

LINDFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

February 2022



A Note from the Editor...

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

There was one final bit of business arising from Bonfire Night 2021. As a result of our street collection on the fifth, the Committee at its January meeting, agreed to donate a total of £4,500 to our chosen children's charities.

Planning is now well underway for November 5th 2022. and we've hit the ground running, determined to hold as full a fundraising and events calendar as in the old pre-covid days (remember those!).

On 31 January we started our Bonfire year with our First Bonfire commemorations.

And in March we're holding two events: An antiques fair at King Edward Hall and in a change from previous years we will be holding a buffet party at The Lindfield Club. More details of both of these events are enclosed.

More events are currently being planned at the time of writing – so keep checking our social media channels for up-to-date information.

With very best wishes



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Happy New (Bonfire) Year!

31 January marked the symbolic start of the Bonfire year with our commemoration of the First Bonfire.

Guy Fawkes was executed on 31 January 1606 at the Palace of Westminster. After his execution, the scaffold was dismantled and the wood used for a bonfire – lit by King James himself – the first Bonfire.

Fast forward 416 years, and LBS commemorated this event once more at The Red Lion.

Many other societies came along, and it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and friendships renewed.

The night started with a march to the Red Lion, led by Skulldrummary. In the Beer Garden, the Town Crier of Lewes led us all in the Bonfire Prayer



After the Prayer, it was time to light flares and take part in the raffle. A good time was had by all who attended.

Our thanks to Pete, Elaine and the Team at the Red Lion for hosting us.



Colouring in Competition Results

Mike Webster, our Membership Secretary writes...

LBS received a healthy number of entries for the Colouring Competition from the November 2021 programme. The competition was once again managed, judged and prizes awarded very capably and passionately by Ian and Sue Masters (of Masters and Son, Lindfield), so a big thank you from all of the LBS Membership to them for their wonderful ongoing support. Sue Masters said "the standard was very high, to the point that we had to award 2 prizes in the 7 - 9 age group, we just couldn't decide!".

The artwork was created by local artist Brett Hudson, and we are grateful to him for his efforts.

The winners were (prizes have already been handed out):

Up to 6 Years - Frankie Goodburn (great name for Bonfire!)

7 - 9 Years - Maeve Thompson and Lily Walker

10 to 14 Years - Ella Buckfield

15 and over - Alice Elliott

Well Done to all the winners and thank you to all the others that entered, maybe 2022 will be your winning year...Hot Tip... 'Keep it in the Lines' :-)



Upcoming Events

LBS Vintage and Antiques Fair – Saturday 19 March @ King Edward Hall 10am – 2pm

After a great deal of interest, we will be holding our Antiques Fair at King Edward Hall on Saturday 16 March.

If you are interested in having a stall, please contact events.lindfieldbs@gmail.com.

We also need members to help out on the day, whether to help set up on the day, man the merchandise stall or the all-important job of selling tea and cake! Please come along and support this popular event.

Donations of cakes to sell will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to book a stall, or know someone who would like to, please contact Sarah Tampion-Lacey on events.lindfieldbs@gmail.co.uk or call her on 07811 023765.

Admission is £2 with LBS members and Friends of LBS, OAPs and under 12s free.



LBS Buffet and Drink party – Saturday 26 March @ The Lindfield Club 7pm

All LBS members, Supporters and Friends are invited to attend what would usually be the Annual Dinner.

The Committee decided that it would not be prudent to squeeze into the Bent Arms as we usually do, so this year we are hosting a buffet Party.

There will be a luxury hot/cold buffet which is being catered by Mid Sussex Hog Roast and will include their own sausage rolls, scotch eggs, cheese straws, goats cheese and caramelised onion tart, sandwiches etc. There will also be puddings/cakes made by LBS members.

We are grateful to the Lindfield Club for allowing us the use of the beautiful Snooker room (with views over the pond) and bar so there should be plenty of room to mingle. (You do not need to be a member of the Lindfield Club, and there is a chair lift for those who find stairs challenging).

Tickets cost £15 each (under 12's £10) and are now on sale on our website - <https://lindfieldbonfiresociety.co.uk/shop>

We look forward to seeing you all there!

The Furnells raised £445 with their Christmas lights display for LBS

The Furnells came to the January Committee meeting to present the £445.49 that their Christmas light display raised in Dukes Road.

The Committee expressed their grateful thanks to the Furnells.

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](https://www.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



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

LBS Launches its 2022 Just Giving page

After the success of our 2021 page, we are launching another Just Giving page to help raise funds for November 5th.

It's not just fireworks that have to be paid for. There's insurances, marshallings and many other items that contribute to the success of Bonfire Night

Scan the QR code to go to our Just Giving page. And share it with as many people as possible to help raise funds for your society



Membership and Society 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.

New Roles Created for the Fifth

At its January Committee meeting, the committee considered and agreed to create new roles to help organise for Bonfire Night. These new roles are:

Captain of Firesite and Bonfire

Captain of Torches

Captain of Procession

Captain of Ranks

Captain of Boxes

Captain of Barrels

Captain of Set Pieces

The aim of creating these roles is to split the organization of the Fifth into more manageable elements. If you are interested in getting involved and either becoming one of these Captains or supporting the Captains, please get in touch!



Mike Webster
Membership Secretary

LBS Donates £4,500 to its chosen childrens charities

At its January meeting, the Committee agreed to make donations totaling an amazing £4,500 to its chosen children's charities after receiving the proceeds of its street collection on November 5th:

CLAPA

Chestnut Tree House

Court Meadow RDA

Orchard House

Kangaroos

Thanks to everyone who helped raise this fantastic sum

COMING SOON...

THE 2022 LINDFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY DUCK RACE

Following on from the success of our first ever duck race in 2021, we will shortly be filming a new series of races to be released online around late April / Early May. At the moment it all depends if named storms fade into memory and river levels allow.

Keep an eye on our social media channels for further details because it won't be long until the ducks go on sale.

Could you be the owner of the lucky ducky that wins the race? Keep checking for the latest details.



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Lindfield Bonfire Society will be held at King Edward Hall on Thursday 21 April 2022 starting at 8pm. All members are entitled to attend and vote on measures presented.

The AGM is your chance to hear what the Society has been doing over the last year and to ask your questions to both the Committee and Officers. You also have the opportunity to elect members to serve on the Committee.

To improve the running of the AGM, we request that all members intending to stand for Committee and / or a specific officers post confirm by email to the Hon Secretary at lindfieldbonfiresoc@gmail.com **by no later than Thursday 7th April 2022.** The email should state your name, the position / post you are standing for and the name of the society member who is seconding your nomination.

The principal Society posts for election are:

- Chair
- Hon. Treasurer
- Hon. Secretary
- Vice Chair
- Committee membership and specific posts within it: Logistics Secretary, Membership Secretary, Press Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Fund Raising & Events Secretary
- Captain of Fireworks
- Captain of Firesite and Bonfire
- Captain of Torches
- Captain of Procession
- Captain of Ranks
- Captain of Boxes
- Captain of Barrels
- Captain of Set Pieces
- Vice Captains
- Harbour Master

A reminder of the Society posts and a summary of duties will be sent out to all members at the end of March 2022 together with a copy of the minutes from our last public AGM.

The Society AGM will be followed by the Lindfield Bonfire Society Ltd Company AGM.

Our current Hon. Secretary, Mark Tampion-Lacey has decided not to stand for re-election to this role. If anyone is interested in standing for this role, or wants to know more about what the role involves, then contact Mark on lindfieldbonfiresoc@gmail.com for an informal chat.