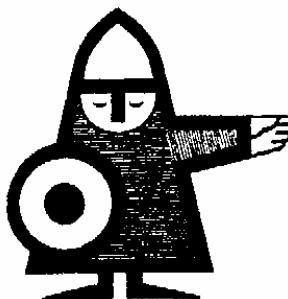


# **NORMANDY HISTORIANS**



**TWENTYFIRST  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2009**

**Minutes of the AGM held 19th February 2008**

**Chairman's Annual Report**

**Membership Secretary's Report**

**Auditor's Report for 2007 Financial Statement**

**Financial Report ending 31st December 2008**

**Editorial Report**

**Subscription rates for 2009**

**Election of Executive Committee**

**Appointment of Auditor**

**List of Members 2008**

**Calendar of Events & Speakers for 2009**

**Isobel Willis & Margaret Saunders**

**An illustrated talk**

**“Wanborough”**



## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **2009**

1. Welcome to members
2. To determine a Quorum for the meeting (25 members)
3. Receive apologies for absence
4. Annual General Meeting—Constitutional requirements.
  1. Adopt minutes of AGM held 19th February 2008
  2. Adopt Chairman's Annual Report
  3. To note Auditor's statement for the 2007 Accounts
  4. To adopt (Subject to Audit) Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2008
5. Receive the Editor's Report
6. Receive Membership Secretary's Report for 2008
7. To receive Calendar of Events & Speakers for 2009
8. Elect an Executive Committee—there are two vacancies  
Standing for re-election: Peter Blakiston, Jack Kinder, Diana Marchant, John Squier, Sandra Grainger, Norman Ratcliffe, Peter Trevaskis Mark Bond and Christopher Pettitt.
9. To appoint an Auditor
10. To review Annual Subscription Rates The Executive Committee recommend that the rates for 2009 remain unchanged
5. To discuss other pertinent business
6. To note the 10th Anniversary of our web site this year.
7. The 2010 AGM will be held Tuesday 16th February.
8. Welcome to **Isobel Willis & Margaret Saunders**, our guest speakers .



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2009

It is with pleasure that I submit my 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Report to this AGM at the start of the Society's 22<sup>nd</sup> year of committed research into the history of Normandy. During 2008 we enjoyed a steady state of membership numbers (well in excess of 100), and likewise witnessed a welcome attendance of around 45 members at our regular monthly meetings. The regularity of those meetings together with the high quality of our speakers re-affirms the view of your committee that the future of this society is both secure and sustainable in both its financial position and number of members. Its continuing success is due in no small way to your committee, researchers, volunteers that transcribe records, the "tea and coffee brigade" and certainly not least, the loyalty of members. I firmly believe that the message of this maxim "**The strength of an organisation is not necessarily directly related to the number of members but rather to the manner in which members participate in the affairs of the organisation**" applies precisely to this society.

- Sales of the Normandy Park book have passed the halfway stage, which is quite rewarding
- Steady sales of the Normandy Book CD continue to aid the income sources of our finances.
- The reduction in Committee meetings is working successfully and will be continued in 2009.
- The email address base of members has increased thus reducing postal and delivery costs.
- The Marriages, Burials and Baptism records of St Mark's have been transcribed
- Articles for the Normandy and Worplesdon GU3 Directory continue to interest its readers, promoting congratulatory comments.
- Research into the family history of The Fallen of two World Wars is attracting global interest through our website [www.nh.gu3.co.uk](http://www.nh.gu3.co.uk).
- We contributed to the Annual Village Fete by staging a small exhibition in the village hall and were unexpectedly rewarded by the donation of copies of some priceless family documents regarding the Manor of Cleygate. Those documents repose now in our archives.



