

AKELEY NEWS DECEMBER 2021



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday Dec 4th **Distribution of the Akeley Charities -
Akeley Village Hall 9.30 - 10.00 a.m.**

Wednesday Dec 8th **Village Teas in the Village Hall 1.30 - 3.00 p.m.**

2022

Monday Jan 10th **Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m. in the
Akeley Village Hall**

Wednesday Jan 12th **Village Teas in the Village Hall 1.30 - 3.00 p.m.**

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Useful Information

Parish Council

Parish Clerk Helen Butcher
email: parishclerk@akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 07943 780343

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. - 3.30 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

www.akeleyvillagehall.com

Facebook [Akeley Parish Council](#)

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5.00 P.M. FRIDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2022

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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 860127.

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 Parish Council www.akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council Members:

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

Parish Clerk Helen Butcher
e mail parishclerk@akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk
Tel: 07943 780343

Address:
Hall Farm
Akeley Road
Lillingstone Lovell
Buckingham
Buckinghamshire
MK18 5BL

Parish Council meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Monday of alternate months
(January/March/May/July/September/November).

The agenda will be displayed on the parish noticeboards and on the Parish Council website 3 clear days before each meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

If you have items you would like to be considered for inclusion in the agenda, please email the Clerk at least 7 days before the meeting

 **AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL**

In 2006 Akeley Parish Council commissioned a survey to establish the condition of the 26 street lights in the village. In order to provide for maintenance and repair/replacement of the lights it was agreed that a sum of £600 per annum would be set aside from the precept. Since that time £6,920 has been built up in the reserves.

In 2019 the Parish Council contacted 3 suppliers for quotes to replace the lights. Zeta Specialist Lighting were the chosen contractor. The new lights will give energy and maintenance cost savings. The Parish Council received an interest free loan over 5 years to cover the remainder of the cost of the project.

Due to the length of time taken for the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government to approve our borrowing application the project has been delayed until now.

At the time of writing this report 24 of the street lights have been replaced and the 2 that are on concrete columns in Manor Road are scheduled to be replaced by the end of November. There is a delay on these 2 as the concrete posts are also to be replaced.

We re told that the lights will dim to 50% between midnight and 6am.

We would like to thank all past and present Councillors and Clerks for their work on this long-term project.

If there are any problems with the lights please contact the Parish Clerk – Helen Butcher on 07943 780343. email: parishclerk@akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

AKELEY CHARITIES

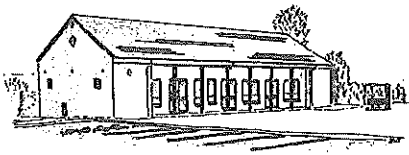
Subject to funds being available, the Trustees will pay a nominal sum of £50.00 towards dental and optical costs incurred this year by those over 60, being Akeley residents and not in receipt of the annual payment at Christmas. The money must be claimed by letter to the Clerk (Mrs. C. Hockley) enclosing 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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AKELEY VILLAGE HALL



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

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

Activities at Akeley Village Hall

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

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**Musical Minis Thursdays term time 9.45 – 10.30am**

[www.musicalminis.co.uk](http://www.musicalminis.co.uk) for children from birth to 4 years

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# 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.*

As Christmas draws closer, there is no shortage of excitement and opportunities abound for the children to enjoy the seasonal festivities. Having just enjoyed the PTFA's fabulous Christmas market, it certainly feels like there is not long to go - and what a lot there is still to enjoy first!

As well as a whole-school trip to the pantomime in Milton Keynes (oh, yes there is!), there is also the welcomed return of the whole-school carol concert at St Peter and St Paul's Church in Buckingham which parents are warmly invited to. Whilst the children will be enjoying a lot of festive activities, there will also be many opportunities to look at the story behind Christmas and its true meaning. With this in mind the youngest pupils are getting ready for their Nativity, whilst pupils at the Chackmore site are looking forward to the Christingle service there.

