

K.C.E.F

# KIPPAX FLYER

KIPPAX COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

**SPRING 2003** O.K So it's late spring but we've been busy! Hope you enjoyed the Daffs - and all the other floral displays round the village both from green fingered Residents and the 'Kippax In Bloom Display Team'.....and this issue The Questionnaire! What you've all been waiting for! Tah Dah.....

A volunteer is delighted to find a 10p coin for the KCEF fund



KIPPAX NEEDS YOUR HELP. PLEASE PLEASE TAKE PART BY COMPLETING THE K.I.D.S QUESTIONNAIRE. THE MORE RESPONSES - THE BETTER THE INFORMATION. THE FUTURE SHAPE OF THE VILLAGE DEPENDS ON YOU.

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### Notes and Thanks this Issue

- This newsletter owes much to the early efforts of Gwilym 'I'm not Welsh' Thomas. Best wishes.
- To the anonymous but obviously beautiful lady who quietly donated £5 to the cause.
- Again to Richard 'Roundup' Gill and his cohorts Paul Ackroyd and Bob Bramley
- Kippax Common Tenants Assoc. for a very generous £200 donation to the KCEF - Ta muchly.

### Any other Business

- Next Public Meetings - 29<sup>th</sup> May and (Check first) 26<sup>th</sup> June, at the Methodist Church.
- Emma 'Glow Worm' Tricketts' events  
Meet Saturdays at the Kippax Sports / Leisure Centre.

Wake up to Birds.	0700	24 <sup>th</sup> May
Wildflower and Butterfly Walk	1400	26 <sup>th</sup> July
Fun Day For Kids		16 <sup>th</sup> Aug

Glow Worm Spotting! To be arranged - ring Emma for details
- 'Kippax Yesterday & Today' Photo Exhibition. 17<sup>th</sup> June at the Library. All Welcome
- We would be delighted to hear from anyone willing to help with posting this newsletter 4 X per year. Call 'Silvertop'
- L.C.C. are looking for local Arts or Crafts practitioners for Free Entry in a new publication: Call Tanja Thomson:2475948

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If you have any comments or information - Give me a call.

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### Kippax in Bloom

Preliminary judging was on 8<sup>th</sup> April and first reports are very encouraging. Once again the Kippax Bowling Club members were brilliant and put on an excellent spread - our sincere thanks to them. Thanks also to all helpers, contributors and encouragers. (If there is such a word). Final judging - July

- Sorry about the state of the Hanging Baskets for a while - circumstances beyond our control as they say.

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### How is it looking?

Much of the responsibility for keeping the village tidy is down to the Council - but as we reported last time lots of others make efforts beyond the call of duty. We do get problems though. Litter is one, though there is an improvement. A second problem is dog mess. Would ALL dogs without hands to do it themselves please have a quiet bark with their owners and get them to carry and use Pooper Scoopers and dispose carefully of the contents.. P.S Proper Bins are now making an appearance in the village. Woof

Secondly we have FLY-TIPPING in some areas. The quicker we can spot offenders and this very anti-social practice, the more likely we are to stop it. Did you know we have a COMMUNITY WARDEN in the helpful shape of Simon Norman? He can help with environmental issues such as fly tipping and low level anti-social behaviour. Use him, that's what he's there for.

CONTACT: Simon Norman on 07904 193 625.

### The Birds & the Bees

Emma Trickett of the RSPB and founder of 'Friends of Billy Wood' is organising events during the summer to encourage our interest in local wildlife. Delivery date may miss the first event but everything sounds intriguing and everyone is welcome. See back page for dates, times and venues.

### On-Going Projects

There has been a significant change of local and Government Policy recently which has allowed some worthy KCEF members to successfully badger the powers that be to re-instate the Common as Green Belt. Respect.

- The Cenotaph has had a major facelift and clean-up.
- A new Flower-Bed at the Library. All our own work.
- Would anyone like to offer help on a team dedicated to the 'Old School' Project mentioned last time?

### Volunteers of the Future?

Groups from Ash Tree School are involved with a project introducing them to the joys of gardens and growing, run with a Help the Aged grant by Keith & Val Aspin (KCEF Stalwarts). With a school staff member, up to 8 children use their own time to visit an allotment. Let's hope the fascination stays with them.

### Names and Places

Do you have any names of, and/or stories associated with any areas of heritage interest in Kippax? This thought started with a discussion about a local name for the copse of trees at the bottom of Gibson Lane. We would eventually like to have an archive of this sort of material.

### What's On?

ARTS FESTIVAL: Preliminary notice of a festival to be held jointly with Garforth. Date & Venue to be arranged BUT KCEF will be exhibiting and displaying the Craft of Cross-Stitch and photos of Kippax.

MAPPING SURVEY. Come along 10a.m 'til 3p.m at ASH TREE School on Gibson Lane on July 5<sup>th</sup>. A Workshop for anyone interested in the village. Express your views and get involved.