The Annual Event was held on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> June when just over 50 members and friends were given a guided tour of The Brookwood Cemetery by our guide for the day namely Barry Devonshire, complete with megaphone and drinking flask – the former because he was very mindful of persons with hearing difficulties and the latter since it happened to be one of the hottest days of the summer. The event was not without its mishaps – half the party met at the incorrect location in one part of the cemetery and the other half met at the correct location but with the aid of individual mobile telephones - all were eventually safely gathered in the correct spot. Despite this setback our guide was excellent and very informative with many anecdotes on the generally well kept mausoleums and memorials. Teas were later taken at Lord Pirbright Hall arranged by Country Market Pirbright

Following the success of the 2007 “Social Evening”, we gathered together on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008 for an equally successful evening, the highlight of our entertainment being an illustrated talk by Richard Jefferies “The Pilgrimage to Santiago (A Historical Journey). Unfortunately, Sheila was unable to give the advertised talk. However, on behalf of the society might I wish all success to their future plans for “Pilgrim Hostelling” on the **Camino to Santiago de Compostela**.

All-in-all – historically, socially and financially, 2008 was a grand year for the society.

Peter Blakiston  
Chairman

## AUDIT STATEMENT

As desired by the Annual General Meeting held **19th February 2008** and at the request of the elected Executive Committee at that meeting, I checked the accounts and Financial Statement for the period ended **31<sup>st</sup> December 2007** and express complete satisfaction with my findings

H. F. (Jim). Chisnall  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2008



## MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT TO 2009 AGM

### 123 - Individual members, 10 - Family members

ALAN & SUSAN BURCHETT	ALAN & HELEN CAPELL
ALAN NORRIS	EIRA & JAMES NURSAW
ANN ADEY	KATHLEEN & STANLEY ATKINS
ANN MESSER	PAT NEWTON
ANNA CAWSON *	DAVID BROWN
ARTHUR CHAMPION	MAIDIE CHATTAWAY
AUDREY & JIM CHISNALL	BRENDA COLLINS *
AUDREY & PETER BLAKISTON	MARK BOND
BARBARA KALE	CECILIA PAGE *
BERNARD & BARBARA CROOKE	ALBERT CUNNINGHAM
BILL & MYRTLE BEALE	URSULA BEECH
BRIAN & LIZ OLIVER	SHIRLEY PADLEY-SMITH
BRIAN SHORTER *	LORNA DAWKINS
CELIA STONE	CHRIS & PAMELA TALBOT
CLARE & JOHN SHERWOOD	JOHN & PAT SHORT
DAVID & MARGARET FRANKLIN	JOAN & JOHNATHAN FOSTER
DAVID & MONICA TAYLOR	PETER TREVASKIS
DAVID PIPER	CHARLES & EILEEN PURDUE
DEREK ATKINSON	ELIZABETH AUMEER
DEREK BUCKLE	MARGARET MATHEWS
DIANA & KENNETH MARCHANT	ANNE SEYMOUR
EILEEN & STEPHEN SANDY	NEVILLE WHEATLEY
ELIZABETH & PETER WELLS	MARION CROOKE
GEORGE CROOKE	ELLA GRIFFITHS
GORDON FINDEN	FRANK & PETER SOUTHWELL
GRAHAM & KOSHILE SKAN	ASHLEY HOARE *
GRAHAM HALL	EDWARD & JUDITH FINCH
HEATHER EDGINGTON	ERIC KING
JACK KINDER	PAMELA MCKINNON
JACKIE & KEN LENTHAL	SALLY JENKINSON *
JANET & RAY HOWARD	MARIA ANGEL *
JANET & ROGER BANFIELD	DAVID SWABEY
JOHN & SHEILA SQUIER	JAMES BOOTH *
JOHN BARTON	BRENDA GARATY
JOHN FRANKS	PAT & KEN HUNT
JOHN HILLIER	ALAN DANIELI
JUNE & PETER DRAGE	JOYCE DAVIS
JUNE & RAY CURTIS	KEITH & MARY LAMONT
KELVIN KNOWLES	STEPHEN CRANSTONE
MARGARET COOK	JAMES & VIOLET SEYMOUR *
MARILYN PALFREMAN *	VON HOENZOLLERN DONATUS & VIOLA *
MYRTLE WILSON *	HELEN SHEA
NEIL SEYMOUR	NIGEL RICHARDSON
NORMAN RATCLIFFE	ROS CLEMENTS *
PAM CHANT	JOAN DYSON
PAULINE HUNT *	JOAN JONES
PETER JELFFS	CHRISTOPHER PETTITT
RALPH & PATRICIA PAGE	SALLY HELM
RONALD HEATHORN	ANGELA & ROBERT GRAY
SANDRA GRAINGER	JOHN & WENDY HOWARD *
SHIRLEY FORSTER	ALBERT & GEORGINA COLE

