



South Heighton Village Hall Management Committee

## SOUTH HEIGHTON BONFIRE SOCIETY NEWS JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2019

### SEASON'S GREETINGS!

We hope all our members have a merry Christmas, we wish you a happy new year and look forward to seeing you again in 2019.

### 2018 SEASON

We won some prizes during the 2018 season, namely:

#### Burgess Hill

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize for best dressed male (John Scroggins)

#### Lindfield

1<sup>st</sup> Prize for 7-11 costume category (Keira Scroggins)

1<sup>st</sup> Prize for overall children's category (Keira Scroggins)

1<sup>st</sup> Prize for best dressed male (John Scroggins)

1<sup>st</sup> Prize for best topical group (Angey Cole/Keira Scroggins/Jilly Squires/Sophy Thorpe)

Lindfield was a funny one as we didn't really intend to enter the competition but ended up in the hall where it was taking place and got caught up in the excitement!

Congratulations to our winners!

### FUND RAISING

We have had a good start to the 2019 fundraising with sale of the 'Swim' badges raising £345 so far (thank you Lee Sexton) and the Tinseltastic Christmas quiz which raised £200 (thank you Sophy Thorpe).

### Jumble sale

Saturday 23 February, 10am at the village hall (helpers from 9am). All good jumble gratefully received so if you are having a post-Christmas clear out, please send it in our direction. For collection call JJ on 07776 341751 or drop off at the village hall on Friday 23 February when we will be sorting the jumble from 6.30pm – help also needed for that task please! Also if anyone could bring along cakes or cookies they sell well.

### Next quiz

Wednesday 20 March at the Hampden Arms. The next one after that is 19 June, then 18 September. **If anyone would like to volunteer to set the questions for any of these dates please let us know.**

### SHBS MONTHLY MEETINGS

As usual the second Monday in the month, so the next few meetings are 7 January, 11 February and 11 March, all 8pm at the Hampden Arms. Not that much to discuss at this time of year but it's nice to catch up out of season.

### INVITATION FROM LINDFIELD – 31 January 2019

*"Lindfield Bonfire Society will again mark the origins of the tradition of burning the Guy with our First Bonfire celebration on Thursday 31st January 2019. We warmly welcome you to join with us in stripes for this social event which will be held at the Red Lion in Lindfield High Street (RH16 2HL). The evening starts at 7pm, with a performance by Skull Drummery at 7.30."*

If you are interested, please let us know via the post on our Facebook members group. We are currently looking into the viability of running a minibus there and back.

### SHBS SOCIAL MEDIA!

As most of you will be aware, we have had a change about on Facebook. We now have a closed group which is strictly for members only. We still have the open group but we will not be maintaining this (but are keeping it open until we figure out a way to move all the photos to our closed group), as we have now replaced this with a Facebook page. It is much easier for us to get information out this way as admin do not need to approve group membership and it stops admin having to answer endless "Is South Heighton Bonfire still going ahead?" questions when there is a drop of rain! Thank you to Kris James for setting up the page for us.

### 2018 FACTS AND FIGURES

We currently have around 190 adult members and 67 junior members on our books.

Fetes made around £500 this year, jumble sales made around £1000, and membership currently stands at approximately £2000.

Unfortunately, overall the whole fundraising season this year (this includes the above, all other fund raising, expenses and our night) we came out at a loss of around £750. This is obviously very disappointing but (as you are all extremely aware!) the weather was truly biblical and so much of this loss was down to lack of paying public attending our night. However, it does mean that in 2019 we need to do some serious fundraising to ensure we can still hold our evening. This means everyone so if you have any ideas for fundraising events do come to a meeting and look out for events on Facebook and support us by attending and helping. Sarah Lowton has come up with a fashion show/costume bring and buy idea so watch this space!

Well, there's really not much more to report so here is one of our periodical random tests to see who actually reads the newsletter ☺

## SHBS NEWSLETTER RIDDLE #5

**You can hold it without using  
your hands or arms.  
What is it?**

Prizes\* awarded to anyone who emails  
bonfire@southheighton.org with the answer ☺

\* Only joking about the prizes!

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