

Buxted Bonfire Society Meeting 18th February 2019 @ 19:30hrs

MEMBERS PRESENT: Debbie Elliott (Chairman), Mick Gosden (Vice Chairman), Monica Ross, Thelma Stiller, Hayley Elliott, Angela Blackford-Clark, Kevin Clark, Alex Butcher. Joined by new society members: Jamie Blackford, Gemma Frizzell, Shaun Frizzell.

APOLOGIES: Emily Timlin, Will Timlin, Jan Hiscock, Clive Hiscock, Sue Ovens, Jim Ovens.

Hayley discussed the Jumble Sale plans (to be held on 09/03/19) & asked all members to kindly give the event one last push across social media for publicity. Final arrangements will be given via group chat in the run up to the event.

Mick spoke of the quiz night he had organised (held on 01/02/19) Mick explained that the quiz night raised £240. (£210 from people paying to partake in the quiz and £30 from the 'Heads & Tails' game. It was decided Mick would arrange another quiz night later in the year, possibly September. Alex suggested BBS supplying a meal & increasing ticket prices. The conclusion was that this was something we would look into in the future but agreed that whilst the society was still fairly small we'd keep it simple.

Debbie bought along a copy of 'The Sussex Express,' presenting the Wassailing event held at Oast Farm in Buxted. A few members of BBS made the front page and a small group photo inside. Mick will upload these pages to our website.

Saturday 8th June is the agreed date for our Summer Fete. The bar within Buxted Football Club will be used for the event. We at BBS will run our own BBQ to maximize profits in this area. Debbie will contact The Pentacle Drummers and Forest Vets. Mick will contact the Ice Cream Van again, Hayley will contact the Chainsaw carvings man and Monica will contact Ukulele friends. Hayley will create an 'event' on Facebook ready for advertising.

We briefly spoke about 2019's 'Christmas Light Switch On' and whether relocation to the londies land for the tree was an option due to the land at Queenstock Lane possibly being redeveloped. If we continued to hold the event at Queenstock Lane it was asked if opening the gates behind the Buxted Inn was an option for residents to access their homes giving us the opportunity to close the road off. If the tree was located elsewhere then processing to the tree could be an option. The date reserved for the event is 30/11/19 as a week into December would be too late.

We spoke about making a second banner for 2019 but agreed it would need to be lighter in weight than our current one. Having a second banner would give us an option of splitting the society between events held on the same evening.

Hayley will create events in Buxted bonfire society's members only group on Facebook for each bonfire night of 2019 and label which of those were judged so people can make a choice of preference.

Kevin brought up collecting trophies at outmeetings & suggested this should be a shared role across all our members. This was agreed by many and it was said it would be particularly nice to involve the children in doing this.

Kevin also mentioned if anybody else has an interest in carrying the banner he'd be more than happy to share this role.

A date for our AGM meeting in April will be confirmed at our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on 18/03/19 in Buxted Reading Rooms at 7 p.m.