



NORMANDY HISTORIANS

**The Twenty-third Annual General Meeting
Will be held in the small hall of
THE NORMANDY VILLAGE HALL
At 8pm on Tuesday 15th February 2011**

**Members will receive reports from the Officers
Approve the financial statements,
Receive the Programme of events for 2011
Review the annual subscription rates
Elect the Executive Committee**

**Following the formal meeting
Andrew Robertshaw
Curator of Aldershot Military Museum
Will give his illustrated talk
“Bombs, Bullets and Bayonets”**



AGM

15 February 2011

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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 16th February 2010
 2. Adopt Chairman's Annual Report
 3. To note Auditor's statement for the 2009 Accounts
 4. To adopt (Subject to Audit):

Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2010
 5. Receive the Editor's Report
 6. Receive Membership Secretary's Report for 2010
 7. To receive Calendar of Events & Speakers for 2011
 8. To appoint an Auditor
 9. To review Annual Subscription Rates.

The Retiring Executive Committee recommends that the rates for 2011 remain unchanged
 10. Elect an Executive Committee

The Retiring Chairman proposes that: Kenneth Marchant is elected Chairman and that the retiring Officers and members (namely Jack Kinder, Diana Marchant, John Squier, Sandra Grainger, Peter Trevaskis, Derek Francis, Neville Wheatley and Christopher Pettitt) are re-elected and that Ros Clements is elected to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Norman Ratcliffe
5. To discuss other pertinent business
6. The 2012 AGM will be held Tuesday 16th February

We invite **Andrew Robertshaw** curator of Aldershot Military Museum to give his illustrated talk "**Bombs, Bullets and Bayonets**".

**MINUTES OF THE 22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2010 AT NORMANDY VILLAGE HALL**

1. The Chairman Peter Blakiston welcomed 44 Members to the meeting
2. The required number of Members (25) were present to form a Quorum
3. Apologies had been received from 6 Members
4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS
 - 1.) Minutes for the 2009 AGM adopted
 - 2.) The Chairman submitted his 19th Annual Report. The year had been a rewarding one for the Society with continued increase in Membership & Open Meetings consistently well attended. Two new Members had joined the Committee. The full report is on file.
 - 3.) The Auditor's statement for the 2008 Accounts was adopted.
 - 4.) The Treasurer John Squier had prepared a Financial Statement for year ending 2009. Working Fund balance is £98. 97. Publication Fund balance is £1,333.88. Total in cash £1,432.85. £200 had been transferred from Publication to Working Fund this year to meet our expenditure. This Statement was adopted (subject to audit). Members showed interest in choice of Speakers & their fees.
 - 5.) The Editor reported that sales of "A History of Normandy Park in Surrey" remains slow, with 63 books remaining in hand. CD sales continue to be steady & contribute to our income.
 - 6.) The Membership Secretary reported that in 2009 membership was 119 Individual members – 5 Family members – and 8 new members.
 - 7.) The Calendar of Events and Speakers for 2010 was presented to members.
 - 8.) The Executive Committee, all standing for re-election, were re-elected en bloc. **Officers:** Peter Blakiston Chairman, Jack Kinder Deputy Chairman & Editor-in-Chief, Diana Marchant Secretary, John Squier Treasurer, Sandra Grainger Membership Secretary. **Committee Members:** Norman Ratcliffe Newsletter Editor, Peter Trevaskis, Christopher Pettitt, Derek Francis & Neville Wheatley. Mark Bond had retired & Derek & Neville had joined in 2009.
 - 9.) H F (Jim) Chisnall (a member of the society), was appointed Auditor for the financial affairs of the society for the year ended the 31st December 2009.
 - 10.) Subscription rates would remain unchanged for 2010 – Individual members £3, Family members £7.50. In order to keep up the standard of visiting Speakers, subscriptions would be reviewed in 2010.
5. Due note and praise was welcomed for Diana Marchant, Secretary and John Squier, Treasurer for their respective and continuous service as Officers from the inaugural meeting of the society held 14 July 1987.
6. Ashley Hoare continues as technical wizard, designer & manager of our very successful website.
7. In July this year we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the launch of our book "A History of Normandy in Surrey".
8. The 2011 AGM will be held on Tuesday 15th February.
9. The Chairman invited Alan Norris (a member of the society), to talk about "The London & South Western Railway in 1914".

