



# FuseNews

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

The NJBS Newsletter

June 2016

## **Know Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society**

*This month we have an interview with Society Chairperson Norma Thompson. See **Page 2** for more details.*

## **Membership 2016**

*Membership for 2016 has now started for all you early birds. And, most importantly of all, we've been able to freeze prices for 2016!*

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## **Extravaganza**

*Our major event of the Summer is on 11 June at the Nevill Green. Find out all you need to know about this great day that brings the Society and community together on*

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## **Bonfire Cup**

*Members of NJBS proudly represented the Society at the annual Bonfire Cup.*

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## **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.*

## **Calling all Marshals**

*If you've ever fancied being a marshal for Our Night then now is your chance!*

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## Extravaganza is nearly here!

*We are now only days away from the Nevill Extravaganza. This is a time for Society members and residents to come together and enjoy a day out on the Green on what we anticipate will be a fantastic event.*

Not only is it a great way for us to celebrate as a community, it is also important for the Society to fundraise and support the local community.

We will be celebrating the Queen's official 90th birthday on Saturday 11th June 2016 with another Extravaganza on Nevill Green. As in past years we are looking to hold the event in two parts:

**Fayre between 12.00 to 16.30** with displays, games, stalls, food and drink. There will again be entertainment throughout the afternoon including Dance Academy display, a ladies and men's Tug of War competition between the bonfire societies for the bonfire cup; a Torch making competition and the very best of the Starfish Youth Music



Group providing live music on the stage.

There will be a Harvey's bar, refreshments, Pimms tent, as well as catering from The Seasoned Sausage Company and The Hearth Pizzeria and Bakehouse. The Society is providing tea for all residents of Nevill estate who have reached their 90th birthday with the support of Waitrose Stores and the Mayor of Lewes who is coming along to cut the cake and present the Tug of War cups.

The second part of the event consists of **evening entertainment between 18.00 to 22.00** with live music from the Fat Belly Jones Band, a popular nine piece band covering songs from 70's to today. They will be supported by senior

Starfish bands. The evening will be concluded with a small firework display paying tribute to the Queen and another Olympic year. This part of the event is ticketed with tickets priced at £4 in advance and £5 on the day. Advance Family tickets will be available at £15 (2 adults & up to 3 children). These will be available at Lewes Local newsagents on Nevill Estate, Union Music and 7 East Street and are strictly limited to 500 tickets.

Please support the event and encourage your friends, work colleagues and relatives to come along, purchase tickets early to avoid disappointment.

You can still donate your time by offering to help on the day to erect/dismantle marquees, run a game or stall for an hour or longer. We need people to make some cakes for the refreshment stall so all you Mary Berry's (berries?!) out there please get your ovens on. Even donating an hour of your time will help the event run more smoothly and help ensure future events are planned. Please call or email Peter Earl on 01273 472621, mobile 07772 031269 or email [pgearl@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pgearl@tiscali.co.uk)



## Membership price to stay the same for 2016

*Despite increasing costs, as a Society we pride ourselves on keeping our membership prices low to enable families and young members to enjoy and be involved with bonfire from a young age.*

Which means, great news for all members, we've been able to hold our prices at the same level as 2015! We make this possible by running events throughout the year: firework displays, bars, jumble sales and the Extravaganza.

Without these important events we wouldn't be able to keep the Society going.

If you can help out at one of these events, even for just an hour or two, then you're helping to keep the Society going for the benefit of the hundreds of members that enjoy our celebrations.

Alternatively, maybe you have a big event such as a wedding or anniversary where we could run the bar or even have your own private fireworks display. If you want to help then please get in touch by emailing [committee@njbs.co.uk](mailto:committee@njbs.co.uk).

## Calling all Marshals

*Ever fancied being a marshal on our night? We need people to help distribute torches throughout the procession and to ensure the processions are orderly across the Nevill estate.*

If you want to make your mark this bonfire season then contact our Commander-in-Chief, Chris Isted at: [chrisisted83@icloud.com](mailto:chrisisted83@icloud.com).

