

NORMANDY HISTORIANS



**The thirtieth Annual General Meeting
NORMANDY HISTORIANS
Will be held in the small hall of
THE NORMANDY VILLAGE HALL
At 8pm on Tuesday 20th February 2018**

Members will receive reports from the Officers

Approve the financial statements,

Receive the Programme of events for 2018

Review the annual subscription rates

Elect the Executive Committee

**Following the AGM, Alan Norris
will give a talk
"Ash Museum"**

AGM

20th February 2018

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 21st February 2017
 - b) To adopt Secretaries Annual Report 2017
 - c) To adopt the Treasurer's Report for year ended 31 December 2017
 - d) To receive Membership Secretary's Report 2017
 - e) To receive Calendar of Events & Speakers for 2018
 - f) To review Annual Subscription Rates.

The Retiring Executive Committee recommends that the rates for 2018 remain unchanged. However it is suggested that the rate for non-members attending open meetings be increased to £2.00.
 - g) Elect an Executive Committee

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

 - Christopher Pettitt – Chairman
 - Peter Southwell – Vice Chairman
 - John Squier – Treasurer and Membership Secretary
 - Vacant – Secretary
 - Committee Members – Alice Beech, Ros Clements, Mike Hughes, Peter Travaskis, Alan Norris.

There is a vacancies for the Secretary
5. **To discuss other pertinent business**
6. **The 31st AGM will be held on Tuesday 19th February 2019**

We invite **Alan Norris** to give his talk
"Ash Museum"



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MINUTES OF THE 29th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2017 AT NORMANDY VILLAGE HALL

1. The Chairman Christopher Pettitt welcomed 36 members to the meeting.
2. The required number of Members (25) were present to form a quorum.
3. Apologies were received from Ros Clements, Jim & Audrey Chisnall.
4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS
 - a) Minutes for the 2016 AGM adopted.
 - b) The Chairman submitted the Secretary's Annual Report previously circulated to Members.
 - c) The Treasurer John Squier had prepared a Financial Statement for the year ending 2016 and previously circulated to Members. Current account £2,047.07 Savings (Publication) account £41.94 Financial position at 31st December 2016 is £2,089.72
 - d) The Membership Secretary reported that in 2014 Membership was 67 Individuals.
 - e) The Calendar of Events and Speakers for 2017 was presented to members.
 - f) It was agreed that the Annual Subscription rates for 2017 would remain unchanged.
 - g) Elect an Executive Committee The Executive Committee nominate Peter Southwell as Vice Chairman, seconded by Christopher Pettitt. John Squier retains the role of Treasurer and Membership Secretary.
 - h) The Secretary is Sandra Grainger The Committee proposes that the following Officers are re-elected by Members – Christopher Pettitt (Chairman), John Squier (Treasurer & Membership Secretary), Sandra Grainger (Secretary) & Committee Members Alice Beech, Ros Clements, Mike Hughes, Peter Southwell, Peter Travaskis. Alan Norris was nominated and seconded as a committee member and was duly elected on to the committee. 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.
5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There is no speaker listed on the programme for the April open meeting. This was because the booked speaker for that month unfortunately died. However Brian and Peter Garbutt of Normandy Motorcycles have been booked to speak at the April meeting. In 2016 there was no summer outing in June. This year a trip to the Puttenham Hop Fields has been arranged for the afternoon of Sunday, 11th June 2017. More details nearer the time.
6. The 2018 AGM will be held on Tuesday 20th February. Mike Hughes was invited to speak on "A Risky Business – the Merchant Navy under Fire".

Secretary's Report 2017

Our membership remains steady and our meetings are well attended, however we are trying to recruit new members with advertising. Sandra wrote an article for the Villager which was published in May and we now have a regular “spot” advertising the open meetings with the next three months speakers and their subjects.

We started the year with Mike Hughes giving a talk after the AGM on the “Merchant Navy Under Fire”. Mike spoke about the dangers the Merchant Navy faced with the various conflicts in the World which have occurred since the end of WW2 and are still happening today.