Outside of school, we are very excited to be part of the Christmas celebrations for the National Trust at Stowe. They have asked us to decorate a Christmas tree, which will be standing among others at the entrance to the Gardens. In keeping with the recent COP26 summit, we have decided to focus on reusing old decorations, but in our unique St James and St John style. Keep a look out for our tree if you visit!

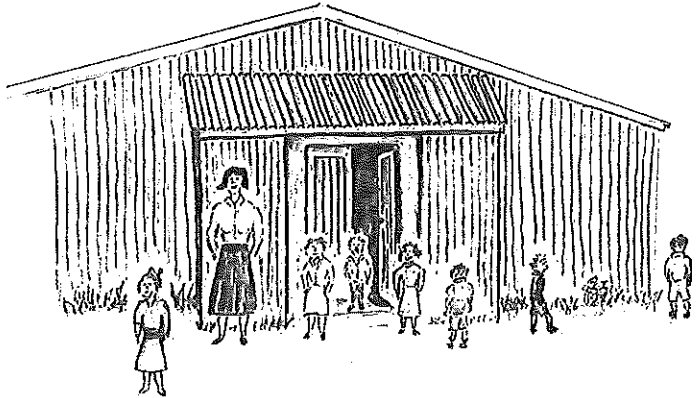
For those who may not be aware, at the end of December, Mrs Pedder will be retiring as the Head of St. James and St. John C of E School. Mrs Pedder will be greatly missed, after ten years as the Headteacher here. There are a few events planned for pupils, staff and governors to say goodbye and thank you, including a whole-school assembly at the end of the term.

Mrs Louise Woods will be taking over as the new head in January, although parents, staff and pupils will be seeing a lot of her throughout this month in school, at many of the school's Christmas events.

Finally, may we wish all the families, staff, and friends of St. James and St. John's Primary School a very Merry Christmas and all our best wishes for the new year and 2022!

### Changes in the way we lived 3 (continued)

It must have been just before the war that we went on holiday to my mother's parents in Barnsley. My young Uncle Frank who had won medals for playing football for Barnsley Boys took me as a treat to see Barnsley play. Now the only football I had seen was the village lads kicking a blown up pig's bladder about using two coats on the ground for a goal. At the football match I hadn't a clue what was going on and after the match asked Uncle Frank who had won, he was not impressed. It was soon after the Barnsley holiday that the war started and Uncle Frank joined the RAF where eventually he would become a Squadron Leader.



At the school the village children used the school in the mornings and the evacuees with their teachers, Miss Baldwin and Miss Watson in the afternoons. Eventually all the infants would be moved down to the village Hall with the London teachers and all of the older would use the village school with the teachers Miss

Samson and Miss Neal. We now had to carry gas masks everywhere we went and often would have to sit under the desk wearing the gas mask and I remember I was so pleased I was old enough not to have a Mickey Mouse gas mask.

Life for us boys was getting quite exciting. We had planes flying over and the occasional plane crash to go and explore, tanks going up and down the road on manoeuvres and bursting through hedges. The A.R.P. practising putting out incendiary bombs in The Square and the Home Guard practising and parading their drill in Akeley Square and also practising throwing grenades in the field called The Close.



Dad came home on leave and had to bring his rifle and five rounds of ammunition with him, mother made him store his rifle behind the piano. One afternoon a week the women of the village would meet at the Rectory to knit socks and scarves etc. to send to Akeley men in the forces. Also Mr Skinner and his committee would organise dances and social evenings to raise money for the troops. My mother being on the committee would send my older sister Pam and I around the village selling raffle tickets to swell the funds. J.W.Tibbetts.



