

NORMANDY HISTORIANS



**The Twenty-Eighth Annual General Meeting
NORMANDY HISTORIANS
Will be held in the small hall of
THE NORMANDY VILLAGE HALL
At 8pm on Tuesday 16th February 2016**

Members will receive reports from the Officers

Approve the financial statements,

Receive the Programme of events for 2016

Review the annual subscription rates

Elect the Executive Committee

**Following the AGM, Alan Chitson
will give a talk**

"On the Redevelopment of Cambridge Military Hospital"

AGM

16th February 2016

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.

- a.) To adopt minutes of AGM held 17th February 2015
- b.) To adopt Chairman's Annual Report 2015
- c.) To adopt the Treasurer's Report for year ended 31 December 2015
- d.) To receive Membership Secretary's Report for 2015
- e.) To receive Calendar of Events & Speakers for 2016
- f.) To review Annual Subscription Rates.

The Retiring Executive Committee recommends that the rates for 2016 remain unchanged.

g.) Elect an Executive Committee

The Committee proposes the following Officers are re-elected by Members:

- Christopher Pettitt – Chairman
- John Squier – Vice Chairman, Membership Secretary and Treasurer
- Sandra Grainger – Secretary

Committee Members – Alice Beech, Ros Clements, Mike Hughes Peter Southwell & Peter Trevaskis.

There remains one vacancy for a Committee Member.

It is proposed that we continue for one or several Members to act as “Master of Ceremonies” at Open Meetings, introducing and thanking the Speaker.

5. To discuss other pertinent business

6. The 2017 AGM will be held Tuesday 21st February

We invite **ALAN CHITSON** to give his talk
“On the Redevelopment of Cambridge Military Hospital”



MINUTES OF THE 27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2015 AT NORMANDY VILLAGE HALL.

1. The Chairman Christopher Pettitt welcomed 48 members to the meeting.
2. The required number of Members [25] were therefore present to form a quorum.
3. Apologies were received from 2 members.
4. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS.**
 - 1] Minutes for the 2014 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 2014 and previously circulated to Members.
Current account £1,388.61
Savings (Publication) account £41.94
Financial position at 31st December 2014 is £ £1,430.55
 - 4] The Membership Secretary reported that in 2014 Membership was 73 Individuals.
 - 5] The Calendar of Events and Speakers for 2015 was presented to members.
 - 6] It was agreed that the Annual Subscription rates for 2015 would remain unchanged.
 - 7] Elect an Executive Committee
The Executive 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 Travaskis. It is also proposed that either one or several Members in turn act as “Master of Ceremonies” at Open Meetings, introducing & thanking the Speaker.
Members present agreed. There is a vacancy for one Committee member.
5. **OTHER BUSINESS.**
 - 1) Alan Norris enquired on details for the usual June visit. As nothing has yet been planned, he suggest Members might like a canal outing with The John Pinkerton. He promised to send information to the Secretary.
 - 2) Members thanked Diana for her work as Secretary over the years.
6. The 2016 AGM will be held on Tuesday 16th February.

James Nursaw was invited to give his talk
“A light hearted memory of National Service 1955/6.”

DM 2015



Chairman's Report 2015

Once again we have had a successful year.

At the 2015 AGM Diana Marchant retired as secretary. It marked the end of an era as she had been secretary since the Normandy Historians was founded in 1987.

All the monthly meetings have been well attended. The subjects and speakers have all added to our collective font of knowledge. Many of the speakers were our own members, namely James Nursaw's amusing account of his National Service, Monica Taylor's talk about Easter Customs and also St Mark's Church history was enlightening. Peter Travaskis once again regaled us with "Tracco rides again" John Sherwood told us about his "Farming Family" history and Mike Hughes spoke about his life as a merchant seaman. The speaker for October cancelled and we were lucky enough that Geoff Burch was able to come back and talk to us about "Further Ramblings of a Railwayman".

At the 2015 AGM, Alan Norris suggested, that as nothing had been finalised for the summer outing in June, he would organise a trip aboard the John Pinkerton along the Basingstoke Canal. The weather was perfect for the leisurely trip from Odiham to King John's Castle. The boat was full and the trip enjoyed by all participants.

Peter Southwell acted as MC at the Christmas Social and we were entertained by "Words and Music", a trio of Normandy ladies from the Christmas Pie W I. Peter then taxed our brains with his "Christmas Quiz"

Our financial position is sound and membership has stayed stable.

We hope 2016 will prove another interesting and informative year to follow on the success of 2015.

