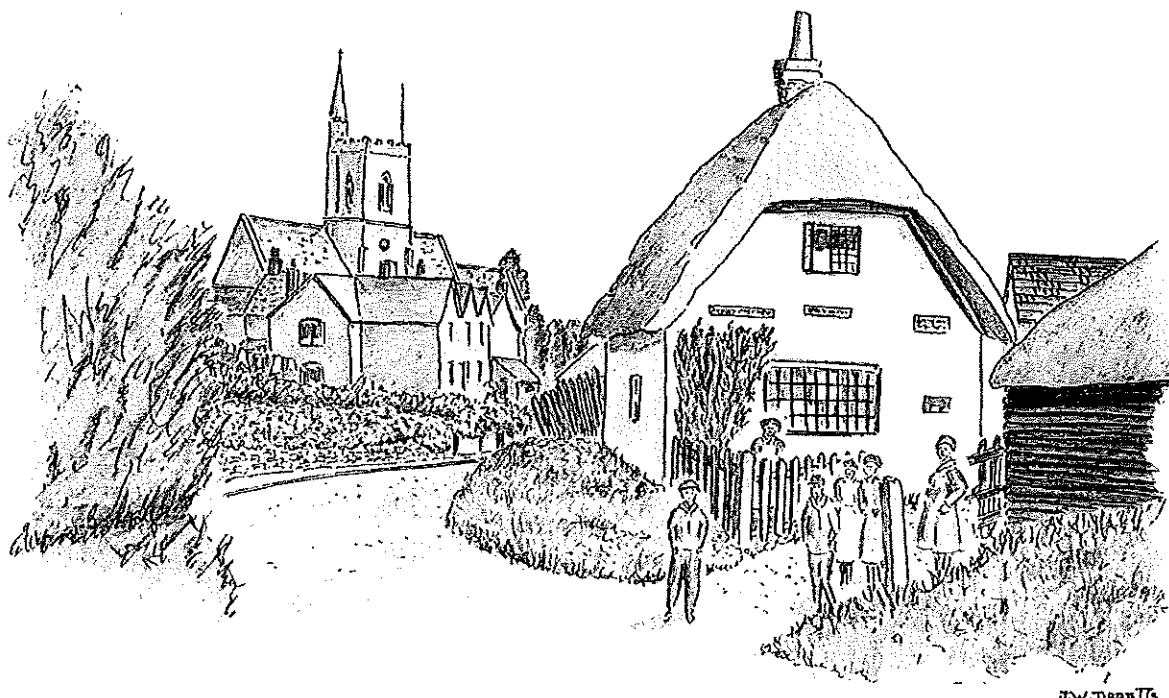


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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 2nd June

HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee village picnic
and beacon lighting playing field from 5.00 p.m.

Saturday 11th June

St James and St John Summer Fayre
Akeley Village Hall 12.00 noon - 3.00 p.m.

Monday 11th July

Parish Council Meeting
Akeley Village Hall 7.30 p.m. (tbc)

Sunday 7th August

Cream Teas at The Old Dairy,
Foscote 2.00 p.m. - 6.00 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 Mrs. Louise Woods

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

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. - 3.30 p.m. at Akeley Village Hall.

Contact Margaret Culley

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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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 Tel: 07943 780343

Address:

Hall Farm
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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**
Draft minutes of Council meetings will be available on our website within a month of the meeting

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

Speed monitoring in the village

The Parish Council has received funding to purchase the necessary equipment 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.

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Helen, our Parish Clerk parishclerk@akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk Mobile 07943 780343

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/carers 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 01280 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.

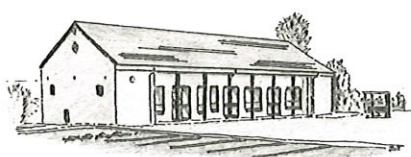
Applications can be made in writing to the Trustees; who will need to know the cost of the equipment or fees etc. and which school, college or university or other establishment is relevant.

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.

