



NORMANDY HISTORIANS

**The thirty-first Annual General Meeting
NORMANDY HISTORIANS
Will be held in the small hall of
THE NORMANDY VILLAGE HALL
At 8pm on Tuesday 19th February 2019**

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To determine Quorum for the AGM (15 members, previously 25.)
4. To adopt the minutes of the AGM held on 20 February 2018.
5. To receive / adopt the 2018 Annual Report and Accounts.
6. To agree the Annual Subscription Rates for 2019 (£5 - unchanged).
7. To elect an Executive Committee for 2019.
8. Any other relevant business.
9. Date of next AGM – Tuesday 18 February 2020.

Steve Cranstone will present a talk on Sidney Sime – Local Artist.

COMMITTEE *(as at December 2018)*

Chairman: Christopher Pettitt
Vice-Chairman: Peter Southwell
Secretary: Vacancy
Treasurer: John Squier *(also Membership Secretary)*
Members: Peter Trevaskis, Alan Norris, Alice Beech,
Ros Clements

We have vacancies on the committee if anyone wishes to join.

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MINUTES OF THE 30th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20st FEBRUARY 2018 AT NORMANDY VILLAGE HALL

1. The Chairman Christopher Pettitt welcomed 30 members to the meeting, including two new members.
2. The required number of Members (25) were present to form a quorum.
3. Apologies for absence were received from Sandra Grainger and Ros Clements.
4. Annual General Meeting – Constitutional Requirements
 - a) The Minutes of the 2017 AGM were adopted.
 - b) The Chairman submitted the Annual Report from the Secretary, Sandra Grainger previously circulated to Members.
 - c) The Treasurer John Squier had prepared a Financial Statement for the year ending 2017 and previously circulated to Members. Current account £2109.51, Savings (Publication) account £41.94. Financial position at 31st December 2017 is £2151.45.
 - d) In 2017 Membership was 69 with 9 new members.
 - e) The Calendar of Events and Speakers for 2018 was presented to Members.
 - f) It was agreed that the Annual Subscription rates for 2018 would remain unchanged. At the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Members agreed that the rate for non-members attending open meetings would be increased to £2.00.
 - g) Election of Executive Committee. It was proposed that the Officers are re-elected: Christopher Pettitt – Chairman Peter Southwell – Vice-chairman John Squier – Treasurer and Membership Secretary Secretary – position vacant Committee Members – Alice Beech, Ros Clements, Mike Hughes, Alan Norris, Peter Trevaskis Members agreed to elect the above Officers and Committee Members.

There are two vacancies: (1) Secretary, (2) Committee Member
5. Other Business

A Member asked about the defibrillator at the Village Hall, whether it is regularly checked and the batteries kept charged. Christopher Pettitt said he would speak to Alan Cheesman about this.

A Member expressed thanks to the Committee for their work in running the society over the past year and for providing an interesting programme of speakers and visits. Members concurred with these thanks.
6. Announcements Christopher Pettitt informed Members that Brian Grainger was now at home following a stay in hospital, and that Sandra Grainger now needed to care for Brian and was unable to attend meetings. Christopher Pettitt said that he and Mike Hughes had visited Sandra and Brian at their home and presented Sandra with flowers and a Debenhams shopping voucher from the Historians in recognition of her work as Secretary.

Members were also informed that two Members, Eira Nursaw and Albert Cunningham had recently passed away.
7. The 31st AGM will be held on Tuesday 19 February 2019.



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COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2018

I am pleased to announce that we have had another successful year. Our regular open meetings have mostly been well attended, and have covered a wide range of subjects:

Ash Museum (Alan Norris); Blood Guts Gore – Stories of Murder in Victorian England (David Allen); A Police Officer's Life from 1959 to 1986 (Fred Smith); The Florence Nightingale Story (Paul Whittle); Burpham (Moirra MacQuaide Hall); Lord Pirbright's Ladies (James Grimshaw); History of the Foreign Office Building (Tara Finn);

The annual visit in June was to the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery at Brookwood. It was a very hot sunny day, but all those who attended found it an enjoyable and educational event.

A repeat visit was arranged for Historians members to Ash Museum, Cemetery, and St. Peter's Church on the Heritage Open Days weekend in September.

One hundred years after the Armistice in 1918 Normandy Historians put on a display of the Normandy men who served in World War I and World War II in the British Legion Hall.

We were all shocked by the sudden passing of Sandra Grainger, our former Secretary (and shortly previously, her husband Brian) last September. Sandra worked enthusiastically in her role as Secretary including compiling the programme of speakers at our monthly meetings as well as other administrative work. She will be difficult to follow as she was so good at her job.

My thanks to all committee members, including Mike Hughes who resigned during the year. Thanks are also due to all Historians who help with setting out chairs and meeting refreshments. Also thanks to Ashley Hoare who maintains our excellent website from his home in Cornwall. Our website is widely visited and we also have books and a CD available by post or at meetings.

Christopher Pettitt
Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2019

Tuesday 19th February 2019

"AGM"

Followed by Steve Cranstone

Sidney Sime – Local Artist

Tuesday 19th March 2019

Paul Backhouse

Alan Turing - Guildford's best kept secret

Tuesday 16th April 2019

Dr Becky Peacock

The role of women on the railways

1850 to 1945

Tuesday 21st May 2019

Mel Rees

The Hogs Back Brewery

Tuesday 17th September 2019

Alan Norris

Normandy - a village history

Tuesday 15th October 2019

Mary Clayton

Charlotte Walker -

an 18th century prostitute

Tuesday 19th November 2019

Eileen Wicks

The National Archives

Tuesday 17th December 2019

"Christmas Social evening for Members"

NORMANDY HISTORIANS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT for 2018

Current account	£	Savings (Publication) account	
Opening Balance at 1st of January	£2,109.51	Opening Balance at 1st of January	£41.94
Income			
Members prepaid last year	0 £0.00	Interest received	£0.00
Membership subscriptions - @ £5	55 £275.00		£0.00
Memberships prepaid for next year	1 £5.00		
Meeting income	£62.75	Balance at 31st December	<u>£41.94</u>
Brookwood summer outing	0 £0.00		
Century of Normandy CDs sold @ £7.50	0 £0.00		
Normandy Park books sold @ £9.50	2 £19.00		
Henley Park books sold @ £10	9 £90.00		
Postage and packing received	£4.00		
Donations received	£36.00		
Total income:	<u>£491.75</u>		
Expenditure			
Postage and packing for books	£2.95		
Paypal fees	£1.42		
Additional Century of Normandy CDs	£0.00		
Extension lead for projector	£10.00		
Meeting expenditure	£443.00		
Outings and Exhibitions expense	£0.00		
Present for retiring secretary	£70.00		
Total expenditure:	<u>£527.37</u>		
Net increase:	-£35.62	Financial position at 31st December 2018	
Balance at 31st December:	£2,073.89	Current account	£2,073.89
		+ Publication account	£41.94
		Total =	<u>£2,115.83</u>

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