

LINDFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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

Since our last newsletter, we have lost some dear members of the LBS family.

Jenny Denyer was a dedicated member of the Society from the age of 15 and never missed Bonfire Night. She started the tradition of carrying the cross, in memory of passed members, performing this act at our 2021 commemorations. She was even out on the common on November 6th (even earlier than this humble scribe!) walking a wheelbarrow around picking up litter from the night before.

Sheila Hobbs was a well-known member of the village, a dedicated member of LBS for over 50 years, and other community organisations in the village. She could always be spotted in her Pearly Queen costume on November 5th whilst organising the fancy dress competition.

LBS had the honour of attending both Jenny and Sheila's funerals, providing a torch procession.

Both Jenny and Sheila had articles about their lives in Lindfield Life and can be found here:

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We also said goodbye to Brian Lacey and Jean Mitchell, both longstanding members and supporters of LBS.

All at LBS sent their thoughts and best wishes to the loved ones of Jenny, Sheila, Brian and Jean

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A Note from the Editor (continued)

Since our last edition, we have been busy in the community raising our profile and raising funds and you will be able to read about Village Day and the Duck Race later. We have also inducted a new Harbour Master – more on that later too!

We are now about to commence our bonfire season, attending outmeetings and also making the final preparations for our own event on November the Fifth. The outmeetings that we will be attending and other upcoming Society events are listed on pages 6-8

And don't forget that we need **YOUR** help to host our event on the fifth. Bonfires being built, road closure letters being posted through letter boxes, street signage being put up, torches being prepared and litter being picked up afterwards does not happen by magic. It's done by members helping out in the run-up, during and after the event. So please make yourself available to help as any assistance, whether big or small goes a long way in making Bonfire Night in Lindfield the success that it is!

With very best wishes

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Stewart Rose
Press Secretary



What have we been up to recently?

LBS helps to Marshal Village Cross-Country Run

Back in May, we utilised all of our skills by helping to marshal a fundraising cross-country race in aid of King Edward Hall.



(Picture courtesy of Lindfield Life)

LBS hosts stall at Village Day

Our ever-popular china smash was back at village day this year over the Jubilee weekend, raising funds for November 5th



(Picture courtesy of Lindfield Life)

It all went Quackers at the Duck Race

After the success of last year's Duck Race, we decided to do another one and this was broadcast on 2 July 2022.

This year there were three races: two involving our usual 100 x yellow ducks and a special Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Stakes event involving 18 celebrity ducks.

All three races were brilliantly supported, with all ducks being sold.

Our winners were:

Race 1

- 1st Deadly Duck – Susan Lucas
- 2nd Bill Withered – Sam Caethoven
- 3rd Crispy Duck – Claire Horne

Race 2

- 1st Million Dollar Duck – Katherine Wilcox
- 2nd Ed the Duck – Alison Elliott
- 3rd Roast Duck – Paul White

Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Stakes

- 1st Bonfire Bishop – Mel Maynard
- 2nd Henry VIII – Mel Maynard
- 3rd Jane Austen – Gillian Winch

Congratulations to all winners and thanks to everyone that purchased a duck and took part. We raised after costs £659.84

If you haven't watched the race yet, it is still available on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1d_ZdFWkKE



New Harbour Master Installed

After over 42 years service, Will Blunden handed over the ceremonial Boat Hook to our new Harbour Master David Riddle at a ceremony at the pond in June.

Lindfield is unique in having a Harbour Master as no other society has one.

Traditionally the Harbour Master has led the bonfire procession around the streets of the village on November the Fifth.

