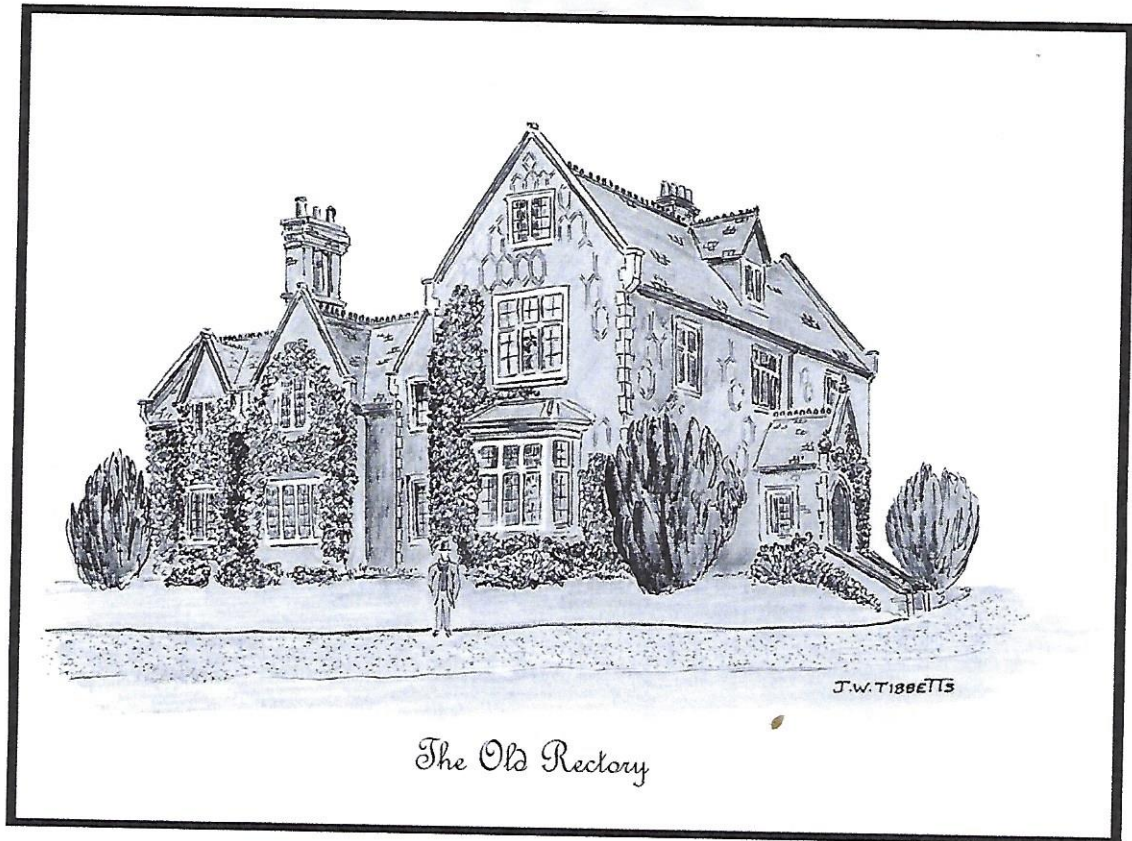


AKELEY NEWS

MARCH 2021



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Secretary Sherri Holland 01280 860 486

St. James and St. John C of E Primary School

Head teacher Jill Peddar

Akeley Caretaker

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Church

St. James' (meets in Akeley Village Hall)

A district in North Buckinghamshire Parish

Rector

Rev. Hans Taling

Church Wardens- to whom enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals, burial of ashes, Churchyard or any general queries on Churchlife, or spiritual matters can be made

Mr. J. Hockley 01280 860 232

Secretary and Treasurer-

Services

2nd Sunday of month - 9.30am Village Worship

4th Sunday of month - 9.30am Holy Communion

Everyone welcome to these services

Other Activities

Parents and toddlers group (Minnows) Tuesday in term time 1.30p.m. - 3.00 p.m. at Akeley Village Hall.

Contact Margaret Culley 01280 860 127

Fellowship Group - every Thursday morning 10.15 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

The Bull & Butcher - managed by Alister & Danni Gibbins
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Websites www.akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Articles for inclusion June 2021 edition

to be received by

5.00 P.M. FRIDAY 21st MAY 2021

NB: ANY CONTRIBUTION FOR THE MAGAZINE RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE INCLUDED

JUST MOVED IN?

