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Appendix 1 Annual Parish Meeting Reports

Monday 23rd May 2022

Parish Council Chairman – Ken Courtenay

Welcome to the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting. This is a meeting to comply with the Local Government Act 1972. It is not a Parish Council meeting. It is not the AGM of the Parish Council and should not be confused with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, which was held on 11 May.

On 5 May a new Parish Council was elected. The Council has four new members, some members of the Council are present this evening.

I would like to thank the departing members of the previous Council, for their past service. Peter Crocker, Simon Cullum, Andrew McMillan and Michael Player.

I am pleased to report that our accounts for the previous year have been passed without comment by our internal auditor. The Clerk, as Responsible Finance Officer, deserves full credit for that. Our financial reserves are in a healthy state.

Since last year's Annual Parish Meeting, the play area on the Rec has been refurbished and re-opened. I think you will all agree that it is a great improvement and a credit to our village.

Thanks are due to the Clerk, Chair of the Open Spaces Committee, the young people of the Parish who gave their advice, and especially Viridor and AJN Steelstock for their financial support for the project.

At the elections on 5 May, we also elected members of the new unitary Somerset Council. At this point, I would like to thank William Wallace and Hayward Burt our outgoing District Ward Councillors, William is also a member of Somerset County Council, for their work on behalf of us all over the past year.

The new Somerset Council takes full powers in May next year, so in the meantime the new structure has a year to settle down. A new feature will be Local Community Networks, which will be committees of the new Somerset Council which we and others will be invited to join in order to obtain delivery of services that we need. Meanwhile, we will be joining a pilot network with Castle Cary, Wincanton and Bruton and neighbouring parishes focused on Rural Isolation.

The major concern for us at the moment is the Barratt development on the southern end of the village for 130 new homes. We have consistently opposed this, mainly on the grounds of the negative impact of the traffic going through the centre of the village on our quality of life and the already difficult lack of car parking.

I and other councillors have attended and spoken at District Council meetings recently. In April the Area East Committee refused the planning application on the detailed layout of the development, on the grounds of lack of adequate car parking. However, last week the Regulation Committee overturned this decision.

The one serious matter yet to be resolved is the question of what measures will be put in place in the High Street. In 2018 the Planning Inspectorate said that a solution based on traffic lights and a footpath should be installed, subject to planning agreement. We are waiting for Barratts to submit their proposals for this scheme, which in the first instance will have to go the Somerset County Council Highways. We have repeatedly asked that we should be consulted on the proposals when they are finalised.

Last year, I drew attention to the Parish Council Action Plan. I hope you have all had a chance to look at it on our website.

The purpose of this is to set down actions and tasks for the Parish Council to achieve over a rolling five year period and it will be a key input to our annual budget process. It is intended to be a live document to promote discussion between parishioners and the Parish Council on future plans.

We have had suggestions to prioritise a Trailway to Templecombe and a footpath to Stalbridge. Are there any ideas for the use of the Furge Lane Field?

We could discuss all of these and more in the Open Forum.

Finally, my sincere thanks are due to all who have provided the refreshments and all who have come to this meeting.

Open Spaces Committee Chairman – Carolyn Nichols

The first highlight to note in the past year was the completion of the New Play Area, it was a long hard slog made harder by the lock downs and Covid outbreaks, but so worth all the effort when you see all the children enjoying the space.

The second high point, has been the planting of the Queen's Jubilee border. The irrigation system is being installed and a good thick layer of mulch laid on top, that will ensure that the planting will thrive. Thank you to the members of the public who came with wheelbarrows and watering cans to help in the interim.

The third highlight has to be, the lighting up of the Christmas Tree at the War Memorial and the erection of the flag pole, just in time to enable us to fly the Ukrainian Flag in solidarity of that poor beleaguered country. We are now flying the Queen's Jubilee Union flag. You may have noticed too the Somerset flag being flown on the 11th of May. Our thanks to a willing parishioner who has taken on the task of raising the various flags.

Slabs for the two new picnic tables, one in the new play area and one at the top of the park, and the erection of the Arch over the Talking Bench by the green shed, should all be completed before the Jubilee celebrations. The Parish has put money aside for the planting of a specimen tree that will be in memory of the Queen's Jubilee. With expert advice we have three options for that tree and we would like those of you present to decide which tree is planted, pictures, names and descriptions of the trees are on the table so please make your choice by putting your name by the one you would like to see planted. The final planting ceremony will take place on Friday the 3rd of June.