Christopher Pettitt
Chairman 2016



NORMANDY HISTORIANS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT for 2015

<u>Current account</u>		£	<u>Savings (Publication) account</u>	
Opening Balance at 1st of January		£1,388.61	Opening Balance at 1st of January	£41.94
Income				
Members prepaid last year	1	£0.00	Interest received	£0.00
Membership subscriptions - individuals @ £5	70	£350.00		£0.00
Memberships prepaid for next year	0	£0.00		
Meeting income (<i>see next page</i>)		£72.25	Balance at 31st December	£41.94
John Pinkerton canal boat trip @ £6 each	40	£240.00		
Century of Normandy CDs sold @ £7.50	2	£15.00		
Normandy Park books sold @ £9.50	0	£0.00		
Henley Park books sold @ £10	46	£460.00		
Postage and packing received		£177.14		
Donations received		£0.00		
Total income:		£1,314.39		
Expenditure				
Postage and packing for books		£166.18		
Bank charge for international payment		£7.00		
Paypal fees for memberships and book sales		£2.61		
Deposit for Village Hall key		£15.00		
Meeting expenditure (see separate sheet)		£313.00		
Outings and Exhibitions expense		£232.50		
Gift for retiring secretary		£50.00		
		£0.00		
Total expenditure:		£786.29	Financial position at 31st December 2015	
Net increase:		£528.10	Current account	£1,916.71
Balance at 31st December:		£1,916.71	+ Publication account	£41.94
			Total	£1,958.65

The Society's Bankers are

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

NORMANDY HISTORIANS - Open Meeting cost breakdown for 2015

Income				Total Inc.	Expenses		Total Exp.	Net meeting cost			
<u>2014 December social evening</u>						2014 social evening, village hall	£0.00	£0.00	Last year Dec. social	£0.00	
<u>Jan (no meeting)</u>						Laminated posters & postage	£6.00				
Jan - teas					£0.00	Jan - village hall	£0.00				
Jan - visitors @ £1.50				0	£0.00	£0.00	Jan - speaker	£0.00	£6.00	January meeting -	£6.00
<u>Feb 17: AGM</u>						February	£0.00				
Feb AGM - teas					£3.80	Feb AGM - village hall	£24.00				
Feb AGM - visitors @ £1.50				0	£0.00	£3.80	Feb AGM - speaker	£0.00	£24.00	AGM February -	£20.20
<u>March 17: Easter customs</u>						March	£0.00				
March - teas					£4.70	March - village hall	£24.00				
March - visitors @ £1.50				4	£6.00	£10.70	March - speaker	£20.00	£44.00	March meeting -	£33.30
<u>April 21: Tracco rides again</u>						April	£0.00				
April - teas (less expenses)					£9.15	April - village hall	£24.00				
April - visitors @ £1.50				4	£6.00	£15.15	April - speaker	£0.00	£24.00	April meeting -	£8.85
<u>May 19: Pirbright families</u>						May	£0.00				
May - teas					£1.50	May - village hall	£24.00				
May - visitors @ £1.50				0	£0.00	£1.50	May - speaker	£0.00	£24.00	May meeting -	£22.50
<u>June-Aug (no meeting)</u>						June-Aug (no meeting)	£0.00				
<u>Sept 15: The Sherwood farming family</u>						September	£0.00				
Sept - teas					£4.80	Sept - village hall	£24.00				
Sept - visitors @ £1.50					£25.50	£30.30	Sept - speaker	£0.00	£24.00	September meeting -	-£6.30
<u>Oct 20: War Horse</u>						October	£0.00				
Oct - teas					£0.00	Oct - village hall	£24.00				
Oct - visitors @ £1.50				2	£3.00	£3.00	Oct - speaker	£50.00	£74.00	October meeting -	£71.00
<u>Nov 17: All at sea</u>						November	£0.00				
Nov - teas					£2.80	Nov - village hall	£24.00				
Nov - visitors @ £1.50				0	£0.00	£2.80	Nov - speaker	£0.00	£24.00	November meeting -	£21.20
<u>Dec 15: Social evening</u>											
Dec Social evening, wine donations					£5.00	Dec Social evening - village hall	£24.00				
						Dec Social evening - singers	£45.00				
						£5.00	Meetings - admin, tea & coffee	£0.00	£69.00	December social -	£64.00
Total meeting income:					£72.25		Total meeting expenditure:	£313.00		Net meeting expense:	£240.75

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.

