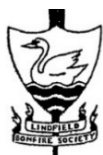


# LINDFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

December 2021



## A Note from the Editor...

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

I don't know about you, but I am still buzzing from our first Bonfire Night since 2019. It was great to see so many members, old and new, walking the procession with lit torches.

We had I believe the largest procession in a very long time, and we welcomed new societies to our ranks this year to participate. And the drummers of Ryebellion ensured that nobody was going to sleep early on the 5<sup>th</sup>!

Moving on to the fireside, our Guy was well and truly given a good send off, followed by a firework spectacular which the crowds loved. For the first time this year, most of the fireworks were fired electronically, which enabled the display to flow better. And as for the finale... the only word that my limited vocabulary can think of to describe it is WOW!

A full write-up is provided by our Secretary, Mark Tampion-Lacey, on page 2.

Our street collection on the night did us proud and raised an astonishing amount which will be distributed to our chosen local children's charities.

Finally, as we near the end of 2021, can I wish you all a very pleasant Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With very best wishes

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## Secretary's Report on 5<sup>th</sup> November

Mark Tampion-Lacey writes...

With ideal weather for Bonfire Night, large crowds arrived to see the return of Lindfield Bonfire Society's traditional 5<sup>th</sup> November celebration in the village. After the disappointment of cancelling last year's due to Covid restrictions, the Society worked hard to make sure that our 2021 night would be one to remember.

The evening started with a torchlit procession around the village, led by our Harbour Master, Will Blunden. With a record number of Bonfire Societies and organisations taking part, this was the biggest procession seen in Lindfield. LBS welcomed visiting members from Barcombe, Burgess Hill, Buxted, Chailey, Eastbourne, Hailsham, Littlehampton, Seaford and South Highton Bonfire Societies, Lindfield Scouts, music from Burgess Hill Youth Marching Band, Ryebellion Drummers and of course the ranks of Lindfield Bonfire Society. This was an absolutely amazing sight to see coming down the High Street.

Once on the Common, the Ryebellion Drummers entertained the crowd whilst the bonfire was lit and the Bonfire Prayer read out. The evening finished with a grand firework display put on by Lindfield Bonfire Society's pyro team.

This year our street collection was in aid of local children's charities: The Cleft Lip and Palate Association (CLAPA), Court Meadow RDA, Orchard House, Chestnut Tree House and Woodlands Mead.

Lindfield Bonfire Society would like to thank the following for their support of our 5<sup>th</sup> November celebrations:

Comber's Trust  
Masters and Son  
Lindfield Parish Council  
Mid Downs Radio  
The Stand Up Inn  
Lindfield Life  
Event Medic Services Ltd  
Brett Hudson Art  
West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service  
Richard Talman Fine Jewellery  
Court Measow RDA  
Trident Scouts  
6-10 Traffic Management

Cottenham's of Lindfield  
Etc Fire Services  
The Bent Arms  
Jackson Stops  
Archers waste Management  
Lindfield Arts Studio  
Sussex Police  
The Lindfield Club  
The Rotary Club  
Sarah Lacey Dry Cleaning  
Mid Sussex District Council  
Auora Fireworks



And finally, thanks to all of our volunteer marshals, helpers, sponsors, donors and all the members of Lindfield Bonfire Society and our pyro team without whose help our night could not take place.



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## Garden Guy II

2021 was the second year that we ran our Garden Guy competition.

Lindfield Bonfire Society's Garden Guy Competition for 2021 saw 28 entries around the village and surrounding areas. Despite the usual damage from inclement weather, the standard was excellent.

The winners of the traditional Guy were:

The Chester Family at By Sunte  
The Entice Family at Pondcroft  
The Green Family at Finches Gardens

For the first time this year we also had awards for:

Best Guy at a commercial premises: Selby's Chemist  
Most creative Guy: The Roberts-White-Jones' at Luxford Road  
Most fun Guy: The Malins Family at Noah's Ark Lane

To everyone that entered: Thank you.



## 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>



## 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](mailto:memberslbs@gmail.com)

Remember that you are only allowed to participate in LBS events like torch carrying if a paid 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](http://www.lindfieldbonfiresociety.co.uk/membership).

## Recent out-meetings

During the Sussex bonfire season, LBS attended the following out-meetings: Mayfield, Seaford, Hastings, Littlehampton, Rye, and Barcombe

## Events

Here's the latest list of dates for your diaries. Check our facebook page for more details and timings:

**12 December** – Sussex Bonfire Council  
Carol Service – Uckfield.

**31 January 2022** – First Bonfire Celebrations – The Red Lion, Lindfield.



Mike Webster  
Membership Secretary

## In Memorium

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of LBS member Mr Paul Wilcock. Paul loved torches, processions and walking with his family, who are also LBS members. He was an enthusiastic and helpful fundraiser, donating wooden Christmas trees that he made himself. Our thoughts are with Marion, Matt, Sarah and all the family.