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For booking enquiries
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Activities at Akeley Village Hall

www.aerocise-pilates.co.uk

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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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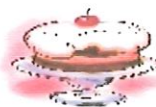
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for children from birth to 4 years

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Village Teas



Innovations Group are now hosting the monthly coffee and cake afternoons

on the 2nd 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

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

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September Edition

Friday 19th August 5.00 p.m.

December Edition

Friday 18th November 5.00 p.m.

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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 we return after another fun filled May half term and half term holiday, we look forward to the warmer, sunnier final half term of this academic year. With lots of learning experiences ahead, as well as more opportunities opening up, it will be a busy, but very enjoyable half term! Before that, here is a (not so) brief round up of what we have been enjoying at St James and St John, since the New Year!

At the start of the Spring term, we welcomed our new head, Mrs Louise Woods, to the St. James and St. John school family. Mrs Woods has had a very busy first term and a half, meeting all the children and their parents, as well as the wider community.

Mrs Woods is married with two children and has been teaching for over 20 years at a range of different sized schools. She was attracted to St James and St. John's School by the nurturing, child focused ethos and Christian values of the school, as well as all our polite, inquisitive children! Mrs Woods has a clear vision for the school, focusing on achieving together and celebrating successes, as well as reconnecting with the local community.

During February we celebrated the NSPCC's Numbers Day, with lots of Maths activities throughout the day and pupils came to school wearing something 'number' related.

Another big event in February was the return of the PTFA Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 discos! The children, and attending staff, had a great time dancing away, as well as taking part in lots of fun activities led by the entertainer. All money raised by the PTFA went towards supporting activities and equipment for the children at both the Akeley and Chackmore sites of the school.

The annual event, World Book Day, took place at the start of March. We held a day of exciting reading related activities and held a book sale at the Chackmore site to help raise money to replace some of the books in the library.

We have also held a Yellow and Blue non-school uniform day with donations going to support the Humanitarian Fund's work in the Ukraine. Across both sites, we raised just under £750! We were very grateful for everyone's kind donations. Two of our year

6 pupils did a fantastic job of leading an assembly to explain to the Key Stage 2 children what was happening, in an age appropriate way, and why we were raising money.

On Friday 18th March, we held a very enjoyable 'Colour Run' for the first time; with coloured powdered paint kindly donated by a parent and the PTFA. This was to help us learn about the Hindu festival of Holi, a festival which celebrates Spring and new beginnings.

This year, we have greatly enjoyed being able to welcome Mothers' to our Mother's Day assemblies, with one for the Akeley site at Akeley Village Hall and two for Years 3/4 and 5/6 at the Chackmore site. We are very thankful for the lovely contributions of flowers, prepared and provided by the PTFA, to celebrate the wonderful mothers who support our pupils and do so many things to support our school.

On Monday 4th April, we held an Easter Extravaganza: our first whole school event to take place at Chackmore in quite a while. The Akeley site came over for the day and joined in a whole school Collective Worship for Easter; for which we welcomed both Margaret Culley, the North Buckingham Parish's Licensed Lay Minister, and Katie Pellereau, the Curate from Buckingham Parish church, to jointly lead this. This was followed by several other whole school Easter activities (including crafts and a hunt for chocolate Easter eggs, which were very kindly provided by the PTFA). Years 3 and 4 also treated everyone to a fantastic dress rehearsal of their Spring Production: Sleeping Beauty, the Ugly Truth. Everyone had a very exciting day and we are looking forward to the next whole school activity! Later in the week, Years 3 and 4 entertained their parents with two brilliant performances. With quite a few tears and even more laughs, everybody agreed they did a fabulous job!

Our Year 1 children also had an exciting visit to the Lillingstone Pick Your Own, to explore the signs of Spring (and meet some of the new arrivals!). It was a lovely visit exploring the changes in the seasons and spotting many of the signs that Spring was finally here!

On the last day of the Spring term, many of the children arrived with trainers, messy hair, nail varnish and temporary tattoos as part of the PTFAs 'Break the Rules' Day, which helped raise money for the PTFA, to buy new resources for the school.

