



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	JANET & RAY HOWARD
ALBERT CUNNINGHAM	JENNY & MIKE HUGHES
ALEXANDER HOWELL	JILL BRYANT
ANGELA & ROBERT GRAY	JOAN ELLIS
ANN & CHOLMELEY MESSER	JOAN & JOHNATHAN FOSTER
ANNE SEYMOUR	JOAN DYSON
ARTHUR CHAMPION	JOHN & PAT SHORT
ASHLEY HOARE	JOHN & SHEILA SQUIER
AUDREY & JIM CHISNALL	JOHN BARTON
AUDREY & PETER BLAKISTON	JOHN FRANKS
BARBARA KALE	JOHN HILLIER
BILL & JENNY GARSON	JUNE & PETER DRAGE
BRENDA GARATY	JUNE & RAY CURTIS
BRENDA COLLINS	KATHLEEN & STANLEY ATKINS
BRIAN & LIZ OLIVER	KEITH & MARY LAMONT
BRIAN & SANDRA GRAINGER	KELVIN KNOWLES
BRIAN SHORTER	KEN & PAT HUNT
CAROLE MORETON	KERIN HOPKINS
CELIA STONE	KEVIN GREENE
CHARLES & EILEEN PURDUE	LESLEY & MARK BOND
CHRIS WILTCHE	MAIDIE CHATTAWAY
CHRIS & PAMELA TALBOT	MARGARET BAKER
CHRISTINE WILKS	MARION CROOKE
CHRISTOPHER PETTITT	MARTIN THOMAS
CLAIRE MATHEWS	MICHAEL GAINES
CLARE & JOHN SHERWOOD	MYRTLE WILSON
CLIFF & GILL HAWORTH	NEVILLE WHEATLEY
DAVID & MARGARET FRANKLIN	NIGEL RICHARDSON
DAVID PIPER	NORMAN RATCLIFFE
DAVID SWABEY	PAM CHANT
DEREK BUCKLE	PAT NEWTON
DEREK FRANCIS	PAT & KEN HUNT
DEREK & GILLIAN LAMBERT	PAULA COOPER
DIANA LOCKYER-NIBBS	PETER BRETT
DIANA & KENNETH MARCHANT	PETER SOUTHWELL
DONATUS & VIOLA VON HOEZOLLERN	PETER TREVASKIS
EDGAR EDWARDS	PHILIP PARKER
EDWARD & JUDITH FINCH	ROBIN FOX
EIRA & JAMES NURSAW	RICHARD & SHEILA JEFFERIES
ELIZABETH & PETER WELLS	ROBERT BOWGEN
ERIC KING	ROS CLEMENTS
EVELEEN GORNIOK	SALLY JENKINSON
GEORGE CROOKE	SHIRLEY FORSTER
GRAHAM HALL	SHIRLEY PADLEY-SMITH
HEATHER EDGINGTON	STEPHEN CRANSTONE
JACK KINDER	SYLVIA KELLERMAN
JACKIE & KEN LENTHAL	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	19/1 - speaker and teas expenses		£31.37	
19/1 - visitors @ £1.50	0	£0.00 19/1 - village hall		£17.50	£53.37 January meeting - £48.57
<u>AGM February</u>		February - laminated posters		£4.50	
AGM 16/2 - teas	£0.58	AGM 16/2 - village hall		£17.50	
AGM 16/2 - no visitors	0	£0.00 AGM 16/2 - speaker expenses		£9.99	£31.99 AGM February - £31.41
<u>March open meeting</u>		March - posters		£4.50	
16/3 - teas	£4.18	16/3 - speaker and teas expenses		£46.60	
16/3 - visitors @ £1.50	3	£4.50 £8.68 16/3 - village hall		£17.50	£68.60 March meeting - £59.92
<u>April open meeting</u>		April - posters		£4.50	
20/4 - teas	£5.00	20/4 - speaker and teas expenses		£34.63	
20/4 - visitors @ £1.50	2	£3.00 £8.00 20/4 - village hall		£17.50	£56.63 April meeting - £48.63
<u>May open meeting</u>		May - posters		£4.50	
18/5 - teas	£2.50	18/5 - speaker and teas expenses		£38.20	
18/5 - visitors @ £1.50	0	£0.00 £2.50 18/5 - village hall		£17.50	£60.20 May meeting - £57.70
<u>June open meeting</u>		June - posters		£5.00	
15/6 - teas	£3.05	15/6 - speaker and teas expenses		£31.37	
15/6 - visitors @ £1.50	11	£16.50 £19.55 15/6 - village hall		£17.50	£53.87 June meeting - £34.32
<u>September open meeting</u>		September - posters		£4.00	
21/9 - teas	£3.85	21/9 - speaker expenses		£100.00	
21/9 - visitors entry fees	£46.00	£49.85 21/9 - village hall		£17.50	£121.50 September meeting - £71.65
<u>October open meeting</u>		October - posters		£5.00	
19/10 - teas	£3.10	19/10 - speaker expenses		£45.00	
19/10 - visitors @ £1.50	4	£6.00 £9.10 19/10 - village hall		£17.50	£67.50 October meeting - £58.40
<u>November open meeting</u>		November - posters		£5.00	
16/11 - teas	£1.05	16/11 - speaker expenses		£41.79	
16/11 - visitors @ £1.50	2	£3.00 £4.05 16/11 - village hall		£17.50	£64.29 November meeting - £60.24
<u>2010 December social evening</u>					
5/12 social evening, donations less costs	£4.45	£4.45 5/12 Social evening - village hall		£0.00	£0.00 December social - -£4.45
Total meeting income:	£111.56	Total meeting expenditure:		£597.95	Net meeting expense: £486.39

NORMANDY HISTORIANS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT for 2010

<u>Working Fund</u>	£	<u>Publication Fund</u>		
Balance at 1st of January:	£98.97	Balance at 1st of January: £1,333.88		
Income		Income		
Membership subscriptions - individuals @ £3	115	Normandy Park books sold @ £9.50	3	£28.50
Membership subscriptions - families @ £7.50	6	Normandy Book CDs sold @ £7.50	4	£30.00
<i>(Total memberships)</i>	<i>121</i>	Postage and packing received		£3.50
Memberships prepaid for 2011	0	Sale of map at open meeting		£1.00
Meeting income (see separate sheet)	£111.56	Other sales		£0.00
Annual walk (Farnham) - income	£57.50	Interest received		£0.50
Donations received	£6.50			
<i>Transfer from Publication fund</i>	<i>£100.00</i>			
Total income:	£665.56	Total income: £63.50		
Expenditure		Expenditure		
Paypal fees for memberships	£2.74	Postage and packing paid		£2.36
Meeting expenditure (see separate sheet)	£597.95	Produce CD-Roms of Normandy book		£0.00
Annual walk (Farnham) - total cost	£87.50	<i>Transfer to working fund</i>		£100.00
Executive committee meeting costs	£45.00	Total expenditure:		£102.36
Donation for Rosemary Bayne Powell retirement	£10.00			
Total expenditure:	£743.19			
Net increase/decrease:	-£77.63	Net increase:		-£38.86
Balance at 31st December:	£21.34	Balance at 31st December:		£1,295.02
The Society's Bankers are		Financial position at 31st December 2010		
Lloyd's TSB plc,		- Working fund £21.34		
115 Victoria Road, Aldershot, Hants. GU11 1JR		- Publication Fund £1,295.02		
		Total cash: £1,316.36		