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

The NJBS Newsletter

October 2016

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Our Captain of Aerial Fireworks has been critically injured and we need your support. See **Page 2** for more details.

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Bonfire Season has Finally Arrived!

The last couple of weeks have still felt like Summer but the nights will soon be drawing in and getting colder. And of course that means one thing: it is the Bonfire Season.

Infact, Bonfire season is already well underway. We've had outmeetings already at Mayfield as well as Rotherfield & Mark Cross. There will be plenty of further outmeetings throughout the season so if you're interested in going, then don't forget to read the outmeetings section on **Page 2**.



NJBS member Andy Isted carrying a cross at Mayfield. Photo courtesy of Sussex Bonfire Pics

But, back to Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society: Work down the Land continues to get busier and it was great seeing some new faces, especially the kids, that have helped out with the junior tableau.

The torch team are making those torches faster than the eye can move and Bob and Darren are beavering away with their gigantic set piece.

Finally, the effigy team have been working tirelessly to build what will undoubtedly be a fantastic sight for anyone to see.

And, of course, as a member you can come down to the Land and help out too. The Society is here to teach the next

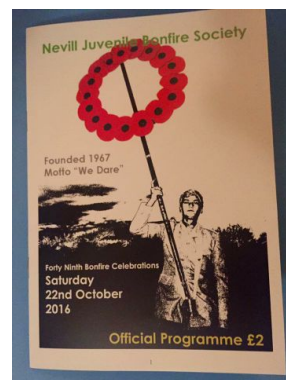
generation of bonfire boys and belles, so if you fancy getting to know what it's all about, come down to the Land on weekday evenings and weekends. We're immediately before Lewes Recycling Centre on Ham Lane.

Finally don't forget, as with 2015, our Headquarters will be St Mary's Social Centre on Christie Road.

There are several procession route changes this year all of which are in this year's Programme available from Lewes Information Centre., Leicester Road Newsagents, St Mary's Supporters Club and Winterbourne Stores.



Junior tab team working away down the Land.



The 2016 Programme is available now!



Supporting Kev Brown

Captain of Fireworks, Kev Brown, suffered a life changing injury in September whilst collecting jumble for Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society. At the time of writing, he remains critically ill in hospital and will have many months of rehabilitation in front of him.

Many members will, of course, know Kev who has been with the Society since the earliest days. For those that don't know him, he works tirelessly (often behind the scenes) never seeking the limelight but getting on with the job.

Whether it is building and maintenance work down the Land, preparing the fireworks for our night, teaching the next generation of Bonfire Boys and Belles or raising money for the Society through jumble sales and firework displays, Kev works so that we can enjoy membership of a fantastic Society at a price that is one of the lowest in Bonfire.

Despite this awful news, the response has been incredible. Various initiatives have been set up to help raise money for Kev, a self employed mechanic. We have seen the bonfire community come together with offers of help from several bonfire societies to both support NJBS as well as raise money for Kev.

A couple of recent examples were children from Lewes Borough Bonfire Society drawing pictures for donations and a member of NJBS donating a handmade suit of armour to be auctioned.

As members of Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society, now is our time to show how much Kev's efforts, after all these years, mean to us. We would be grateful to all members for their support.

If you wish to help, Society Secretary Mike Fisk has set up a 'Just Giving' page which can be found by going to www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/michael-fisk

Member Sarah Ellis has had badges made up in support of Kev which will be available at various outmeetings this bonfire season as well as in several pubs around town. We ask for a minimum £1 donation per badge.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support so far, in particular Rebecca Gracey for making the badges at such short notice.



Kev enjoying his passion (other than bonfire).



The Fifth and Outmeetings

*As a Society we attend several outmeetings each bonfire season, including the Fifth. This 5th November we can reveal that we will be processing with **Commercial Square Bonfire Society**.*

Commercial Square's Headquarters is the Elephant & Castle and members will need to line up on St. John's Terrace. Commercial Square have several processions throughout the night with varying routes so we recommend you get a hold of a copy of their programme.

We are running coaches to a number of other outmeetings. 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 currently planning coaches for the following outmeetings:

15th October: Hastings

29th October: Newick

12th November: East Hoathly

Remember on Our Night, and at outmeetings, members are representing the Society and should wear the appropriate dress code. A smugglers outfit is a green and white guernsey (*not a Rugby shirt*), white trousers, black boots or shoes and a yellow neck scarf.

Chants of 'Oggy, Oggy', carrying drink cans and bottles or using a mobile phone whilst processing is degrading to Bonfire.



Raise Money for NJBS While you Shop

Easyfundraising is a website where you can support NJBS whilst doing your online shopping. Whether its eBay, Tesco, Amazon or a whole host more, for every transaction you make easyfundraising will make a small donation to NJBS.

All you need to do is simply sign up following the link below and everytime you shop at one of the websites on easyfundraising's list, a tiny donation is made to NJBS with no additional cost to you. It's as simple as that and you can relax knowing you're supporting Bonfire from the comfort of your own living room.

Whilst each donation is small, if each member were to register we could make a significant difference to the Society.

<https://new.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/njbs/>

Thanks from Steve

NJBS member Steve Gander, would like to thank everyone for their help and kindness on Badge Night.

