

## **Social Committee Report for 2019**

Last year's fundraising was one of the best years yet and helped us keep St Andrews in the black. I'd like to pay tribute to all the people that organised and carried out a vast amount of fund-raising events.

Lent lunches at the beginning of year 2019 saw us give 4 charities £250 each. We held for the first time very successful barn dance at Bickham Farm, followed by another new event wine and cheese evening with talks given by Kelvin Boot on the churchyard and Ian Goodrick on the Yew tree.

June was the month for 'Picnic in the Meadow', Scarecrow Trail Competition along with a Sausage Sizzle, the best yet Village Quiz, which leads us to our Christmas Fair again an outstanding event which leads us onto Christmas a beautiful decorated Christmas Tree Festival followed by carol service and Christmas services. Words for Voices in December again was a sell-out, so good how do they do it!! All of these events were well supported and raised a serious amount of money. Running through the year from April till October St Andrews had the best ever overseas coach parties the feedback from these was really good - people just loved our magical church!!

2020 started with our charity lunches, we only got halfway through these lunches before the virus struck!! So from March till now no fundraising has been undertaken. It is unthinkable that St Andrews Parish Church of Kenn and Kennford is now facing the real prospect of closure. Our treasurer will only be too pleased to explain the financial situation we find ourselves in.

St Andrews needs your help to raise funds to keep the door open. If you can help in any way, by organising and helping a fundraising event now is the time to do it.

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