

Kippax Matters

March 2022



Kippax Park (see pages 20 - 21)



Your Local Community Magazine
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ST MARY'S CHURCH KIPPAX

Clergy: Team Rector: Revd Bob Bailey – 0113 286 9606

Our Rector writes:

“Happy Easter!

One favourite family story of mine is my Great Granddad driving the tiny, bendy roads of Cambridgeshire in his Robin Reliant with a bag of potatoes in the passenger seat to stop it tipping over on its three wheels as we sped too fast along country lanes! We are defined by the stories we share about ourselves. This corner of Yorkshire's identity is shaped strongly by its mining heritage. It's what makes our communities so resilient, close knit and caring. Our stories matter. There is a long tradition within the Jewish faith of festivals and ceremonies that recall and remember the past deeds of God. Personal faith and the wider society were always interconnected. This often involves reading scripture, symbolic actions and eating food. The Christian faith picked up this tradition. These stories become a commentary on our own experience. By enacting the stories as families and communities we do more than remember, we enter into the stories ourselves constantly re-visiting their truths and remoulding our own lives.

This time of year, we enter into the Easter story. At its heart is a story of hope and rebirth in the face of cruel tragedy. Lent and Easter provide space to enact and let these stories change us. It is an opportunity to shape the future. This Easter, I encourage you to stop, to give thanks where you can and to act as a community. Our own stories are yet to be written. Which plot will be ours as a nation, community and personally? I hope you have opportunity to enter the Easter story and find your story reflected in Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. Happy Easter! Revd Bob.

We are open for worship and are now taking baptisms and Weddings.

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

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

10th April - PALM SUNDAY: 10.30am Palm Processions and Liturgy of the Passion followed by Eucharist.

11th April - HOLY MONDAY: 8.00pm Stations of the Cross.

12th April - HOLY TUESDAY: 8.00pm Compline

14th April - MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7.00pm Eucharist – The Last Supper and the Watch.

15th April - GOOD FRIDAY: 12.00 noon Walk of Witness

7.00pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

EASTER EVE (HOLY SATURDAY) – 16th April: 8.00pm The Service of Light

EASTER DAY 17th April: 10.30am Eucharist

OTHER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Table Top Sale: Saturday 5th March 10 till 2

Saturday 14th May 10 till 2

WW11 Commemoration weekend: 30th April till 3rd May

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

EDITORIAL

Hello everyone. Here we go again, let us keep our fingers and toes crossed for a better and more settled 2022. I hope you have managed to keep busy and stay sane during all this regulation changing.

I have a job for you now. I have realised over the years that as well as the printed history of Kippax which is available to all, there is a lost personal history to all buildings. We have read and heard about St. Mary's Church and the Methodist Church but what about Kippax Hall which was converted into flats, and other buildings and dwellings put to other uses?

If you can think of any it would be very interesting to see how far back in history they go, what fascinating stories they can tell and uses they have been put to over the years. Please let me know and we can search around for more information, alternatively, if you have any interesting knowledge don't keep it to yourself.

One of the buildings that came to mind was MOORLEIGH. It is prominently situated at the bottom of Gibson Lane and at present it is a Nursing Home. I know it has had a varied past, so if any of you can remember anything about the past, or indeed present, please share it with us. Give me a ring if you like!

Bye for now,

Joy Bate. Joint Editor. J2bate@outlook.co.uk 2866814

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**Do you play a trumpet or trombone?
Drums or clarinet? Tuba or bassoon?
If so, we need you!!**



- Did you play an instrument at school which is now stuck in your loft gathering dust?
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If you've thought about taking up that instrument again or fancied playing with a group but not had the confidence to join one, please get in touch with us; we'd love to see you. We'll even let you come for 4 weeks for free to see what you think (saving you £14!).



Telephone Joanne on 0113 2871981 or email prestonplayerswindband@gmail.com if you'd like to know more about us.

HELLO FROM YOUR KPC CHAIR

Hopefully by the time this article is published the Christmas lights and tree will have been taken down.

Hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas display.

It was good to have the lights switch on event again for Christmas 2021 and to see so many residents come and see the stage performers and also shop at the High Street shops that stayed open along with the stall holders.

Talking of events, put in your diaries the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations, which KPC will be organising in June. On the evening of Thursday 2nd June there will be a lighting of the Queen's beacon at Cheney Basin at 9.45pm in line with others being lit around the country. A bag piper, bugler and choir have been booked to perform at the event. On Sunday 5th June there will be a Picnic in the Park event with entertainment and funfair on Kippax Common.