The Old Churchyard is getting a lot of attention to make the area ready for the next stage in its development towards a managed wildlife friendly area. The Clerk has undertaken training to enable the Parish to carry out the statutory checking of Head Stones and we will start the first round of checks in June, starting in the Old Churchyard. We are still in contact with Dioceses regarding the Glebe Field and hope that as we come back to some form of normality things may progress.

Regarding the Furge Lane field the Secretary of State rescinded the Allotment status and the new Open Spaces Committee will be researching the options for its use.

You will have noticed that the Speed Indicator Device has been in operation for a while and the operation of the device will shortly be taken over by a team that has gone through Chapter Eight training for working road side.

The Village Hall Committee have kindly allowed the storage of the ladder and the recharging of the batteries to take place in their store room.

We have entered village in Bloom again this year and the judging takes place on Thursday 14th July. Several parishioners have soldiered on and kept things tidy and one has been very busy sowing a huge number of flower seeds. If you have a little time to spare to help with light weeding or planting or if you are able to help in a more physical way please do get in touch.

We have a member of the public who has come forward to be the Footpath Warden for the Parish thank you to Frazer Cooke, thanks also to our Dog Warden Linda Jones for her sterling work. Many thanks to those kind folk who regularly litter pick in the village and the recreation ground, and with that in mind we have a Litter Pick this Saturday. We will be meeting up at the village hall lounge from 10am to 12pm so come along any time between. There will be drinks refreshments and the opportunity to have a chat with the Clerk and some of your Councillors.

Henstridge Village Hall Chairman – Carolyn Nichols

Over the past year we have made several purchases to benefit the community. We purchased the two picnic tables for the patio and passed them over to the Parish Council. We purchased two table tennis tables that are used twice a week by U3A, we would welcome any other members of the public who would like to use them to get in touch, as we would like to see them fully utilised. We have also put a dish washer in the main kitchen and are in the process of carrying out further improvements to the kitchen. We have carried out refurbishment to the exterior of the building and are in the process of replacing the roof on the porch. The large noticeboard by the entrance is about to be refurbished.

As the hall is so busy we have had to greatly increase cleaning hours. To this end we have just taken on a new cleaner.

Post Covid we have had bookings for lots of birthday parties for all ages, Christenings, baby showers, even a gender reveal party, families just needed to get together again. We have held Wakes but also taken bookings for wedding receptions. We have had a resurgence of crafting groups and workshops, there are several different keep-fit groups to suite all ages, abilities and some are gender neutral. The hall also supports the Youth Club and Loose Ends. From ball room dancing practice, visiting Mediums, Mother and Baby Signing Group to a ferret show and more your Village Hall hosts them all.

We are not back yet to pre Covid levels of fund raising, but are looking at some new ideas to appeal to different age groups and bring people together, the new events will be posted onto all the social media sites and on the notice boards.

We held our Annual General Meeting and our accounts show us to be in a very strong financial position and to have funds to see us through what might be turbulent times ahead.

The Committee welcomes Christine Steel as the new representative from the Parish Council.

Your Village Hall is one of the hubs that glues this community together, so it is vital that we keep this important resource up and running for the benefit of all. The Trustees are all volunteers and are mainly of the older generation, likewise the Friends of the Hall who help out with events and little jobs around the hall. It would be so refreshing to see a few of the younger members of the community step forward to give of their skills and energy to help energise those who have given many years of service to the benefit of others.

U3A Blackmore Vale – Susan Kidd

The gradual lifting of Covid 19 restrictions allowed the return to the Village Hall for some U3A activities. Table tennis is back playing twice a week, bridge twice a month and the bimonthly open meetings have resumed, with an attendance of between 40-50 persons. We had assistance from The Ash, allowing the parking of cars there during the playground rebuild.

Our bimonthly meetings coincide with the popular Sew Easy group meeting in the lounge. The two groups request that the Village Hall Committee purchase 10 more tables as on these afternoons 30 are required.

The groups that provide meeting refreshments have now been encouraged to help get the tables and heavy chairs ready for our meetings. This has been much appreciated by the previous few stalwart members who did this.