In March David Swabey spoke about “Jacob Sheep of Normandy and Beyond”. This was very informative covering the various breeds of sheep in Great Britain with lots of pictures and the type of habitat they were best suited. He also showed the difference fleeces from each breed

The speaker originally booked to talk to us at our April Meeting had unfortunately died, so we were grateful to Peter and Brian Garbett of Normandy Motor cycles coming to talk about the how the “old bakery” was transformed into the Normandy Motor cycle shop. They showed the various models of motorbikes and how they have evolved into the machines of today.

The May meeting saw the return of local historian Murray Rowlands talking about Sir Harold Gillies. Sir Harold was a pioneer of plastic surgery who worked at the Cambridge Military Hospital treating the injured soldiers of WW1.

For our outing in June we visited the Puttenham Hop Fields. Bill Biddell told us about the hops which were growing in Puttenham and explained about the different types of hop plants. We then went to the processing plant where the hops are taken after picking. This process used to be carried out near to the hop fields, but now a new larger building containing a “leviathan picker machine” and, instead of the traditional oast house for drying, a “state of the Art” system of dryers were being installed. It was a totally fascinating trip and, I think, enjoyed by us all.

The Historians put on an exhibition for the Normandy Village fete on August 28th. The theme of exhibition was “A Century of Women in War”. It demonstrated how in WW1 women went from being mainly concerned with looking after the home to driving buses, nursing on the front line, working in and making ammunition factories and much more. In fact there were very few jobs that these pioneering women could not do. WW2 saw women once again being recruited to replace the gaps left by the men who were away

Secretary's Report 2017 (Continued)

fighting in France. Although since WW1 more women were employed in a variety of jobs it was unusual for women to work outside the home except as servants before the outbreak of WW1. We were lucky to have the account by Doreen Halton who worked on Manor Fruit Farm as a "Land Girl". Doreen at 90 years old, unfortunately couldn't come to see the exhibition, but many of her family came to see her "Exhibits" It was difficult to visualise how the farm and fields she worked on now form our Village Hall, Bowles Club, Archery Club and Doctors surgery. The Therapy Garden is perhaps a reminder that this area grew a lot of the food stuffs we needed in the War . She lived in Normandy for many years after the War in one of the houses next to Glaziers Lane Surgery.

After the summer break our September meeting saw the return of two of our popular local speakers, David Rose and Geoff Burch. They gave a talk about local photographer Dave Salmon. It was amazing the changes which have taken place in and around Guildford. As well as local views Dave also took photos of steam engines and the local football club.

In September we had an extra visit to Ash Museum, cemetery and St Peter's Church on the Heritage Open Days weekend (about 12 people attended.)

October Peter Durrant spoke on the History and Humour of Fleet Street. He told us about how the area developed into becoming the "Hub of the Newspaper Industry" although now no newspapers are printed in Fleet Street, the British Press is always referred to as "Fleet Street"

November we were once again let down by our booked speaker. Fortunately Susan Howe was able to come and give us an amusing account of "History, Minus the Boring Bits". Susan is a "Blue Badge Guide" and has gained an extensive knowledge of quirky historical facts.

The year ends, as usual, with our Christmas Social. Peter Southwell entertained us with a "shortened Quiz" and you, the members provided a veritable feast to get us all in the mood for Christmas.

I have, hopefully, got a full programme of speakers for the coming year talking on a wide variety of topics, which you will find on page of the agenda.

As I shall not be standing for re-election as secretary, I would like to thank all members of the Committee who have greatly helped me in the smooth running of the Normandy Historians and you the members who support us by attending our open meetings. A special thank you goes to Ashley Hoare who keeps the Historians website up-to-date and helps me with my very limited IT knowledge.

