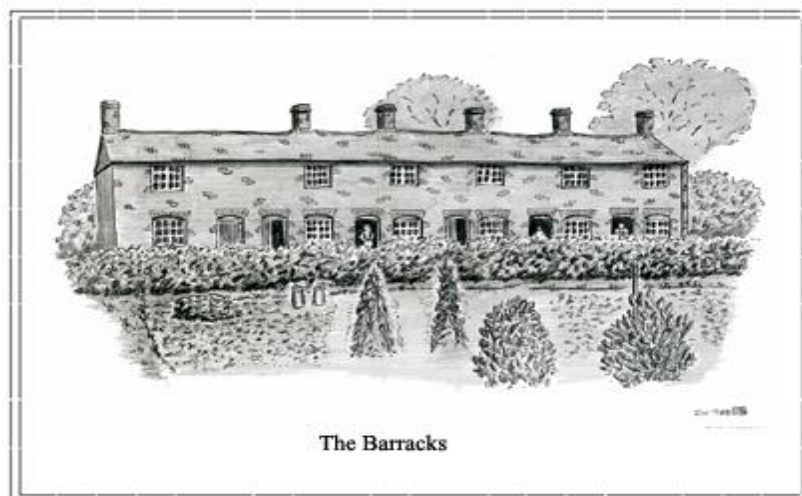


# AKELEY NEWS JUNE 2023



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June            Cream Teas at the Old Dairy,  
Foscote 2pm – 6pm
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June        St James & St John PTFA Summer Fayre  
12 – 3pm at Akeley Village Hall
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July            Akeley Village pig roast **free entry & live music**  
bar & BBQ from 5pm / carving 7pm
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July            Akeley parish Council meeting 7.30pm  
at the village hall
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
September                Macmillan Coffee morning at the village hall
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
Innovations Group Village Teas 1.30 - 3.00 p.m. in the village hall
- 2nd Saturdays of June & July at 4pm  
Messy Church at St Edmunds, Maids Moreton.

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## Useful Information

### Parish Council

[www.akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Parish Clerk Helen Butcher

email: parishclerk@akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 07943 780343

### Village Hall Committee

[www.akelevillagehall.com](http://www.akelevillagehall.com)

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 Infant Site 01280 860272 Chackmore Junior Site 01280 812291

### St James' Church

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

### Services

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month - 9.30am Village Worship

4<sup>th</sup> 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. - 3.15 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](mailto:bullandbutcherbucks@gmail.com)

@bullandbutcherakeley

### **Facebook groups**

Akeley Parish Council

Akeley News and Views

Akeley freebies

Akeley village hall

Akeley history group

Recommended traders in and around Akeley

**Akeley News** Editor – Akeley Parish Council

**Articles for inclusion in the September edition  
to be received by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 5pm**

**NB: ANY CONTRIBUTION FOR THE MAGAZINE RECEIVED AFTER  
THE DEADLINE DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE INCLUDED**

**Akeley Parish Council** [www.akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Parish Council Members:**

Sherri Holland	Chair
John Hockley	Vice Chair
Cara George	Allotments
Paul Goodger	
Claire Jones	
Will Eastwood	

**Parish Clerk** Helen Butcher

e mail [parishclerk@akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 sheet 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 sheet is delivered to everyone, if you are new to Akeley and have not received anything from us please contact the parish clerk on [parishclerk@akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto: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 – 3.15pm 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**.

## **Akeley Educational Fund**

Do you have education expenses? perhaps we can help.

This small charitable fund exists for residents of the Parish of Akeley and makes donations from its investment income.

*There is money available for a contribution towards a wide variety of expenses including; college expenses, course fees, school trips, books, evening classes, apprenticeships, tools and instruments and possibly certain travel costs.*

Applications should 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: -

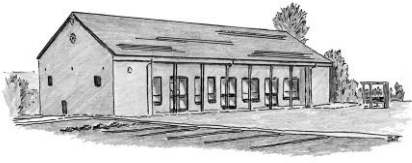
Lead Trustee - John Hockley. The Cottage, Main Street. Akeley

Hans Taling, our North Bucks Parish Rector

Cynthia Cowley, formerly of Akeley and now in Buckingham

**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 VILLAGE HALL



[akeleyvillagehall.com](http://akeleyvillagehall.com)  
Secretary Sherri Holland  
14 Church Hill. Akeley  
For booking enquiries  
Tel: 07756 830357  
[akeleyvh@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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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### Village Teas



Innovations Group are now hosting monthly

coffee and cake afternoons

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

1.30pm – 3pm

Only £1.50 for cake and tea or coffee

Book stall available – donations are welcome

## **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 Pools 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 the small wooden box by the gate on the footpath to the entrance door in the back garden

# 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.*

The summer term is well under way, with lunchtimes on the field not far away.

