



Akeley Beacon Lighting in Celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.



Early in 2011 The Queen's Pageant Master, Bruno Peek, invited communities across the UK to register as one of a planned 2012 sites across the country for an official Beacon Lighting to mark Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

As part of the Village's celebration of the occasion it was decided to register Akeley as an official site for the event on June 4th 2012. Akeley was in fact the 43rd community to register out of a total of more than 4,000 sites.



With the support of the Parish Council the Jubilee Committee produced a traditional Fire Beacon which has been erected on the Playing Field adjacent to the Village Hall. The Beacon was lit for the first time at 10.15pm on June 4th in accordance with timing schedules issued by The Pageant Master.





In recognition of his many years of service and support to the community, serving as church warden, parish councillor and in many other facets of the village's life, Mr John Hockley was invited to carry out the lighting. This was especially appropriate bearing his involvement in masterminding the design and manufacture of the Beacon.

The event was preceded by a barbecue at the Village Hall and was attended by many residents and friends of the Village.

The Parish Council is considering whether, in view of the success of the event, the Beacon will remain in its present position as a permanent monument to The Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

John Norman