

AKELEY NEWS

JUNE 2021



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday 8th July 7.30 p.m. Village Hall Trustees AGM
Akeley Village Hall**

**Monday 12th July 7.30 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting Akeley Village
Hall**

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Useful Information

Parish Council

Parish Clerk Helen Butcher
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Village Hall Committee

Chairman Andy Sayer 01280 860 040
Secretary Sherri Holland 01280 860 486

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

Head teacher Jill Peddar

Akeley Caretaker

Akeley Infant Site

Chackmore Junior Site 01280 812291

Church

St. James' (meets in Akeley Village Hall)

A district in North Buckinghamshire Parish

Rector

Revd. 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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@bullandbutcherakeley

Websites www.akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

www.akeleyvillagehall.com

Facebook Akeley Parish Council

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Sherri Holland	Chair
John Hockley	Vice Chair
Cara George	Allotments
Debbie Coxall	website & Facebook
Chris Clarke	
Paul Goodger	
Claire Jones	

Parish Clerk Helen Butcher

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The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 12th July at 7.30pm in the village hall. Village groups are invited to submit a report on their activities during the previous year.

This will be followed by the Parish Council meeting.

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.

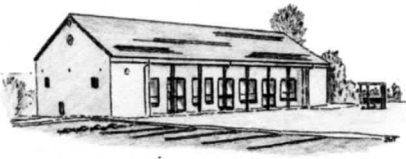
Applications can be made in writing to the Trustees; who will need to know the cost of the equipment or fees etc. and which school, college or university or other establishment is relevant.

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.

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

The Village Hall Trustees
would like to invite you to our AGM
to be held on
Thursday 8th July at 7.30pm at the hall

Please take this opportunity to find out how **YOUR** hall is run and plans for the future.

We would welcome anyone who would like to join us as a trustee but promise no arm twisting if you just want to come along for the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you. (our last meeting in 2019 was attended by one man and his dog so we're hoping for a bigger audience this time) 😊

Activities at Akeley Village Hall

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

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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

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September Edition

Friday 20th August 5.00 p.m.

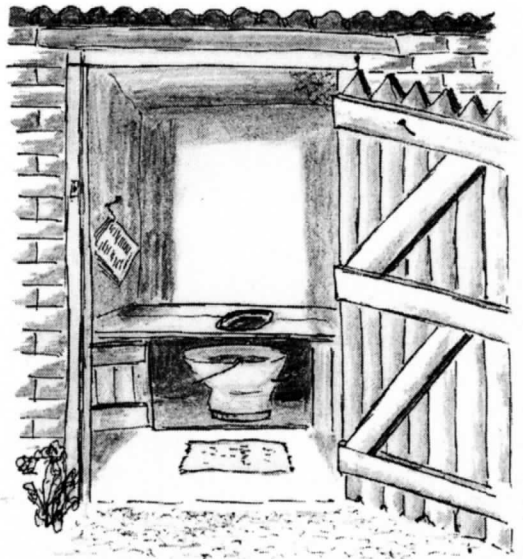
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Friday 19th November 5.00 p.m.

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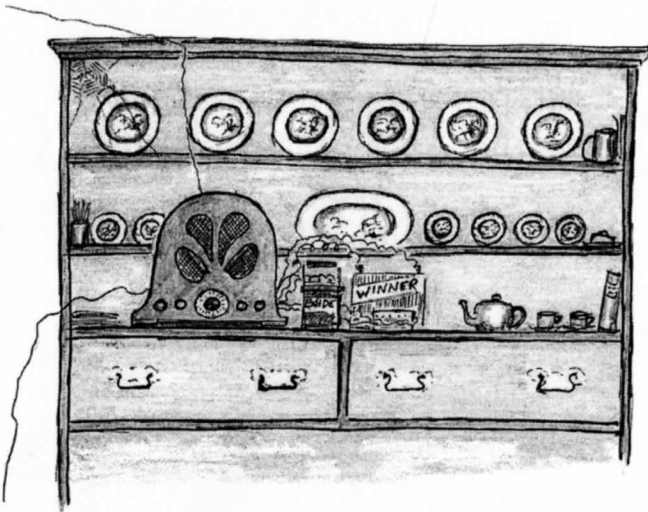
Changes to the way we lived

I had another birthday a few weeks ago and it made me think of the changed as to how we live these days compared to when I was a boy. I was born in the cottage next to the Bull and Butcher which in those days was one of a pair of cottages. My first memory is of going across the square with my mother to the village pump to collect a bucket of water this was the water supply for the cottage. Lighting was by oil lamps and candles and the toilet was a smelly bucket type in a hut down the garden.