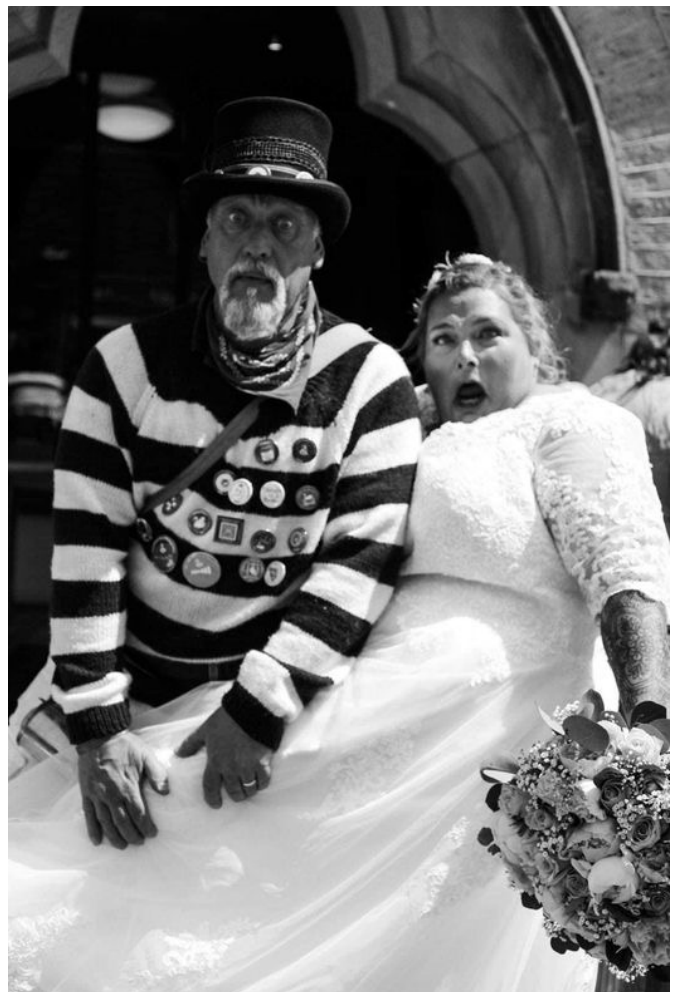


David is a Life Member of LBS and relishes any opportunity to dress up, being a member of a number of living history groups.

Welcome David and we are looking forward to seeing you on the Fifth lead us out!

LBS provide torch guard of honour for Mel and Shaun's wedding

On what felt like the hottest day ever to don a stripey jumper, LBS had the honour of providing a guard of honour for our own Joint Vice Firework Captain Mel Maynard-Buckfield. Congratulations Mel and Shaun!



Fundraising News

Don't forget EasyFundraising!

These days, many of us are buying more and more items online. By registering and making purchases through [easypfundraising.co.uk](https://www.easypfundraising.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.easypfundraising.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, marshalling 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?

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 need any help, please contact our Membership Secretary, Mike Webster for information on memberslbs@gmail.com .



Mike Webster
Membership Secretary
and Captain of Ranks

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

Upcoming events to plan / prepare / fundraise:

Torch Making - Sunday 4th September 10am

All members are very welcome to come along and help make torches for the 5th Nov. It's easy to learn, and a great way to get to know us all! If you don't know where Jimmy's is please PM us for directions. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring a picnic lunch and drinks

2022 Badge Night - Tuesday 6th September @ The Stand Up Inn from 7.30pm

Badge Night is the start of the Lindfield Bonfire Society Bonfire Season, and everyone is invited to join/renew membership, purchase this year's badge for £1 and have a go on the raffle. It's also a great opportunity to have a chat about what Bonfire is and why we do it. Our good friends from Skulldrummary will also be performing. This is a great event to catch up with other members and kick off the Bonfire Season

Bonfire helpers Meeting - Thursday 27 October @ The Red Lion - 7.30pm

This annual event helps with the allocation of tasks on November the 5th. All members and non-members are welcome to attend. Please remember that we rely on our members to act as hosts for our event and this means rolling up stripey sleeves and helping out. The more of us that can help out, the lighter the burden all round.

Christmas Craft Fair - Saturday 19th November @ King Edward Hall from 10am - 3pm

We host this popular event to help raise funds for November the 5th and this is the first fundraiser for our 2023 celebrations! We always need LBS members to help with the set up and running of the event.

Also, if you are interested in being a stallholder, or know anyone that might be for this event, then please contact our events co-ordinator, Sarah Tampion-Lacey using events.lindfieldbs@gmail.com

Upcoming bonfire outmeeting dates for your diary

LBS has been invited to attend the following outmeetings. Members are welcome to attend:

Saturday 3rd September - Uckfield Bonfire Celebrations

Meeting up in the car park behind the cinema at 6.15pm if you want to go to the chippy, or in Grange Road from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm procession start. Roads close at 7.00pm. No flares, rookies or animals allowed. Hoops/Stripes and whites or costume to be worn please.