There will also be a scarecrow festival over the weekend.

Designs for a new playground on Kippax Common are at present being drawn up by an architect ready to go on display at a public consultation event. Thanks to all who completed the survey when we asked what residents wanted on the Common.

Footpaths, seating and bins that were also requested will be provided when funds are available.

Thanks

Cllr Martin Eyre

KIPPAX NOTICE BOARDS

How often do you look at the various Notice Boards in the village? Do you know where they are? We are aware that not everyone is on social media and may be unable to access information about events in the village. We are keen to find out if the boards are used and helpful. If not, we would appreciate your thoughts on how we can improve communication with ALL of the residents of Kippax.

These are the locations of the village notice boards: -

KPC Notice Boards

Inside bus shelter in front of Leeds Road petrol station

On Leisure Centre wall at left side of entrance

On Kippax Community Centre wall at left side of entrance

On wall outside Kippax Hub (Library) at right side of entrance

On wall outside Co-op at left side of High St entrance

Co-op Notice Board

On inside wall near checkouts

Kippax in Bloom Notice Boards

At Cross Hills Gardens near roundabout

On wall outside Co-op near entrance from car park

Church Notice boards

In church grounds at left side of church entrance

At rear entrance to church near Cheney Basin

On wall of church hall at right side of entrance

KIPPAX ART CLUB

Kippax Art Club is back meeting at the Community Hall in Gibson Lane at 7pm till 9pm on the 1st, 2nd, 4th (and 5th if there is one) Wednesday in the month. We have even got 2 new members and the variety of styles and subjects has increased, everyone is really enjoying getting out and about again. We hope you have re-found hobbies to enjoy.





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AN UPDATE ON KEY PROJECTS FROM KIPPAX PARISH COUNCIL

We're working on lots of exciting projects at the moment and wanted to provide you an update:

Kippax Common

Thank you to everyone who completed the consultation for Kippax Common.

There were lots of great comments and constructive feedback for us to consider. We are currently working with an agency to create mock-up designs and master plans which we will then share with the community for further feedback and suggestions. From then we will have a better understanding of what can be achieved with funding currently available and start applying for additional funding too.

Thank you also to Kippax Wombles who did a fantastic Community litter pick session around Kippax Common - keeping the area as clean and safe as possible will be a major factor in any plans we pursue.

Kippax Scarecrow Festival, Community Picnic and Jubilee Celebrations

We're already working hard to plan a village celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 2nd - 5th June 2022. Plans include exhibitions from the commemoration group throughout the weekend, lighting of the beacon ceremony at Cheney Basin (Thursday), royal-themed Scarecrow Festival (Saturday-Sunday), community picnic with entertainment, Breeze inflatables and stalls (Sunday) and Funfair (Friday-Sunday) at Kippax Common. We will be publishing lots more information on how to get involved in the coming months! If you have any ideas of activities you would like to put on or see, please contact clerk@kippax-pc.gov.uk

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KIPPAX IN BLOOM

Hello from the Team. We are at the end of January; the first snowdrops have appeared also the days are getting longer and we're feeling a lot more positive as we look forward to Spring.

We're continuing with our usual winter jobs of pruning in our Wildlife Community Garden, Butt Hill Gardens, the Wells Garden and all the other areas we look after. We've cut back our ornamental grasses. We've filled our compost bins to the brim with leaf mould after having emptied them and spread the compost on our flower beds. We've recently taken over two flower beds from LCC, one opposite the Moorgate and the other is on Westfield Lane which means there is more work for our volunteers but also more opportunities for sponsorship. Our bed at Calvert Close looks good after our tidy up and then in a different way over Xmas with the 3 silver birches lit up each night. I tried to photograph it but my efforts were rubbish! Maybe this year someone could do better! There will be some progress at our Sensory Garden on Maltkiln Lane in the next few months as materials and workmen become more readily available. We also continue to litter pick and we want to give a big thank you to Caroline and the Kippax Wombles who do regular picks and have made a massive difference to the amount of litter around Kippax.

The painting of the street furniture has just been completed on the High St thanks to Welcome Back to High Street funding and LCC. Our wooden planters look really smart now and everything matches including the new bins our Parish Council have had installed.

We would like to thank all the people who support us in our efforts to improve Kippax environmentally and horticulturally including Kippax Parish Council, all at Woodend Nurseries, our 3 City Councillors, LCC Parks and Countryside and Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team and all at the Arium. Our volunteers are amazing but we need to increase our numbers to do even more around the village. Please contact me at psamykib@aol.com or call into Pats Sweets on the High St. to sponsor a bed or hanging basket, volunteer or answer any questions. You can also leave a message on 0113 2862283 and I'll get back to you.