Our children were keen to ensure that everyone had an enjoyable Easter: they made Easter cards for the residents at local care homes, collected Easter Eggs for the Florence Nightingale hospice and Year 1 made flowers and decorations for Saint Nicholas' Church in Lillingstone Dayrell.

Looking back over this last May half term, there have been lots of fantastic experiences for the children. We have been able to invite more visitors into school,

including the author Emily Gale who came in to speak with the children at the Akeley site. She held the children enthralled as she discussed how she came up with the ideas for her books and how she wrote them, as well as answering the children's questions, and reading to them too.

With the wider relaxing of the restrictions, inter-school competitions and events have begun to restart. The children have been able to experience a Year 3 and 4 Girls Football competition, a Year 5 and 6 Girls Football competition, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 dance competitions and a Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball competition. These are all highly enjoyable, fun events, with a little bit of competitive spirit thrown in too! Well done to all of our teams, for taking part and representing the St James and St John School spirit so well!

We look forward to ending this May half term with a day of celebration- our whole school Jubilee Day. We are pleased to be able to have all the children (dressed in red, white and blue) from both sites together again, for a day of activities and fun celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! The PTFA are very kindly supplying all the children with a little treat and drink to end the day, and the half term, with a whole school Afternoon Tea.

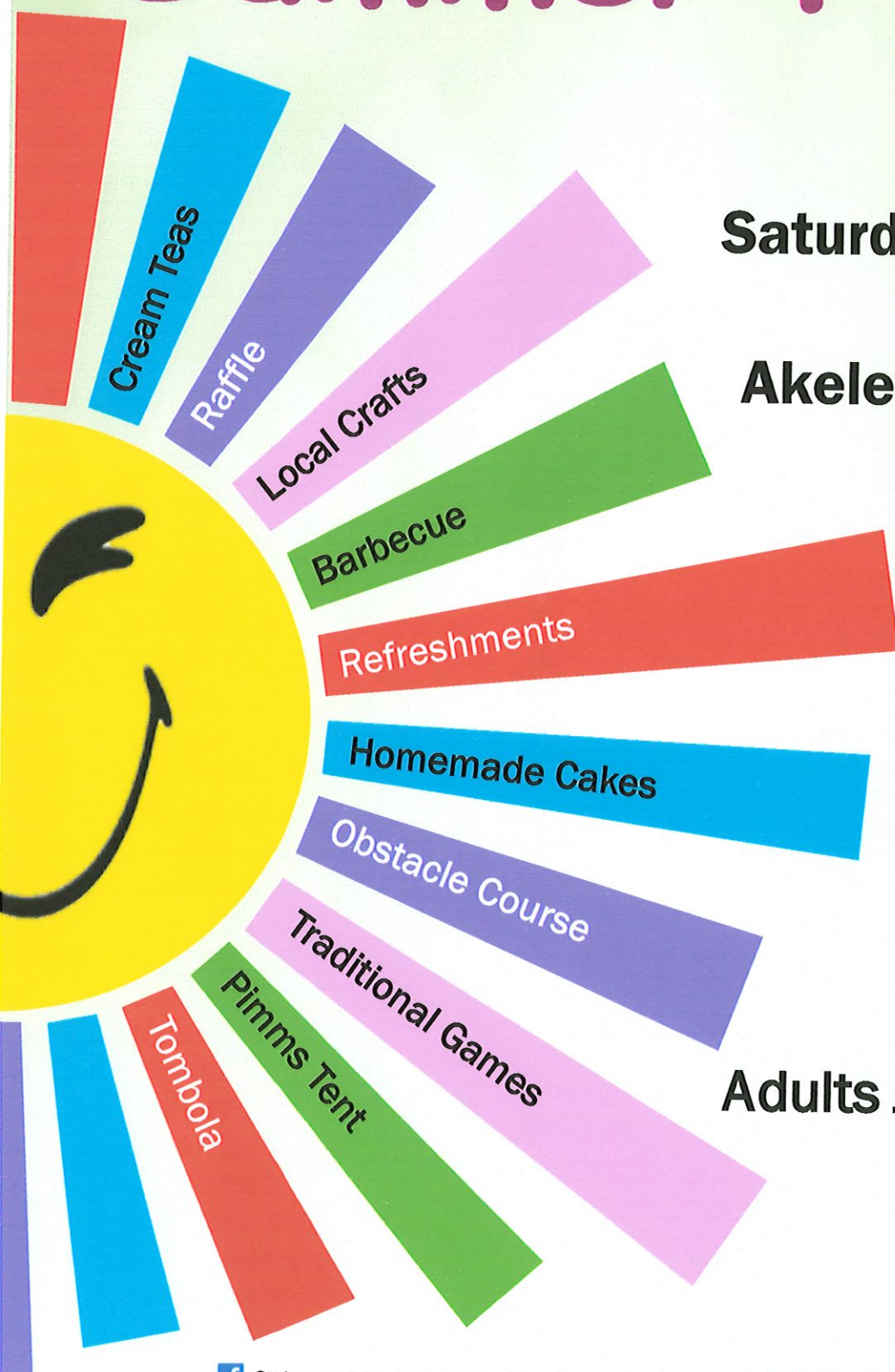
After half term, we have many exciting events to look forward to- Father's Day assemblies, a visit by some Romans, the year 4 residential and Sports Day to name just a few!