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 2016

Tuesday 16th February

AGM

Alan Chitson

"On the Redevelopment of Cambridge Military Hospital"

Tuesday 15th March

Murray Rowlands

"Aldershot in WWI"

Tuesday 19th April

David Rose

"Guildford in WWI"

Tuesday 17th May

Paul O'Brien

"Normandy Earth Station"

Tuesday 20th September

David Nodder

"John Betjeman"

Tuesday 18th October

Peter Durrant

"History & Humour of Fleet Street"

Tuesday 15th November

Brian Freeland

"A Look at the Theatre"

From the Stage Manager's point of view,
from theatre to Grand Opera

Tuesday 13th December

"Social Evening for Members"

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT TO 2015 AGM

Membership at 31 December 2015

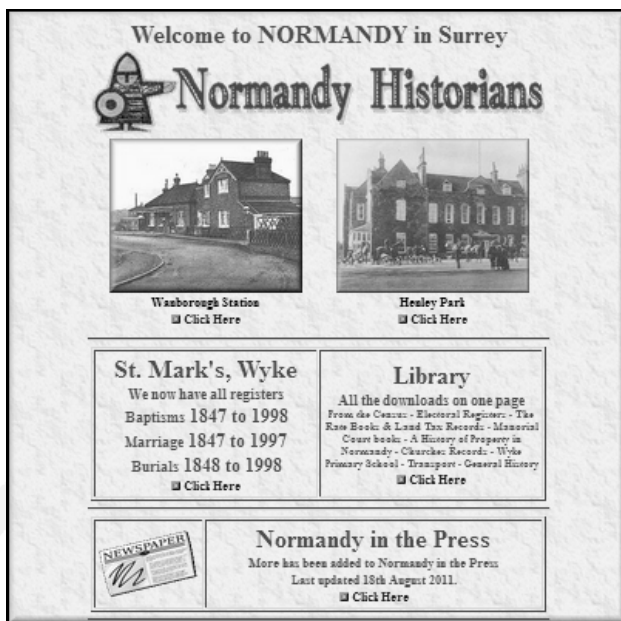
70 Paid up Members in 2015 with 4 new members

KATHLEEN ATKINS
LIZ ATKINS
ALICE BEECH
URSULA BEECH
PETER BLAKISTON
AUDREY BLAKISTON
ROBERT BOWGEN
STEPHANIE BOXALL
DEREK BUCKLE
MAIDIE CHATTAWAY
RICHARD CHILD
AUDREY CHISNALL
JIM CHISNALL
ROS CLEMENTS
BRENDA COLLINS
STEVE CRANSTONE
HEATHER EDGINGTON
SHIRLEY FORSTER
JOAN FOSTER
JONATHAN FOSTER
DAVID FRANKLIN
JOHN FRANKS
BRIAN GRAINGER
SANDRA GRAINGER
JAMES GRIMSHAW *
GRAHAM HALL
SALLY HELM
STEVEN HILL *
JANET HOWARD
MIKE HUGHES
JENNY HUGHES
ERIC KING
KELVIN KNOWLES
JACKIE LENTHALL
KEN LENTHALL

DIANA LOCKYER-NIBBS
DIANA MARCHANT
KENNETH MARCHANT
STEPHEN MATTHEWS *
PAMELA McKINNON
ALAN NORRIS
EIRA NURSAW
JAMES NURSAW
BRIAN OLIVER
ELIZABETH OLIVER
CHRISTOPHER PETTITT
FRANK PHILLIPSON
DAVID PIPER
NIGEL RICHARDSON
JOHN SEWRY *
CLARE SHERWOOD
JOHN SHERWOOD
JOHN SHORT
PAT SHORT
PETER SOUTHWELL
JOHN SQUIER
SHEILA SQUIER
DAVID SWABEY
CHRIS TALBOT
PAMELA TALBOT
MONICA TAYLOR
CAROLE THOMAS
MARTIN THOMAS
PETER TREVASKIS
BILL TURNILL
MARY TURNILL
JUNE URIBE
ROGER URIBE
PETER WELLS
CHRISTINE WILKS

* = New member

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The Normandy Historians website now has over 500 pages, That's:-

1298 html files

3596 images files

214 pdf files

44 Excel files

5 rtf files

247 other

(Disk Space Used 340 MB) (this is about 68% of Allocation)

In **December 2015** we had:-

Total Hits 64724 - **(2088 per Day)**

Total Files 54587

Total Pages 19004

Total Visits 8169 - **(263 per Day)**

Total KBytes 5332873

(at about 4.40 GB this is 91% of Allocation)

Allocated 5 GB Bandwidth per month

Allocated 500 MB Web space



The visits to the website is up by about 12% over the year.