Our webpage is: www.kippaxinbloom.com

Thanks Pat



Kippax's City Councillors Update

As the nights are shorter and the sun warmer in spring we hope everyone is enjoying the local walks and countryside we have around us!!

Kippax Sports Centre has seen more investment as part of our plans for long term improvements. New green upgrades to the building will help tackle climate change and mean that most of the heat used in the building and pool will be provided by electric heat pumps and powered by solar panels, rather than gas boilers. Not only will CO2 emissions be reduced it shows we are committed to the centre's long term future and strongly support council investment that achieves our goal! Thanks to everyone who's been patient with the recent closures for this work and other maintenance to take place.

We're pleased to be working to renovate the council's playground in the Welfare grounds and we look forward to the work taking place soon!

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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KNIT AND NATTER

We tried something new this year, as the Hospital weren't accepting any knitting in Neo Natal Departments due to Covid. So, we thought we'd hopefully put a smile on everyone's face with our Snowman Post box Topper. This led us to do a Valentine topper and an Easter Post box topper.



(Did you spot the scary rabbit?)



Our fund-raising event for 2021 was for St. Gemma's and we managed to raise £600!



Come and join us. We meet every other Thursday at Oliver's Coffee Bar, where we are with a warm and friendly welcome and excellent coffee and cake. Usually more nattering than knitting!

1950's CHARITY TEAM



L to R

Top Row: T. Windle; J. Robert; T. Harris; F. Norton (?); H. Monks; J. Hick

Bottom Row: J. Fellows; J. Cox; R. Lindsay; J. Lodge (?); T. Gittins; J. Kiely

This was sent in by Barry Chew. He will stand to be corrected if he has any names wrong.

Thanks Barry!



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for more details

See you there!

A LOOK BACK IN TIME



This photo is of Leeds Road. We think the ladies are standing near Doctor Brown's Surgery and that it was taken around 1889. Is that correct or do you know differently?

Here is another photo from way back. Do you know what, where and when it was taken? Clue: it is not in the village. Please let us know magazine@kippax-pc.gov.uk



Thanks to Allan Harkins for the pictures.



KIPPAX VILLAGE ACTION SUPPORTING THE ELDERLY ACTIVE OF KIPPAX

As reported in the December issue, members set off on the coach on a cold October morning to visit Tong Garden Centre situated between Leeds and Bradford. Members were able to visit the large garden centre finding garden furniture, barbeques and outdoor lighting on sale. There was a home gift and toy department, an aquatics department and also Pavers and Bon Marche departments. There was a wonderful assortment of Christmas items with magical displays. All members said they had an enjoyable day out.



A tombola stall was organised for the Kippax Lights switch on at the end of October. A total of just under £300.00 was raised. We would like to thank everyone who supported us and members who braved the cold to run the stall.



Our last event of 2021 was the Christmas Afternoon Tea which was held in December at the Church Hall in Kippax. A total of 48 members attended and enjoyed the splendid afternoon tea supplied by Tracy Foggin and terrific entertainment supplied by John Whitworth which kept everyone entertained with members singing and dancing throughout the afternoon.

We hope to organise trips throughout 2022 and will report on progress in the next issue. For further information please contact: -

Jean Pritchard 0113 2875143
Barbara Roper 0113 2870853

R.S.P.B. INFORMATION FROM ST AIDAN'S AND FAIRBURN INGS

Please note that, from now till Easter, the visitor's centre will be closed on weekdays. It will continue to be open at weekends. The car park, toilets and trails will continue to open daily as normal. Apologies for any inconvenience and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Rangers walks at St Aidan's.

These are guided walks around the site- a perfect introduction to the history and highlights of St Aidan's. They usually last about 90 minutes and there is no need to book. The last walk was 23rd February. BUT there are more future dates to come!

Wellbeing Walks at St Aidan's

These are monthly walks, accompanied by volunteer rangers. and are no more than a mile long and last an hour. They're open to all, especially older people and are dementia friendly. Everyone is welcome, and no booking is needed, but the walks are subject to weather conditions.

Next walk 30th March – meet at the Visitors Centre at 11am.

Nature Tots at Fairburn Ings

Nature Tots is perfect for young explorers aged 2.5 to 5 years old. These sessions include outdoor play, storytelling, music and games. They are designed to be hands-on and as sensory as possible, encouraging child led exploration and natural play. Sessions run on selected weekdays from 10am to 11-30am.