Saturday 10th September - Crowborough Bonfire Celebrations

Meeting in the Waitrose car park at 6.00pm to walk to Chapel Green (TN6 1ED) for Wreath laying at 7pm. Roads around Chapel Green will close at 6pm. The procession will leave the Green at 7.30pm. There will be prizes for best dressed societies on the evening. Recommended parking for the evening is in the Croft Road CarPark accessible from either Croft Road (by Waitrose TN6 1DL) or from Pine Grove (just past Old Mill Court TN6 1DZ). Crowborough don't allow flares or the dropping of firecrackers/ bangers. No animals please. Hoops/Stripes and whites or LBS costume to be worn please. There will be food trucks on Chapel Green.

Saturday 17th September - Mayfield Bonfire Celebrations

Meeting up around the middle of the High Street from 6.00pm.

Please do not park in the village. (Parking is NOT allowed in the Girls School or the Fire Station). Roads close at 6.30pm. Wreath laying 6.45pm at the Church on the High Street.

Procession form up on Station Road 7pm for 7.15pm start.

Bonfire lighting 9.15pm

Fireworks 9.45pm

Roads reopen 11.30pm.

Excellent refreshments available in the Hall at the Recreation Ground after the procession. No fireworks or rookies allowed. Flares must be disposed off in the torch dousing barrels on the High St. Hoops/Stripes and whites or LBS costume please.

Saturday 24th September - Burgess Hill Bonfire Celebrations

Meeting at the Cyprus Road car park from 6.30pm (though a few of us are likely to be at the chip shop in the shopping precinct earlier!). Parking is available in the Cyprus Road car park. Remembrance at the war memorial before the procession.

7.30pm procession start ending at the Boys Club field for fireworks.

No rookies or fireworks permitted.

Please wear hoops/stripes and whites or costume.

Saturday 1st October - Eastbourne Bonfire Celebrations

More details to follow once available - please check the LBS facebook page for up-to-date information.

Upcoming events and dates for your diary

Saturday 15th October – Hastings Bonfire Celebrations

Arrive early and soak up the atmosphere in the town.

Meeting up from 5.30pm on the Prom at White Rock - Chips and messing about on the beach are allowed!

18.30 Bonfire procession forms up on the seafront at White Rock. Please see map and procession order. Care must be taken with torches whilst walking through the Old Town.

19.00 Beacon Lit.

19:10 The America Ground Ceremony.

19.20 Bonfire procession commences. Torches lit by HBBS Assembly Crew, at the approach to the entrance to Robertson Street.

21.00 Procession arrives at fire-site.

21.15 Fireworks commence.

21.40 Fireworks complete (approx.)

23.00 Official lifting of road closures.

No fireworks/rookies etc in the procession or on the beach.

No animals please.

Hoops/ Stripes and whites or costume please.

Saturday 29th October – Newick Bonfire Celebrations

Meeting up by the Bakers (for sausage rolls etc) from 6.30pm for a 7.15pm procession start.

Hoops/stripes and whites or costume please.

No animals please.

Further details to follow – check our Facebook page for up-to-date information.

SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER – LINDFIELD BONFIRE

Based on previous years timings, the Procession will form up from 7.15pm, with the procession commencing at 7.30pm. Bonfire lit at 8.15pm followed by firework display

Saturday 12th November Chailey Bonfire Celebrations

Chailey are our friends and neighbouring Bonfire Society and are noted for their moving remembrance ceremony.

Roads close at 18:00 and reopen at 21:00.

Form up timing to follow, but we usually meet at Chailey Secondary School and finish in the field by Markstakes Corner. We are limited to 20 members attending, so please hit the 'going' button if you wish to come along on the LBS Members Facebook page.

No flares or dropdowns at any time during the event. No animals please.

Saturday 19th November – Barcombe Bonfire Celebrations

Meeting up from 17.30, roads close at 18.00 and reopen at 22.30.

Parking outside the village is recommended, please respect residents access.

18.15 childrens procession 19.00 Main procession 19.30 barrel race

20.00 Grand procession. 20.45 fireworks

Final procession followed by traditional bonfire prayers. No rookies, no animals please.

Please wear hoops/stripes and whites or costume.

For further information, please contact Sarah Tampion-Lacey and check our Facebook page.