

# **NORMANDY HISTORIANS**



**The Twenty-Seventh Annual General Meeting  
NORMANDY HISTORIANS  
Will be held in the small hall of  
THE NORMANDY VILLAGE HALL  
At 8pm on Tuesday 17th February 2015**

**Members will receive reports from the Officers**

**Approve the financial statements,**

**Receive the Programme of events for 2015**

**Review the annual subscription rates**

**Elect the Executive Committee**

**Following the AGM, James Nursaw  
will give a talk**

**"A light hearted memory of National Service 1955/56"**



## AGM

17th February 2015

# 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.) To adopt minutes of AGM held 18th February 2014

2.) To adopt Chairman's Annual Report 2014

3.) To adopt the Treasurer's Report for year ended 31 December 2014

4.) To receive Membership Secretary's Report for 2014

5.) To receive Calendar of Events & Speakers for 2015

6.) To review Annual Subscription Rates.

The Retiring Executive Committee recommends that the rates for 2015 remain unchanged.

### 8.) Elect an Executive Committee

The Committee nominate John Squier as Vice Chairman, seconded by Christopher Pettitt. John will also take on the role of Membership Secretary. The Secretary is retiring after 26 years in office, and the Committee nominate Sandra Grainger as Secretary, seconded by Diana Marchant.

The Committee proposes that the following Officers are re-elected by Members – Christopher Pettitt (Chairman), John Squier (Vice Chairman, Treasurer & Membership Secretary) Sandra Grainger (Secretary), & Committee members Alice Beech, Ros Clements, Mike Hughes, Peter Southwell, Peter Trevaskis.

There is one vacancy for a Committee member.

It is also proposed that either one or several Members in turn act as "Master of Ceremonies" at Open Meetings, introducing & thanking the Speaker.

### 5. To discuss other pertinent business

### 6. The 2016 AGM will be held Tuesday 16th February

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We invite **JAMES NURSAW** to give his talk  
"A light hearted memory of National Service 1955/6."



## Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting

HELD ON TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2014

AT NORMANDY VILLAGE HALL

1. The Chairman Ken Marchant welcomed 40 members to the meeting.
2. The required number of Members [25] were therefore present to form a quorum.
3. Apologies were received from 8 members.
4. Annual General Meeting—Constitutional requirements.
  - 1) Minutes for the 2013 AGM adopted.
  - 2) The Chairman submitted his Annual Report previously circulated to Members
  - 3) The Treasurer John Squier had prepared a Financial Statement for the year ending 2013 and previously circulated to Members.

Current account £1,162.03. Savings (Publication) account £41.94  
Financial position at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 is £ £1,203.97
  - 4) The Membership Secretary reported that in 2013 Membership was nearly 100 Individuals.
  - 5) The Calendar of Events and Speakers for 2014 was presented to members.
  - 6) It was agreed not to appoint an Auditor
  - 7) It was agreed that the Annual Subscription rates for 2014 would remain unchanged.
  - 8) The retiring Chairman Ken Marchant and the retiring vice Chairman Jack Kinder proposed that Christopher Pettitt & Mike Hughes are elected as Chairman and vice Chairman and that the retiring Officers and members viz John Squier, Diana Marchant, Sandra Granger, Peter Trevaskis, and Ros Clements be re-elected. Agreed by the meeting.

Peter Southwell offered to stand for Committee & was elected unanimously
5. Other Business.

There was no other business.
6. The 2015 AGM will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

**Alan Norris** was invited to give his talk on “Woking’s **Railways**”



## Chairman's Report 2014

Normandy Historians have had a reasonably successful year. All the monthly open meetings have been well attended. Unfortunately there was a patch of 'stormy weather' in the autumn when our speaker had to cancel his October speech due to sudden illness, and our speaker for November had to cancel as well. Despite this we rallied and enjoyed our winter social event in December, where we were challenged by a new style quiz format!

The committee has agreed to cancel the January open meeting from 2015 onwards as it is so soon after the Christmas holiday and the weather is usually rather bleak at that time. The June walk may in the future be a visit rather than a walk as none of us are getting any younger!