Our publicity outlets have increased to over 20 and our membership is nearly back to the pre pandemic level.

Next week our members will enjoy a free Queen's Platinum Jubilee Indoor Lunch Party prior to the open meeting. My thanks to John Watson for spending time with me explaining how various systems work.

CAMEO – Ros Browning

We are back again and have changed time to 2nd Tuesday of the month to an afternoon. So we now meet from 2.00-4.00. Attendance has been a bit hit and miss due to Covid cases. Hopefully that will settle.

Henstridge Line Dancers – Ros Browning

We now meet twice a week again due to Covid. Wednesday afternoon at 2.00-3.00 and the usual Thursday evening 7.45-8.45. Numbers are good and all seems well at the hall.

Henstridge Family History Group – Linda Farnsworth

This will be my last report, as the group has decided that it is not viable with so few members. Over the years I have always written an article for Wots On, and tried to encourage membership through posters, Henstridge Facebook page, and other members have done so via Nextdoor Henstridge. There is never any response!

After the Jubilee weekend, when we will be putting on a display at the back of St Nicholas Church, the group will fold. It has been very hard work extracting suitable articles relating to the Queen's reign, from village people.

For the future, if anyone is ever contacted by family tree researchers, who think they have ancestral links to our village, I will always be happy to be called upon to try and assist, as would a couple of other people.

Henstridge Flyers WI – Sue Latimer

I am happy to report that our lovely WI has kept going throughout the pandemic, with occasional face to face meetings, but mostly outdoors and over Zoom. We have even managed to recruit new members! The energetic committee worked hard to keep in touch with everyone, and we delivered goody bags and cakes on appropriate occasions. Since Christmas, and the easing of regulations, we have welcomed speakers to our monthly meetings. Behind the Scenes at the National Trust was an interesting one, and we recently welcomed a speaker from a cheese maker, and enjoyed some samples. Most of our outings seem to include food, and we recently enjoyed a fascinating visit to Olives et Al in Sturminster Newton. Olive haters were won over!

You may have noticed the bird boxes in Oakvale Wood. These were made for us by The Mens' Shed in Stalbridge and paid for from the proceeds of a plant sale. A rustic bench has been commissioned and will be placed at the entrance to the wood. We intend to plant native bulbs and flowers around it.

We have lots of exciting plans for the coming year, and always welcome new members.

St Nicholas Church – Rev Kevin Rogers

Church Matters

The PCC offers a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that sought to promote the discipleship and faith journey of our community.

Up to the end of July, Sunday services were carried out on Zoom as joint benefice services. Coming out of covid, we started introducing services back in church and welcomed a gradual return of our congregation as covid eased. When back in our building, we experimented with times and frequency of services each Sunday with Lay people playing a very active role. Our initial face to face services were in the morning at 11.30 a.m. both eucharistic and non-eucharistic for the first three weeks of the month, then a joint benefice Holy Communion service by rotation on the fourth. Later in the year, we moved to a fixed time of 10.30 a.m. across all the benefice churches each Sunday, except for the Christmas Carol evening services and Christmas Day that was at 10.00 a.m. Music is provided by the organ, piano, CD or video songs. During 2021, a new laptop and two new projectors were purchased to enable enhanced and reliable use of PowerPoint and song videos in our services. Services have been projected onto a screen. Hymn books and printed Orders of Service are available when needed.

In addition to our Sunday services, there is a benefice daily evening prayer service held on Zoom, and a Saturday homegroup, that also meets on Zoom. A further benefice Bible study group is held via Zoom on Wednesday afternoons.

We celebrated our festival services, namely Easter, Harvest Remembrance Sunday, Christingle Service, Crib Service, Carol Service and the Christmas Day Service.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. We celebrated the baptisms of two children and held three funerals in our church this year, four cremations, and two burials of ashes.

Each year we have a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for Loved Ones Departed in one of the parishes in the Benefice on the Sunday afternoon nearest All Souls' Day. This did not happen this year.

