



South Heighton Village Hall Management Committee

## **SOUTH HEIGHTON BONFIRE SOCIETY NEWS**

### **OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016**

#### **HELLO**

We had an excellent turnout for badge night in in September – over 50% of the current membership renewed. It's not too late to rejoin if you haven't done so already, so please contact Stuart Gostock to do that (contact details at the end of this newsletter).

#### **SHBS BONFIRE NIGHT 12 NOVEMBER 2016**

**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.**

**Please remember that we do not allow any fireworks of any description on the procession route or on the firesite.**

#### **TORCH DIPPING**

Torch dipping will take place on Friday 11 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.

#### **SHBS MEETINGS**

Our next meeting is on **Monday 10 October**. This is an important meeting where we will finalise our plans for banner carriers 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 contact us to let us know. A special marshals meeting will be held on **Tuesday 1 November** for those who have been allocated jobs. Both these are at 8pm at the village hall (not the pub so no distractions!). Drinks will be available!

#### **OUTMEETINGS**

The coach booking system continues to work efficiently and thanks to everyone signing up. We have been to Uckfield, Crowborough and Mayfield so far this year.

And congratulations to Kai Fletcher who won best banner carrier at Uckfield.

#### **TORCH MAKING**

Sadly we ran short of materials on our first torch making date (only 270 made) so we need to catch up to get up to our normal numbers made so far. The next two dates are Sunday 25 September and Sunday 16 October, 10am at the village hall.

#### **CHRISTMAS QUIZ**

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

Wednesday 14 December at the Hampden Arms from 7.30pm. It's good to see people dig out their Christmas jumpers and festive gear! A fun raffle as always – who knows just what is inside that wrapped prize if you are a winner!

#### **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 South Heighton fete, monthly bingo nights, beetle drives, and other fund raisers 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.

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

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