

## South Heighton Village Hall Management Committee SOUTH HEIGHTON BONFIRE SOCIETY NEWS JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

## 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 2023.

### 2022 FACTS AND FIGURES

We currently have 194 adult members and 59 junior members on our books.

Memberships and badge sales raised £3205. Fetes made around £500 this year, and jumble sales made around £650.

Gate takings on our night were £4,845 (JUST WOW!).

Overall profit for the whole season in the end (once all expenses are taken into account) was £6,500.

Which leads us to...

## 2023 FUND RAISING EVENTS

We are now into the 2023 fund raising season. Kate Macdonald's marvellous chocolate raffle raised £177.50 – thank you Kate!

We had a stall at the RNLI Christmas Fayre on 26 November where we made approximately  $\pounds 60 -$ thank you team!

Then we had the Tinseltastic Christmas quiz which raised £122. Thanks to everyone who came along and for the generous raffle prizes.

We'll keep you up to date with fete and jumble sale dates.

**Next quiz:** Wednesday 15 March at the Hampden Arms. The next one after that is 14 June, then 13 September and 13 December. 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 9 January, 13 February and 13 March, all 7.30pm at the village hall. Not that much to discuss at this time of year but we need to keep the ball rolling constantly and start planning for 11 November.

## MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN GLENN

Hi all, well, not long now to the big HO HO HO and maybe time to reflect on what a wonderful bonfire season we had.

In my first season as chairman, I was determined to attend every outmeeting. I was going great guns until I was sadly thwarted by the lurgy and could not make Barcombe.

This has been a fantastic season, so impressed with the volume of members, young and old, who attended the outmeetings, we were always so well represented.

It goes without saying the pride we all felt on our own monumental night. The weather was kind, and that led to very high numbers of spectators. They just kept on coming past the Hampden.

All in all, and I hope you all agree, we are a brilliant bonfire society and already looking forward to next year.

I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Well, there's not really much more to report so here is one of our periodical random tests to see who actually reads the newsletter <sup>(2)</sup>

## SHBS NEWSLETTER QUESTION #7

# Solve this anagram: HEAR HELEN TWICE

Prizes\* awarded to anyone who emails southheightonbs@gmail with the answer ③ \* Only joking about the prizes!

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