For more information and tickets please contact <https://events.rsbp.org.uk/events/11310>

Many more events to come on both sights in the future, especially around Easter.

KEEP SNAPPING FOR 2023 CALENDARS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Kippax Parish Councils 2022 Calendar, this has been a great year for sales and the quality of photographs sent in, as well as sponsorship of the months by local businesses and villagers.

We are asking you again to keep taking photographs of the village and surrounding area till July 31st 2022.

These can be of events, local countryside or buildings, to show a cross section of the village, portraying the beautiful side of our community and its surrounding area.

We would like to thank the following outlets for their willingness to sell them: Torvills; Kippax Newsagents; ASK; Olivers; Pat's Sweete; Buds & Blooms; Jasons; Anne Marie; Linzi's; Best One; Kippax Post Office; Flintoft's.

Thank you again for your support.





Kippax Commemoration Event for the 75th Anniversary of the End of World War 2. (Re-instated)

We are continuing to plan for the event on the dates and times shown below.

Please note that there may still be some Covid restrictions in place nationally, and we will be observing these, and taking all necessary precautions for the event to be Covid-secure. This may mean that numbers of people in each building at any one time may need to be restricted, social distancing observed and masks worn indoors.

April 30th to May 2nd 2022 (Schools' Day, May 3rd.)

Saturday, April 30th	Sunday May 1st	Monday May 2 nd (Bank Holiday)	Tuesday May 3 rd
Opening ceremony Cheney Basin approx. 10.45 Kippax Band to play on Church Lane North, 10.30-10.45 and afterwards indoors.	Normal church services. Exhibitions closed		School visits day A pre-booked programme of visits for classes and staff from local Primary schools
11.00- 4.00 Exhibitions to commemorate local people who served in the forces and on the home front St. Mary's Church, Kippax Methodist Church St. Mary's Hall	12.00 – 4.00 Exhibitions open Exhibitions to commemorate Local people who served in the forces and on the home front St. Mary's Church, (from 1.00) Kippax Methodist Church St. Mary's Hall	Exhibitions open 10.00-4.00	Exhibitions open to the public from 11.30 to 12.45 And 3.00 to 4.30 only
Presentations by local groups 11.00- 4.00 St. Mary's Hall/Church	Presentations by local groups 12.30- 4.00 St. Mary's Hall	Presentations by local groups St. Mary's Hall 11.00-4.00	
1940's Dance (with Pie and Pea supper) Kippax Ex- Service and Social Club 7.30 p.m. Tickets £6.00 per person, from Denise 07525 403348 Kath 07535014764 <i>British Legion (Ex-Service and Social Club)</i> Raffle, Tombola, Other games Prizes for best 1940's outfits <i>(Vegetarian pies available to order when purchasing tickets.)</i>	6.00 Kippax Methodist Church A Service of Worship using material from <i>The Armed Man</i> , a mass for Peace, by Karl Jenkins. The Wesley Singers Ticket only, due to space available, but free. Tel.0113 2868418		

The following groups will be presenting music or dance during the weekend: Timings of presentations will appear in the programme.

Kippax Band, The Illuminate Choir, Brigshaw High School Choir, Preston Players Wind Band, The Lorraine School of Theatre Dance. There may also be other groups.

Please help us to gloriously commemorate all who served in the armed forces or on the home front, by coming along to the event and by joining in with the *Plant for Peace* and *Make Do and Mend* initiatives. (See December issue of Kippax Matters for details.) Your exhibits can be brought to the venues on Friday 29th April.



KIPPAX COMMEMORATION EVENT GROUP WWII



Did you know that
the people of Kippax
collected money
towards the building
of this ship?

Come along and find
out what they called it
and what type of warship it was.

DISPLAYS

@ ST MARY'S KIPPAX &
KIPPAX METHODIST CHURCH
SATURDAY 30TH APRIL 2022
(OPENING CEREMONY CHENEY

BASIN 10.45

ALSO SUNDAY 1ST MAY 2022
& MONDAY 2ND MAY 2022 (BANK
HOLIDAY)



QUEENS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE



On Friday 12th November 2021 The Growing Zone was very proud to receive The Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire Mr. Ed Anderson who paid a visit to The Growing Zone Group Kippax to present the group with The Queens Award for Voluntary Service.

This award which is the MBE for Community Service was awarded to The Growing Zone on 2nd June 2021, for all their hard work on site and in the community since 2008. The Growing Zone also received Special recognition for their continued work in the community during the pandemic.