Finally our PTFA are very pleased to announce the return of the Summer Fayre! On Saturday 11th June, 12-3pm, at Akeley Village Hall, come along to games, refreshments, stalls and more! Have some fun whilst helping the PTFA raise money for St James and St John school. All are very welcome, whether you are 5 or 95!



St James & St John PTFA **Summer Fayre**

Saturday 11th June
12-3pm
Akeley Village Hall



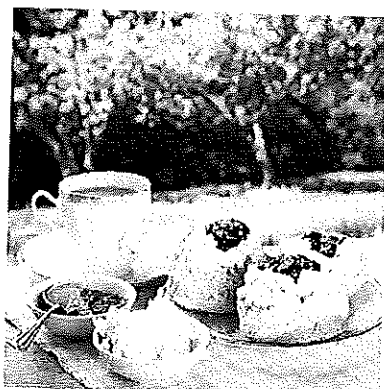
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Adults £1, U16 FREE

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Meg and Eric invite you to enjoy a cream tea at their delightful home at The Old Dairy, Foscote on the Maids Moreton to Leckhampstead Road. Lovely gardens with views over the countryside and the reservoir. (Off road parking). Proceeds to Air Ambulance.

SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 2.00 P.M. - 6.00 P.M.

Everybody welcome

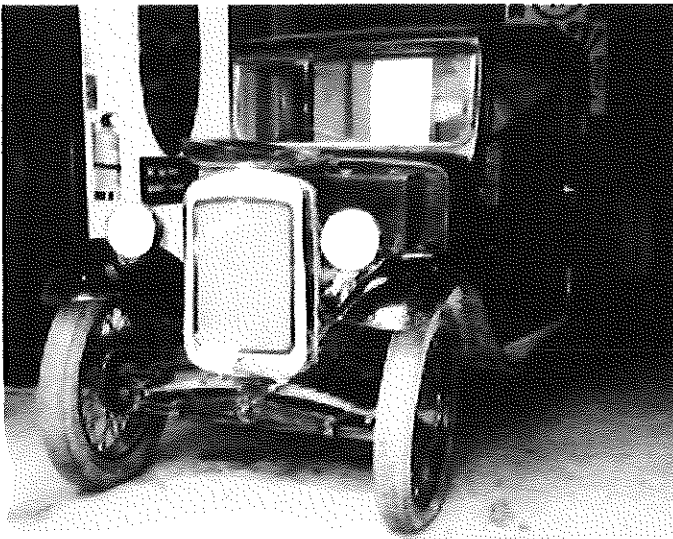


Vegetable stall - the vegetable stall will be outside daily during the summer months when home grown vegetables are plentiful -

