

# Lindfield Bonfire Society Newsletter for May 2020

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Dear LBS member,

Hello and welcome to our second newsletter for 2020. We hope you are all keeping well and managing to live as normally as possible during these very difficult times. If you find yourself needing help in these unusual days please let us know.

## The Society AGM

### The Society's AGM

As I'm sure you will appreciate the Society AGM did not take place. The Company Directors decided that it should be postponed until later in the year. They also noted that legally we must have an AGM before the end of 2020, so we will let you all know when it will be held. In the interim, it has been agreed the Society Committee will continue as it is currently set up and manage any changes to it as and when they arise until such point the AGM can be held and posts formally applied for.

The Society accounts will not be published at this time but should members wish to see a copy of these then please email Mark at [lindfieldbonfiresoc@gmail.com](mailto:lindfieldbonfiresoc@gmail.com) ask for this and he will pass a copy onto you.

Although the KEH is currently closed the Committee has continued to meet on the third Thursday of the month as usual, but we are now using Skype video conferencing. This has proved to be very useful for those with phones, computers and suitable devices to join in. Well done to all who have learned a new skill! Thankyou to Mark Tampion-Lacey for organizing this, and his employer Legal & General for allowing use of their Skype video conferencing.

### Committee changes

It was decided by Committee that some post changes will need to be put on hold for the time being due to difficulties handing over in these strange times.

This means that Sheila Cheesman will continue as Treasurer, but will hand over to Tracey Webster when possible. Paulus Smith will continue as Chairman.

Darren Lucas is standing for the Chairman's post, if anyone else is interested in being Chairman please let the Hon Secretary Mark Tampion-Lacey know asap.

Wendy Box has stood down as Logistics Officer, and Matt Wilcock has taken over the role. We are all extremely grateful to Wendy for her lifetime's commitment to LBS and are pleased that she will remain on the Committee to give us the benefit of her vast experience.

We have a new Press and Publicity Officer, Stewart Rose who has been busy setting up a Twitter account [twitter#lindfieldbonfiresociety](https://twitter.com/lindfieldbonfiresociety) and also an Instagram page (see later for links).

All other posts have remained the same.

## Ted Haskell Memorial Shield

This has been awarded to Elizabeth Rose as the Non Committee member who the Committee felt had contributed the most to the Society throughout 2019. Liz is a relatively new LBS member, but was recognized for the huge amount of help and enthusiasm she has given at all our events in 2019 (not to mention her recorder playing skills!).

## Junior Shield

This has been awarded to Amy Faulkner, who was so helpful in the café's at our events last year. We look forward to seeing her again soon!

## LBS Fund Raising

Whilst current social distancing rules remain in place the Committee has been looking at other ways to raise funds, and would encourage members to support us using the following if possible.

### Just Giving Donations page

The Committee decided to set up this fundraising initiative when it became clear that all events would be cancelled this year, leaving a massive gap in our funds. So far £60 has been donated. Please have a look at the page and share it everywhere!

Here is the link

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lindfieldbonfiresociety?utm\\_term=d8V34xnW6](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lindfieldbonfiresociety?utm_term=d8V34xnW6)

### Easy Fundraising Donations

Did you know that Lindfield Bonfire Society are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online? Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

LBS has received £252.35 since we signed up in August 2019, and every penny counts!

You can find our easyfundraising page at

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lindfbonfsociety/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=en-e1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lindfbonfsociety/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e1)

## LBS Events

For the short term all LBS events are either cancelled or on hold and we will continue to review what the Society can do in line with Government advice and guidelines.

For our Bonfire Night Celebrations on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, it is still too early to know what the situation will be by that time. The Committee are taking a positive stance to the current situation, hoping for the best whilst planning for all possible outcomes.

Public safety is the most important thing here, and we will continue to review and adjust our plans in line with the Government rules and regulations.

## Social Media

In addition to our current [Facebook](#) social media page which is open to all we have set up the following social media groups:

### Members Only Facebook group

Our Membership Secretary Mike Webster has set up this group to keep members informed of activities such as torch dipping that cannot be public events. All paid up members of LBS are welcome to join the group, simply follow the link below and ask to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/745200939218051/members/>

### Twitter

Our new Twitter account is [@lindfield\\_bs](#)

### Instagram

Who doesn't love pictures! We're now on Instagram at [Lindfield Bonfire](#)

Finally, and on a happier note, congratulations to LBS members Gary & Sian on the birth of Dessica Ffion. We wish them all the best.

The Committee of Lindfield Bonfire Society