In attendance with the Lord Lieutenant was the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Cllr Asghar Khan along with many valuable Growing Zone volunteers and supporters.

The Growing Zone Group is an independent community project which was built and is currently maintained by volunteers and young people of all abilities from our area, who have dedicated their spare time over the years for the benefit of everyone.

The Growing Zone Site is also used for other groups to hold meetings and have fun days, as we have all the necessary facilities and equipment.

As a thank you to The Growing Zone for all their unceasing community work June Perkin (GZ Founder Chair) and Louise Baker (Site Manager) were invited to Westminster Abbey, along with individuals and representatives from other valued community groups from across the UK, to attend the "Together at Christmas" Carol Service on 8th December 2021. The service which was hosted by The Duchess of Cambridge with other senior members of the Royal family present, was in recognition and appreciation for everyone's efforts during the pandemic

Additional Growing Zone Development

The Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Mayor whilst visiting GZ also planted a fruit tree in the new GZ Community Orchard which is on Carters Field allotments. This orchard is part of the GZ community inclusion development and environmental plan. The tree planting is to help the environment, to provide free fruit for the community and be a place of environmental interest.

This environmental project has been funded by the residents of Kippax through the Kippax Co-op Community Fund. The Co-op manager Mr Chris Rattrey was in attendance to help with the planting.

The Growing Zone development plans for 2022 are to:

1. Plant more fruit trees in our area.
2. Expanding our Coming together Group which provides generic resources across our area for the participating groups.

June Perkin BEM
Founder/Chair
The Growing Zone Group C.I.C



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This is a privately printed poem (p.21) about Kippax Park. This was done by someone who was at an auction, possibly looking at books. He was very inspired about the demise of the house. He had the publication privately printed in New York and I found it in a book shop while working in New Jersey. The proprietor told me it was part of a batch of items from a house clearance but he had no details of the author.

PREFATORY NOTE

Kippax Park is situated about eight miles southeast of Leeds, in the County of York, England.

Formerly the property of the de Lacy family of warriors, it was acquired in Tudor times by Sir John Bland, who founded the present mansion. Toward the close of the Seventeenth Century the structure was much enlarged. Many additions have since been made. The present frontage is about six hundred feet.

On October 18th, 1929, the writer attended the sale of the library at Kippax Park. It was the fifth, and next to the last, day of a sale, during which the entire contents of the mansion were sold by the Trustees of the late John Davison Bland at public auction.

It appeared from the sale catalogue, that, according to tradition, during the period when the de Lacy family held the estate, the renowned outlaw Robin Hood was frequently in the neighborhood, and that it was in this neighborhood that he robbed the Bishop of Hereford and thereafter made that cleric dance for his amusement.

The present publication is the result of a recent attempt on the part of the writer to express the emotions he experienced upon being called upon to witness the dispersion of the contents of an old English country house of palatial proportions - and one of which persons, living less than an hour's motor ride distant, knew little or nothing.

B. R. O.

New York,
January 6, 1937.

KIPPAX PARK

By

B. R. O.

*"J'aim aller aux antiques
Et voir dans ce grand gîte."
Quintil.*

New York
Printed for the Author
1937

KIPPAX PARK

A stone's throw from the village inn
Into a furrowed drive you pass –
An ancient way that stretches thin –
Two wheel tracks and a line of grass.

Across the silence of the park,
From which the deer have long since fled,
Against the sky-line's utmost mark
A colliery chimney lifts its head.

So far away it seems to be
A beacon, set aloft the day,
To mark a ledge of industry,
And guide the idler on his way.

And here and there, on either side,
Stand wind-wrecked oaks, that seem to say:
"The years have wasted all our pride,
Where are our boughs of yesterday?"

You pass a clump of trees, and then –
Just as you feel you are alone –
Slowly there swims into your ken
Six hundred feet of chiselled stone –

Six hundred feet of chiselled stone,
Facing a park of sombre green,
On which the tufted grass is grown –
On which no living thing is seen.

There stands the chimney far away –
Against the sky – across the plain;
And here a relic of the day
When wealth was measured by the chain.

Why must the harvest of the years
Be scattered under stranger skies?
Perhaps the answer to our fears
Beneath that distant chimney lies.

"Come forward, Sir, and please draw near,
Today, you know, the books are sold.
You'll surely find a bargain here –
Something that's worth its weight in gold."

And what to buy I cannot say,
Or which is bad, or which is good.
I only know, not far away
A bishop danced for Robin Hood.

The Rt Hon. Alec Shelbrooke M.P.

