



# NORMANDY HISTORIANS

**The thirty-third Annual General Meeting  
NORMANDY HISTORIANS  
Will be held in the small hall of  
THE NORMANDY VILLAGE HALL  
At 8pm on Tuesday 15th February 2022**

## 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 19 February 2020.
5. To receive / adopt the 2020 & 2021 Report and Accounts
6. To agree the Annual Subscription amount for 2022.  
*The Committee proposes that the Annual Subscription is increased to £10 (from £5).*
7. To elect the Committee for 2022.
8. Any other relevant business: Member survey on December meeting.
9. Date of next AGM: Tuesday 21 February 2023

There will be a talk on Wanborough and the Great Barn by David Wilson

## COMMITTEE *(as at December 2021)*

Chairman: Peter Southwell

Vice-Chairman: Vacancy

Secretary: Alan Norris

Treasurer: John Squier *(also Membership Secretary)*

Members: Peter Trevaskis, Alice Beech and Ros Clements

The future of the Historians depends on new committee members. Please contact a committee member (or e-mail below) if you are able to contribute to the running of the society. Suggestions for talks and recommendations for speakers in the 2023 programme are most welcome.

Website: **[www.normandyhistorians.co.uk](http://www.normandyhistorians.co.uk)**

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## MINUTES OF THE 32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Tuesday 19 February 2020 at Normandy Village Hall

1. The Vice-chairman, Peter Southwell welcomed 30 members to the meeting. He said that Christopher Pettitt (Chairman) had been unable to continue as chairman due to ill-health.
2. There were no apologies for absence.
3. Quorum: The committee proposed that the quorum for the AGM be 15 members (unchanged from previous year) Accepted by the meeting.
4. The Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting (included in the Annual Report document) were adopted.
5. The Annual Report / Accounts was previously circulated to Members. The Report was taken as read and was adopted by members with no questions. The Accounts showed a balance at end of 2019 of £2069 (balance at end of 2018 of £2115). The Accounts were adopted with no questions.
6. The committee proposed the Annual Subscription rate for 2020 be unchanged at £5 per person. This was accepted by Members.
7. Election of Executive Committee.  
Peter Southwell said that position of Secretary had remained vacant over the past year, and he thanked Alan Norris for undertaking the secretary's role.  
The existing committee was prepared to continue in the following positions:  
Peter Southwell – Chairman; Alan Norris – Secretary  
John Squier – Treasurer (and Membership Secretary)  
Committee Members – Alice Beech, Ros Clements, Peter Trevaskis.  
The meeting accepted the committee appointments without comment.
8. Any Other Business: No matters were raised by the members present.
9. The 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM will be held on Tuesday 20 February 2021.

Margaret Dawson presented a talk about The Mary Rose, the Tudor warship.

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## CALENDER OF EVENTS FOR 2022

February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wanborough and the Great Barn (David Wilson)
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Workhouses and Asylums (David Rose)
April 26 <sup>th</sup> (Note – 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday)	Military Medicine (Rob McIntosh)
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	The Therapy Garden (Stella Diamond)
September 16 <sup>th</sup> (Friday 7.30pm)	HERITAGE WEEKEND Exploring Our Local Railways (Alan Norris)
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Clandon Park - Fire and Restoration (Martin Ellis)
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	World War II SOE Agents (Carol Browne)
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	From Our Archives



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## COMMITTEE REPORT for 2020 & 2021

The Covid pandemic resulted in the longest period between open meetings since Normandy Historians was founded in 1987. All meetings from March 2020 were cancelled until we restarted meetings in September 2021.

The previous AGM was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and was followed by an interesting talk on the Mary Rose by Margaret Dawson, who is a guide at the Mary Rose Museum in Portsmouth.

Our secretary, Alan Norris, gave an interesting and informative talk on local railways at the September meeting. This highlighted how much fascinating local history can still be discovered and presented by someone who has the expertise and enthusiasm to do so.

In October Tony Painter gave an entertaining and amusing talk on the history of place names, and what they can tell us about the history of places.

In November Roger Cansdale of the Basingstoke Canal Society presented a 1960s film of one of the last commercial barge trips on the Thames from Coxes Flour Mill at Weybridge to London Docks. The film highlighted the many changes that have occurred along the river and the docks.

Ros Clements presented a talk in December: Awake, ye heavenly choirs, and sing - the carols our 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> century ancestors sung while 'going the rounds' of the village on Christmas Eve. Ros showed many carols traditions are quite local and different tunes are often used for the same carol.

The Historians financial position remains sound. Due to increasing costs (e.g. speaker fees) the Committee proposes the annual membership fee is raised from £5.00 to £10.00 and the non-member fee for individual meetings is increased from £2.00 to £3.00. The accounts will be available for members to peruse at the AGM. (The delay in production of the accounts is a result of circumstances beyond the control of our Treasurer).

Our Secretary Alan Norris has planned a programme of meetings for 2022 which we hope members will find interesting and informative. The Committee is also planning an extra free public meeting on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September as part of the annual Heritage Open Days events.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the activities of the Historians in 2020/2021, particularly Ros Clements who is standing down from the Committee, and Ashley Hoare who has continued his excellent work of maintaining the Historians website. Our website is the Historians best shop window and we regularly receive enquiries about the village via the web site.

It is with much sadness that the Historians heard in January that Jack Kinder had passed away at the age of 93. Jack was an active member of the Historians since the society's inception, and he had an extensive knowledge of the history of the village. Jack was a contributor to the society's book 'A Century of Normandy' and co-author of books on the Normandy estates.

We wish member Peter Trevaskis a recovery to full health after a recent fall.

Peter Southwell, (Chairperson)

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## ACCOUNTS for period January 2020 to December 2021.

The preparation of the accounts has been delayed due to the current non-availability of the Treasurer.

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### SURVEY ON THE FORMAT FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING

In past years our December meeting has mostly been a social evening with a contributed buffet, and with or without a speaker. Attendance has been significantly lower than at other meetings. The Committee requests feedback from members on your preference for the December meeting.

EITHER : A social evening with members contributing food and drink for a buffet, with an activity, e.g. a talk or a quiz.

OR : A normal meeting with a speaker / talk (and a few seasonal nibbles).

OR : I do not wish to attend a Historians meeting in the week before Christmas.

Please submit your preference and/or comments either to our website address [info@normandyhistorians.co.uk](mailto:info@normandyhistorians.co.uk) or at the AGM, or call Alan, our secretary, on 01252 315967.

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

1753 html files (*with 4 new pages in members library*)

7745 images files (*with about 10 new photos in members photo library*)

234 pdf files

45 Excel files

5 rtf files

480 other

(Disk Space Used 704.58 MB) (this is about 70% of Allocation\*)

In **December 2021** we had:-

Total Hits 78570 - **(2,534 per Day)**

Total Files 65065

Total Pages 26352

Total Visits 10454 - **(337 per Day)**

Total KBytes 1541389

(at about 2 GB this is 20% of Allocation)

Allocated 10 GB Bandwidth per month

Allocated 1 GB Web space

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