To help people new to the village to find out about various activities within Akeley and the local area, the Parish Council deliver a welcome pack to all newcomers to Akeley. However, the Parish Council does sometimes have a problem knowing exactly when property changes hands. To help ensure that a welcome pack is delivered to everyone, if you are new to Akeley and have not received a pack please contact the parish clerk on parishclerk@akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk or **Sherri Holland** on **01280 860486** and we will ensure that one is delivered to you. Or if you already live in Akeley and are aware of property changing hands could you please contact Sherri or the clerk as above.

Minnows parent/carer and toddler group

Tuesdays term time 1.45 – 3.30pm Akeley Village Hall

Minnows is a group where adults can share experiences of child care to support and encourage one another and where children can learn to play alongside other children, have fun and hear very simple bible stories and sing some of their favourite songs. The cost is £1 per family with tea, coffee, squash provided. Do come along or contact **Margaret Culley 860217**.

Do you have education expenses ?

Perhaps we can help. This charitable fund exists for the residents of the Parish of Akeley and makes donations from its investment income.

There is money available for a contribution toward a wide variety of expenses including; college expenses, course fees, school trips, books, evening classes, apprenticeships, tools and instruments and certain travel costs.

Applications can be made in writing to the Trustees; who will need to know the cost of the equipment or fees etc. and which school, college or university or other establishment is relevant.

The Trustees are:-

John Hockley	The Cottage, Main Street. Akeley
Rector	Hans Taling

There have been a few applications during the last year, but the Trustees would like to hear from anyone who could benefit from this village resource.

CALLING ALL COMMUNITY HEROES



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COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!**
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BECOME A COUNCILLOR

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WHAT DO LOCAL COUNCILS DO?

Your local council has overall responsibility for the wellbeing of your local community. Their work falls into three main categories:

- Delivery of services;
- Improve quality of life for residents;
- Give communities a democratic voice.

BECOMING A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

As a local councillor you can become a voice for your community and make real change. Councillors are community leaders and represent the interests of the communities they serve.

Local councillors have three main responsibilities:

- Decision-making;
- Monitoring;
- Getting involved locally.

GETTING ELECTED

To stand for election to a local council you must be:

- a UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of another Member State of the European Union;
- at least 18 years old;
- an elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, CONTACT THE COUNCIL ON:

parishclerk@akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

www.nalc.gov.uk/elections

AKELEY CHARITIES

Subject to funds being available, the Trustees will pay a nominal sum of £50.00 towards dental and optical costs incurred this year by those over 60, being Akeley residents and not in receipt of the annual payment at Christmas. The money must be claimed by letter to the Clerk (Mrs. C. Hockley) enclosing a photocopy of the dental and/or optical bills or receipt, and copy of proof of age. The request will then be considered for a donation not exceeding £50.00 – payment will be by cheque. Only one payment towards dental and one payment towards optical costs, per person per year, may be claimed.

Requests to: Mrs. C. Hockley, The Cottage, Main Street, Akeley,
MK18 5HR.

(If delivered by hand, please put in small wooden box by small gate on footpath to entrance door in back garden)

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DEADLINE DATES FOR 2021

EDITION DATE

DEADLINE DATE

June Edition	Friday 21st May 5.00 p.m.
September Edition	Friday 20th August 5.00 p.m.
December Edition	Friday 19th November 5.00 p.m.

**Any contributions received for the magazine after the
deadline date and time will not be included**

AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

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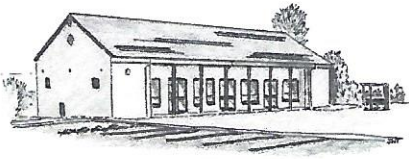
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Natalie Tolley

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AKELEY VILLAGE HALL



akeleyvillagehall.com
Secretary Sherri Holland
14 Church Hill. Akeley
For booking enquiries
Tel: 07756 830357
akeleyvh@hotmail.com

We are currently only able to accept bookings for activities permitted by the government COVID guidelines.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities>

Hire Charges	Akeley Residents	Non-Villagers
For voluntary groups or individuals undertaking non-profit-making activities or arranging social events	£12 per hour	£18 per hour
For individuals or organisations undertaking commercial activities	£18 per hour	£27 per hour

