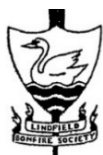


LINDFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

August 2021



A Note from the Editor...

Hello and welcome to the August edition of the LBS Newsletter.

This is our first newsletter of 2021. I've held off writing one until we were passed the worst and there is a chance that we now are.

I'm sure that everyone will agree that 2020 was an annus horribilis, with very little society activity possible thanks to Coronavirus. Let's hope that 2021 heralds a year that is better than the last and that we can hold our usual November celebrations.

At the time of writing, we can resume bonfire celebrations. The Committee is planning on the basis that there will be 5th November festivities in Lindfield, but aware that these may need to change should conditions not allow it to proceed, so we are loading as much flexibility into our planning as possible.

We may not have been able to hold our usual events in 2020, but we still did our utmost to raise funds for our chosen charities. At the January Committee meeting, it was confirmed that we would be able to make donations of £200 to each of our chosen charities: CLAPA, Court Meadow RDA, Orchard House, Chestnut Tree House and Kangaroos. It's not as much as we would raise in a 'usual' year, but is still an amazing achievement with all that has gone on and prevented us from doing.

One other change that has recently occurred is that our longstanding chairman, Paulus Smith has taken the decision to stand down. Paulus has given many years of dedicated service to LBS, for which we are all indebted. At its May meeting, the Committee elected Darren Lucas to serve as Chairman until the next AGM is held. We all wish Darren the very best in this role.

With very best wishes

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Our New Chairman

Following the decision of Paulus Smith to stand down as Chairman, the Committee, at its May meeting, elected Darren Lucas to serve in the role until the time of the next AGM.

A Note from our new Chairman:

Dear member

I thought I would take the opportunity to introduce myself to all of you after the committee elected me to the vacate position of chairman.

Firstly I would like to thank outgoing chairman Paulus Smith for all his hard work and commitment to the society in the many years that he held the position. I think it is fair to say the society has grown in many ways under his leadership.

So a little bit of information about me and my involvement in bonfire over the years. I attended my first bonfire night in Lindfield as a 4 month old many years go. Apparently I slept through the whole event. As a child bonfire night was always the highlight of the year for me. Finally being added to the ranks of the LBS as a 10 year old. You could say that was were my long association with bonfire started.

Over the next 20 plus years I became a very active member within the society. Holding various roles in the past including vice secretary, secretary, captain of fireworks and bonfire bishop. Some very good times were had over them years.

Then I had as few years away from the society as I continued my bonfire education and gained more experience down in Lewes. Although I still kept by LBS membership and supported the LBS at their various events when my other commitments allowed me to do so.

The LBS has always been a big part of my life and has always had a special place in my heart. So when I was asked if I ever thought about becoming it's chairman when the opportunity came up I jumped at the opportunity. I like to think I bring over 30 years of experience to the role, along with a good understanding of Sussex Bonfire and some new ideas.

We have a great committee and I look forward to looking forward to working with them and you the members of the society. Even as I write this , planning for the year ahead is in full flow.

If you have any questions or ever need to contact me, my email address is darren.lucas@yahoo.co.uk

Darren Lucas
Chairman



Fundraising News

Christmas Comes to Lindfield

You may be aware at Christmas that our friends and fellow members, the Furnell's, of Duke's Road decorate their house to raise funds for LBS.

2020 was no exception. A record £430.48 was raised.

Thank you Furnell's for this amazing effort!

Donations Received

The Society has received a one-off donation from Lindfield Preservation Society in recognition of the important role that LBS plays in village life.

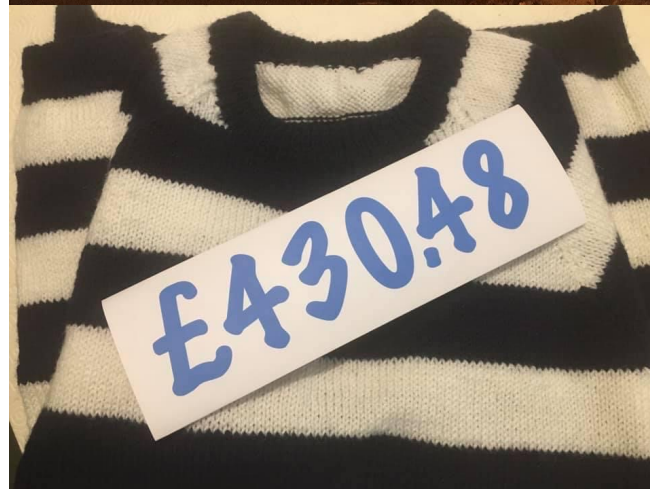
It has also received a contribution from Lindfield Parish Council to cover its costs for Bonfire Night celebrations relating to last year which we have been advised that we can keep rather than returning to them.

We've also received a generous donation from Comber's trust

The Committee wish to record their appreciation and gratitude for these donations.

Recycle Your old Gear, Raise Funds for LBS!

