



FuseNews

Your regular update to all that's going on with Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society

The NJBS Newsletter

June 2017

Bonfire merchandise!

Want to know what merchandise will be available at this years Extravaganza? See **page 1** for more details.

Supporting Bonfire

Bonfire is so much more than paying a membership fee and marching one night a year. Please see **Page 2** for more details of how you can get involved.

Lewes Neighbourhood Plan

A legally binding document that will impact all our lives is currently out for consultation. See **page 2** for details.

Dates for the Diary

Think Bonfire starts in October? Think again! See **page 3** for what's coming up.

Return of the Extravaganza

The extravaganza returns to the Nevill Green on 8th July. See **page 1** for more details.

Nevill Extravaganza 2017



Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society proudly present the Nevill Extravaganza 2017 which will be held on Nevill Green on 8th July. We're planning this years to be the best yet as we reach our 50th anniversary.

All proceeds from the event go to help subsidise Our Night. This can only happen by members helping out. If you can spare an hour or two then please get in touch at news@njbs.co.uk. We're also looking for members to be a part of our mens and ladies tug-of-war team.

Fayre between 12:00 and 16:30

There will be entertainment throughout the afternoon including Lewes Dance Academy display, Judo displays the ladies and men's Tug of War competition between the bonfire societies for the bonfire cup. We'll have a torch-making competition and the very best of the Starfish Youth Music Group providing live music on the

stage. There'll be refreshments from our bar, food vendors and tea and cakes provided by our superb suffragettes on the tea stall.

Evening entertainment between 18:00 and 22:00

The second part of the event is to provide live music from Full House, a fantastic four piece band covering songs from the likes of the Foo Fighters, Kings of Leon, Thin Lizzy, Pink Floyd and more.

They will be supported by senior Starfish bands. This part of the event is ticketed priced at £4 in advance or £5 on the day. Advance Family tickets will be available at £15 (2 adults & up to 3 children). Tickets can be purchased in advance at Union Music, Leicester Road and Winterbourne stores. There will be a limit of 500 tickets this year.



Bonfire Merchandise

NJBS hoodies and t-shirts will be available at the Extravaganza this year from our merchandise stall. Prices are as follows:

- Kids t-shirts: £8.00
- Kids hoodies: £15.00
- Adult t-shirts: £12.00
- Adult hoodies: £20.00
- Adult zipped hoodies: £22.50

We will also be selling bonfire guernseys and costumes, so don't avoid this opportunity to get your bonfire gear now!

Proceeds go to Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society and Chailey Heritage who made the tops for us. If you are interested in buying any merchandise please contact us at merchandise@njbs.co.uk



Helping Out for Our Night

We're often asked how members can help in the build up to, and on, Our Night. So we've laid down a few pointers for you. If you're interested in helping then let us know at news@njbs.co.uk

Torch-Making

If you're new to bonfire this is a great way to get to know your bonfire community. There's a specific technique that our Captain of Torches keeps close to his chest but, once you know how, you'll be making torches like the experts in no time. It's also a great way to get kids involved. Torch-making really gathers pace in August and September as we need to make several thousand torches for Our Night.

Programme Selling

This starts in September in preparation for Our Night. It's a great way to get to know your neighbours better, and brings in vital funds for the Society.

Tar-Barrels

If you love the feel of the heat from all those torches and the screech of the barrels, then this is definitely the job for you. Without doubt one of the most intense jobs in bonfire - this is not for the faint hearted!

Building the Bonfire

This starts early on the morning of Our Night. Our Captain of Bonfire, Andy Brown, has been building fires longer than Arthur Brown has been singing about them. There's a real knack to getting a bonfire to take shape but Andy can give you the best masterclass there is to have in Bonfire.

Marshals

Keeping the procession well formed, the bands in the right place and making sure the ranks are supplied with torches is a critical part of the night. It's the marshals that ensure the processions look great and people are kept safe.

Tableaux and Effigy-Making

Many of the ideas for the effigy and tab have already been formed and some of the work has already started. Tab and effigy building really start to gather pace after the Extravaganza and go throughout August and September. It's a mixture of carpentry, artistry and pyrotechnics that are unique to Sussex bonfire.

Aerial Displays

Not only do we perform the fireworks display for Our Night, but we also perform fireworks displays for other bonfire societies and schools in the local area. In fact, our pyro team are one of the most active in bonfire having anything up to ten events per year. All proceeds are fed back into the society.

Street Collections and Fund-Raising

We collect for charitable causes on Our Night and in order to make it all happen, we have fundraisers throughout the year - the biggest of which is the Extravaganza in July.



Neighbourhood Plan

The Lewes Neighbourhood Plan has been two years in the making and has been put together by Lewes Town Council with support from a variety of people and groups in the town.