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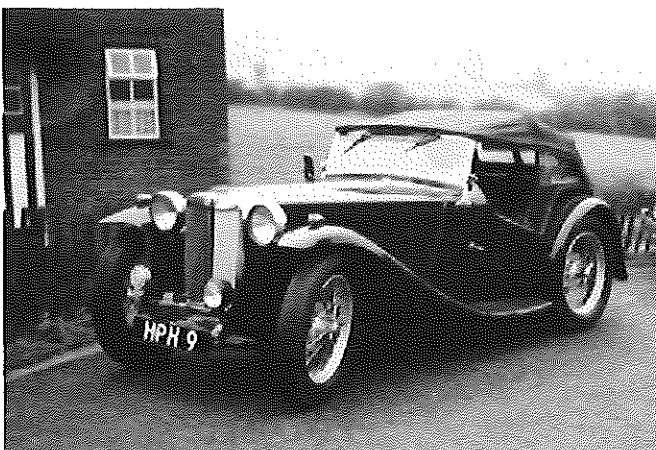
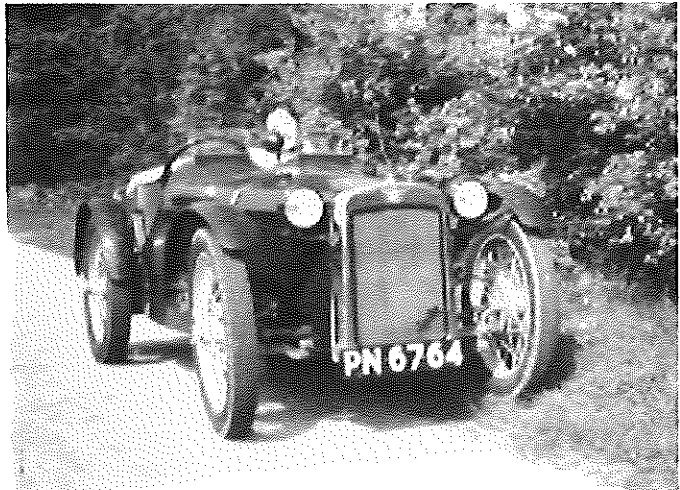
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## Changes in Motoring 2



I was riding my motorcycle home up Police Station Hill in Buckingham and there was an Austin Seven for sale for £10 so I called in and bought it for £5. I now had my extra petrol coupons. I think petrol rationing finished the next week.

There was a craze in the 1950's to turn Austin Sevens into sports cars and there were a lot of firms that altered or made parts and bodies for them and as my Grandfather had a redundant joiner's workshop the Austin Seven was moved in and stripped down. Springs were sent away to be flattened the front axle was lowered bits were welded a body made and upholstery done and five years later I had a sports car.



During that five years I had sold my motorcycle and bought a 1938 two seater MG registration number HPH 9 (which has now ended up in the Haynes Motor Museum) and was now driving a tuned side valve Morris Minor which would do all off 65 mph. The Austin Seven Special would do I suppose 55mph although it always felt fast with the wind rushing by but I found I

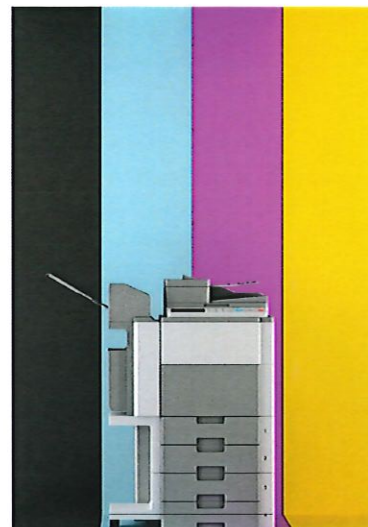
couldn't afford to run two cars so the Austin had to go. I have read that the top speed of the MG was 75mph and I had to pay extra on the insurance because it was a sports car. Our present runabout, a Suzuki is reputedly able to do 90mph which is ridiculous. No wonder there are so many accidents.

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