in, renting the house from 1936. He was a house furnisher, George Kenneth Burnett (1892-1961) and his wife Mary (née Stevenson, 1896-1974), and their children. They sold the house to John Edward Johnson (1895-1975), who'd served in the First World War in the 1st Hull Heavy Battery and the 13th Service Battery, East Yorkshire Regiment. He sold the house, and I think it remained abandoned for a while before it was picked up by a teacher and headmaster from schools at Methley and Garforth, Llewellyn Pritchard MBE (1921-1989). He and his wife converted it from a private house into a nursery. I attended Moorleigh Nursery in 1975-6, and my two younger brothers followed me. I remember it being converted and extended into the current old folks' home, as we lived at Moorgate Drive at the time. It must have been around 1985. There's a few bits and pieces attached, hope they're of use.

Ashley Land

APOLOGY. Sorry but at the bottom of my Editorial in the March issue I quoted my email address incorrectly. This was because I have two addresses and I mixed them up. I hope this did not inconvenience anybody, if so, you have my sincere apologies. If you sent anything and have not heard from me, please send it again to j2bate@homecall.co.uk OR j2bate@outlook.com. Thank you very much, we love to hear from any one of you.

Bye for now Joy.

'AS OWT IVER 'APPENED I' KIPPAX?

Did t'Romans conquer Kippax, build a fort an' baths an' all?
No, that were down t'road at Castleford, where yon Romans 'ad a ball.

On their way from t'seaside, Viking's must 'ave come to t'village?
Ah bet they passed straight through, there'll not ave been much ter pillage!

Mebby old Kippax 'ad 'and in seein' off poor King Dick?
Sorry, that were in't castle at Pontefract, not quite this baileywick.

There were a reight big feight i'Kippax, when t'river ran red wi' blood
Ah'm wrong, that were t'battle o' Towton – well it's somewhere int' neighbour'ood.

Did Dick Turpin ride to Kippax, on 'is faithful steed Black Bess?
Almost, 'e went straight on up t'A64, it still ended in a mess!

So yer see, nowt's 'appened i' Kippax for 'undreds o' years an' more
Til these last few years, when there've been baskets, beds an' blooms galore
Done by an army in yeller jackets, led by Fieldmarshall Pat
You'll 'ave 'eard her barkin' "dig 'ere, strim this, plant that!"
An' it's not just volunteers she gets to work, poor fools
But Scouts, an t'Art Group, Growing Zone, even t'schools
But by heck what a difference, Kippax is lookin' groomed
Thanks ter t'community spirit, it's been "In Bloomed!"
But best of all, if truth be told
In Yorkshire and Britain in Bloom – we've 'ad Gold
So goodbye ter t'boring old days o't past
Summat's bloomin' 'appened i' Kippax - at last!

Chris Porter

TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN!

At this time of year, we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Yorkshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/yorkshire> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Yorkshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

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