Conservative Member of Parliament for Elmet & Rothwell
Leader of the UK Delegation to the NATO Assembly



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Dear Residents,

The start of a new year always brings with it new opportunities and I'm hopeful that 2022 will let us move beyond the constraints of the last few years and help our local businesses, particularly the travel and hospitality sectors, build back from the pandemic.

There may well be need for further difficult decisions ahead as global and domestic pressures evolve, particularly around energy supply and the cost of living, but there should be real optimism that we have turned a corner and have new opportunities ahead, not least within the new international trade deals that the Foreign Secretary, Liz Truss, has been working on over a number of years. Throughout all policy decisions that governments must make, I believe we should continue to prioritise the health, aspirations and opportunities sought by families here in Kippax and across the UK.

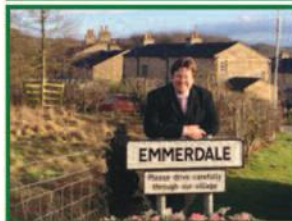
"Locally, plans for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in the summer will be an opportunity to celebrate not only The Queen's 70 years of service to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, but it will also be an opportunity for our communities to emerge from the darker days of recent years and reignite the spirit that makes our communities great places to live and work.

Best wishes,

The Rt Hon. Alec Shelbrooke M.P.

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GREENFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Here at Greenfield, despite the limitations of Covid, we ended the Autumn term in style with our KS1 modern nativity, "Christmas with the Aliens." Our KS2 classes did individual performances based on "The 12 days of Christmas," "Christmas around the World" and "Twas the night before Christmas." The children (and staff) also enjoyed Christmas parties for the first time in a while which we were very grateful for. We also welcomed Rev. Checkley into school for a special advent assembly and the whole school, along with a small army of volunteers, went to the church for a Christmas celebration which was absolutely joyous! We have welcomed volunteers back through our doors. If you have any spare time and would like to devote them to supporting our Greenfielders, we would love to hear from you.

We are very lucky to be based in a community with such strong links to sport and our uptake of sports clubs is very strong here. As such, we are taking part in many more sporting competitions and are proud of the great athletes we are growing. We were very lucky to have special assemblies delivered by a member of the Leeds Rhinos team in December, and to have a personal message for our school from Junior Froot, the UK Freestyle dance champion who talked to pupils about overcoming adversity to succeed as a male dancer. Our children found it hard to believe that in our modern World, somebody would be bullied for a love of dancing, regardless of their gender!

This term, we continue on our mission to "Grow Greatness at Greenfields" and our focus as we returned to school in January was to promote and develop a life-long love of reading. We have invested in staff training to ensure our reading curriculum is rich and balanced. We have launched our Rainbow reading challenge to encourage more reading at home and we continue to develop our reading environments as shown in the photos. We believe we are the only school which has "flying books!" but if you want to see those, you'll have to arrange to come and visit us! Please contact our office to come and see our Great Greenfielders in action.

Ms Hartshorne and the Greenfield Team



The Whodunwot Players
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KIPPAX DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Well, the good news is that at the time of writing we are looking forward to starting rehearsals in the Church Hall for our next Murder Mystery.

'Murder at Kyllem Hall' has had to be postponed several times since Covid hit, but hopefully this time it's full steam ahead.

The even better news is that although we had thought that owing to the hall kitchen not being accessible, we would be unable to include the usual hot meal in the ticket price, this situation has changed. Therefore, as well as the fun of trying to work out whodunit, you will be able to enjoy a tasty two course supper.

A reminder that this Murder Mystery is set in the 1920's, and we would love it you came in period dress, but of course this is entirely voluntary.

Details of how to book tickets are on the flyer opposite.

We look forward to seeing you.

KIPPAX METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Minister for Kippax is: -

Reverend Andrew Checkley

Telephone number 0113 2877669.

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We are back open and worshipping together but still being aware of COVID restrictions and suggestions. Please see below our activities at present but new groups and activities may start or return in the future.

Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship and Acorns (Junior Church)
	3.00 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	Navigate
Monday	4.30 p.m.-5.30 p.m.	Rainbows
	5.30 p.m.-6.45 p.m.	Brownies
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning
	1st Tuesday in Month	Holy Communion
Thursday	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	N.E.T. Coffee Morning/Advice Event

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.

THE VIEW FROM A KIPPAX GARDEN by EBG Jardinero Esq

Well, it's coming to the end of January and we're in the middle of a spell of cold frosty nights and mornings. As long as the more tender plants are protected, exposure to cold is in many instances a good thing. It can reduce numbers of pests and it is needed by garlic for example as it splits a clove into multiple cloves, which turns it into a bulb.