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

TO THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15 FEBRUARY 2011

This is my twentieth, consecutive Annual Report to members and as usual, follows the now familiar pattern of being both a pleasing and a rewarding report for me to make about the activities of the Society. However, on this occasion it is a report very much tinged with personal sadness, since I am obliged to tell members that I do not propose to seek re-election at this AGM either as an Officer or as a member of the committee. The reasons are truly personal.

Happily, other retiring Officers and members of the committee wish to be re-elected. Even better news – Kenneth Marchant is seeking election as Chairman. It will be my pleasure, therefore, and certainly that of the retiring committee, to make a formal proposal on such matters later tonight.

Kenneth feels he would only like to act in this capacity for the next two years, giving time for a replacement in due course. In the meantime, and at Kenneth's request, I look forward to enjoying a continuing role working with Ashley on the publication of suitable material for the website.

During the year, Norman Ratcliffe retired due to a serious set-back in his health and the committee approached Ros Clements to fill that vacancy. I am pleased, therefore, to include her nomination for election with that of the retiring committee.

In the opinion of the committee the principal object of the society to research the history of this village is approaching a practical end but not the recording of that research. The raw material of research could be likened to the pieces of a jig-saw puzzle; except, instead of the pieces being in a nice box with a pretty picture on the lid, the pieces were unusually scattered and there was no realistic picture to help put the pieces together.

Initially, researching members concentrated on those aspects of the village that hitherto had been taken very much for granted - Wanborough Station, Westwood Place, the Coussmaker family, St Mark's Church, the Chapels, the schools, Normandy Park, the Village Hall and the role that Henley Park and Vokes played in the lives of the inhabitants; the latter being perhaps the centre piece of the picture.

The outcome of their work has been illustrated in no less than three book publications – Westwood, Normandy Park and A Century of Normandy first published in 2000. John Squier, who has been deeply involved in the gigantic task of research related to Henley and Vokes, is currently working on a "Magnus Opus" that will for all practical purposes complete the puzzle and become the centre piece of the puzzle that is Normandy.

The book will occupy a great deal of his personal time before it is ready for publication, but watch this space in 2012 – the year in which HM Queen Elizabeth II should, in June, celebrate her Diamond Jubilee and in July the Nation and the World will witness a return of the Olympic Games to London, last seen here in 1948.

Our membership count is well over the magic number of 100 and attendance levels at our Open Meetings are consistently in the 40 to 50s region. Also, we enjoy a stable financial position. But and undeniably, the continuing success of Normandy Historians is due in no small way to your Executive Committee and the individual contributions made by former members of the committee. The continuing hard work and loyal support of present and past members of the committee has been very much appreciated by me. At this point I must pay special tribute to Diana Marchant and John Squier, both of whom have served as Officers of Normandy Historians far, far longer than me. In their hands and with Ken Marchant at the helm the Gavel and Block of command will be in safe hands.

Peter Blakiston.
15th February 2011

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT TO 2011 AGM

Membership at 31 December 2010:

