

AKELEY NEWS

MARCH 2022



J.W. Tinsley

The Old Greyhound

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Monday 7th March | Mother's Union Soup Lunch
Akeley Village Hall 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. |
| Monday 14th March | Parish Council Meeting
Akeley Village Hall 7.30 p.m. |
| Sunday 27th March | St. James Church, Akeley
Mothering Sunday Service in the Village
Hall 9.30 a.m. |
| Thursday 2nd June | HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee village picnic
and beacon lighting playing field from 5.00 p.m. |
- Innovations Group Village Teas 2nd Wednesday of each month
1.30 - 3.00 p.m. in the village hall**

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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
01280 860 237 bullandbutcherbucks@gmail.com
@bullandbutcherakeley

Websites www.akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk
www.akeleyvillagehall.com

Facebook Akeley Parish Council

Akeley News Editor - Hilary Jones, Broadlands, Leckhampstead Rd, Akeley

Articles for inclusion June 2022 edition

to be received by

5.00 P.M. FRIDAY 20TH MAY 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:

Sherri 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
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MK18 5BL

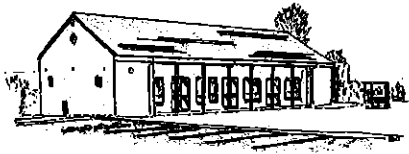
Parish Council meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Monday of alternate months
(January/March/May/July/September/November).

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 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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# AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

## SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 5pm

Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations  
Village picnic and beacon lighting

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### **Playground**

The play equipment and safety surfaces have been jet washed and looking nice and clean.

Following the play area consultation in December the Parish Council has received quotes from several companies for new equipment and layout and these will be considered over the next couple of months.

We are looking at available funding and will prioritise the children's play area.

### **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

We have received funding to purchase the necessary equipment for us to carry out speed monitoring in the village.

If you would like to volunteer for this there is online training to be completed which will take about 30 minutes.

Please contact Helen our Parish Clerk if you are interested.

[parishclerk@akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

07943 780343

### **Buckinghamshire & Surrey Trading Standards**

#### What is a Nottingham Knocker?

You may know this group as 'the duster sellers'. They are normally young lads that turn up on your doorstep with a huge black holdall full of cleaning products ranging from tea towels, dishcloths and dusters to sprays, polishes and even small clothing items.

Unfortunately, not only are they after selling you poor quality items at highly inflated prices they are also checking out suitable targets for details to be sold onwards to professional burglars.

They will readily admit to being ex-convicts trying to make a new start in life by working for a living and may show a card purporting to be part of a probation scheme or claim to be deaf or mute, again showing an appropriate card. These ID cards are all mocked up and have no legal bearing. The probation service does not and would not be involved in any such working methods.

Please report these incidents to us via Citizens Advice on 0808 223 1133 and/or to the police on 101.

Use 999 if you feel threatened in any way.

**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 2022**

| <b>EDITION DATE</b> | <b>DEADLINE DATE</b>          |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| June Edition        | Friday 20th May 5.00 p.m.     |
| September Edition   | Friday 19th August 5.00 p.m.  |
| December Edition    | Friday 1st November 5.00 p.m. |

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

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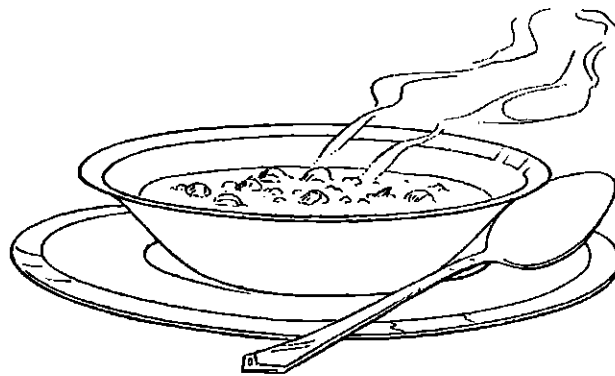
The Culley's of Foxcote Farm (by the reservoir) would like to thank you for your support during the summer and autumn of their garden produce sale bench.

A cheque for £1,758 has been sent to aid the local Air Ambulance.