The plan is currently out for consultation and feedback is required by 21st June. Anyone connected to the town can comment here: www.lewes4all.uk.

The final plan will be voted on by town residents and, if approved in a referendum, will become a legally binding document.

Much of the document focusses on housing development and green spaces (including Landport Bottom). However, there is also a section with respect to protecting the future of bonfire, specifically the firesites. We'd recommend everyone takes a look at the document and, where relevant, feedback their comments.

Whether your interests are in sustainable development, protecting our heritage, flood defenses, affordable housing, bonfire or all of the above, Lewes Town Council are looking for comments on the plan.

Delivering Jumble Leaflets

We are looking for people to deliver jumble leaflets the week before our jumble sales. Jumble sales are our biggest fundraiser and helps subsidise everyone's membership fees. We are looking for people to take a road each so that we can spread the load evenly.

At the moment we have five roads for which we do not have anyone to deliver the leaflets (East Way, Hamsey Crescent, Windover, Nevill Crescent and Nevill Road). If you would like to help please contact Mike Fisk on 07768 611671 or email at secretary@njbs.co.uk

Thank you to everyone that has helped deliver leaflets past and present.

Remembrance Torchlit Procession

A request has come through for a very special and unique form of Remembrance for 2017 that needs our support. Reeves Photography has teamed up with a number of people in the town and with the bonfire societies to organise a torchlit procession. Each person in the procession will represent one of the people on the war memorial. The procession is scheduled for the early evening of Remembrance Sunday this year.

What does it mean for me?

We are looking for male volunteers to take part in the procession aged between 17 and 50 (or as near as possible) to represent the men of the town that are remembered on the Lewes war memorial. Each person is asked to march in silence with a torch from the home that the person originally lived at and converge on the Lewes war memorial. Each name will then be read out and the torch extinguished. We are also looking for people who are related to a person on the memorial (of any age) to represent their relative.

What if I'm in a different age group and / or different gender but still want to be involved?

Great. There will still be plenty of roles to make this work. Naturally, those that fell were predominately men (there is a female nurse remembered on the memorial) and the purpose of the procession is to bring home the loss to the town of the working men that went to war and didn't come back.

Nevertheless, in order for the event to run we need people to re-supply torches, look after the torch dumps, and enforce the road closure. There will almost certainly be a role for anyone that wishes to help make this work.

What this is not

1) This is not a bonfire celebration, this will very much be a Remembrance event.

2) This is not about dressing up in costume. Each person will need to simply dress in their everyday clothes.

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity then please let us know. If you wish to march then please contact us with how old you'll be in November 2017 and, if relevant, the name of your relative on the memorial. Contact us at news@njbs.co.uk.

Committee & Officers

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Phil Amey

COMMITTEE

Chair: Norma Thompson

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Safety Adviser: Mick Stevenson

Captain of Effigy: Luke Brown

Captain of Tableau: Ben Overton & Darren Parker

Captain of Aerial Fireworks: Kevin Brown

Captain of Set Pieces: Bob Thomas

Captain of Firesite: Caroline Lipscombe

Captain of Bonfire: Andy Brown

Captain of Torches: Keith Brown

Commander-in-Chief: Chris Isted

Captain of Banners & Street Pieces: James Isted

Captain of Tar Barrels: Sarah Ellis & Kate French

Membership Secretary: Sarah Earl

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Captain of Bands: Anne Stevenson

Chief Collector: Hannah & Steve Crowhurst

Merchandise Co-ordinator: Roger Palmer & Norma Thompson

Clergy: Ben Edmonds & Silvy Johnson

Out Meeting Co-ordinator: Roger Palmer

Out Firework Displays: Luke Brown

Publicity & Press: Ben Overton

Additional Committee Members: Andy Brown, Keith Brown, Luke Brown, Charles Field, Ralph Johnson, Kevin Miller, Ben Overton, Darren Parker, Anne Stevenson, Mick Stevenson, Bob Thomas and Luke Vuillemeys

Dates for the Diary

Every Sunday - We will be down the Land working on improving the area for all members to use from 9:00am to 1:00pm

13th June - Extravaganza meeting, St Mary's Supporters Club, Christie Road. 7:45pm.

1st July - Jumble Sale, Ringmer Village Hall. Sorting starts at midday, doors open 2:00pm.

8th July - Extravaganza on Nevill Green. Midday - 4:30pm & 6:00pm - 10:00pm.

9th September - Jumble Sale, Ringmer Village Hall. Sorting starts at midday, doors open 2:00pm.

21st October - Our Night, the Nevill Estate

4th November - The fifth (on the fourth!) Our largest out-meeting. Details to be confirmed nearer the time.

9th December - Jumble Sale, Ringmer Village Hall. Sorting starts at midday, doors open 2:00pm.