Links with the local Church of England School are strong, though use of the church building by the school this year was restricted, due to covid issues. Collective Worship is usually delivered regularly in the school and was adjusted to suit covid restrictions as they occurred. The Rector serves on the Board of Governors and his wife Lorna, is Chair of Governors. We are grateful to Mrs. Jane Jeanes serving as foundation governor following the end of her long and fruitful term of office in this capacity. Mrs. Jeanes continues to serve the school as an Associate Governor. We are grateful to Mr. Andrew Gordon for putting himself forward as Foundation Governor.

Communication has been by weekly newsletter, email, in the village magazine Wot's On, and on our page on A Church Near You website – <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10910/> Most of the church members have now become very proficient at joining in online but steps are taken to see that those without access to the internet were kept in touch.

Pastoral care has continued despite restrictions in a covid safe way amongst people in the congregation and in the wider community both formally and informally, with some receiving home Communion upon request. We are grateful for the way people have given of themselves in this regard and kept in touch with one another despite challenging circumstances.

The church has been opened daily (when covid restrictions allowed) and a sign is displayed outside so folk know it is open to our community for private prayer. It is locked overnight.

In 2021 there was an amount of emergency repair work to both the roof and church ceiling. Specifically an emergency faculty was obtained in January 2021 and work undertaken to repair the damp ingress that was on the cusp of becoming dry rot near the church door. In addition, after the 2021 Quinquennial Inspection, work was needed on the north slope of the south aisle: refitting loose tiles, repointing of joints, plasterwork, repainting RWGs on the north side and window repairs.

By the end of 2021 the faculty for the cupboard to house the trestle tables had still not been obtained.

Our churchyard holds War Graves maintained by the Commonwealth War Grave Commission.

We continue with regular maintenance of the church: the fire extinguishers were serviced, the lightning conductor was tested.

The churchyard was formally closed by Order in Council to new burials in October 2005, the maintenance and management of the churchyard was taken over during 2021 by the Parish Council from the District Council. We have seen a great improvement in the care and upkeep of the churchyard since the changeover was implemented.

Financial Review

Including the deposit account, the church finances in the year appeared to increase by £3,225. There was a bequest in the year of £9,419, so the real drop in funds in the year was £6,194.

The General Fund appears to have increased by £3,082 but allowing for the bequest, there was a decrease of £6,337.

There was no expenditure from the Project Fund in the year.

The Fabric Fund increased by £120 in the year.

The Bell Fund increased by £22 in the year. There was no expenditure on bells in the year.

Gift Day 2021 was held in December as usual. With recovery of tax from HMRC the total this year was £1,878. Last year was £4,062.50 so this year was down by £2,184.50 – i.e. less than half last year's amount.

Volunteers

We are extremely grateful to the committed volunteers who work so hard to enable us to carry out our activities. We are grateful to our churchwardens, Jenny Bats and Jane Jeanes, to our acting treasurer Keith Bates and to all the others who serve on the PCC. We are grateful to Liz Holbrook and Peter Clarke who play the organ for our services. Our thanks go to the lay folk who lead our worship, and all others who contribute to our services by leading prayers, reading the lessons, cleaning the church, keeping the grounds, and decorating the church throughout the year and for festivals. We also acknowledge and thank Ellen Edwards, our Tower Captain, and the team of bell ringers.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Nicholas, the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, churchwardens, deanery synod representative and members elected by those of the congregation who are on the church electoral roll. Those who attend our services and are members of the congregation, are encouraged to register on the church electoral roll and to stand for election as churchwardens, deanery synod representatives and lay representatives to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC meets six times during the year – this includes a short meeting immediately following the annual parochial church meeting.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2020 until the date of this report was approved are:

Ex officio members:

- The Rev. Kevin Rogers Rector
- Mrs. Jennifer Bates Churchwarden, Correspondence and Minute Secretary
- Mrs. Jane Jeanes Churchwarden, Safeguarding and Deanery Synod

Elected members:

- Mr. Hugo Barton Vice Chairman, Health & Safety and Fire Safety
- Miss Elizabeth Holbrook
- Mrs. Julie Neupane
- Mr. Anthony Goddard – until 2021 APCM
- Ms Elspeth Graham – until 2021 APCM

There are five continuing vacancies

Our Annual Meetings (open to all) will be held on Sunday 8th May at 4pm in the Church building over a cream tea.