# Renew 182

WHERE IT'S ALL TAKING PLACE

**A wellbeing café where all are welcome and valued**

**Saturdays 10-12**

**Well Street United Church**

**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](http://www.wellstreetoffice.org.uk)**

**Email: [wellstreetoffice@gmail.com](mailto:wellstreetoffice@gmail.com) telephone 01280 817560**

# Village Teas

Innovations Group are now hosting the  
monthly coffee and cake afternoons

at the village hall

Wednesdays

8<sup>th</sup> December & 12<sup>th</sup> January

1.30pm - 3pm

Only £1.00 for cake and tea or coffee,  
refill as many times as you desire

Book stall available - donations are welcome

## MISSING

*Hello*

*My white cat is missing. He has been missing since the beginning of November. This is unusual as he comes home every day. He is a white cat, 5 years old, and wherever he wanders he always comes back every day. Can you please check your sheds/garages or outbuildings to see if he has got locked in. Your help would be very much appreciated as I miss him very much and want him home. We live in Akeley So if you have any sighting of him can you please ring me on 07711 367439*

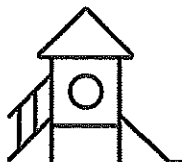
*Best Wishes*

*Irena*

## Children's play area & Recreational Field

The Parish Council is looking to apply for grant monies to renovate the play area and over time the recreational field. It is anticipated this will be a phased project over several years. We hope to be replacing and adding new play equipment, should our grant applications be successful.

We would like to get the views of residents and other users of the play area, on what equipment they would like for their children and are conducting this survey.



To access the survey online please visit;  
[www.akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)



**This consultation will end on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

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|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Q1</b>  | <b>Please enter the town or village where you live</b>                               |                          |
| <b>Q2</b>  | <b>How many children, aged 0-3 years, are you the parent, guardian or carer for?</b> |                          |
| <b>Q3</b>  | <b>How many children aged 4-7 years are you the parent, guardian or carer for?</b>   |                          |
| <b>Q4</b>  | <b>How many children aged 8-11 years are you the parent, guardian or carer for?</b>  |                          |
| <b>Q5</b>  | <b>How many children aged 12+ years are you the parent, guardian or carer for?</b>   |                          |
| <b>Q6</b>  | <b>How many adults are in your household?</b>                                        |                          |
| <b>Q7</b>  | <b>Would you like to see new play equipment in Akeley?</b>                           | <b>Yes / No / Unsure</b> |
| <b>Q8</b>  | <b>Would you like to see new exercise equipment in Akeley?</b>                       | <b>Yes / No / Unsure</b> |
| <b>Q9</b>  | <b>What play equipment would the children like to see? Highlight any that apply</b>  |                          |
|            | <b>Swings for infants</b>                                                            |                          |
|            | <b>Swings for juniors</b>                                                            |                          |
|            | <b>Nest swing</b>                                                                    |                          |
|            | <b>Slide – large</b>                                                                 |                          |
|            | <b>Slide – small</b>                                                                 |                          |
|            | <b>Rotating Cone Climber (witches hat)</b>                                           |                          |
|            | <b>Standard climbing frame</b>                                                       |                          |
|            | <b>Toddler springers</b>                                                             |                          |
|            | <b>Cargo net</b>                                                                     |                          |
|            | <b>Monkey bars</b>                                                                   |                          |
|            | <b>Climbing wall</b>                                                                 |                          |
|            | <b>Imaginative play area</b>                                                         |                          |
|            | <b>Other (please state)</b>                                                          |                          |
|            | <b>None of the above</b>                                                             |                          |
| <b>Q10</b> | <b>Looking at the above list, what are your top 2 favourites?</b>                    |                          |
|            |                                                                                      | <b>1</b>                 |
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 **AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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| <b>Q11</b> | <b>We would like to be inclusive of all needs within the village. Is there a specific item of equipment, not mentioned above, that would enable you or your child to better use the play area? If yes, please give a brief description here</b> |  |
| <b>Q11</b> | <b>What if any exercise equipment would you like to see around the recreational field?</b>                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| <b>Q12</b> | <b>Do you have any other comments?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.**

**Please email your completed form to [parishclerk@akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or post to Akeley Parish Clerk, Hall Farm, Akeley Road, Lillingstone Lovell MK18 5BL or drop into 14 Church Hill Akeley by 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**