\* Signifies a new member(s)

**NORMANDY HISTORIANS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
for 2008**

<u>Working Fund</u>	£	
Balance at 1st of January:	£89.78	
<b>Income</b>		
Membership subscriptions - individuals @ £3	123	£369.00
Membership subscriptions - families @ £7.50	10	£75.00
<i>(Total memberships)</i>	<i>133</i>	
Memberships prepaid for 2009 - none.		
Donations received		£51.50
Meeting income (see next page)		£59.16
Paypal 'verifications'		£0.19
Total income:		£554.85
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Meeting expenditure (see next page)		£442.74
St Mark's for printing 60 sheets		£4.20
Brookwood walk 8th June, net cost		£59.76
Paypal fees		£4.65
Total expenditure:		£511.35
Net increase:		£43.50
Balance at 31st December:		£133.28

**The Society's Bankers are**

Lloyd's TSB plc,  
115 Victoria Road, Aldershot, Hants. GU11 1JR



## **Publication Fund**

Balance at 1st of January: £1,189.85

### **Income**

Normandy Park books sold @ £9.50	18	£171.00
Normandy Book CDs sold @ £7.50	12	£90.00
Coronation programmes sold at village fete	2	£0.20
Postage and packing received		£15.00
Interest received		£20.12
Total income:		£296.32

### **Expenditure**

Postage and packing paid	£4.44
Produce 10 CD-Roms of Normandy book	£25.00
Total expenditure:	£29.44

Net increase:	£266.88
Balance at 31st December:	£1,456.73

### **Financial position at 31st December 2008**

- Working fund	£133.28
- Publication Fund	£1,456.73
Total cash:	<hr/> £1,590.01

**NORMANDY HISTORIANS - Open Meeting cost breakdown for  
2008**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Total Expenses</b>		
		<b>In</b>		
December 07 social evening - surplus	£6.61	£6.61	11/12/2007 - Village Hall	£14.00
15/1 - teas (collection less costs)	£2.42		15/1 - speaker expenses	£31.99
15/1 - visitor @ £1.50	£1.50	£3.92	15/1 - village hall	£14.70
			February - laminated posters	£5.00
AGM 19/2 - teas	£0.72		AGM 19/2 - village hall	£14.70
AGM 20/2 - no visitors	0	£0.72	AGM 19/2 - speaker expenses	£19.99
			March - posters	£5.00
18/3 - teas	£1.37		18/3 - speaker expenses	£37.99
18/3 - visitors @ £1.50	£3.00	£4.37	18/3 - village hall	£14.70
			April - posters	£5.00
15/4 - teas	£1.12		15/4 - speaker expenses	£40.00
15/4 - visitor @ £1.50	£1.50	£2.62	15/4 - village hall	£14.70
			May - posters	£5.00
20/5 - teas	£4.50		20/5 - speaker expenses	£10.00
20/5 - visitors @ £1.50	2	£3.00	20/5 - village hall	£14.70
			June - posters	£5.00
17/6 - teas	£1.90		17/6 - speaker expenses	£25.00
17/6 - no visitors	0	£0.00	17/6 - village hall	£14.70
			September - posters	£5.00
16/9 - teas	£5.17		16/9 - speaker expenses	£37.69
16/9 - visitors @ £1.50	1	£4.50	16/9 - village hall	£14.70
			October - posters	£5.00
21/10 - teas	£5.19		21/10 - speaker expenses	£30.00
21/10 - visitors @ £1.50	4	£6.00	21/10 - cricket club pavilion	£25.00
			November - posters	£5.00
18/11 - teas	£4.66		18/11 - speaker expenses	£13.48
18/11 - visitors @ £1.50	4	£6.00	18/11 - village hall	£14.70
<b>Total meeting income:</b>	£59.16		<b>Total meeting expenditure:</b>	£442.74