A 25% discount on the hourly rate will be available for frequent users – where at least 6 bookings are made at one time

VILLAGE TEAS

Due to the COVID restrictions there will be no village teas at the moment.
We look forward to seeing you when we feel it is safe for us all to meet up again.
Sherri, Jackie, Mary, Christine

www.aerocise-pilates.co.uk

Tuesday & Friday mornings and Wednesday evenings
at the village hall

For all information on Fitness & Wellbeing Classes with Joanne go to website
joanne@aerocise-pilates.co.uk Booking is essential to confirm availability

Musical Minis Thursdays term time 9.45 – 10.30am

www.musicalminis.co.uk for children from birth to 4 years

Minnows parent/carer and toddler group

Tuesdays term time 1.45 – 3.30pm Akeley Village Hall

AKELEY EDUCATIONAL FUND

Dear Trustees,

I would like to thank you for your generous donation towards the cost of my field trip. I greatly appreciated your support in this opportunity where I gained hand-on experience in the marine environment gaining knowledge in sampling and recognition of the organisms.

Here is a recount of my experience

For my marine biology field trip, I travelled to the Isle of Cumbrae, Scotland. My time was spent learning about the organisms in the marine environment there, and how to sample them in addition to some knowledge of investigating and understanding physical characteristics of the forever changing marine environment.

Each day there was an activity in sampling or investigation of the environment. The first point of interest was the rocky shore where I spent several days collecting samples and data about the shore profile. This involved sampling some key species of the rocky shore from low tide to the high tide line including multiple species of seaweed, periwinkle snails, and barnacles and I was able to see clear patterns of where certain species are found on the shore. The sampling covered sheltered and semi-exposed shores, with the key differences being steeper shores with less seaweed present on the semi-exposed shore. Another sample was taken to determine the species richness of the shore, this was done by setting out an area of the shore in which we would sample and collect different organisms, being sure not to over collect. All samples were returned once our research was complete.

I also spent several days looking at the sandy shore Kames Bay, in Millport. The first was completing another transect from the high shore to low tide to collect samples of organisms in the sand. The abundance of organisms in the sediment, being a 3D environment, was surprisingly large. I measured the salinity and depth of groundwater in the sediment and measured the depth of the anoxic layer, the grey sand where there's not enough oxygen for material to break down. This is also the location where I completed the sampling for my group project where we could investigate a question of our choice. My group decided to look at changes across the beach in Kames Bay due to the visible input of a freshwater stream using a similar method to the one we previously used. Zonation of organisms was observed but the pattern of salinity was quite different to what we had suggested implying that other freshwater inputs affect the groundwater of the bay.

To look at the organisms further offshore in the Clyde, we went out on the research vessel Actinia to collect samples. This was done using a short low speed trawl of the bottom and some higher in the water column to collect plankton. Organisms in the benthic trawl of the seabed included squat lobsters which have an interesting escape mechanism of flipping using their tails. We also captured a variety of large starfish. I observed planktonic organisms such as copepods which show great diversity and are a group of organisms spending their whole lives as part of the plankton. There were also the larvae of organisms I observed on the previous days on the shore such as crabs and starfish.

Overall, from the course I learnt different sampling methods for each of the environments and the organisms you would expect to find on them. I also learnt the theory behind patterns of distribution on the shores and the preferred conditions of the organisms and how to identify many species. I thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and have gained so much knowledge from it.

KIND REGARDS
ELIZA HORNE

Akeley Allotments

*Was your New Year's resolution
to grow your own food?*

Don't have the space at home?

Then try an allotment!



**With Spring around the corner we only have 3
allotment spaces left. Two medium sized plots of
20'x15' at £12.50 per annum or a small 15'x15' plot at
£10 per annum.**

If you are interested or want further details, please
email the Parish Clerk on:

parishclerk@akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Community Emergency Planning

It has been suggested that it would be useful if the village had an Emergency Plan in place. This would cover extreme weather events (e.g. heavy snow that cuts the village off or severe flooding), road traffic accidents, power failures etc.

The Parish Council needs people to volunteer to assist local people in such an event.

Therefore, if you-

- A) Have a 4x4, tractor or a vehicle that could be used to help people trapped in snow,
- B) A chain saw and appropriate handling qualifications, in case a fallen tree blocked the road,
or
- C) Knowledge of First Aid

Then we would love to hear from you!

