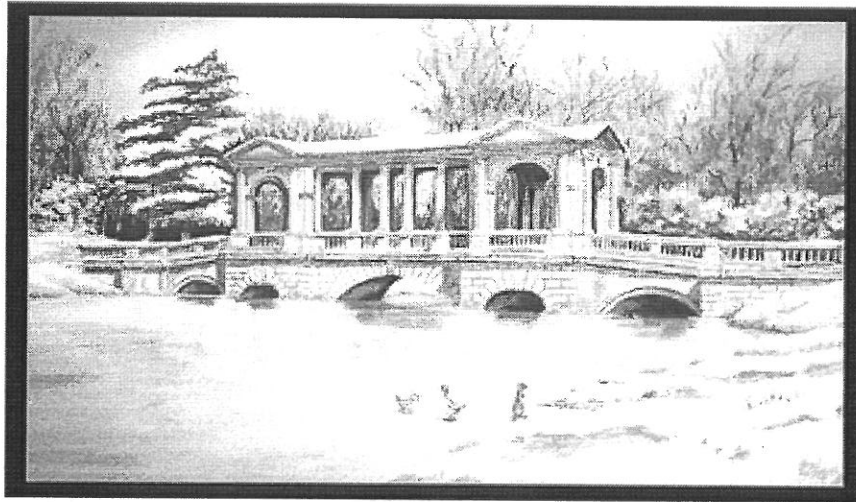


AKELEY NEWS DECEMBER 2022



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 24th December

**Carol Service
Akeley Village Hall 6.00 p.m.**

2023

Monday 9th January

**Akeley Parish Council Meeting
Village Hall 7.30 p.m.**

Innovations Group Village Teas 1.30 - 3.00 p.m. in the village hall

Wednesday 7th December 2022 and Wednesday 11th January 2023

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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
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 March 2023 edition

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5.00 P.M. FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2023

**NB: ANY CONTRIBUTION FOR THE MAGAZINE RECEIVED AFTER
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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** :

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
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**
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

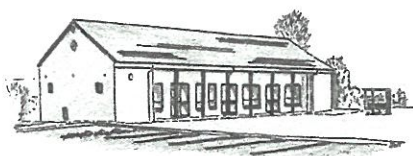
Speed monitoring in the village – volunteers required

The Parish Council has set up the Akeley Community Speed watch group which will carry out speed monitoring at various points 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

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	£16 per hour	£22 per hour
For individuals or organisations undertaking commercial activities	£22 per hour	£30 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 Monday evenings

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

Village Teas



Innovations Group are now hosting the monthly
coffee and cake afternoons

on Wednesday 7th December & 11th 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

Akeley Poors Allotment (APA)

Akeley Charities: Dental and Optical Costs

Dental Costs

Subject to funding being available, and at their discretion, the Trustees will pay a sum of up to £50 towards **dental** costs incurred during a given year.

Only one payment, to assist in dental costs, per person per year can be claimed.

Optical Costs

Subject to funding being available, and at their discretion, the Trustees will pay a sum of up to £50 towards **optical** costs incurred during a given year.

Only one payment, to assist in optical costs, per person per year can be claimed.

Applicants in receipt of the Christmastime payment may also apply for assistance with optical and dental costs.

- Any relief provided by Akeley Poors Allotment is for the direct benefit of the individual recipient.
- The benefit is for residents who have lived within the Parish of Akeley for a minimum of two complete years (as of 30th September in each year).
- All claimants must be 60 years of age, or over.
- Applications from new claimants must be accompanied by either a copy of their birth certificate or a copy of their passport.
- Any recipient unable to collect in person may appoint a representative. The representative must bring written and signed authorisation with them on the day of collection.

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**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)

Carol Service

Led by Rev Cathy Pearce

6 p.m. on Christmas Eve 24th December 2022

Akeley Village Hall - all welcome



DEADLINE DATES FOR 2023

March Edition	Friday 17th February 5.00 p.m.
June Edition	Friday 19th May 5.00 p.m.
September Edition	Friday 18th August 5.00 p.m.
December Edition	Friday 17th November 5.00 p.m.

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deadline date and time will not be included**

Cream Teas and Vegetable Stall

Thank you to everyone who came to the cream teas in the summer and donating money on the vegetable and egg stall. We made £1,901.00 for the Air Ambulance

Meg Culley

CORONATION PLANS MAY 2023

Decorating the Town Centre Outside the Old Gaol

Thank you very much for any knitting help you are able to do. I am most grateful and I hope I am not overdoing things after asking so much for the Jubilee!

To supplement the red, white and blue flowers I have retained from last year I would like to gather woollen triangles to make bunting please.

My targets will be.....200 Red Triangles

.....200 White Triangles

.....200 Blue Triangles

If you are intending to knit some please **would you let me know how you are progressing** with numbers so that I am able to call an appropriate halt to proceedings (when the targets are reached!) You are being most kind and I do not wish to abuse this.