SG 2017

NORMANDY HISTORIANS - Open Meeting cost breakdown for 2017

Income		Total Inc.	Expenses		Total Exp.	Net meeting cost	
				£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Last year Dec. social £0.00
<u>Jan (no meeting)</u>			Laminated posters & postage		£0.00		
Jan - teas		£0.00	Jan - village hall		£0.00		
Jan - visitors @ £1.50	0	£0.00	Jan - speaker		£0.00	£0.00	January meeting - £0.00
<u>Feb 21: AGM</u>							
Feb AGM - teas		£3.80	Feb AGM - village hall		£25.00		
Feb AGM - visitors @ £1.50	0	£0.00	Feb AGM - speaker		£0.00	£25.00	AGM February - £21.20
<u>March 21: Jacob Sheep</u>							
March - teas		£5.39	March - village hall		£25.00		
March - visitors @ £1.50	3	£4.50	March - speaker		£0.00	£25.00	March meeting - £15.11
<u>April 18: Normandy Motorcycle Co.</u>							
April - teas		£3.87	April - village hall		£25.00		
April - visitors @ £1.50	9	£13.50	April - speaker		£0.00	£25.00	April meeting - £7.63
<u>May 16: Sir Harold Gillies</u>							
May - teas		£5.70	May - village hall		£25.00		
May - visitors @ £1.50	4	£6.00	May - speaker		£60.00	£85.00	May meeting - £73.30
<u>June-Aug (no meeting)</u>							
<u>Sept 19: Dave Salmon</u>							
Sept - teas		£5.80	Sept - village hall		£25.00		
Sept - visitors @ £1.50		£7.50	Sept - speakers (two)		£50.00	£75.00	September meeting - £61.70
<u>Oct 17: Fleet Street</u>							
Oct - teas		£2.30	Oct - village hall		£25.00		
Oct - visitors @ £1.50	2	£3.00	Oct - speaker		£55.00	£80.00	October meeting - £74.70
<u>Nov 21: History minus boring bits</u>							
Nov - teas		£2.14	Nov - village hall		£25.00		
Nov - visitors @ £1.50	2	£3.00	Nov - speaker		£100.00	£125.00	November meeting - £119.86
<u>Dec 12: Social evening</u>							
Christmas social - raffle ticket sales		£38.00	Dec Social evening - village hall		£25.00		
			Dec Social evening - raffle prizes		£25.00		
		£38.00	Meetings - admin, tea & coffee expenses		£0.00	£50.00	December social - £12.00
Total meeting income:		£104.50	Total meeting expenditure:		£490.00	Net meeting expense:	£385.50



NORMANDY HISTORIANS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT for 2017

<u>Current account</u>		£	<u>Savings (Publication) account</u>	
Opening Balance at 1st of January		£2,047.78	Opening Balance at 1st of January	£41.94
Income				
Members prepaid last year	0	£0.00	Interest received	£0.00
Membership subscriptions - individuals @ £5	69	£345.00		£0.00
Memberships prepaid for next year	1	£5.00		
Meeting income (see previous page)		£104.50	Balance at 31st December	£41.94
Summer outings	2	£0.00		
Puttonham Hop Fields and Ash Museum				
Century of Normandy CDs sold @ £7.50	1	£7.50		
Normandy Park books sold @ £9.50	2	£19.00		
Henley Park books sold @ £10	10	£100.00		
Postage and packing received		£12.00		
Donations received		£7.00		
Total income:		£600.00		
Expenditure				
Postage and packing for books		£2.90		
Paypal fees for memberships, books & CD sales		£5.37		
Additional Century of Normandy CDs		£0.00		
Gift for retiring auditor		£30.00		
Deposit for room at summer fete		£10.00		
Meeting expenditure (see previous page)		£490.00		
Outings and Exhibitions expense		£0.00		
Total expenditure:		£538.27		
Net increase:		£61.73	<u>Financial position at 31st December 2017</u>	
Balance at 31st December:		£2,109.51	Current account	£2,109.51
			+ Publication account	£41.94
			Total =	£2,151.45

The Society's Bankers are

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

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 (£4.00 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 2018

Tuesday 20th February

AGM

Followed by **Alan Norris**

Ash Museum

Tuesday 20th March

David Allen

Blood, Guts and Gore.