LBS Member Rachel Perrie is collecting old toothbrushes, used toothpaste tubes and dental floss boxes with TerraCycle with LBS being the beneficiary. You can message Rachel via the LBS Facebook page for details or alternatively LBS member Andi Frost at the Stand Up Inn will accept them at the Lindfield TerraCycle Collection Point there.



Fundraising News

Don't forget EasyFundraising!

These days, many of us are buying more and more items online. By registering and making purchases through **easyfundraising.co.uk**, LBS receives a percentage of the sale at no additional cost to you.

So if you're thinking of changing your utility supplier, insurer, book a hotel break, or just want to buy someone a gift, use **EasyFundraising** as your first point of call.

Thousands of retailers will donate for free



To date, online purchases through **EasyFundraising** has raised £588.61 for LBS.

Start today with **EasyFundraising** by going to
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/ffvy76>

Events

LBS Holds its First Ever Duck Race

Over the Early May Bank Holiday, we broadcast our first ever Duck Race.



A few weeks previously, a small band of intrepid members had set out to record the event, and ducks were sold with winners and runners-up receiving prizes. We were so amazed with the enthusiastic response from supporters that we held a second race with all ducks being sold!

The first race was won by Claire Horne with "Shredded Duck" and Race 2 was won by Klara Price "Moby Duck". Congratulations to both of them!

The recording of the race – along with commentary provided by our very own Mike Webster and Stewart Rose (think Test Match Special meets Des Lynham meets Jeremy Clarkson) is available on our website – www.lindfieldbonfiresociety.co.uk.

Given the success of the Duck race we will look to hold other races in the future.

LBS Members take Part in Lindfield Village Run

This year's village run over the late May Bank Holiday weekend was held with a difference, and LBS members took the chance to take part. 'Runners' were encouraged to take part in fancy dress *[and you know that we don't need to be asked twice to do that – Ed]*.



Yard Sale – 6 June

LBS participated in a village-wide yard sale scheme in aid of Time for Children.



Not only did we sell bric-a-brac and merchandise, we also had the chance to socialise – a rare thing of late.

Here's LBS stalwart Martin Durrant and friend modelling our new 2021 badge.

Sussex Day Comes to Lindfield



We couldn't allow Sussex Day to go uncelebrated in the village and so a number of our members donned their stripes, on what felt like the hottest day of the year, to raise money and sell merchandise.

Future Events

Below are some dates for upcoming events for your diaries. Please keep an eye on our Facebook pages for up-to-date information. All dates are correct at the time of publishing:

Date TBA - Shield Christening

We have created a new shield to be used for outmeetings etc which is more portable. To herald its arrival we will be visiting the pubs of the village with it once a date has been finalised. More details will be available on our social media channels.

7 September - Badge Night @ The Standup Inn

This ever-popular event will be held once more for the first time since 2019! Our good friends at Skulldrummary will be in attendance banging out some tunes.

11 September - Village Day

LBS will be in attendance once more at the delayed Village day. The exact details of what we will be doing are to be finalized, but it is likely to include our world-famous china smash and torch making.

Date TBA - Garden Guy Competition

The Garden Guy Competition was hugely popular throughout the village last year and we are planning to hold it again this year!

Membership News

Need to renew your membership?

Many of our members at this time of the year renew their memberships. If you need any help, please contact our Membership Secretary, Mike Webster for information on memberslbs@gmail.com

Remember that you are only allowed to participate in LBS events like torch carrying if a paid up member so as to be covered by our insurance.

If you know of someone who would like to join the Society, then check out our website for full details for information on the different types of membership at www.lindfieldbonfiresociety.co.uk/membership.

Is your Tetanus Vaccination Up-to-date?

In this age of vaccinations, don't forget to ensure that your tetanus vaccination is up-to-date.

This is important for those of you who like to parade with torches or help out in other ways. Torches can contain splinters, and we use wire and other equipment that could lead to cuts and in the worst case cause an infection. This can all be avoided with the Tetanus jab and boosters.

Contact your GP for further details.

2021 Badge For Sale

Our new 2021 badge is now available to add to your collection and is now on sale.

In Memorium

The Society has been made aware of the sad news that two of our supporters have passed away.

Peter Hoyle will be known to many as the former landlord of the Bent Arms. As a valued supporter, he welcomed many an LBS member during their early adulthood into the pub.

Tony Clements was a lifelong member of LBS and former Steward of the King Edward Hall. We are immensely grateful to Tony's family and friends for raising £150 in his memory via Just Giving for LBS.

Both Peter and Tony will be greatly missed and everyone at LBS sends their love and thoughts to their family and friends.

2021 AGM

Given the current Covid restrictions in place, the Committee have decided not to hold an AGM in 2021. Although Covid restrictions are expected to be significantly eased over the summer, holding an AGM after this time would be a serious distraction as we dedicate all our available time to planning for 5th November activities. The AGM of Lindfield Bonfire Society Limited will be scheduled to take place online to ensure compliance with companies legislation.

