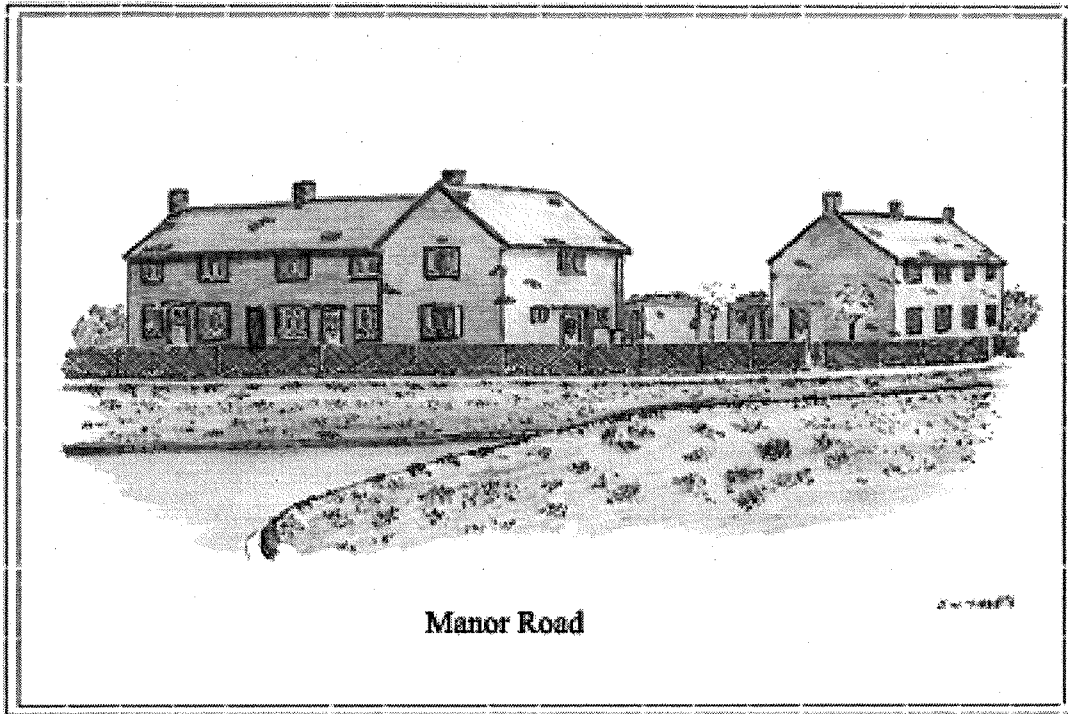


AKELEY NEWS MARCH 2023



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 6th March

**Mother's Union Soup Lunch
Akeley Village Hall
12.00 noon - 1.30 p.m.**

**Monday 13th March
Monday 15th May**

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

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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 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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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** 01280 860486

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	
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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 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.

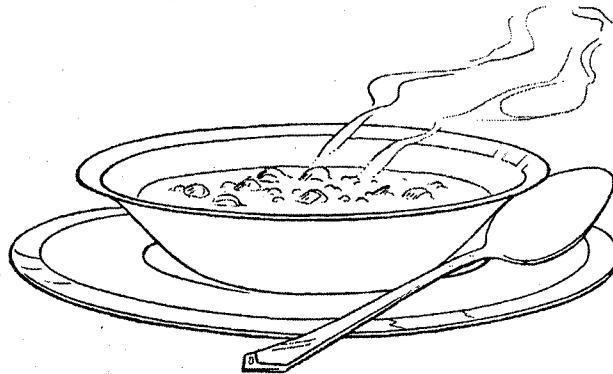
**Requests to: Mrs. C. Hockley, The Cottage, Main Street, Akeley,
MK18 5HR.**

(If delivered by hand, please put in small wooden box by small gate on footpath to entrance door in back garden)

MOTHER'S UNION INVITE YOU TO A

SOUP LUNCH

**AKELEY VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2023
12.00 NOON - 1.30 P.M.**



CHOICE OF SOUP

TEA/COFFEE

CAKE

RAFFLE

EVERYBODY WELCOME

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 starting to lengthen, warmer weather on its way and signs of spring all around, we are coming towards the end of the Spring term. Looking back since the new year, the children have enjoyed a variety of opportunities all designed to enhance their learning and build their skills. We have been fortunate to welcome visitors into school numerous times over the last couple of months. This included a visitor from the Buckingham Canal Society, who discussed the science behind canals and re-building them with Year 2. We also had visitors from the Milton Keynes Synagogue who discussed with both Year 4 and Year 2 the importance of Passover to Jews and the significance of the food they eat during the festival, with relevant links to RE and understanding other religious festivals.