115 Individual Members and 6 Family Members (8 new members).

ALAN NORIS
ALBERT CUNNINGHAM
ALEXANDER HOWELL
ANGELA & ROBERT GRAY
ANN & CHOLMELEY MESSER
ANNE SEYMOUR
ARTHUR CHAMPION
ASHLEY HOARE
AUDREY & JIM CHISNALL
AUDREY & PETER BLAKISTON
BARBARA KALE
BILL & JENNY GARSON
BRENDA GARATY
BRENDA COLLINS
BRIAN & LIZ OLIVER
BRIAN & SANDRA GRAINGER
BRIAN SHORTER
CAROLE MORETON
CELIA STONE
CHARLES & EILEEN PURDUE
CHRIS WILTCHER
CHRIS & PAMELA TALBOT
CHRISTINE WILKS
CHRISTOPHER PETTTTT
CLAIRE MATHEWS
CLARE & JOHN SHERWOOD
CLIFF & GILL HAWORTH
DAVID & MARGARET FRANKLIN
DAVID PIPER
DAVID SWABEY
DEREK BUCKLE
DEREK FRANCIS
DEREK & GILLIAN LAMBERT
DIANA LOCKYER-NIBBS
DIANA & KENNETH MARCHANT
DONATUS & VIOLA VON HOEZOLLERN
EDGAR EDWARDS
EDWARD & JUDITH FINCH
EIRA & JAMES NURSAW
ELIZABETH & PETER WELLS
ERIC KING
EVELEEN GORNIOK
GEORGE CROOKE
GRAHAM HALL
HEATHER EDGINGTON
JACK KINDER
JACKIE & KEN LENTHAL

JANET & RAY HOWARD
JENNY & MIKE HUGHES
JILL BRYANT
JOAN ELLIS
JOAN & JOHNATHAN FOSTER
JOAN DYSON
JOHN & PAT SHORT
JOHN & SHEILA SQUIER
JOHN BARTON
JOHN FRANKS
JOHN HILLIER
JUNE & PETER DRAGE
JUNE & RAY CURTIS
KATHLEEN & STANLEY ATKINS
KEITH & MARY LAMONT
KELVIN KNOWLES
KEN & PAT HUNT
KERIN HOPKINS
KEVIN GREENE
LESLEY & MARK BOND
MAIDIE CHATTAWAY
MARGARET BAKER
MARION CROOKE
MARTIN THOMAS
MICHAEL GAINES
MYRTLE WILSON
NEVILLE WHEATLEY
NIGEL RICHARDSON
NORMAN RATCLIFFE
PAM CHANT
PAT NEWTON
PAT & KEN HUNT
PAULA COOPER
PETER BRETT
PETER SOUTHWELL
PETER TREVASKIS
PHILIP PARKER
ROBIN FOX
RICHARD & SHEILA JEFFERIES
ROBERT BOWGEN
ROS CLEMENTS
SALLY JENKINSON
SHIRLEY FORSTER
SHIRLEY PADLEY-SMITH
STEPHEN CRANSTONE
SYLVIA KELLERMAN
TERENCE FARR
URSULA BEECH

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND SPEAKERS FOR 2011

18 JANUARY	Jean Vesey – “Amazing Ancestors”
15 FEBRUARY	AGM Speaker -Andrew Robertshaw “Bombs, Bullets and Bayonets”
15 MARCH	Pablo Haworth “The Life of Donald Bailey & His Bridge”
19 APRIL	Mary Bennett – “Childhood in Surrey & Hampshire”
17 MAY	Catherine Hilary – Curator Watts Gallery Compton
SUNDAY 12 JUNE	Garden Party at Halsey Cottage
20 SEPTEMBER	Alan Capell “The Homestead”, Willey Green
18 OCTOBER	Jane Lewis - "Corsets & Cameras"
15 NOVEMBER	Circle 8 Film – “The Onslows’ of Clandon Park”
13 DECEMBER	<i>Social evening – speaker in discussion</i>

AUDIT STATEMENT

As desired by the Annual General Meeting held **16th February 2010** and at the request of the elected Executive Committee at that meeting, I checked the accounts and Financial Statement for the period ended **31st December 2009** and express complete satisfaction with my findings

H. F. (Jim). Chisnall
31st December 2010

EDITOR'S REPORT

Sales of "A History of Normandy Park in Surrey" remain slow with 60 books remaining in hand. Sale of CD's of "A Century of Normandy in Surrey" continue to be steady, so contributing to our income.

