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Dear BRSC Members,

We are drawing to the end of yet another up and down year, and I am sure that we are as fed up as each other with it all by now. As I said last year - no-one could have predicted how long the Covid situation would be here for. I guess, thankfully we have been through every situation possible with it and at least now we know that we have everything either in place or ready to implement at the drop of a Downing Street announcement.

We have managed to remain open for a long time now and I really hope that this continues. However, with the rapid development of the virus at the moment, it is all very uncertain. We are planning to go ahead with the upcoming Christmas and New Year events, unless things change beyond our control. If this happens, we will of course update you a.s.a.p.

As with last year, I wanted to thank each of you for your continued support and understanding when we have implemented changes and measures. Please remember that these are all put in place by us to protect you and our staff. We have tried, and continue to try to do our best and make sense of the various documents that we have to pick apart to understand what each change and update means for us. So, thank you for your patience and support.

We are doing everything that we can to help protect you all and remain open. We of course understand that people are still apprehensive about the situation and that some won't be able to visit the Club yet. All we ask is that you respect the measures we have implemented, respect each other's situations and if possible take a lateral flow test before attending the Club. As well as staying away from the Club if you show any symptoms. If we can all work together we will remain as safe as possible within the Club.

Although Covid is still around, we have at least managed to have some events this year. Although we reduced the number of events slightly, we all enjoyed the social side of things and we were really pleased to be able to put on the Club Christmas Meal, which was enjoyed by all who attended. The atmosphere and food were excellent. It was lovely to be able to have the children's parties for Halloween and Christmas this year too and both were a huge success. I would like to thank all who help with the events, the preparation side of things is never easy and the help given makes it so much easier for us. I would also like to thank Paul Stevens for stepping into some rather large boots and red suit for the Christmas Party. The children loved it and he did a fantastic job with his debut performance. Enormous thanks go to Sue Stevens and her helpers for yet another amazing raffle, as well as all the ticket buyers. Once the cost of the prizes was covered we raised £245 profit!

We still have Christmas Eve Carols with mince pies to come as well as Christmas Day and Boxing Day drinks, which I know you will all enjoy. Don't forget our New Years Eve Party Night too, the fancy dress theme this year is 'Around the World' (there is a list of Countries for you to choose from on the notice board). This year, we are not charging Members for New Years Eve, as a thank you for your support, Non-Members will need to pay £10 pp).

Once again, thank you so much for all of your support during this year and all the hard work from the Committee who have been working alongside me behind the scenes as well as at the Club. Both theirs and your support has really made a difference!

Lastly, please stay safe and healthy and have a wonderful Christmas and New year.

Warmest wishes,

Rachael Atfield, BRSC Commodore



