

# LINDFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

February 2024



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## A Note from the Editor...

Hello and welcome to our first newsletter of 2024.

I hope that you all had a good festive break, and managed to get through the miserable month that is January.

In this edition, we'll update you on what we have been up to over the last few months, and also give you some information about upcoming events, including details on our Annual General Meeting.

But first some Parish notices...

Mel Maynard, who has most recently been serving as our Firework Captain has taken the decision to stand down from the Committee with immediate effect. Those of you who know Mel know that she has been a long-serving member of the Committee, working tirelessly to deliver our Bonfire Night for many years. The Chairman and Committee want to express their thanks to Mel for her many years of hard work on behalf of the Society.

At our January Committee meeting, we were joined by the Furnells, who presented the proceeds of their collection to the Society. Each year, as you may know, the Furnells illuminate their house in Duke's Road at Christmas with decorations, and collect donations for LBS. This year they raised an amazing £170 for LBS! The Committee, on behalf of the Society express their gratitude to the Furnells for their fantastic efforts.

Finally, the Chair and Committee would like to express their thanks to Wizard Fireworks for stepping in at short notice and providing such an amazing display last November 5<sup>th</sup>, especially as the weather was so awful!

With very best wishes

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**Stewart Rose**  
Press Secretary

Our justgiving QR code is still open if you would like to donate to our 2023 costs. Scan the QR code to go to our page.



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## Recent events

### Sussex Bonfire and Carnival Societies Carol Service

Back in December, LBS attended the usual carol service in Uckfield for like-minded wearers of the stripey jumper. This year the congregation was treated to the Rector dressing as Ken from Ken and Barbie fame (you had to be there really!)



### Denman's Lane Dash

On Boxing Day each year, the world-famous Denman's Lane Dash takes place. This annual event is organised by Ray Gower and LBS members turn out to help support Ray by stewarding the event.

Competitors run the length of Denman's Lane, with the winner being selected from the three fastest competitors with the most beer left in their half-pint glass



### Wassailing in Maplehurst

In early January, a small group of LBS members attended a wassailing in Maplehurst, hosted by the Broadwood men. This ancient tradition of blessing apple trees for a bountiful cider harvest involves, making a lot of noise to cast out evil spirits, singing songs and drinking cider, obviously!





## Recent events (continued)

### First Bonfire

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, LBS members turned out for their first event of 2024: First Bonfire at The Witch Inn.

Guy Fawkes was executed on 31 January 1606 after being tried in Westminster Hall in the preceding days. On the evening of the 31<sup>st</sup>, a bonfire was lit to celebrate (bonfires being the traditional way to mark an act of celebration from times of old). The subsequently enacted Observance of 5 November Act fixed November the fifth as a date of celebration.

Anyway, enough of history! We are the only society to commemorate the first bonfire, and so as a result, many societies attend, for the opportunity to catch up with friends over a beer.

As usual our good friends from Skulldrummery attended and performed in the beer garden, before our Harbourmaster, David Riddle led the assembled in reciting the Bonfire Prayer.

Our thanks to Skulldrummery for making some noise, and to The Witch Inn for hosting us.



## Upcoming Events

### Lindfield Bonfire Society Annual Dinner Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 7pm The Bent Arms

All members and their friends/family are warmly invited to the Annual Dinner, which will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm at the Bent Arms Hotel. Menu choices are below. Please email Mike at [memberslbs@gmail.com](mailto:memberslbs@gmail.com) with your menu choices as soon as possible as we only have 40 places. Payment should be made by BACS please to Lindfield Bonfire Society, Barclays Bank 20-49-76 ac/no 10997862

The menu is:

#### Starters

Leek and Potato Soup (VGN, V, DFO, GFO)  
Prawn Cocktail (GF)  
Bacon and Brie Salad (GF, V)  
Arancini w/ pepperonata dipping sauce (V)  
Flat Field Mushroom and Goats Cheese w/salad (V, GF)  
Pan Seared Squid w/ garlic butter on toast (GFO)

#### Mains

Scampi and Chips w/ salad  
Steak and Ale Pie w/ mash and vegetables  
Chicken Curry w/ rice, salad and poppadom (DF, GF)  
Risotto, Mushroom, Spinach and Leek (V, GF, VGNO)  
Cauliflower and Lentil Curry w/ rice, salad and poppadom (VGN, GF)  
BBQ Ribs w/ chips and salad (DF)

#### Dessert

Lemon Posset (V)  
Coconut Panna Cotta (VGN, GF)  
Warm Chocolate Brownie w/ whipped cream (V)  
Sticky Toffee Pudding w/ vanilla ice cream (V)  
Banoffee Pie  
Vanilla Crème Brulee (V, GFO)

V Vegetarian; VGN Vegan; VGNO Vegan option; GF Gluten Free; GFO Gluten Free Option; DF Dairy Free; DFO Dairy Free Option

### Lindfield Bonfire Society Vintage and Antiques Fair Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 8:30am – 4:00pm King Edward Hall

Don't forget to come along and support the Lindfield Vintage & Antiques Fair on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in the King Edward Hall! The cafe will be running all day serving hot drinks, home-made cake and hot bacon/cheese rolls. There will be lots of tables to sit at so please bring your friends. We are always grateful for any donations of home-made cakes and also for anyone who can come and help any time between 8.30am and 4pm. Please email Sarah for more information [events.lbs@gmail.com](mailto:events.lbs@gmail.com).

### Lindfield Village Day Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June Lindfield Common



The Village Day Committee are hoping to have a procession again this year, when we hear any information, we'll let you know what the theme will be!

## 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.

Start today with EasyFundraising by going to:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lindfbonfiresociety/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=clipboard&utm\\_content=rm-cpl](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lindfbonfiresociety/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=clipboard&utm_content=rm-cpl)

Thousands of retailers will donate for free



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

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)



Mike Webster  
Membership Secretary  
and Captain of Ranks



## LINDFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Lindfield Bonfire Society will be held at King Edward Hall on Thursday 18th April 2024 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](mailto: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 Firesite
- Captain of Bonfire
- Captain of Torches
- Captain of Procession
- Captain of Ranks
- Captain of Boxes
- Captain of Barrels
- Captain of Set Pieces
- Vice Captains
- Harbour Master
- Bonfire Bishop

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.

For those not already aware, regretfully our current Hon. Secretary Michelle has stepped down from this post due to other commitments. The committee thanks Michelle 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](mailto:lindfieldbonfiresoc@gmail.com) for an informal chat.

**LINDFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY LIMITED  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of Lindfield Bonfire Society Limited will be held at King Edward Hall on Thursday 18th April 2024 after the conclusion of the Society AGM. All members of the company are entitled to attend and vote on measures presented.

Ordinary business:

- a) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2023.
- b) To receive the accounts for the year ended 28 February 2024.
- 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.