I haven't used slug pellets in the garden for years but at the end of 2020, I decided I wouldn't deliberately go out to kill them any more and see how it went. Any I've found near choice plants have been moved to the compost heap. I did have more hedgehog sightings last year and I've not noticed any significant slug or snail damage. It certainly seems worthwhile carrying on with it.

March to May is a great time for dividing clump forming herbaceous perennials and grasses, to ensure vigorous and healthy plants that will perform year after year. Examples are Aster, Bergenia, Geranium, Hemerocallis, Hosta, Primula, Ranunculus, Salvia and Zantedeschia. Lift them as gently as possible to avoid root damage. Whilst some can be teased apart by hand, it might need anything from a small knife up to a sharp spade to divide them. A little compost mixed into the soil is a good idea if planting one or several divisions back in the same place, as well as keeping them watered until re-established. Any spares can be potted up if they need growing on before re-planting or perhaps they can be used elsewhere?

I've been to several garden centres recently and was struck by how expensive the plants were. Whilst there has been an increase in the numbers of gardeners in the last two years, it will be interesting to see how supply and demand affects prices in the future. The thought that if anyone needs to buy a number of plants, that they could spend £100 and only get four relatively small ones is alarming. I can remember ten years ago buying 50 plants for £15 from a nursery. Garden centres and nurseries provide knowledge, advice and healthy stocks of existing and new varieties (plus coffee and cake) and so provide a valuable service. Over the years, I've swapped some seeds and cuttings of plants with neighbours and friends, albeit on a small scale. So, I'm wondering whether I could encourage more of it. There must be plants in my garden I could share with others by taking an extra cutting or splitting a Hosta for instance into an extra piece. I'm sure people I know will have some appealing plants in their gardens which I would like a piece of, now that the visiting restrictions of the last couple of years are being relaxed. Plus, in coming months I'm going to look out for existing plant and seed swap opportunities through gardening societies or clubs. Hopefully everyone taking part will benefit. I do have a word of caution in the back of my mind relating to avoiding the passing on of pests and diseases and plants that turn into thugs.

We like to have a real Christmas tree and when it's finished with, I've taken it outside and cut its branches off so I can send them away for recycling. I'd arranged some stones in a circle in a border with some broken flags over it to try and give some shelter to a hedgehog over winter. After Xmas 2020, I put some of the cut branches on top of the structure to give it some more protection from the elements. Last Christmas (instead of giving you my heart), I cut off enough tree branches from the top to cover the hedgehog house and I've left on the rest. What remains of the tree has been put out in the garden where I'm hoping it will provide some shelter for any insects that need it over winter. No doubt blue tits will then be on the hunt for anything that suits their palate from it. Last autumn I noticed an achillea in the front garden was looking scruffy and I was going to cut it all down. Before I did it, I noticed there were some ladybird larvae lower down. So, I only cut off the tops and left the lower stems so it was still tidied up but kept the shelter for the larvae. It's got even scruffier now so I checked there was no larvae left on it and the achillea has been cut down to the young fresh shoots at the base. The Christmas tree will provide some alternative shelter.

Given that weather conditions are against walking on the soil and grass cutting at the moment, its emphasising to me that I'm missing being out in the garden. How good is it that nights are starting to shorten and when the weather improves, I can look forward to getting out there? There are compost bins to turn over and get some of the older material put onto beds as mulch. There'll be lots of weeding to be done and it's one of those activities where I plan to do an hour and then realise two hours have gone by. I get such a feeling of satisfaction when I look afterwards at what I've cleared.

Spring brings a freshness to everything whether it be leaves or flowers. I have a couple of apple trees, a crab apple and a cherry in the garden and I love to see the blossom burst open. I like to go birdwatching and it's a good time to look for woodland birds when they become more active but before they are obscured by new leaves.

By the time this issue is published, I hope that 2022 will be proving to be a whole heap better than 2021. It's comforting to me to think ahead to spring with trilliums and bluebells pushing up under trees about to burst into growth themselves. I suppose that's one of the great things about gardening; it's about planning for and thinking positively about, the future.



Get out and enjoy the garden.

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Days out are periodically arranged and a meal at a local eatery takes place on several occasions during the year to which member's wives/partners are included.

We have a nucleus of crown green bowlers for those who might be interested.

The object of the Club is basically the promotion of good fellowship, the opportunity to make new friends and the chance to get out of the house for a few hours for an interesting morning.

