



South Heighton Village Hall Management Committee

## **SOUTH HEIGHTON BONFIRE SOCIETY NEWS** **OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019**

### **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 8 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! £2 per person for food please.

### **SHBS BONFIRE NIGHT 9 NOVEMBER 2019**

**As you know our own bonfire night requires a lot of hard work. All hands on deck please from 9am at the field/village hall - 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 has also kindly offered to provide a pre-bonfire building/field preparation breakfast to helpers - £5 for a full English, toast and tea/coffee. Tessa really needs to know numbers for breakfast and whether there are any veggie requirements.

### **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 14 October**. This is an important meeting where we will finalise 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 6 November** 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...

### **PRIZES**

We are doing well so far this year!  
Lewes Skittles Tournament: Overall winners of the Bonfire Cup (well done that team)  
Crowborough: 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize for Best Visiting Society  
Mayfield: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize for Best Dressed Banner Carrier (Kai) and 1<sup>st</sup> Prize for Best Visiting Society

### **TORCH MAKING**

Last date: Sunday 13 October, from 10am at the village hall.

### **CHRISTMAS QUIZ**

**Next quiz – a Tinseltastic Christmas Extravaganza!**  
Wednesday 11 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 summer fete, monthly bingo nights 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 (HELLO 2018!), 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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