The idea is to create a database of people that could help, so, if an event such as those above did occur, we would know who we could possibly ask to help. It would not be used unless the situation required an immediate and/or urgent response. By supplying your details you agree that they can be stored and used in this way. All details supplied will be held by the Parish Council in accordance with GDPR and may be shared with other relevant local authority partners in such an event.

Please could you email parishclerk@akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk if you would be able to help.

Many thanks,

Cara George

Akeley Parish Council

What's been happening at St. James and St. John Church of England Primary School...

St. James and St. John School is a one-form entry school located in two villages. Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 children are taught at the infant site in Akeley and Year 3 up to Year 6 are taught at the junior site in Chackmore.

What a way to start the year! And certainly not what any of us were hoping for! After the tremendously successful return to school in the autumn term, we were all eager to embrace the hope and optimism of the New Year. Instead we have wholeheartedly resurrected our roles as remote teachers and supporters. We are very proud of how our pupils have adapted so quickly and the amazing support of our parents!

At the time of writing, the government had not yet announced when or how schools would reopen fully to all pupils. Whatever these announcements bring, we are ready to welcome them back safely and all the staff are eager to see all our pupils again. We have certainly missed their smiling faces on site every day.

Learning has been moved to our digital learning platform, ClassDojo, a format that we have been using through the autumn term for homework and messaging. Learning, including teacher videos, are uploaded daily for the children, with parents and pupils then able to share completed work, as well as other achievements, back with the class teacher directly. The school sites are not shut however; they are very much open to those key worker and vulnerable children that require it. Those children are supported at school, in their usual bubble groups, to do the home learning set.

In order to aid us in developing our remote teaching and learning capabilities further, every class has been having daily Teams sessions with their class teacher and classmates. These are a chance to keep all the children connected to their teacher, as well as other children in their class, as well as share their learning and achievements. We have also managed to utilise the Teams platform to keep delivering interventions and therapies, where they can appropriately be done so, with students that require them. As a school, we have also managed to support some children with loans of laptops, to assist with some of the technological demands of digital learning.

February saw the opportunity to learn about Chinese New Year, as well as Shrove Tuesday and Valentine's Day. As part of this, the Key Worker children made Valentine's cards for residents in local Residential Homes to 'Share the Love' and to show them the pupils care. Looking forward, Easter and Spring bring a wealth of learning opportunities, along with Mother's Day, World Book Day and Red Nose Day, and the potential for more outdoor learning. Photos of the children's learning- both from school and home- can be seen on the school's website and Facebook page.

Being mindful of our pupil's mental health, we have been proactive in offering mindfulness activities for our pupils, as well as offering other support for parents and pupils. Many of these are available to view on the School Website. During this difficult time, we have also been quick to respond to parent's comments and concerns, and we have been utilising our Parent Voice representatives in order to facilitate this, with weekly meetings and regular updates.

With signs of blossom, bulbs and green shoots starting to emerge all around us, we are hoping that we have seen the last of the wintry weather. With Easter fast approaching and promises of warmer weather around the corner, we all look forward to more optimistic times ahead.



Stamp box update

A huge thanks to those of you who have collected and donated their stamps in the past!

Obviously at the moment, we are unable to collect stamps due to the current restrictions. However, keep collecting your stamps at home and we will restart as soon as the guidelines allow!

Just carefully remove the stamps, by cutting around them leaving a 1cm border of envelope or packaging. Then, when it is permissible, post them into the RNIB collecting box, which is located in the entrance lobby to Akeley Village Hall. All stamps will be collected up, sorted and sent to the RNIB who use them to raise funds.

Renew 182

A quiet shared space
where it's ok not to be ok

**A Wellbeing Café where all are welcome and valued
Saturdays 10-12**

Well Street United Church

**When we are not able to meet in person due to
Covid Restrictions, we will meet on Zoom**

Please book a place to attend

- A place to share in a cuppa and conversation
- A place to bring a hobby or try one of the activities provided
- A place to learn inner habits of wellbeing
- A place to be supported in good mental health
- A place open to those of any faith or none
- A place, simply, to be.