At the very start of the summer term, the children on the School Council had the honour of representing the school, when they planted some trees on the Chackmore school site with volunteers from the National Trust. We look forward to seeing them grow.

May saw us celebrating the King's Coronation. The whole school came together to take part in Coronation activities. Throughout the day the children had a chance to mix with the other year groups and take part in special themed activities. The weather didn't quite hold long enough for an outside tea party, but with plan B in action each class celebrated with a little tea party inside, followed by games and activities to end the day.

This half term the Year 4s and some Year 3s will set off for three days at Everdon residential centre. We look forward to hearing about their adventures as, for many, they stay away from home and parents for the first time.

Several year groups will have sports festivals during this term, where pupils will attend special sports events to compete (in a friendly manner) against other local schools. We look forward to hearing about how they played, with our usual emphasis on teamwork and good sportsmanship, alongside their achievements.

We look forward to welcoming our 'Marvellous Men' to our special assemblies in the run up to Father's Day, to celebrate the way they support us. We are also looking forward to the annual whole-school Sports Day, which will take place at the end of June at the Chackmore site.

A date for the diary- The PTFA's Summer Fayre is coming up on Saturday 17th June, 12-3 pm at Akeley Village Hall.

# OPEN GARDEN & CREAM TEAS

Sundays 4<sup>th</sup> June & 20<sup>th</sup> August from 2pm – 6pm

Meg & Eric Culley invite you to enjoy a cream tea at their delightful home at The Old Dairy, Foscoote on the Maids Moreton to Leckhampstead Road. Lovely gardens with views over the countryside & the reservoir. (off road parking).

*Proceeds to air Ambulance*



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

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## Messy Church

At St Edmunds, Maids Moreton at 4pm

Second Saturdays of June & July

Everyone is welcome to join us for crafts, story and songs.

This is a free event and you don't need to book.