## **MINUTES OF THE 20th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2008 AT NORMANDY VILLAGE HALL**

1. The Chairman Peter Blakiston welcomed 50 Members to the meeting
2. The required number of Members (25) were therefore present to form a Quorum
3. Apologies had been received from 10 Members
4. AGM 2008 – CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS
  1. The minutes for the 2007 AGM were adopted
  2. The Chairman submitted his 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Report. He was pleased to report a steady state of total membership and an increase in attendance at our monthly meetings. Research work by the Executive Committee & members was still very active. We will celebrate our 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary this year. The Committee has vacancies for 2 new members.
  3. The Auditor's statement for the 2007 Accounts was adopted
  4. Treasurer John Squier had prepared a Financial Statement and this was adopted
  5. The Editor reported that the Normandy Calendar had netted a small but nonetheless welcome addition to funds for St Mark's Church & Normandy Historians. Sales of "A History of Normandy Park in Surrey" remained slow but steady.
  6. The Membership Secretary reported that we have 122 Individual members and 13 Family Members.
  7. The Chairman & Executive Committee were elected. Peter Blakiston, Jack Kinder, Diana Marchant, John Squier, Sandra Grainger, Norman Ratcliffe, Mark Bond, Peter Trevaskis and Christopher Pettitt. There are therefore two vacancies.
5. There was no other business raised by the floor for discussion.
6. The Society celebrates its 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary on 14 July 2008 & will participate this year in the Normandy Village Fete to be held on Sunday 24 August.
7. The 2009 AGM will take place on Tuesday February 17.
8. The Chairman welcomed Elisabeth Parry - our speaker for the evening.

DM. February 2008



## **Dates for 2009**

**20 January** Tony Forward – "My Lords Ladies and Gentlemen"

**17 February** AGM – Isobel Willis & Margaret Saunders – An illustrated talk- "Wanborough"

**17 March** Sally Scheffers – "A Walk through Old Thursley"

**21 April** Lucy Quinnel – "New Iron Age & Forged Iron"

**19 May** Margaret Dierden – Illustrated talk - "About Shalford" .

**Sunday 7 June** Annual Event – Guided walk around Farnham– Brian Pittuck – tea

**16 June** Audrey Olley – "Bill Olley, his life and Family History" – An illustrated talk by his daughter

**Summer break – July & August**

**15 September** Neil Paxton – "Victorian Women & Society"

**20 October** Geoff Lunn - "Surrey Safari"

**17 November** Circle 8 – Film – "Pigrims Way – Winchester to Canterbury"

**8 December** Social Evening - Ruth Corless – An illustrated talk - "May Queens of Normandy"



## **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE 2009**

The Retiring Committee seeking re-election is:

### **Officers**

Peter Blakiston	Chairman
Jack Kinder	Deputy Chairman & Editor-in-chief
Diana Marchant	Secretary
John Squier	Treasurer
Sandra Grainger	Membership Secretary

### **Members**

Peter Trevaskis  
Norman Ratcliffe  
Christopher Pettitt  
Mark Bond

The Constitution requires nominations for five members. There is therefore two vacancies to be filled.

### **APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITOR**

The retiring committee recommend the re-appointment of:  
**H F (JIM) CHISNALL**

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March-08	1261	1011	241	116	3028	706548	3618	7481	31355	39109
February-08	1096	929	225	108	2496	553464	3133	6525	26953	31798
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