In about 1938 we moved into a new four bedroomed council house nowadays called Coronation Cottages. We now had running water although my father had to pump the water with a semi rotary pump on the kitchen wall from a well in a neighbour's garden to a tank in our roof. We now had an indoor flush toilet and electric lights on a shilling metre but there were no power points although at the time it wasn't really a problem as we had no appliances

to put into a socket. Our radio at that time was battery powered by a glass accumulator that had to be charged up every week, one big dry battery and one smaller dry battery. Ironing was done with flat irons heated in front of the coal fired black lead grate, which was where the cooking and baking was done. To boil the kettle first thing in the morning before the fire got going we had a small two burner paraffin stove. We now had a bathroom that just contained a bath



and a cold water tap, there was no wash basin. Hot water for the bath had to be heated up in the brick built copper in the kitchen and carried to the bathroom in a bucket. The copper in the kitchen was where the washing was boiled and then put through a wooden rolled mangle to squeeze the water out which very often broke buttons on the garments. Years later my father paid privately to have electric sockets installed, an electric cooker, an electric Sadia to heat the water in the kitchen and a large one in the bathroom. He also had a wash basin fitted in the bathroom.

J W TIBBETTS

(to be continued)

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.

June has arrived and with it a further step into the new 'normal' with continued relaxations of the Coronavirus restrictions. Here at St. James and St. John, this easing of the guidelines has led to some very exciting news for the children- the possibility of a school trip to mark the end of the year! Each year has a different trip planned, linked to the topics they have been learning about. At the time of writing, the children had not yet been told where they were going, so unfortunately we cannot reveal those yet!

In the meantime, the children are enthusiastically engaging in their learning for this term. Alongside their Maths and English lessons, there are a wide range of topics being studied as part of our full and varied curriculum – these include explorers, plants, castles, weather, electricity, habitats, forces and the Victorians! We are hoping to be able to hold in-person 'Parent Consultation' appointments later in the term, where parents will be able to see the children's fantastic learning for themselves.

We were very lucky at the Akeley site to have the one sunny day, in a week of rain, for the annual May Day celebrations. Our May King and Queen started the proceedings, with the help of their attendants. Each class performed a dance and then all three classes joined together for a rather large version of 'In and Out the Dusty Bluebells'. Although parents were unable to be present due to the guidelines at the time, there were numerous photos taken, which were posted on the school's website and Facebook page.

The year 6 'Charity Representatives' were hard at work in May, as they encouraged everyone to come to school in their pyjamas in return for a small donation for 'PyjamaRama' day. We were proud to be raising money for the Booktrust charity, which supports children who are less fortunate to share the warming experience of a bedtime story and help families engage with reading.

Our 'Parent Voice' meetings are continuing to engage parents remotely and have become a great channel for parents to ask questions and make comments. We thank all the parents for engaging so well with this and making it such a positive and successful tool.

Looking forward to September, and we are excited to meet the children and parents of our Foundation 2021/22 class. We have been able to offer these families a tour of the school, something we were unable to do earlier in the year due to Covid-19 restrictions. We are also able to offer an in-person welcome meeting, as well as stay-and-play sessions for our new starters in July to help ease them through this transition.

Transitions mornings are also going ahead for all our classes as normal this year, including for our newest intake. All the teachers look forward to getting to know their new class, although there is still a while to go and a lot of learning to be done, before the end of the School Year!



Stamp box update

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

Thanks to a couple of kind individuals who donated their recently collected stamps, there were approximately 450 stamps in the box after it was last emptied. The RNIB is very grateful for any (domestic or foreign) used stamps, so please keep collecting them!

Just carefully remove the stamps, by cutting around them leaving a 1cm border of envelope or packaging. Then, when it is open, pop 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.

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- 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
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Well Street United Church, Well St, Buckingham, MK181ET

For more information contact by

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