



South Heighton Village Hall Management Committee  
**SOUTH HEIGHTON BONFIRE SOCIETY NEWS**  
**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014**

### HELLO!

We had an excellent turnout for badge night in August and have a lot of new members. It's not too late to rejoin if you haven't done so already, so please contact Stuart to do that (contact details at the end of this newsletter).

### OUTMEETINGS

The season is under way of course, and the coach lists as usual are attached to our notice board in the Hampden Arms. If a certain night has more names down than the size of the coach ordered, we can usually upsize to a larger coach as long as the numbers make it worthwhile. If you have put your name down and we can't accommodate you we will let you know.

The deadline for changes to existing bookings is midnight on the Saturday preceding the outmeeting you are booked to attend (please make your own changes). Coach seats are £10 for adults (16+) and £5 for children (15 and under). This is with the exception of Lewes where coach prices will be £12 for adults (16+) and £7 for children (15 and under).

Upcoming outmeetings are listed below - coaches are booked for the **highlighted** meetings:

4 October:	<b>Eastbourne</b> /Rotherfield	6pm
18 October:	<b>Hailsham</b> /Nevill/Hastings/Seaford	6pm
25 October:	<b>Fletching</b> /Littlehampton	5.30pm
1 November:	<b>Newick</b> /Battle	6pm
5 November:	<b>Lewes</b>	4.30pm
8 November:	Hmm... oh yes – US!	
15 November:	<b>Robertsbridge</b>	5pm
22 November:	<b>Hawkhurst</b>	5pm
6 December:	Rottingdean Smugglers	

Coach leaving times are listed above as well!!

### TORCH MAKING

One more date in the calendar for this: Sunday 12 October, 10am at the village hall. We only need around 250 more torches and the banners need to be finished as well.

### SHBS BONFIRE NIGHT 8 NOVEMBER 2014

**As you know our own bonfire night requires a lot of hard work. All hands on deck please from 9am at the field - the bonfire needs building, fences need putting up, torches need to be bagged up and distributed, water barrels need placing etc.**

**Clearing up the next morning is also a major operation. We need help to restore the field to its original state and tidy up the bonfire area. Please be down there from 8.30am onwards.**

### TORCH DIPPING

Torch dipping will take place on Friday 7 November at the village hall from 6pm. The usual culinary delights will be made available after our work is done – chilli and curry with all the trimmings – and with a whiff of kerosene in the air!

### MATERIALS NEEDED

We always, every year, need your old bed linen, towels, any largish bits of similar material so that we can use them for wrapping up the torches on our night.

### FUND RAISING FOR 2014

Once again we have had a successful fund raising programme this year. Thank you to all those who have helped with this – you know who you are!

Here is a breakdown of what the bonfire society has raised this year: fetes made around £600 profit, jumble sales around £500 and membership is around £1000 so far.

### SHBS MEETINGS

Our next meeting is on **Monday 13 October, 8pm at the village hall**. This is an important meeting where we will allocate responsibilities for banner carrying and other jobs for our night, so if you want to be involved please show up. If you can't make it but want to volunteer, please just contact us to let us know.

There will also be an extra marshals meeting on **Wednesday 29 October** at 8pm at the village hall.

Drinks will be available!

### OTHER DIARY DATES

**Next quiz – a tinseltastic Christmas extravaganza!**

Wednesday 10 December at the Hampden Arms from 8pm.

**Next jumble sale**

Saturday 7 February 2015.

### BONFIRE SOCIETY FUNDS

Information for our newer members: The money raised by South Heighton Bonfire Society goes to the South Heighton Village Hall Management Committee funds (i.e. the funds are merged). The Village Hall Committee (which is a charity) organises other events like the old music festival and South Heighton fete and, when the Bonfire Society was started by the Village Hall as a tentative move to see if it was successful (which it obviously was!), it was decided to keep it under the umbrella of the Village Hall Management Committee. There are two important reasons for this: (1) insurance cover and (2) if (touch wood) our bonfire night is rained off, or other fundraising efforts are not that successful, there should always be sufficient funds held by the village hall to cover the cost of fireworks, materials for torches, etc etc, for our bonfire night. And, of course, we use the hall for torch making, torch dipping, and it's our base on our own night. This is a good arrangement for the bonfire society.

If you need to contact us for any reason...

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