Lionelweston9@gmail.com

01280816413

Pattern.....for a Triangle

1. 5 mm needles
2. Cast on 2 stitches
3. Knit 3 rows (in garter stitch)
4. Next row and every following 4th row K1 M1 K to the last stitch M1 K1
5. Repeat those 4 rows until you have 40 stitches on your needle
6. Knit 3 rows (in garter stitch)
7. Cast off
8. Sew in any loose ends.

Please do not worry about being too precise.....but the end product should be about 9" across the top of the triangleand about 8" high?

Three options for collection please.....

1. Please let me know your contact details and I will collect them from you.
2. Deliver to my house.....3 Stowe Close MK181HY
3. Drop off in the "Nimble Thimble" in Well Street

March 1st would seem a good deadline if possible please.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Lionel

OR
CONTACT
HILARY
(EDITOR)

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.

With the days shortening, wet playtimes becoming more common and colder mornings more frequent, winter is well on its way!

Over the November half term, new paths were laid at the Akeley site resulting in a safer and more accessible entrance to the school for all. The inner courtyard was also resurfaced and now has a more accessible surface which can be utilised more easily for a variety of activities. We are also pleased to report that the Akeley site is having new gates and fencing installed, to improve the safety of the site for all.

Back in October there were two Harvest festivals, one at Chackmore and one at Akeley, both of which were very well attended. It was lovely to see so many parents attending to support their children and enjoy their fantastic singing, poems and pictures! We were overwhelmed by the generosity of all our families with their donations for the local food bank and we thank all those who were able to make such a donation.

The children at the Chackmore site also held a Remembrance day assembly to remember those who had lost their lives, in all wars, to keep us safe, including those who still serve to do so. Two of our Key Stage 2 children were chosen to lay a wreath on behalf of the school, at the memorial at Buckingham Parish Church, as part of the Remembrance Sunday parade and service. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school and maturely reflected the solemnity of the event. In Akeley, a small group of staff, governors and children laid a wreath at the Akeley memorial on the 11th November, on behalf of the village of Akeley, and in memory of all those from the village who died serving in World War 1 or 2.

Our youngest pupils enjoyed a fantastic, if somewhat damp, day at Warwick Castle in mid-November. As well as exploring parts of the castle, they enjoyed exploring the Zog playland as part of learning activities and explorations linked to the book 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson.

Also in mid- November, the school turned spotty as all the children came in with their spottiest clothes for the annual 'Spotacular' or Children in Need fundraising day. We were delighted with the creativity and imagination of some of the outfits worn!

The PTFAs delightful Christmas Fayre was well attended in November with a huge number of families attending and enjoying the festive fun and games. It was also a great opportunity to start Christmas shopping for many, as well as being a fabulous, fun event for all the family! A huge thank you to the PTFA and all the many helpers who organised and put on such a great event!

As December begins, we enter a very busy couple of weeks. We have several festive events for the children lined up, including the annual Panto visit (oh, yes there is!), a festive lunch and one of the highlights of the academic year, the whole-school carol concert at Buckingham Parish Church! Before all of those treats though, we have another highlight of the year, which is the KS1 and Foundation Stage Nativity. This year, as well as two performances for parents, there is also going to be a Grandparents performance- get those tissues ready!

However, we are keen to ensure that the children do not lose sight of the real meaning behind Christmas and its importance to Christians around the world. To help achieve this, we hold an annual Christingle service at the Chackmore site. Our Year 4s will also be undertaking a workshop at the Well Street Church in Buckingham called 'Christmas Unwrapped', where they explore the meaning behind many of the traditions and trappings of Christmas.

Finally, we wish all our children and their families, our staff and all the friends of the school, a very Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year!

THE END OF AN ERA



We had left our display for the Jubilee by our bungalow wall together with the bunting when suddenly the death of the Queen was announced. Straightaway Angie went out and removed the bunting and the red flowers and arranged some silver and black ribbons. John went to the work shop and found a piece of wood and gave it an undercoat followed by another coat that evening. Early next morning he gave it a coat of gloss which was dry by dinner time. He then painted

'Rest in Peace' and on Saturday was able to fix it to our display.

Some twenty or so years after I retired as a joiner at the University of Buckingham I heard I had a slight connection with the Queen. We had a new Vice Chancellor who wanted a fourteen seater table which I designed, the Burser saying, "Make it out of anything and I will have a cover made for it." Afterwards the Clerk of the works said to me, "We can't do that John, What do you want to make it out of?" We settled on Sapele. It was in fact three tables, two with rounded ends that all clipped together and you could use the two end table together leaving the centre table for drinks. I was just finishing polishing the table when I saw the Burser, the Vice Chancellor and his wife coming down the path. The door opened and the wife said, "I'm not having a cover made for that!" Some two months or so later I was made redundant and shortly after so was the Clerk of the Works. I wonder why? Some twenty years of so later I was at a car show with my Austin Seven van and I have photos of a few things I have made on display on the back doors, when a lady I knew who used to clean at the Vice Chancellor's house said, "I have polished that many times. Did you know that the Queen sat at that and had her dinner?" Fame at last!



Our new King is Charles III and he has already visited every country of the United Kingdom and met with Heads of State of other countries including those of the Commonwealth.



Sadly our Queen who reigned for seventy years, died on September 8th



Her son then became King Charles III. God Save the King.