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BUXHALL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT TO BUXHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Since the last report the Buxhall Community Council has pressed ahead with a gradual return to hosting village events in 2021 / 22. The intent being to ensure a wide range of popular events were held in safe and compliant manner that made attendees comfortable whilst reinvigorating the village social life.

The Village Show held in the autumn was well attended with entries at a level not seen for several years. The reduced show program will continue to evolve into an inclusive show and ensure that gardeners of all experiences are catered for and that a wide range of other crafts and cooking are included. The pandemic has sparked new interests in many and we are keen to support and foster these.

The ever-popular Bangers Beans and Bingo has sold out twice and whilst Keith and Mim have stepped back from the BCC committee roles, they continue to provide excellent bingo entertainment for the village, something that we are ever grateful for. These will continue roughly twice yearly.

The bonfire night was another great success, with generous support from businesses across Buxhall and kindly hosted by Tomlinson Ground Care and shall continue as one of the BCC main events of the year subject to continued local support.

The online Cahoot Christmas Quiz held in December was a 'first' and also tested out the hall's internet capabilities. We intend to use feedback we received to develop this for future years.

Unfortunately, the pandemic effect is still with us and saw an exciting horse racing night delayed, but we intend to reschedule for later in 2022.

Looking forward in 2022, our main event for the year is a village celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee held on 4 June on the playing fields, free to village residents. The event will run from 1500 with afternoon teas, games and bouncy castles into the evening with a barbeque and bar, entertained by a live band and closing with a small firework display.

The BCC is a voluntary committee that operates for the good and benefit of the village. The events laid on are for the village and whilst they make small profits none of the events would be possible without the ongoing support of local businesses and for the Platinum Jubilee the Parish Council's generous sponsorship. Many residents give their time and hard work to support the BCC and we are truly grateful for this support and without which we could not continue. The list is long, and we thank personally and publicly when possible.

Planned events for the year are published in the Buxhall Broadcast periodically and we are always open to suggestions and welcome volunteers with open arms.

Ben Thomas

BCC Chair 2021