## Know Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society: Norma Thompson

*Time for another Know NJBS. This time we have none other than Norma Thompson, Chairperson of Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society:*

### **Hello Norma, what does your role involve?**

Always being available to sort things out. To support NJBS with everything we undertake. Be it maintenance at the Land, stocktaking the bar, serving at bars and other fundraising events and of course I just love anything connected with fireworks from preparation through to fusing and firing [and of course chairing the general meetings and AGM].

### **How long have you been involved with Nevill Juvenile?**

I became involved when my son, James, was three in 1971. We had moved to East Way the year before. Our neighbours were Bonfire people and gave James an Indian costume to wear. I was a member of Fletching as a child.

### **Why Nevill?**

Because we have a small, committed group of people who work well together for the good of the society. I also like that we are preparing our youngsters in the art of traditional bonfire practice.

### **Smugglers or pioneers?**

Both Smugglers and Pioneers have their place but the Smugglers must conform to the proper costume [no rugby shirts, etc]. I also like the fancy dress section.

### **What's your favourite thing about Our Night?**

I love all the rushing around, setting up, praying for good weather, giving a hand to whoever needs it on the field and being with my Bonfire family.

### **What has been your favourite Tableau in the past?**

My favourite Tableau was 'Up'.

### **What do you think this years Tableau could be?**

I think this year's tab could be absolutely anything!

### **It's our 50th anniversary in 2017, what would you like to see?**

I'd like to see a massive aerial display.

### **Do you know any decent bonfire jokes?**

I know a few, but none for publication!

### **Final words?**

Keep up the good work and keep the tradition of Bonfire alive for future generations to enjoy.

Many thanks to Norma for taking the time out for the interview. The picture above shows Norma recently opening the new 'lean-to' down the Land.

*If you are interested in being interviewed for our Facebook page please contact us at [news@njbs.co.uk](mailto:news@njbs.co.uk). We'd love to hear from you.*

## Snaps from the Easter Egg Hunt

*Back in April we held an Easter Egg hunt down the Land. This was a chance to take a break from all the hard work and enjoy some down time both young and old.*

Chocolate Easter eggs, cakes and go-karting were the order of the day down the Land on Sunday, 3rd April.

It was a great morning had by all. Particularly, the kids who despite having discovered a load of chocolate still found that you cant beat a go on a good old fashioned go-kart.

Whether you're a member, or interested in joining the Society, you'll always be welcome to join us down the Land.

Thanks to everyone who made it a great morning, and particular thanks goes to all those that made those amazing cakes.



Young Bonfire Boys **Isaac, Lewis and Ben** hovering around the cakes. Hands off boys!



Bonfire Boy **Ronnie** and Bonfire Girls **Primrose** and **Honey** enjoying the 'Spirit of '67' go-kart.

## Bonfire Cup

*The annual Bonfire football tournament was held down the Dripping Pan once more on 14th May. An event where all the Lewes Bonfire Societies plus Newick Bonfire Society battle it out for the prestige of holding aloft the Bonfire Cup.*

The NJBS team did the Society proud but, unfortunately, it wasn't to be and the trophy went to Newick Bonfire Society who beat Cliffe in the final. Thanks to all the players who took part and members that went down and offered their support to the team.



## Southover May Fayre

*Thank you to everyone who braved the rain to attend the Southover Bonfire Society May Fayre on 21st May.*

The event was well attended, as was the Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society stall which helped bring in funds as well as generate interest in our own Nevill Extravaganza. Thanks goes to everyone that manned and helped setup the stall.

## 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  
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**Captain of Set Pieces:** Bob Thomas  
**Captain of Firesite:** Caroline Lipscombe  
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**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

4th June - Jumble Sale, Ringmer Village Hall. Sorting starts at midday, doors open 2:00pm.

5th June - Waterloo Bonfire Society Fayre, The Paddock. NJBS will once again have a stall, be sure to pay us a visit.

11th June - NJBS Extravaganza, Nevill Green. Midday-10:00pm.

23rd July - Jumble Sale, Ringmer Village Hall. Sorting starts at midday, doors open 2:00pm.

10th September - Badge Night, St Mary's Social Centre.

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

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

22nd October - Our Night, The Nevill Estate.