

LINDFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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A Note from the Editor...

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

It's a new year in the bonfire world, and we have already held our first event of 2023 – First Bonfire, held at The Witch Inn for the first time. We already have events lined up for the first part of the year, with many more at the planning stage and will be announced in due course.

As a reminder, Bonfire Night 2023 will be held on **Saturday 4th November 2023** (we don't hold it on the fifth if it falls on a Sunday).

As you know, we don't just turn up on the fifth. Raising the £15,000 required to stage Bonfire Night is a round-the-year activity. We're planning on holding a very active fundraising calendar. Whether by volunteering your time, baking a cake, providing a raffle prize or just standing on the street with a collection tin during a street collection, you can make a huge difference and contribute to our fundraising success. Keep your eye on future newsletters, our Facebook page and website for more details.

With very best wishes

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Stewart Rose
Press Secretary

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We have launched our 2023 Just Giving page to help raise funds for Bonfire Night 2023. To donate, scan the QR code!



What have we been up to recently?

LBS attends the Sussex Bonfire Council Carol Service

LBS members battled the snow to attend the Sussex Association of Bonfire and Carnival Societies carol service in December. Always a good opportunity to belt out a carol, this well-attended event is always popular with both us and the wider bonfire community



LBS helps to marshal Denmans Lane Dash

On Boxing Day, LBS members helped marshal the Denmans Lane Dash. This now annual feature was well attended by the community. It also provided us with an opportunity to have a well-deserved drink!



LBS opens 2023 with its First Bonfire event

Every year, around 31st January, LBS commemorates the first bonfire held on that date in 1606 following the execution of Guy Fawkes for his involvement in the Gunpowder Plot.

This year, for the first time, our commemorations were held at The Witch Inn, where we were joined by members from other societies.

Our friends from Skulldrummery - always a crowd favourite - came along to drum out their greatest hits, followed of course by the Bonfire Prayer.

Upcoming events

Lindfield Vintage and Antiques Fair

Saturday 25th March 2023 10am to 3pm
The King Edward Hall

Entry £2, LBS members, OAP's and under 10's free

Anyone willing to help will be very welcome from 8.30am til 4pm, setting up, portering, washing up, help in the cafe, on the door etc. Just turn up for as long as you can! We have nearly sold all our pitches, but if you know anyone who would like one please ask them to email Sarah events.lindfieldbs@gmail.com or call 07811 023765

Annual Dinner 2023

Saturday 18th March 2023 7.00pm for 7.30pm
The Bent Arms Hotel

Come and join us for the LBS Annual Dinner, all members, family, friends and other Societies welcome. You should have received an email with all the details including a booking form (if you haven't, or can't print the form for any reason please call Sarah 07811 023765). Howard has devised a lovely 3 course menu at £20 per head and we will hold a raffle as usual.

Items at the planning stage:

Squirrel Hunting on Lindfield High Street...

The 2023 LBS Duck race...

Our village day involvement...

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.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/causes/lindfbonfsociety/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=clipboard&utm_content=rm-cpl

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - LINDFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of Lindfield Bonfire Society will be held at King Edward Hall on Thursday 20 April 2023 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.

We request that all members intending to stand for Committee and / or a specific officers post confirm this by email to the Vice Chair Mark Tampion-Lacey at lindfieldbonfiresoc@gmail.com by no later than Thursday 6th April 2023. In the email please state your name, the position / post you are standing for and the name of the society member who is seconding the 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 is followed by the Lindfield Bonfire Society Ltd Company AGM.

For those not already aware, regretfully our current Hon. Secretary Lorraine has stepped down from this post due to other commitments. The committee thanks Lorraine for her work in this post during the year. As we now have a vacancy for this role, if anyone is interested in standing for this post, or wants to know more about what is involved, then please contact our Vice Chair Mark on lindfieldbonfiresoc@gmail.com for an informal chat.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - LINDFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Lindfield Bonfire Society Limited will be held on Thursday 20 April 2023 following the conclusion of the Society AGM, for the following purposes:

Ordinary business

- a) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2022.
- b) To receive the accounts for the year ended 28 February 2023.
- c) To elect directors of the company to serve until the next Annual General Meeting.
- d) To discuss any other business proposed that the Chair sees fit to discuss.

By Order of the Board

Stewart Rose
Company Secretary

Notes

- All shareholders (known as 'members') of Lindfield Bonfire Society Limited are allowed to attend to vote on matters presented for their consideration
- As discussed and agreed at the meeting held on 21 April 2022, the following Society positions will automatically be invited to serve as directors of the company so long as they are willing and legally able to accept the position: Chair, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.
- As discussed and agreed at the meeting held on 21 April 2022, the directors are deemed to have resigned with effect from the date of the Annual General Meeting unless they have provided an indication to the Company Secretary that they are willing to continue to serve as director until the time of the next Annual General Meeting. In accordance with the company's articles of association, the company requires a minimum of 5 directors to hold office.
- A quorum for the Annual General Meeting is 7 members.