**Children need to be accompanied by an adult please**

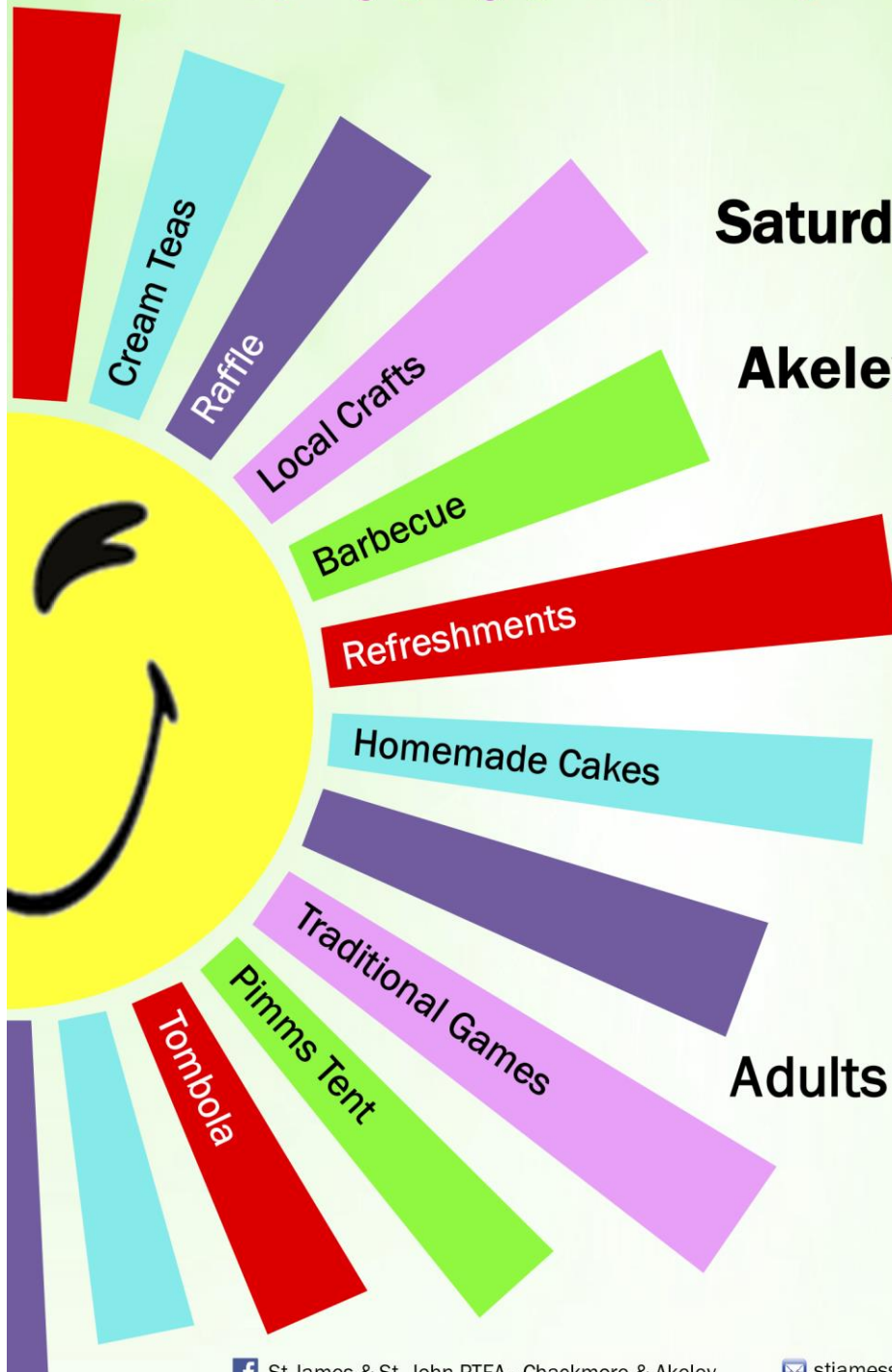
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# St James & St John PTFA Summer Fayre

**Saturday 17th June  
12-3pm  
Akeley Village Hall**



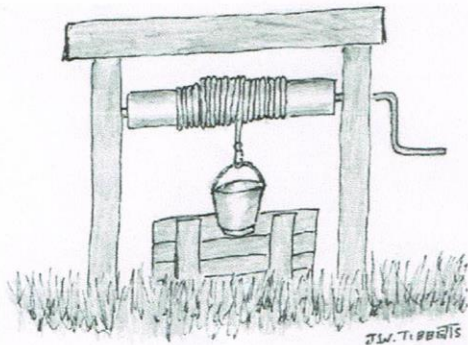
**Admission:  
Adults £1, U16 FREE**

## Akeley By-pass

I suppose I am one of the few people now that knew we were going to have a By-pass at Akeley. It was to start opposite the Greyhound Inn and the Lace School was demolished and the ground dug out – this is where the cars are now parked either side of Coronation Cottages entrance. I can only remember it as a dug out area which we boys called the



Quarry and on the right hand side it had a ditch in the middle and there was a well worn track across at an angle and up the bank and across the grass verge which was well used by everybody when going down the village which have saved us at least a hundred yards.



On the verge was a well with a windlass and doors over the well and this must have been to serve the Lace Cottages and was still there until at least the end of World War Two. (no health and Safety in those days!) The By-pass was to go behind the village and emerge somewhere around where the old village hall was. I don't know what year the work was started but it must have been in the early 1930's. We moved into number 16 Council Houses (as it used to be called before 1944) in about 1938

and the end two houses were built before the war and I got into trouble for running round the scaffold as a small boy. There was going to be another pair of houses and soil was being dumped at the bottom of the hill to make the ground up but the war stopped that.



For VE Day the boys built a bonfire in the 'quarry' and when it was lit on VE day an airman came across from the Greyhound Inn with a Very Pistol and fired red and green very lights so at least we had some fireworks as fireworks were unobtainable during the war. We also had a bonfire there on VJ Day, again organised by us boys, and for years afterwards a Bonfire was always built there on Bonfire nights.