True Stories of Murder in Victorian England

Tuesday 17th April

Fred Smith

A Police Officer's Life from 1959-1986

Tuesday 15th May

Paul Whittle

The Lady with The Lamp

Florence Nightingale Story

Tuesday 18th September

Moir Macquaide Hall

'Burpham'

Tuesday 16th October

Professor James Grimshaw

Lord Pirbright's Ladies

Tuesday 20th November

Tara Finn

History of Foreign Office Building

Tuesday 18th December

"Christmas Social evening for Members"

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT TO 2017 AGM

Membership at 31st December 2017

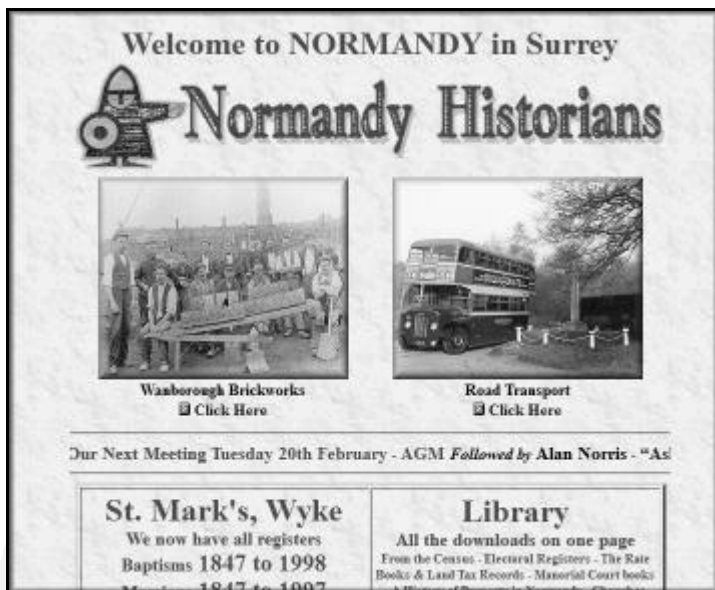
69 Paid up Members in 2017 with 9 new members

KATHLEEN ATKINS
LIZ ATKINS
ALICE BEECH
URSULA BEECH
ROBERT BOWGEN
STEPHANIE BOXALL
DEREK BUCKLE
CLARE BUTLER *
VALERIE CHEESMAN
RICHARD CHILD
ROS CLEMENTS
STEVE CRANSTONE
HELEN CUTHBERT *
BARRY DUKE *
HEATHER EDGINGTON
SHIRLEY FORSTER
JOAN FOSTER
JONATHAN FOSTER
EVELEEN GORNIOK
BRIAN GRAINGER
SANDRA GRAINGER
JADWIGA GRIMSHAW *
JAMES GRIMSHAW
BRIAN HALES
GRAHAM HALL
SALLY HELM
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JENNY HUGHES
RICHARD JEFFERIES
SHEILA JEFFERIES
JOHN KENNARD
JACK KINDER
ERIC KING
JACKIE LENTHALL

KEN LENTHALL
DIANA LOCKYER-NIBBS
DIANA MARCHANT
KENNETH MARCHANT
JUDY MELLUISH *
ANN MESSER
CAROLE MORETON *
REDMOND NEALE *
ALAN NORRIS
EIRA NURSAW
JAMES NURSAW
BRIAN OLIVER
ELIZABETH OLIVER
TIM PAGE *
CHRISTOPHER PETTITT
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NIGEL RICHARDSON
FRANCIS ROSS *
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CLARE SHERWOOD
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JOHN SHORT
PAT SHORT
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SHEILA SQUIER
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PETER WELLS
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* = New Member

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The Normandy Historians website now has over 550 pages, That's:-

1721 html files

7244 images files

218 pdf files

48 Excel files

16 rtf files

480 other

(Disk Space Used 605 MB) (this is about 60% of Allocation*)

In **December 2017** we had:-

Total Hits 58789 - **(1896 per Day)**

Total Files 49297

Total Pages 22075

Total Visits 7453 - **(240 per Day)**

Total KBytes 2692346

(at about 1.70 GB this is 18% of Allocation)

Allocated 10 GB Bandwidth per month

Allocated 1 GB Web space



The visits to the website is about same over the year as last year.