Parish Enhancement Group (PEGS) – Andy McMillan

During 2021 the group managed to raise several hundred pounds by way of donations from our own villagers. This was added to what remains of the rapidly-dwindling resource of 'funds in the bank' and much of that was spent on buying another 9 brackets and fixings, more sets of lights and no less than 48 Christmas trees to put in those new and the existing brackets. Despite at the last minute being offered help from the SSDC-supplied 'Parish Ranger', illness sadly prevented his attendance and so *all* of the trees and lights last year - along with no less than a total of 24 more brackets! - were put up by local volunteers without any help being received from either the Parish or South Somerset District Councils. Quite why we later had to pay for a workman who had reported sick with Covid I do not know; that, surely, ought to have been down to his employers since they presumably have insurance and an obligation to cover staff's sick pay rather than our parish who do not but, for reasons we at PEGS do not understand, the last PC paid for him anyway and considered it a 'grant to the Parish Enhancement Group' even though he did not actually provide us with any help. However, thanks to the many volunteers who sprang into action along the High Street when I too was incapacitated, we managed without him and, I would contend, by adding two dozen new brackets and decorating and mounting 50 trees, (including two large ones for the PC), we did rather well under the circumstances. My sincere thanks to all who 'stepped into the breach'; thank you!

With HRH's Platinum Jubilee in mind the PC did, however - after we had done much 'ticking of boxes' - eventually vote us £250 to be spent on yet more brackets, some flags and some flag-poles which many of you will have seen 'sprout' from brackets old and new since the beginning of May this year, in ample time for the celebrations. However, with that spent our reserves of money are, sadly, now so depleted that without another festival being held to generate income for us - something which is not going to happen this year - we will be struggling to find sufficient funding to populate even some of our existing brackets this coming Christmas of 2022. In concluding I would note that both Milborne Port and Stalbridge Town Councils pay for their Christmas trees to be decorated, mounted and later

removed by professionals. Perhaps in future that might be the way forward for Henstridge. For further information, please read future issues of 'Wot's On'.

Somerset County Council Councillors Report Cllr Sarah Dyke & Cllr Nicola Clark

We would both like to pass on our thanks to William Wallace, for serving his community for the last 17 years.

We have already started to receive casework and are hoping to have a meeting with County Highways shortly to talk about traffic issues across the area. Our contact details are at the end of this report, and we would encourage you to let your local communities have our details so that we are able to help them.

After the election, what happens next?

This guide from Somerset County Council gives a useful rundown of the next steps - <https://oursomerset.wordpress.com/2022/05/12/after-the-election-what-happens-next/>

We are moving closer to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend (thanks so much to those of you who have already invited us to events). If you want to see what is happening, or want to signpost your residents to help them find out more, you can do so here - <https://platinumjubileesomerset.org.uk/platinum-jubilee/>

In support of #MentalHealthAwareness Week, Somerset County Council are encouraging you to help 'lift someone out of loneliness' by reaching out to help someone who may be feeling lonely. You can find out more here - <https://somersetnewsroom.com/2022/05/03/lift-someone-out-of-loneliness-this-mental-health-awareness-week/>

Somerset residents of all ages are being encouraged to get creative for the chance to win £500 in vouchers for their short story,

To celebrate Foster Care Fortnight from 9th – 22nd May, Fostering In Somerset has teamed up with Somerset Libraries to run an exciting competition, encouraging people to visit their local library and have a go at creative writing, whilst raising awareness for fostering.

Entry is open to children and adults with three overall winners, one for each age category – 10 years and under, 11 – 17 years, 18 years and over.

For full details, visit: <https://somersetnewsroom.com/2022/05/03/share-your-story-for-foster-care-fortnight-to-win-500-in-vouchers/>

As part of its commitment to encouraging waste reduction, reuse and recycling, SWP is offering grants of £500 to up to 50 schools to help them participate in the Eco Schools Programme.

Eco-Schools is an international initiative operating in 68 countries. It gives schools a structured approach to engaging and empowering pupils and teachers in projects and initiatives that help protect the environment.

You can find out more here – <https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/hands-up-for-green-school-grants/>

Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) is celebrated Somerset Day by giving a first glimpse of its new four-wheeled recruit, a striking blue Fixy van that is bringing repair and reuse of electricals to all corners of the county.

