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Your regular update to all things going on with Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society

The NJBS Newsletter

October 2016

Know Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society

This month we have an interview with Commander in Chief, Chris Isted. See **Page 2** for more details.

Badge Night 2016

We may still be in summer, but Bonfire season is fast approaching. Details of this years Badge Night and what you can expect can be found on **Page 2**

Extravaganza

The extravaganza now seems a distant memory. Details from this year's Extravaganza held on 11 June on the Nevill Green. **Page 1**

Remembrance

This July, Lewes bonfire societies remembered the Battle of the Somme at the Lewes and Southover War Memorials. For more information go to **Page 3**

Dates for the Diary

The diary is filling up fast and Bonfire season will be upon us before we know it. Make sure you keep up to date with the latest. See **Page 3** for more details.

Caption Competition

We have two children's memberships to give away. All you need to do is provide a caption to the photograph! All the details can be found on **page 3**.

Return of the Extravaganza!

June saw the return of the Nevill Extravaganza back to where it belongs: on Nevill Green. It was a fantastic day and we had a great time putting it on. We hope you all enjoyed it too.



Extravaganza is a great way to celebrate our community and despite the odd downpour, we really appreciate everyone continued to enjoy the fun, games and music well into the evening.

Congratulations to Waterloo Bonfire Society for winning the Men's Tug of War as well as to Cliffe Bonfire Society for winning the torch-making competition and Ladies Tug of War.

Our Junior Tableau Design Competition winners were announced at the Extravaganza. Joe and Isaac are now working down the Land with a



group of friends to build this year's junior tab. Best of luck to the whole team. And remember, let's keep details of the Tab under wraps until Our Night!

We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone that made the Extravaganza happen. Whether you helped in the setup, on the day or simply came down to the Green to celebrate our community, we thank you.

Thank you to the mayor for taking his time to visit the Extravaganza and present prizes to the winning teams. We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank The Lewes Lion's Club for their generous donation to the Society.



We're already planning next year's Extravaganza for the second weekend of June 2017, our 50th anniversary year!





Badge Night is Nearly Upon Us

This year's Badge Night will be held on Saturday, 10th September from 5:30pm at St Mary's Social Centre, Christie Road. Badge Night is a time for members to renew membership but also to catch up with old, and make new, bonfire friends.

We will have merchandise available, as well as programmes for sale to tell you all about the procession routes and more for 2016.

Find out what's happening about your Society and how you can help make our night even better through helping to build the effigy, torch-making, the tableau or set pieces.

We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Torch-Making!

If you've ever wondered where all the fantastic torches come from each year, the answer is not Amazon.com! Each and every one of the thousands of torches we use on Our Night is made by members of the torch team.

Captain of Torches **Keith Brown** and the team will be down the Land each Sunday morning making torches. All members are welcome to come down to the Land and be part of the team.

Learn how to make a torch from one of the most experienced torch teams in bonfire, and you'll have that sense of pride processing on Our Night knowing you've made that extra contribution to the Society.



Outmeetings for the Bonfire Season

Being a member of NJBS entitles you to attend Outmeetings - visiting other societies across Sussex and joining their bonfire celebrations.

We are running coaches to a number of bonfire celebrations. We meet at The Black Horse Inn at 5:00pm to leave at 5:30pm and a seat on the coach costs £10 per person. If you are interested in joining the coach please contact Roger Palmer on 07535 495556 or Kate French on 07708 837176.

We are planning outmeetings for the following:

17th September: Mayfield

1st October: Rotherfield & Mark Cross

15th October: Hastings

29th October: Newick and / or Ewhurst & Staplecross

5th November: Lewes, TBC

12th November: East Hoathly and / or Rye

Additional outmeetings may be confirmed nearer the time.

Programme Selling

Last year a number of members came forward to help sell programmes for the Society.

This helped enormously, especially at such a busy time of year. Each member took a road each to lighten the load. If you're able to sell a few programmes in your street please contact us at committee@njbs.co.uk.



NJBS Interview

This issue we have an interview with none other than Commander-in-Chief, Chris Isted:

Chris, what does your role involve? I lead the processions and manage the marshalls to help run Our Night smoothly. If anyone needs help, I am there. I work alongside the police, St. John's and Security on Our Night.