With the focus on the start of World War I last year, one of our committee, Peter Southwell, researched the Normandy casualties in depth and created a commemorative exhibition for the Village Fete, which was staffed by our team in period costume and was very well attended. We also staged a re-run of the exhibition on one of the Heritage open days. The children of Wyke School immensely enjoyed a special WWI exhibition and video, laid on by us on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November at the Royal British Legion Normandy Branch.

Our website is used regularly by both UK and overseas enquirers and our publications *A Century of Normandy in Surrey*, *A History of Normandy Park* and *Henley Park in Surrey* are all available at our open meetings, or contact our secretary. The former publication is available on C.D. and the latter two in book form. Our latest publication, *Henley Park in Surrey* by John Squier our Treasurer has sold very well so far.

There is one vacancy for a Committee member. Is there a volunteer to join the committee?

Christopher Pettitt,  
Chairman



## NORMANDY HISTORIANS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT for 2014

### Current account

£

Opening Balance at 1st of January £1,162.03

### **Income**

Members prepaid last year 0 £0.00

Membership subscriptions - individuals @ £5 73 £365.00

Memberships prepaid for next year 1 £5.00

Meeting income (see separate sheet) £50.52

Annual outing income £0.00

Century of Normandy CDs sold @ £7.50 3 £22.50

Normandy Park books sold @ £9.50 2 £19.00

Henley Park books sold @ £10 51 £510.00

Postage and packing received £38.17

Donations received £0.00

£0.00

Total income: £1,010.19

### **Expenditure**

Produce and send 6 Normandy CDs £18.20

Postage and packing for books £36.53

Paypal fees for memberships and book sales £3.45

Meeting expenditure (*see next page*) £654.74

Outings and Exhibitions expense £70.69

£0.00

£0.00

Total expenditure: £783.61

Net increase: £226.58

Balance at 31st December: £1,388.61

### Savings (Publication) account

Opening Balance at 1st of January £41.94

Interest received £0.00

£0.00

Balance at 31st December £41.94

### Financial position at 31st December 2014

Current account £1,388.61

+ Publication account £41.94

Total = £1,430.55

### The Society's Bankers are

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

## **NORMANDY HISTORIANS - Open Meeting cost breakdown for 2014**

Income				Total Inc.	Expenses	Total Exp.	Net meeting cost	
<u>2013 December social evening</u>					2013 social evening, village hall	£0.00		
					£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Last year Dec. social £0.00
<u>Jan 21: My family and other setbacks</u>					Jan to May laminated posters	£0.00		
Jan - teas		£2.85			Jan - speaker	£65.00		
Jan - visitors @ £1.50	0	£0.00	£2.85		Jan - village hall	£24.00	£89.00	January meeting - £86.15
<u>Feb 18: AGM</u>					February	£0.00		
Feb AGM - teas		£4.40			Feb AGM - speaker	£0.00		
Feb AGM - visitors @ £1.50	1	£1.50	£5.90		Feb AGM - village hall	£24.00	£24.00	AGM February - £18.10
<u>March 18: Surrey Hills</u>					March	£0.00		
March - teas		£4.35			March - speaker expenses	£50.00		
March - visitors @ £1.50	1	£1.50	£5.85		March - village hall	£24.00	£74.00	March meeting - £68.15
<u>April 15: Plants in forensic science</u>					April	£0.00		
April - teas		£3.64			April - speaker expenses	£65.00		
April - visitors @ £1.50	1	£1.50	£5.14		April - village hall	£24.00	£89.00	April meeting - £83.86
<u>May 20:</u>					May	£0.00		
May - teas		£5.60			May - speaker expenses	£80.00		
May - visitors @ £1.50	0	£0.00	£5.60		May - village hall	£24.00	£104.00	May meeting - £98.40
<u>June-Aug (no meeting)</u>					June-Aug (no meeting)	£0.00		
<u>Sept 16: Phantom army</u>					September to Dec - posters	£3.74		
Sept - teas		£1.00			Sept - speaker expenses	£65.00		
Sept - visitors @ £1.50		£3.00	£4.00		Sept - village hall	£24.00	£92.74	September meeting - £88.74
<u>Oct 21 (cancelled)</u>					October	£0.00		
Oct - teas		£0.00			Oct - speaker expenses	£0.00		
Oct - visitors @ £1.50	0	£0.00	£0.00		Oct - village hall	£24.00	£24.00	October meeting - £24.00
<u>Nov 17: War hospitals</u>					November	£0.00		
Nov - teas		£3.68			Nov - speaker expenses	£50.00		
Nov - visitors @ £1.50	0	£0.00	£3.68		Nov - village hall	£24.00	£74.00	November meeting - £70.32
<u>Dec 9: Social evening</u>					Dec Social evening - speaker	£30.00		
Dec Social evening, wine donations		£17.50			Dec Social evening - village hall	£24.00		
			£17.50		Meetings - admin, tea & coffee expenses	£30.00	£84.00	December social - £66.50
<b>Total meeting income:</b>		<b>£50.52</b>			<b>Total meeting expenditure:</b>	<b>£654.74</b>	<b>Net meeting expense:</b>	<b>£604.22</b>



