



NORMANDY HISTORIANS

**The thirty-second Annual General Meeting
NORMANDY HISTORIANS
Will be held in the small hall of
THE NORMANDY VILLAGE HALL
At 8pm on Tuesday 18th February 2020**

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To determine Quorum for the AGM (15 members)
4. To adopt the minutes of the AGM held on 19th February 2019.
5. To receive / adopt the 2019 Annual Report and Accounts.
6. To agree the Annual Subscription Rates for 2020 (£5 - unchanged).
7. To elect an Executive Committee for 2020.
8. Any other relevant business.
9. Date of next AGM – Tuesday 16th February 2021.

Margaret Shah present a talk on The Mary Rose.

COMMITTEE (as at December 2019)

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 31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2019 AT NORMANDY VILLAGE HALL

1. The Chairman, Christopher Pettitt, welcomed 32 members to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Peter Southwell.
3. Quorum: The committee proposed that the quorum for the AGM should be 15 members, reduced from the previous 25 members, due to a reduction in the membership numbers from earlier years. The meeting accepted this change with no objections.
4. The Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting (included in the Annual Report papers) were adopted.
5. The Annual Report and Accounts was previously circulated to Members (by e-mail or post). The Report was taken as read and was adopted by Members with no questions.

The Accounts showed a total account balance at end of 2018 of £2115 (balance at end of 2017 of £2151). The Accounts were adopted with no questions.

6. The committee proposed the Annual Subscription rate for 2019 be unchanged at £5 per person. This was accepted by Members.
7. Election of Executive Committee.

The committee proposed that the current Officers be re-elected:

Christopher Pettitt – Chairman

Peter Southwell – Vice-chairman

John Squier – Treasurer (and Membership Secretary)

Committee Members – Alice Beech, Ros Clements, Alan Norris, Peter Trevaskis.

Members agreed to elect the above Officers and Committee Members.

Christopher Pettitt informed members that the position of Secretary was still vacant following the resignation and passing away of the late Sandra Grainger, the previous secretary. No nominations for Secretary were proposed. The Secretary's responsibilities have been undertaken by other committee members on an interim basis.

5. Any Other Business

No matters were raised by the members present.

The Calendar of Events for 2019 was circulated with the AGM Report.

6. The 32nd AGM will be held on Tuesday 18 February 2020.

Following the AGM business, Stephen Cranstone presented an illustrated talk about Sidney Sime, a local artist.



COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2019

The Historians has enjoyed another successful year with a full programme of speakers and other events.

In February a memorial social event, organised by family members, was held at the Hogs Back Hotel for Sandra and Brian Grainger who had made a substantial contribution to the success of the Historians over many years. The attendance of large numbers of friends and family, including several Historians, was a reflection of the very high regard in which Sandra and Brian are held.

Our AGM in February was followed by a talk by Steve Cranstone on Sidney Sime, a local artist who lived in Worplesdon. A Historians visit to the gallery at Worplesdon Memorial Hall, to view Sidney's fantastical and satirical work, followed soon afterwards.

In March Paul Backhouse gave a talk on Alan Turing and his substantial connections to Guildford. In April Dr Becky Peacock gave a talk on the role of women on the railways 1850 to 1945 which highlighted the discrimination women faced in a male dominated industry.

In May Mel Rees gave an entertaining talk on the Hogs Back Brewery which also enabled Historians to sample the brews they current offer.

In June the Historians main outing for 2019 was a visit to the Foreign Office in Whitehall. The Foreign Office was built at the height of Empire and the grand architecture reflected this. We were shown round by Tara Finn, an F.O. official.

In September committee member Alan Norris spoke on Normandy – a village history, at what was probably our best attended meeting of the year. In October Mary Clayton gave a talk on Charlotte Walker – an 18th century prostitute and thief, which highlighted the enormous contribution that digitising old legal records has made to telling the stories of individuals who come into contact with the law. In November Eileen Wicks demonstrated her in depth knowledge of The National Archives in a talk which described the incredible range and depth of material held by the government on our behalf. As usual the year concluded in December with our Christmas Social.

Research by the Historians was limited in 2019 as sterling work in previous years has left very few areas where new research could be undertaken.

Very unfortunately our Chairman Chris Pettitt suffered serious ill health during the year which prevented him chairing many meetings, and has led him to stand down as Chairman at the end of the year. Chris was a characterful chairman who will be much missed, and we send him our very best wishes.

The vital role of Secretary was not formally filled during 2019 however committee member Alan Norris stepped in and undertook most of the duties of this role. Alan located and arranged nearly all the speakers for the Historians 2019 and 2020 programme of talks, and the Historians owe him a large debt in this regard.

Peter Southwell
Vice Chairman



NORMANDY HISTORIANS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT for 2019

Current account	£	Savings (Publication) account	
Opening Balance at 1st of January		£2,073.89	Opening Balance at £41.94 1st of January

Income

Members prepaid last year	1	£0.00	Interest received	£0.00
Membership subscriptions - @ £5	61	£305.00		£0.00
Memberships prepaid for next year	0	£0.00		
Meeting income (see separate sheet)		£61.35	Balance at	<u>£41.94</u>
Summer outing	0	£0.00	31st December	
Century of Normandy CDs sold @ £7.50	2	£15.00		
Normandy Park books sold @ £9.50	3	£28.50		
Henley Park books sold @ £10	6	£60.00		
Postage and packing received		£7.50		
Donations received		£0.00		
 Total income:		<u>£477.35</u>		

Expenditure

Postage and packing for books		£2.72
Paypal fees for memberships, books & CD sales		£2.79
Additional Century of Normandy CDs		£0.00
Meeting expenditure (see separate sheet)		£482.95
Outings and Exhibitions expense		£35.39
Executive committee costs		£0.00
 Total expenditure:		<u>£523.85</u>

Net increase:	-£46.50	<u>Financial position at 31st December 2019</u>
Balance at 31st December:	£2,027.39	Current account £2,027.39 + Publication account £41.94

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Total = £2,069.33