Somerset has a flourishing network of Repair Cafes and similar groups. Fixy will be giving them practical support and helping them grow, starting this Saturday.

Carrying helpful tools and vital spare parts, the van – named Fixy McFixface in a public vote – boasts a solar-powered power supply and will offer a portable appliance (PAT) testing service to give fixed electricals a safety check.

Find out more here. - <https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/fixy-unveiled-for-somerset-day/>

As mentioned, we're always really pleased to hear from residents and local businesses, so please do pass our contact details on to anyone who needs them.

Jane Rose – Henstridge Summer Festival

Jane provided an update on the status of Henstridge Summer Festival CIC and its hopes for making a comeback in 2023. Jane stated that the committee currently needed new members.

Jane Rose – Henstridge Youth Club and Parish Council Youth Representative

Jane gave an update about Henstridge Youth Club and its operation stating that it was currently running at full capacity with a waiting list. Jane gave information about the change of Youth Club provider.

Elsbeth Graham – Parish Councillor Jubilee Events

Elsbeth provided an overview of Jubilee events which would be running in the village over the Jubilee bank holiday weekend.

St Nicholas Primary School – Alison Shearer Headteacher

St Nicholas Church of England Primary School Report to the Parish Council – Monday 23/05/2022

Our village school continues to go from strength to strength, currently having 103 pupils; almost tripling in size in just over a decade.

Our vision is that:

'We create the space for your child to excel.'

*Our vision for your child is for them to **grow** and **mature** in to confident, self-motivated, independent life-long learners who have a genuine desire to be kind, showing God's love to others whilst developing their skills and talents in all areas of school life both inside and outside the classroom. By the end of Year 6, we ensure your child is ready for the next chapter of post primary education.*

The children continue to enjoy a range of activities both inside and outside the classroom. This includes the following:

- Gardening skills: planting out seedlings, learning about crop rotation, weeding the pond area, working on our flower borders, planting up baskets, updating our bug hotel and many more wonderful activities.
- A range of sports with our professional coach each week. All children enjoy their weekly PE sessions with her and we have also introduced cricket and higher level tennis lessons for children. A sincere thank you to Adrian Gaymer for allowing our tennis coach and pupils the privilege of using his tennis court each week. The children are also now returning to competitions outside of school - we will be sending 30 pupils to take part in the King Arthur's Athletics Competition on 14th June.
- Each of our 4 classes enjoy a range of topics each term; this term we have flown in to Australia so the children are very much enjoying learning about this vast land, deadly animals and famous explorers. Our fantastic team of school staff allow all children to experience a hands on, lively approach to learning.
- This year we have enjoyed the preparations for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. We have a triple celebration this year - Mrs Jane Jeanes who has served as our school governor since 1985 will be part of our week's celebrations as will Mrs Abi Hopson due to her winning a silver trophy for the National Teacher Awards. This allows Mrs Hopson to go through to the finals for the overall National Gold Winner - only 17 teachers across the UK get in to the Gold Finals. These celebrations allow our St Nicholas School Community to be very proud indeed.

- The children continue to work hard in all lessons and, as a school, we say 'Every Child A Reader.' We believe this to be the foundation of all other learning. We are investing heavily in new resources next term - a new reading/phonics scheme across all year groups.
- Another huge focus is the well-being and mental health of both children and adults. This is an area which has increased in focus due to the pandemic. At St Nicholas, we prioritise talk time and sharing feelings - this is something the children tell us they missed most during home learning.
- Music continues to be one of our priorities at St Nicholas. We are holding a special service in our village church on Thursday 26th May at 2pm. We hope as many of you can join us as we celebrate The Platinum Jubilee, Mrs Jane Jeanes' input as a Governor since 1985 and also our National Teacher Award. We also have a horse and cart (carriage) coming to our school for a 1:30 procession around the village, ending at St Nicholas Church. Look out for it and enjoy the royal waves. Mrs Jane Jeanes will play the part of our Queen Elizabeth II, Mrs Sandra Raison will be her Lady in Waiting and 3 pupils (names chosen from our special golden crown) will enjoy the carriage ride to the church.

Our whole staff team and Governing Board are fully committed to taking St Nicholas to the next level in our 150th year of educating our village children.

Thank you

Mrs Alison Shearer

Headteacher

23/05/2022