## About Normandy Historians

Early in 1987, the Normandy Parish Council expressed its deep concern that knowledge and memories of past village life would be irretrievably lost with the demise of elderly residents, known to have been born in the locality or to have lived the best part of their life in Normandy.

The Chairman and Clerk of the Council, therefore, invited a small group of residents, keen to form a Local History Group, to a private meeting on 23 February 1987 to consider how best to alleviate the concern of the Council.

The group proposed that a Society be formed to record initially the last 100 years of social and cultural living within the village and to launch the project and its objects at a Special Parish Meeting convened for that purpose.

The meeting, attended by about 150 parishioners, was held in the Normandy Village Hall on 18 May 1987. It unanimously determined that a society be formed (suggested title NORMANDY HISTORIANS) with terms of reference "to record and publish the last 100 years history of Normandy in a form acceptable to the Parish Council and for the Council, within reasonable terms, to assist financially in the project".

The inaugural meeting of the Society was held 14 July 1987 when Bill Adey was elected Chairman together with an effective management team elected from the 30 persons present. The first Executive Committee meeting was held 23 September 1987. A formal Constitution was adopted at the Annual General Meeting held 11 October 1989.

The logo of the Society, now affectionately known as "Norman", was used during 1991 in the preparation work for the Wanborough Station Centenary Celebration held in September of that year. Although never officially adopted, "Norman", a much-admired addition to the title of the Society's on

its letter heading and literature has remained ever since. He is, of course, a caricature of a warrior, holding his shield of defence in what is normally considered to be the fighting hand, and dressing (a military term) to the left, which again is contrary to normal military drill! He is, however, symbolic of all Local Study Groups, in that he is the Defender of the past and Herald of the future.





## Publications

### **Henley Park in Surrey The History of a Royal Manor**

Henley Park in Surrey Henley Park's long history spans over a thousand years from Saxon settlement through royal ownership and more than one stately mansion to a wartime factory and its last-minute rescue from ruin and collapse. New research has revealed the much-debated location of the medieval royal complex as well as a long-forgotten Jacobean-style mansion that predates the Georgian-style mansion that we know today. This history is described in a readable and informative style in our new publication: Henley Park in Surrey, the History of a Royal Manor, by John Squier.

John is an amateur historian who has lived in Normandy for 38 years and was a founder member of Normandy Historians. He has spent many years researching Henley Park since he discovered that his house was briefly part of its extensive estates.

An updated history of Henley Park has long been overdue and with nearly 200 pages of text and 123 illustrations, many in colour, we believe that this is a book worthy of the long and fascinating history of Normandy's most prestigious estate.

Available from Normandy Historians at only £10 plus p&p (£6.50 UK) or at our meetings.

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### **A History of Normandy Park in Surrey**

A History of Normandy Park in SurreyA History of Normandy Park in Surrey is presented as an attractive, glossy soft-back book with cover photo, composed of 114 pages of text, 25 figures and 63 black & white photos featuring Normandy Park house, neighbouring houses and the people who helped to shape that area of Normandy including the author's family.

Jack Kinder, the author demonstrates a unique and succinct style of writing, which coupled with his skill as a draughtsman, so ably demonstrated in the copious figures in the book, will not disappoint the reader.

Notwithstanding the excellence of his work, A History of Normandy Park in Surrey is a veritable tome of reference for family history researchers and for those who have an interest in the transformation and development of a village as its large fruit farms and nurseries disappeared from the rural scene in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries.

Available from Normandy Historians at only £9.50 plus p&p (£3.50 UK) or at our meetings.