How long have you been involved with Nevill Juvenile? Since I was 7 years old, but I had a few years out when I was at college.

Why Nevill? My family has been doing it for years. My Uncle Den [**Dennis Isted**] has done it since he was a little boy. We're Nevill all the way!

Smugglers or pioneers? I've always been a smuggler, but I might dress up different this year.

What's your favourite thing about Our Night? To see loads of friends come out and watch what we've done, and hopefully get new members involved.

It's our 50th anniversary in 2017, what would you like to see? To have our own display on the Fifth!

Final words? If any members fancy doing something different on Our Night or on the Fifth then why don't you try being a Marshall for the night? It's great fun and you'll be helping me out to run the night smoothly. If you want more information or would like to become a Marshall you can email me on chrisisted83@icloud.com or see me on Badge Night, 10th September.

Remembering the Fallen

1st July 2016 marked the centenary of the start of the Battle of the Somme. Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society, along with other Lewes bonfire societies, remembered the event.



Members from Cliffe, NJBS and Borough pose for a photograph at the Southover Memorial

Representatives of Nevill Juvenile, Borough, Cliffe and Southover

Bonfire Societies came together to remember the fallen at the Lewes and Southover War Memorials at 7:30am on the morning of 1st July, exactly 100 years after the first men went over the top.

On 1st July 1916 alone the British Army suffered 57,470 casualties. That's more than the population of Lewes, Newhaven and Seaford combined.

Of particular poignance are two names that feature on the Lewes War Memorial who fell that day: Walter Frank Gray and Benjamin Hilton Glover, both men aged just 19 years old. The battle would rage on for four and a half months resulting in 420,000 casualties.

On Our Night, as part of the memorial procession, we will remember all the servicemen and women that have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Lest we forget.

Caption Competition

Two free children's memberships are up for grabs for the best caption for the photo featuring (from left to right) Phil Amey, Mike Fisk and Peter Earl.

Email your answers to news@njbs.co.uk. All entries are to be received by Friday, 9th of September and the winner announced shortly after.

So get your thinking caps on and best of luck to all entrants.



Mick Symes of Borough and NJBS President Phil Amey at the Lewes War Memorial awaiting the moment that changed the lives of so many 100 years ago.

Committee & Officers

COMMITTEE

Chair: Norma Thompson
 Vice-Chair: Kevin Brown
 Secretary: Mike Fisk
 Treasurer: Clare Pritchard

OFFICERS

Safety Officer: Kevin Brown
 Captain of Effigy: Mike Fisk
 Captain of Aerial Fireworks: Kevin Brown
 Captain of Set Pieces: Bob Thomas
 Captain of Firesite: Caroline Lipscombe
 Captain of Bonfire: Andy Brown
 Commander-in-Chief: Chris Isted
 Captain of Torches: Keith Brown
 Captains of Banners & Street Pieces: James Isted & Sean Woollard
 Captain of Tar Barrels: Kate French
 Membership Secretary: Sarah Earl
 Captain of Programme: Phil Duncan
 Captain of Bands: Anne Stevenson
 Chief Collector: Hannah & Steve Crowhurst
 Merchandise Co-ordinator: Aileen Duncan
 Clergy: Ben Edmonds & Silvy Johnson
 Out Meeting Co-ordinator: Roger Palmer
 Out Firework Displays: Luke Brown
 Publicity & Press: Ben Overton

Dates for the Diary

Every Sunday morning - From now until our night we will be tab-building, effigy-building and torch-making. Come join us, all members are welcome.

10th September - Badge Night, St Mary's Social Centre. From 5:30pm

17th September - Jumble Sale, Ringmer Village Hall. Sorting starts at midday, doors open 2:00pm.

9th October - Marshall's meeting, St Mary's Social Centre. From 7:45pm

14th October - Membership evening, St Mary's Hall, Highdown Road, 3:00pm-8:00pm

22nd October - Our Night, The Nevill Estate

5th November - Details to be published soon

10th December - Jumble Sale, Ringmer Village Hall. Sorting starts at midday, doors open 2:00pm