



FuseNews

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

The NJBS Newsletter

March 2017

New Logo and Merchandise!

Want to see what exciting new merchandise is available? See **page 1** for more details.

Membership Fees

Important news on membership fees for 2017. Please see **Page 2** for more details.

Pioneer Costumes of the Past & Present

A little piece of trivia from the vaults of Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society. See **page 3** for details.

Dates for the Diary

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

Firework Workshop

We are running a free fireworks workshop aimed at complete beginners. See **page 2**.

Results from the Annual General Meeting



Our AGM was packed to the rafters this year with a fantastic turnout. All the important decisions have now been made. Here are some of the highlights:

New Pioneers!

The Society voted for the suffragettes to become our new first pioneers for 2017. Second pioneers are now military and third pioneers medieval. The processions will be followed by members in other costume, and finally smugglers. If you're interested in becoming a suffragette please see page 3 for more details.

Officers and Committee

The majority of officers and committee members have been re-elected with the following changes:

Captain of Banners: James Isted;

Captain of Effigy: Luke Brown;

Captain of Tableau: Ben Overton and Darren Parker;

Captain of Tar Barrels: Sarah Ellis & Kate French;

Merchandise Co-ordinators: Roger Palmer & Norma Thompson

In addition, congratulations to Charles Field, Darren Parker and Luke Vuillemeay for being elected to the committee. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers and committee members who have served in previous years for all their efforts and hard work.

Charity

Our chosen charity for this year is the Rockinghorse Children's Charity which is also celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The charity raises funds for the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital.



50th Logo and Merchandise

We are delighted to announce that we have a 50th anniversary logo which you can see at the top of this month's FuseNews. It features the Apollo 7 spacecraft, one of the first set pieces the Society built.

We also have a range of merchandise for sale incorporating the logo for both kids and adults:

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

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



Chair's Annual Report from Norma Thompson

Our Chair's Annual Report from Norma Thompson was delivered at this year's AGM on 27th February 2017. Here is the report in full:

Good evening and welcome to the Nevill AGM. Well, what a year we've had. There have been some massive improvements made at Ham Lane. Preparation for the torch sheds are well under way, and although its doubtful they will be ready for this year, we look forward to having the torch team with us so we are all in one place.

We have been very busy with maintenance on the buildings, new shelving has been put up in the workshop, both buildings have been painted inside including the floors. Work is carried out on Tuesday and Thursday evenings every week throughout the year plus every Sunday and we would love to see more people there getting involved. We have some knowledgeable new members who have really helped to get everyone motivated. Plus our very own Mr Brown cracking the whip, but we are delighted to have him back with us!

This last year has seen us continue with our very successful jumble sales which is a major fundraiser. The bars and out-firework displays have also added a substantial amount to the funds. But, as always, we really do need more helpers at these events. I really think every single person in this room along with all members should undertake to help at least once a year at a fundraising event. I'm sure we all want to see a really good procession with decent bands and lots of torches, spectacular fireworks and all

this comes with a very large price tag. Our annual Extravaganza will be on 8th July and should give everyone a chance to help out.

As you know it is Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society's 50th anniversary this year and we want to make it really special. The suffragettes have been approached and asked to be first pioneers. They do look very good, and more could join - lets have more costumes and less smugglers this year.

Let's make 2017 a memorable year for our Society. My thanks to all you hard working members.

Intro to Pyro Workshop

We will be running a free Intro to Pyro workshop from 10:00am to 12:00pm on 29th April for all those that want to understand a little bit more about fireworks. This course is aimed at complete beginners, no experience necessary.

We will go through the different types of fireworks we use, how we fuse and incorporate them into our displays. This will be a two hour hands-on course.

There will be limited places and will also be open to members of the public (non-members will pay a small fee). So if you don't know your candles from your cakes, then get in touch now!

To attend the course please email news@njbs.co.uk and we will provide you details.



Membership Fees

A motion was passed at this years AGM to increase adult membership fees by £5. Adult membership will now cost £20, whilst child membership remains at £5. An additional £1 charge is applied to all new members to cover the costs of a membership card.

This is a necessary measure due to the increasing cost of fireworks and insurance for our event which the Society cannot absorb without it impacting the success of Our Night.

Nonetheless, Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society remains the Society with the lowest membership fees of the seven Lewes societies and child membership remains at £5 for all under 18's.

Of course, the actual running costs to the Society are much higher than membership fees and these fees are only so low because of the year round fundraising that the Society conducts through jumble sales, bars, merchandise and firework displays. For instance, we are able to subsidise child membership by 85% as a result of the work we do.

It was also voted at the AGM that those members joining after Our Night but wish to march on the Fifth will also pay an additional £5.

Pioneers: From Indians to Suffragettes

Did you know that one of the first pioneers in the Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society were Indians? An original costume from the late 1960's was discovered last year in an attic, the costume belonging to Alan Brown. The marshals badge still intact (see photos).

There have been many costumes in the past including cossacks, cowboys, samurai, geishas and of course valencians. Which brings us to today.

As mentioned, our new first pioneers for 2017 are the suffragettes. Initially started by a group of friends, the costume has gained more popularity year on year and now totals over 50 members including a contingency of male suffragettes. (The 1918 Act not only gave the vote to some, but not all, women but also extended voting rights to working class men for the first time, most of whom had only just returned from war.)

If you are interested in becoming a suffragette this year, want to get in touch or would like advice in putting a suffragette costume together then contact us and we can put you in touch with the right people.



Delivering Jumble Leaflets

We are looking for people to deliver jumble leaflets the week before our jumble sales.

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

Committee & Officers

PRESIDENT

Phil Lamey

COMMITTEE

Chair: Norma Thompson

Vice-Chair: Kevin Brown

Secretary: Mike Fisk

Treasurer: Clare Pritchard

OFFICERS

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

Captains of Banners & Street Pieces: James Isted

Captain of Tar Barrels: Sarah Ellis & Kate French

Membership Secretary: Sarah Earl

Captain of Programme: Phil Duncan

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 Vuillemeay

Dates for the Diary

Every Sunday - We will be down the Land working on improving the area for all members to use.

13th May - Jumble Sale, Ringmer Village Hall. Sorting starts at midday, doors open 2:00pm.

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.