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2015

**Tuesday 17th February**

**Annual General Meeting**

Followed by

**James Nursaw**

"A light hearted memory of National Service 1955/56"

**Tuesday 17th March**

**Monica Taylor**

"Easter Customs & Parish Matters"

**Tuesday 21st April**

**Peter Trevaskis**

"Tracco Rides Again"

**Tuesday 19th May**

**Valerie Patrick**

"Pirbright Families"

**Tuesday 15th September**

**John Sherwood**

"The Sherwood Farming Family"

**Tuesday 20th October**

**Andrew Robertshaw**

"War Horse- making the movie"

**Tuesday 17th November**

**Mike Hughes**

"All at Sea"

Stories & reminiscences from the  
1960's & 1970's Merchant Marine

**Tuesday 15th December**

"Social evening for Members"



## MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT TO 2014 AGM

Membership at 31 December 2014

74 Paid up Members in 2014.

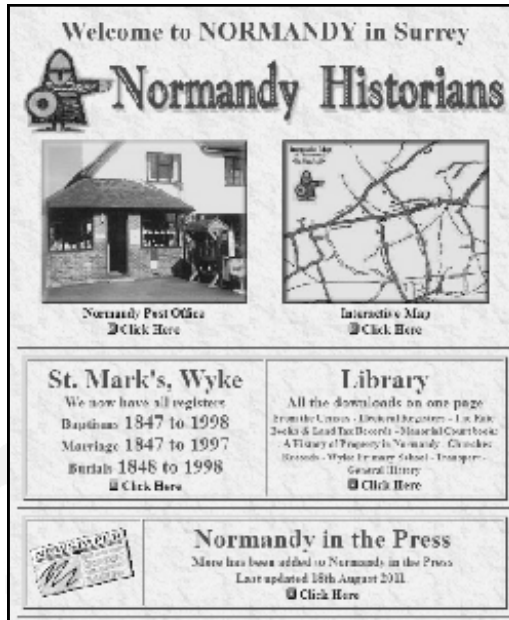
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KATHLEEN ATKINS  
ALICE BEECH  
URSULA BEECH  
PETER BLAKISTON  
AUDREY BLAKISTON  
ROBERT BOWGEN  
STEPHANIE BOXALL  
DEREK BUCKLE  
PAM CHANT  
RICHARD CHILD  
AUDREY CHISNALL  
JIM CHISNALL  
ROS CLEMENTS  
BRENDA COLLINS  
STEVE CRANSTONE  
ALAN DANIELI  
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HEATHER EDGINGTON  
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BRIAN GRAINGER  
SANDRA GRAINGER  
ANGELA GRAY  
THOMAS GRAY  
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DIANA LOCKYER-NIBBS  
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DIANA MARCHANT  
KENNETH MARCHANT  
PAMELA McKINNON  
ALAN NORRIS  
EIRA NURSAW  
JAMES NURSAW  
SHIRLEY PADLEY-SMITH  
CHRISTOPHER PETTITT  
FRANK PHILLIPSON  
NIGEL RICHARDSON  
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CLARE SHERWOOD  
JOHN SHERWOOD  
PETER SOUTHWELL  
JOHN SQUIER  
SHEILA SQUIER  
DAVID SWABEY  
CHRIS TALBOT  
PAMELA TALBOT  
MONICA TAYLOR  
CAROLE THOMAS, MRS  
MARTIN THOMAS  
PETER TREVASKIS  
BILL TURNILL  
MARY TURNILL  
JUNE URIBE  
ROGER URIBE  
PETER WELLS  
MICK WILSON

\* = New member



**www.normandyhistorians.co.uk**



The Normandy Historians website now has over 470 pages, That's:-

792 html files  
3255 images files  
214 pdf files  
46 Excel files  
16 rtf files  
25 other

(Disk Space Used 288 MB) (this is about 57% of Allocation)

In **December 2014** we had:-

Total Hits 47628 - **(1536 per Day)**

Total Files 42340

Total Pages 14552

Total Visits 7326 - **(236 per Day)**

Total KBytes 2172896 (at about 2.1 GB this is only 44% of Allocation)

Allocated 5 GB Bandwidth per month

Allocated 500 MB Web space

**The visits to the website is up by about 27% over the year.**