At the Akeley site, we welcomed a variety of animals with a visit from Zoolab. The Year 1, 2 and Foundation stage children got the opportunity to look and handle various animals including a snake, gecko, giant millipede and African snail. It was a great opportunity for the children to learn about animals other than humans and we were impressed at the insightful questions asked and the maturity the children showed. We look forward to welcoming more visitors over the rest of the academic year.

Other opportunities have included the Year 4s experiencing a day at Holdenby House and experiencing a snapshot of life in wartime 1942, linking to their history topic about World War 2. The Year 5 children have had the opportunity to take part in Level 2 of the Bikeability training scheme, developing those important cycling skills and the Year 3s have enjoyed a Stone Age day at school, focusing on different aspects of life in the Stone Age and really bringing their learning to life.

Several of the Year 1/2 children have taken part in a sport skills festival, testing out different skills such as throwing, catching and running in a fun, supportive environment. Some of our Year 3/4 children have also taken part in a football competition, where they worked well as a team and showed great determination and perseverance.

At the Chackmore site, we have also enjoyed the second round of the Key Stage 2 cooking competition, where the finalists from the first round had to design and create an interesting and healthy packed lunch. What delicious creations we were treated to! We look forward to seeing the three finalists in the final round in the summer term.

At the start of February we took part in the NSPCC's Number day, where we enjoyed a morning of mathematical activities and for a donation could come to school dressed as a number, or as a rock star or robot (to reflect the 'Times Tables Rock Stars' and 'Numbots' games the children use to practice at home). February also hailed the annual school disco, put on by the PTFA for the children. There were lots of great dance moves and a generous amount was raised for the benefit of the children and the school.

Coming up in March, we look forward to World Book Day and sharing our favourite books, both old and new, with each other (as well as some fabulous costumes too!). We also have a whole-school trip to the Silverstone Museum on the horizon, as well as a whole-school Easter Extravaganza for the end of term.

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DEADLINE DATES FOR 2023

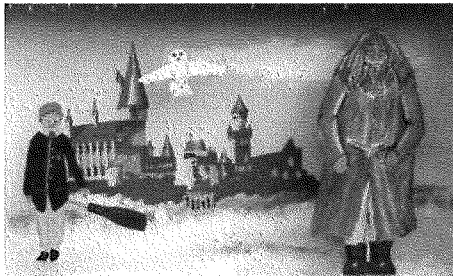
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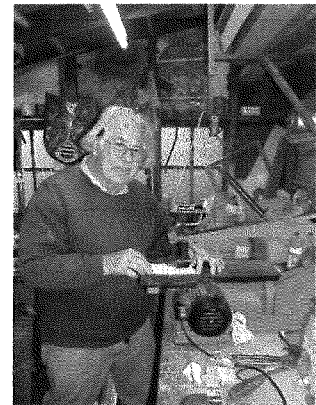
Our Christmas Window

Many of you will have seen our Christmas window. Many years ago a friend who was a bit of a character and at one time was the plumber at Stowe School and he and his wife lived in the Corinthian Arch. His name was Charlie Carder and he decided that we ought to have a Christmas window dressing competition in Manor Road. We had at the front of our bungalow a long narrow window and we decided that Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs would fit the bill. My father drew these out on paper and I transferred them out onto 25 millimetre polystyrene and I made a cutter from an old stick on defroster/demister. (Cars didn't have heaters in those days) using the wire and plywood to make this. I connected this to my battery charger and cut out the figures which my father painted. We won the competition! For some years we had a different theme in the window.



Years later after Angie had come to live with me we had the porch filled in and now had a different size window so we started again as my nieces and nephews had children. I made a box that fitted in the window with Christmas tree lights in the top and we could paint a background on the back. The

figures we now cut out of plywood on a scroll saw and Angie and I paint the figures and background between us. We did this until the children grew up. Now we have a Grandson we have started again. He knew all the characters in the Scoobie Doo theme but did not know who it was in the red coat and hat with a white beard. He recognised Father Christmas this year.



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