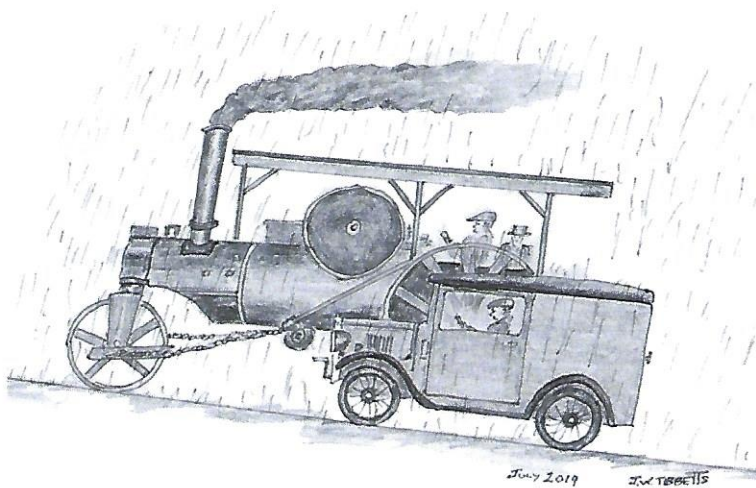
Well Street United Church, Well St, Buckingham, MK18 1ET

For more information or book your place

Visit our website: www.wellstreetoffice.org.uk

Email: wellstreetoffice@gmail.com telephone 07359 043157

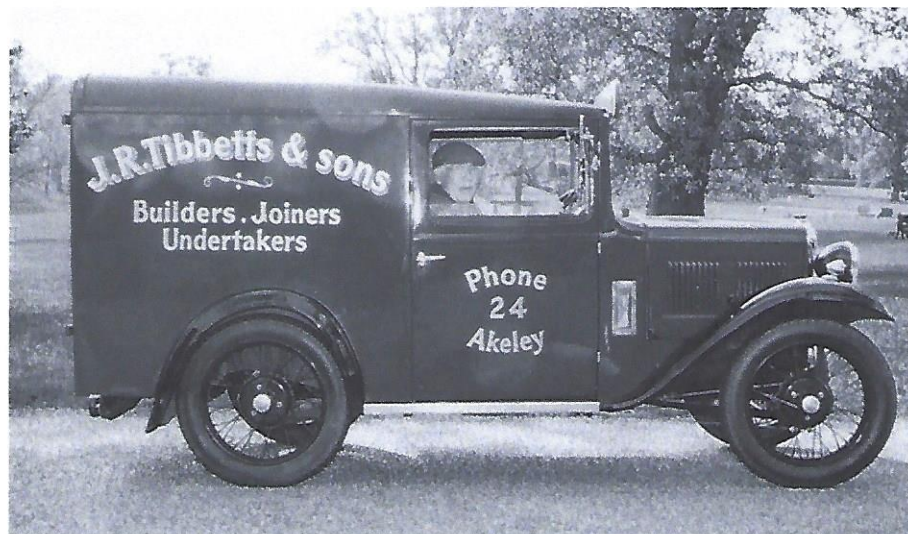
Tales we are told as we go about in the Austin Seven



A mature person came to look at the van and said, "When I have had a look inside I will tell you a funny tale about an Austin Seven van". Apparently years ago he drove an Austin Seven van and was driving on a long incline to a village near Northampton. It was pouring with rain and the van started running on three cylinders and it slowed down but understandably he did not want to get out in the pouring rain to fix it so carried on. He lost

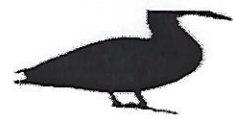
another cylinder but carried on going slower and slower until he was overtaken by a steamroller!

As is often the case a chap was looking at my tools which are arranged in the back of the van. He then took a great interest in the sign writing on the side of the van saying his father had been a sign writer. I told him the van represented an Austin Seven van that we had when the family was in business. It had been bought by a person to take him and his son to work but because of, I think, wartime petrol rationing a private person was not allowed to use a van. My father bought the van for fifty pounds. I told this tale to the man saying that my father was a painter and decorator who also did sign writing saying that although over the years when the sons were in the business we had had four different vehicles none ever got sign written. The man told me that his father worked for the BBC and his first job was to paint Trotters International Trading on the yellow reliant three wheeler van. I pointed out to him my father's box of sign writers brushes and he spent some time taking photos of the sign writing on the box of brushes to show his father. I think the box was obtained in the 1920's from a firm Wrights of Lymm and I am told the firm is still going today.





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