**MOTHER'S UNION INVITE YOU TO A  
SOUP LUNCH**

**AKELEY VILLAGE HALL  
MONDAY 7TH MARCH 2022  
12.00 NOON - 2.00 P.M.**



**CHOICE OF SOUP**

**TEA/COFFEE**

**CAKE**

**RAFFLE**

**EVERYBODY WELCOME**



# Village Teas

Innovations Group are now hosting the  
monthly coffee and cake afternoons  
at the village hall

**on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month**  
**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

## MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE ST JAMES CHURCH AKELEY

We invite you to a shorter service for Mothers  
and families of the village led by Bill Truscott in  
Akeley Village Hall on Sunday 27th March 2022  
at 9.30 a.m. - everybody welcome

More details will be available nearer the date:  
please have a look on the Akeley page of the  
Parish Website [nbpchurches.org.uk](http://nbpchurches.org.uk)

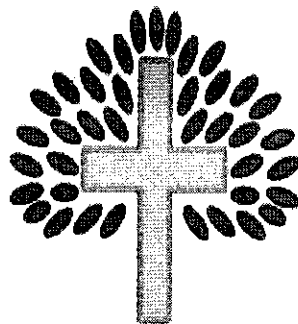




@ St Edmunds Church, Maids Moreton

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March & Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 4-5.30pm

MESSY CHURCH is fun for all the family to enjoy together, with craft, story, songs and a delicious sandwiches & cakes tea.



FOREST CHURCH

@ St Edmunds Church, Maids Moreton

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 4-5.30pm

FOREST CHURCH is fun for all the family, as we explore the wonders of God's creation and enjoy nature. Much of these sessions will be outside so please don't wear your best clothes!

EVERYONE is welcome, it is free, you don't need to book and children must be accompanied by an adult please.

Any questions, please ring Cathy 01280 814430/821976



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022**



# **FRIDAY 4 MARCH**

**A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE**

**11.00 a.m.**

**at**

**St Edmunds Church  
Maids Moreton**

**All are welcome**

**I know the plans I have for you**

**Informed Prayer Prayerful Action**

**Ecumenical**

**365 days a year**

**24-7**

**Prayer Movement**

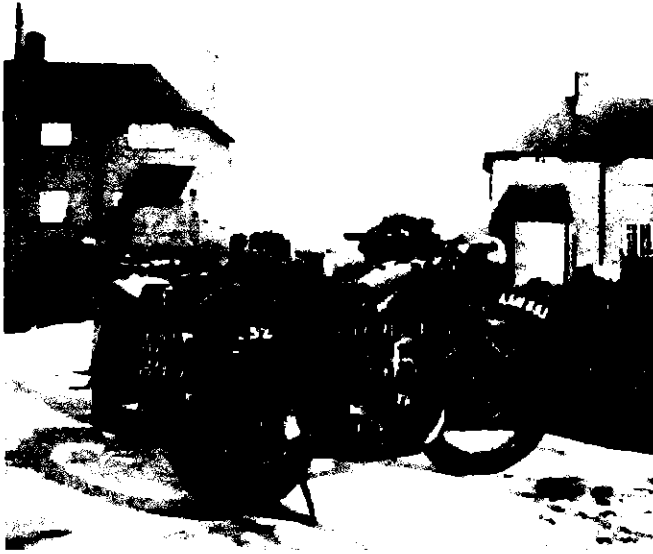
**Women-led**

**[www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)**

**Global**

**Registered Charity Number 233242**

## Changes in Motoring



The road to Buckingham was closed and we had to go via Bysell crossroads. I was meeting big cars going too fast for these minor roads and it made me reflect on what it was like when I first started motoring, first of all on a motorcycle. I bought my first motor cycle when I was sixteen with the help of a loan from my father and with a promise that I paid him back and at times he could borrow my motor cycle as he did not have a car at this time. This was the week that petrol rationing finished after the war. I passed my test and after our family firm packed

up I found a job at a firm of builders in Wolverton where when I turned up on my first day I discovered that I was the only one on the firm with mechanised transport. Going to work each day via Maids Morton (there were gates on Leckhampstead road in those days which meant I would have had to get off my motorcycle three times to open the gates and then close them again) I only saw two cars, three motorcycles and the milk lorry before I got to the A5 at Old Stratford. There were lots of bicycles of course.

As a school boy I went to help Teddy Cox at Church Farm and he had me driving his Fordson tractor and then his Austin Seven car. In those days we were taught defensive driving and motorcycles and cars weren't very powerful and brakes were poor so you had to change down the gears to stop and on many of the old cars you have to double de clutch which I very often still do also Teddy Cox gave me this piece of advice 'Everyone else on the road is an idiot' and there are far more drivers today than in those days. In my motorcycling days we used to reckon if you did 50mph nobody would overtake you but nowadays at 50 all of the lorries overtake you. After National Service in Germany where I had passed my test in a lorry I bought a new motorcycle to get to work on and shortly after petrol was put on ration caused by the Suez crisis. They didn't seem to have given me many petrol coupons. Petrol was 2/6d (13pence) for one gallon (five litres). In those days and I could hardly afford that as I was earning only a fiver a week. How times have changed.

(to be continued)

