



South Heighton Village Hall Management Committee

SOUTH HEIGHTON BONFIRE SOCIETY NEWS **OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018**

HELLO

We had an excellent turnout for badge night in August – 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 to do that (contact details at the end of this newsletter).

TORCH DIPPING

Torch dipping will take place on Friday 9 November at the village hall from 6pm. Our HQ the Hampden Arms once again this year is going to host the traditional "after torch dipping meal". Food will be provided by the usual people, and if others attending could bring along accompaniments like poppadums, pickles etc that would be great. Anyone who dips and then eats should take a change of shoes so we don't stink out the pub with the whiffs of kerosene!

SHBS BONFIRE NIGHT 10 NOVEMBER 2018

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 – and also the village hall needs a complete clean and tidy as well. Please be 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.

The Hampden Arms has offered to provide a pre-bonfire building/field preparation breakfast to people who are helping - £5 for a full English, toast and tea/coffee.

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 8 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 **Wednesday 24 October** for those who have been allocated jobs. Both these are at 8pm at the village hall

(not the pub so no distractions!). A limited bar will be available though if you're thirsty...

OUTMEETINGS

The coach booking system continues to work efficiently. We have been to Uckfield, Crowborough, Mayfield and Rotherfield so far.

TORCH MAKING

Last date: Sunday 14 October, from 10am at the village hall. **We are a bit behind this year so we need as many pairs of hands as possible. YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!**

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Next quiz – a Tinseltastic Christmas Extravaganza!

Wednesday 12 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 gift-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 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.

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

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