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Membership No.....



## SEAFORD BONFIRE SOCIETY

Re-formed 2010



### MEMBERSHIP FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name:.....

Address:.....  
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Post code:..... e-mail:.....

Mobile:..... Home number:.....

Are you on Facebook YES/NO

I would like to march in costume                      yes                       no

Society costumes: **Pirates**     **Smugglers/ Wreckers**     **Saxons**

Would you like to receive newsletters/correspondence by?

Postal address                       e-mail  (e-mail keeps our costs down)

**Joining Fee: Adults £10**     **Juniors £5**     **Donation £.....**

Annual Subscription will be due Badge Night, Date; Oct/Nov TBA

Adults £15:00     Juniors £5:00     (junior = under 18)

(Only tick if you are paying with your joining fee)

I would like to be involved in the following:-                      Fundraising Events

Costume Making  Banners  Tabs & Fiery Things  Bonfire building

Please tick box if you have had previous Bonfire Society Experience

If you do not want photographs of yourself on the Website tick box.

I have read the society's rules and agree to abide by them

Signature: .....DOB if under 18.....

### Seaford Bonfire Society Rules

- 1) All annual subscription payments must be paid by Badge Night, where you will be in receipt of the annual Bonfire Badge and your membership card will be signed by a member of the committee.
- 2) Subscriptions are renewable annually on Badge Night; any subscriptions that lapse will mean that a new application for membership will have to be applied for.
- 3) Members will only be allowed to march in the procession if wearing the appropriate costume and displaying the correct annual Bonfire Badge.
- 4) Members wishing to enter the society's fire site enclosure must display the current annual Bonfire Badge.
- 5) All members are responsible for their own safety and that of any minors under their supervision.
- 6) Members under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- 7) Members shall not bring the society into disrepute; anyone found doing so may have their membership revoked.
- 8) Members of the society shall march in ranks of three during processions; this not only looks good but allows for moving to the side if required for emergency services.
- 9) All members shall follow the instructions given by the marshals and officers of the society or host society when on out meetings
- 10) Bookings for coaches for out meetings must be made by date specified and payment made on time.

**These rules may be subject to change at the committee's discretion.**

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND KEEP THESE RULES FOR YOUR REFERENCE

Please return to:-

Membership Secretary: 24 Hindover Rd Seaford East Sussex BN25 3NT

**Cheques payable to 'Seaford Bonfire Society'**

For more information see our web site: 'www.Seafordbonfire.co.uk'

## Seaford Bonfire Brief History

The first mention of Bonfire night in Seaford that we have been able to find dates back to 1850 when the '*Sussex Express*' reports that the anniversary of the 'Popish plot' was celebrated in the '*normal way*' in Seaford with tar barrels being rolled through the streets. This indicates that the bonfire night had been celebrated in Seaford for many years earlier.

A large bonfire was always needed to burn the effigies and this was usually constructed on the waste ground in front of the New Inn (now the Wellington) on the land now occupied by the Cross Way Church.

The headquarters of the bonfire boys was the Terminus Hotel (now The Shore) in Dane Road and the *Sussex Express* of 1867 gives a full account of the proceedings on the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

The celebrations continued until the Second World War when it was illegal to light bonfires or set off rockets.

In 1972 the bonfire society was reformed and a committee established, they held an organised parade with a bonfire and attended the famous Lewes parade of the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

The events continued annually and in 1976 Seaford claimed to have the longest bonfire parade in Sussex with well over 1,000 people taking part.

The last parade was in 1977 and although successful was reported as being the last and the society broke up shortly afterwards

The programme for the 1977 Seaford Bonfire Society stated that the bonfire celebrations first occurred in Seaford in 1615 just 10 years after the Gunpowder Plot.

Long may the **Seaford Bonfire Society** continue

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## Join us Today

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Website: [www.seafordbonfire.co.uk](http://www.seafordbonfire.co.uk)