Take a look at the calendar of speakers below and if any of this interests you either email us at

www.probus.garforth@talktalk.net or contact **Malcolm Taylor on 07741 203 307**



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Visit to Leeds Recycling plant

Date	Subject	Speaker
January 20 th	Annual General Meeting	
February 3 rd	History Above Your Heads-England Through It's Inn Signs	Michael Astrop
February 17 th	My House-Owners,Occupants & Family Histories	Alex Degier
March 3 rd	Ancient Trees And Ancient Woodlands	Alan Hunton
March 17 th Ladies Day	A Humerous Look Back At My Life In Showbiz	Patti Gold
April 7 th	Britain & Germany The War At Sea 1914-18 Part 1	Peter Stubbs
April 21 st	Britain & Germany The War At Sea 1914-18 Part 2	Peter Stubbs
May 5 th	A Ramble Through The Solar System	Martin Lunn MBE
May 19 th	Two Centuries Of Muddle,Mayhem and Mismanagement	Stuart Lines
June 9 th	A Week In May	Christopher Helme
June 23 rd Ladies Day	The Work Of The Mercy Ships	Dr David Kershaw
July 7 th	Cragside And Lord Armstrong (Northumberland)	Trevor Moody



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KIPPAX ASH TREE

If you go down to the woods today...

When you are out and about around Kippax Ash Tree you may see our fabulous Forrest School in action every Wednesday and Thursday. Our Ash Tree amazing, highly trained, Forrest Schools Practitioner Amanda (aka Amanda Panda) has created a whole world of adventures for our Nursery and Reception children.

A previously unused and overgrown corner of the school grounds has been transformed by Amanda and her little Ash Tree helpers. Together they have created swings, a hammock, a balance trail and story circle amongst other things.

Each week our Foundation Stage children have stories, songs, games and get up to all sorts of exciting learning using outdoor area as their classroom. Magic wands, treasure hunts and a hot chocolate station are the order of the day.

At Kippax Ash Tree we know our children have missed lots of time together since the pandemic and for some of our little ones, they only remember life with lockdowns and facemasks. We are passionate about making sure our children experience some of that lost awe and wonder. As a school we decided to use some of our extra 'catch-up' government funding to make sure our little learners got extra sparkle and magic. Whilst we are still focussed upon the rest of the curriculum for all of our learners, you cannot put a price on the smiles our Forrest school creates.

Making sure children are engaged and motivated to learn is always our goal but on Forrest school days it is not unusual to see Ash Tree children skipping and cheering on their way to school, knowing how exciting their learning will be today.



FareShare

At Kippax Ash Tree we know that hungry children do not learn well and so in 2019 we went into partnership with FareShare the food poverty charity. We agreed to pay for the delivery charges and in return we receive a weekly consignment of fresh food donated by businesses. The food is all in date but may have a short date life or may have torn packaging. In addition, we also have a 'Freezer' delivery once a month.

From the weekly consignment, school staff create Food Parcels for our most vulnerable, priority families and then everything else is added to our 'Pay as you feel' stall. The stall is outside of the main school office each Wednesday 8.30am-9.30am and then 3pm – 3.30pm.

We are always keen to support the wider community and so anyone in need is welcome to contact us and we can see if we can help. We have a small stock of essential items and fresh food items each week.

We have realised that the pandemic has affected people in different and unexpected ways and everyone's pocket is being squeezed. In addition, we also run a school uniform exchange to ensure every pupil, has everything they need to be a successful learner. In order for great learning to take place we know how vital it is for our children to have a full tummy, warm and well-fitting clothes but it isn't just FareShare and our uniform exchange making this possible; we have to say a huge 'Thank you' to Wm Dodgson Funeral Directors for their on-going support of our school and their generous support of our Breakfast Club. Our school is a better place because of the fantastic community around us. Thank you, Kippax, you are Ash Tree amazing!



KIPPAX WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Happy New Year to everyone!

After a very difficult year, we ended 2021 with our annual Christmas Dinner. This year was extra special as lots of us had not seen one another for some time. Lee provided the entertainment and the food was excellent.



Unfortunately, we had to cancel our January meeting as infection rates in Kippax were going up. Hopefully, fingers crossed, we managed to hold our February meeting and the rest of the year will go ahead as planned.

- March 16th Defibrillator Talk and Demonstration
- April 20th Spring Flower Baskets (Buds and Blooms)
- May 18th "Powder, Paint, The Corset" - Speaker – Dulcie Lewis

We meet at the Community Centre, Gibson Lane, Kippax on the 3rd Wednesday in every month.

See you there!

Kathleen

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