Jack Kinder
15 February 2011

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The retiring committee recommend the re-appointment of:

H F (JIM) CHISNALL

NORMANDY HISTORIANS - Open Meeting cost breakdown for 2010

Income			Total In Expenses		Total Ex		Net meeting cost	
<u>2009 December social evening</u>			2009 social evening, speaker donation		£20.00			
					£0.00	£20.00	December social	£20.00
<u>January open meeting</u>			January - laminated posters		£4.50			
19/1 - teas (collection less costs)			£4.80		£31.37			
19/1 - visitors @ £1.50			0	£0.00	£17.50	£53.37	January meeting -	£48.57
<u>AGM February</u>			February - laminated posters		£4.50			
AGM 16/2 - teas			£0.58		£17.50			
AGM 16/2 - no visitors			0	£0.00	£9.99	£31.99	AGM February -	£31.41
<u>March open meeting</u>			March - posters		£4.50			
16/3 - teas			£4.18		£46.60			
16/3 - visitors @ £1.50			3	£4.50	£17.50	£68.60	March meeting -	£59.92
<u>April open meeting</u>			April - posters		£4.50			
20/4 - teas			£5.00		£34.63			
20/4 - visitors @ £1.50			2	£3.00	£17.50	£56.63	April meeting -	£48.63
<u>May open meeting</u>			May - posters		£4.50			
18/5 - teas			£2.50		£38.20			
18/5 - visitors @ £1.50			0	£0.00	£17.50	£60.20	May meeting -	£57.70
<u>June open meeting</u>			June - posters		£5.00			
15/6 - teas			£3.05		£31.37			
15/6 - visitors @ £1.50			11	£16.50	£17.50	£53.87	June meeting -	£34.32
<u>September open meeting</u>			September - posters		£4.00			
21/9 - teas			£3.85		£100.00			
21/9 - visitors entry fees			£46.00	£49.85	£17.50	£121.50	September meeting -	£71.65
<u>October open meeting</u>			October - posters		£5.00			
19/10 - teas			£3.10		£45.00			
19/10 - visitors @ £1.50			4	£6.00	£17.50	£67.50	October meeting -	£58.40
<u>November open meeting</u>			November - posters		£5.00			
16/11 - teas			£1.05		£41.79			
16/11 - visitors @ £1.50			2	£3.00	£17.50	£64.29	November meeting -	£60.24
<u>2010 December social evening</u>			5/12 social evening, donations less costs		£4.45			
5/12 social evening, donations less costs			£4.45	£4.45	£0.00	£0.00	December social -	-£4.45
Total meeting income:			£111.56		£597.95		Net meeting expense:	£486.39

NORMANDY HISTORIANS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT for 2010

Working Fund

Balance at 1st of January: £98.97

Income

Membership subscriptions - individuals @ £3	115	£345.00
Membership subscriptions - families @ £7.50	6	£45.00
<i>(Total memberships)</i>	<i>121</i>	
Memberships prepaid for 2011	0	£0.00
Meeting income (see separate sheet)		£111.56
Annual walk (Farnham) - income		£57.50
Donations received		£6.50
<i>Transfer from Publication fund</i>		<u>£100.00</u>
Total income:		£665.56

Expenditure

Paypal fees for memberships	£2.74
Meeting expenditure (see separate sheet)	£597.95
Annual walk (Farnham) - total cost	£87.50
Executive committee meeting costs	£45.00
Donation for Rosemary Bayne Powell retirement	£10.00
Total expenditure:	<u>£743.19</u>
Net increase/decrease:	-£77.63
Balance at 31st December:	£21.34

The Society's Bankers are

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

Publication Fund

Balance at 1st of January: £1,333.88

Income

Normandy Park books sold @ £9.50	3	£28.50
Normandy Book CDs sold @ £7.50	4	£30.00
Postage and packing received		£3.50
Sale of map at open meeting		£1.00
Other sales		£0.00
Interest received		£0.50
Total income:		<u>£63.50</u>

Expenditure

Postage and packing paid	£2.36
Produce CD-Roms of Normandy book	£0.00
<i>Transfer to working fund</i>	<u>£100.00</u>
Total expenditure:	£102.36
Net increase:	-£38.86
Balance at 31st December:	£1,295.02

Financial position at 31st December 2010

- Working fund	£21.34
- Publication Fund	<u>£1,295.02</u>
Total cash:	£1,316.36