Steve, we wish you all the best in your recovery.

Programme Selling

Thank you to all the members who have volunteered to sell programmes. We still have a small number of streets left to cover. If you're interested in helping out please contact Peter Earl on pgearl@tiscali.co.uk.



Marching in Ranks of Three!

When processing you will often hear the call from a marshal to march in, 'Ranks of Three!'. There are several reasons why we ask all members to follow this call.

We wish for all members to have a safe night. Marching in ranks of three provides distance whilst holding a lit torch between you and the person next to you, especially in some of the narrower streets across the Nevill and on the Motor Roads.

It also allows marshals to move between the procession swiftly dealing with any issues that may arise.

Marching in clear ranks of three is a spectacular sight. Nothing quite beats looking up on a cold, dark night, the warm glow of a torch in your hand, the smell in the air and three spectacular lines of Bonfire Boys and Belles stretching from the Motor Roads to the Gallops.

Finally, and most poignantly, marching in ranks of three is a Bonfire tradition. Processing is a mark of remembrance to the seventeen martyrs that died more than 450 years ago and we ask that every member respects this tradition.

Therefore, for these reasons, we ask all members to march in ranks of three.

Please note, that if you ignore marshal's instructions the Society can refuse you a torch or ask you to leave the Procession.



Calling all Marshals

If any members fancy doing something different on Our Night or on the Fifth then why not try being a Marshal for the night?

It's great fun and you'll be helping the Society. If you would like to become a Marshal or would like more information please email Chris Isted on chrisisted83@icloud.com or come to the Marshals meeting on 9th October at St Mary's Supporters Club, Christie Road.

Membership Evening

We are holding a further membership evening on Friday 14th October from 3:00pm to 8:30pm at St Mary's Church Hall on Highdown Road.

New members are £16 for an adult and £6 for a child. Renewals are £1 less. Anyone choosing to join after Our Night will need to pay £25 for an adult and £11 for a child.

Forms are available from the membership secretary, Sarah Earl, who can be contacted at membership@njbs.co.uk. Alternatively, forms will be available at the membership evening for you to complete.

Please make sure you bring enough money with you as we are unable to take card payments.

Costume Competition

*Have you got a newly made costume?
If so why not support your society
and enter into the BONCO
competition?*

The competition is held this year on the 21st October, the evening before our night, at Lewes Town Hall.

The competition is open to any of the Lewes Bonfire Societies and has various age and gender categories. You do not have to pre-enter, just turn up and join in!

It starts just after 6:00pm with children's categories. There is a small charge to get in. There is also a bar, food and soft drink stalls, a raffle and Tom Reeves is always there ready to take photographs.

Even if you do not want to enter the competition why not go along? It's a good fun evening and you may get inspired to make a new costume for next year.

In the past few years the Watson family has entered for Nevill as Pearly Kings and Queen scoring points often beating the larger societies of Lewes. The costumes worn are spectacular. So why not enter, it's a bit of fun and you never know you may end up with a medal and some points for the Society!

Votes for Women!

For the past couple of years there has been a group of Suffragettes marching with Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society. We will be marching again this year, and we would love more people to join us.

The costume isn't difficult, it's basically Edwardian style clothing which can often be sourced from second hand shops, or we have a contact with a local costume hire company. Then all you need to do is add a 'Votes For Women' sash in the suffragette colours of white, green and purple. We can give you tips on how to make this if you like. There's also scope for lots of other accessories such as rosettes or flowers on hats.

We have a mailing list to keep us all in touch, and we are happy to help and advise with costumes. If you want to be added to our list, or need any more information then please contact Jacky Chester on ja_chester@hotmail.com. Or just turn up on the night and come and find us!



LEWES BONFIRE ANNUAL COSTUME COMPETITION



Full licensed Bar featuring
HARVEYS BEST BITTER

Children's Classes
6.15pm to 7.30pm

Refreshments available
throughout the evening

Adult Classes
8pm onwards

LEWES TOWN HALL

Friday 21st October 2016

*Spectators are warmly invited to come and enjoy
the splendid array of costumes finely crafted by
Members of the Lewes Bonfire Societies*

Admission Charges

Children under 18 Adults and Spectators
50p £2.50

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM

Committee & Officers

COMMITTEE

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

OFFICERS

Safety Officer: Mick Stevenson
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

9th October - Marshals meeting, St Mary's Supporter's Club, Christie Road. From 8:00pm

14th October - Membership evening, St Mary's Church Hall, Highdown Road, 3:00pm-8:30pm

15th October - Hastings outmeeting, meet at the Black Horse Inn at 5:00pm. Coach to leave by 5:30pm.

22nd October - Our Night, The Nevill Estate

23rd October - Clear-up following Our Night, Nevill estate and Landport Bottom

29th October - Newick outmeeting, meet at the Black Horse Inn at 5:00pm. Coach to leave by 5:30pm.

31st October - De-brief and General Meeting

5th November - We will be processing with Commercial Square Bonfire Society. Their headquarters are the Elephant & Castle.

12th November - East Hoathly outmeeting, meet at the Black Horse Inn at 5:00pm. Coach to leave by 5:30pm.

12th November - South Heighton outmeeting, note no coach will run to South Heighton.

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