

NORMANDY HISTORIANS

The Thirty-Fourth Annual General Meeting
will be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 21st February 2023
in the small hall of Normandy Village Hall

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To determine Quorum for the AGM (10 members)
4. To adopt the minutes of the AGM held on 15 February 2022.
5. To receive / adopt the 2022 Report and Accounts
6. To agree the Annual Subscription amount for 2023.
The Committee proposes that the Annual Subscription remains at £10.
7. To elect the Committee for 2023.
8. Any other relevant business:
9. Date of next AGM: Tuesday 20 February 2024

A talk on Whitaker Wright, The Witley Fraudster by Patrick Yarnold.

COMMITTEE (as at December 2022)

Chairman: Peter Southwell

Secretary: Alan Norris

Treasurer: John Squier (*also Membership Secretary*)

Members: Alice Beech, Peter Trevaskis, Eileen Wicks

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 2024 programme are most welcome.

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MINUTES OF THE 32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 15 February 2022 at Normandy Village Hall

1. The Chairman, Peter Southwell welcomed 19 members and 2 guests to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence from John Squier, Peter Trevaskis, Heather Edgington.
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 2020 Annual General Meeting (included in the Annual Report document) were adopted. [The 2021 AGM not held due to meetings suspended due to Cofid restrictions.]
5. The Annual Report / Accounts for 2020 & 2021 were previously circulated to Members (by email 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 2020 of £2069 and at end of 2021 of £2207 (balance at end of 2019 of £2027). The Accounts were adopted with no questions.

6. The committee proposed the Annual Subscription rate for 2022 be changed to £10 per person. This was accepted by Members.

7. Election of Executive Committee.

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, Peter Trevaskis. Eileen Wicks has been invited to join the committee. The meeting accepted the committee appointments without comment.

8. Any Other Business

No matters were raised by the members present.

The Calendar of Events for 2022 was circulated with the AGM Report.

9. The 33rd AGM will be held on Tuesday 21 February 2023.

Following the AGM David Wilson gave a talk on Wanborough and the Great Barn.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2023

February 21st Whitaker Wright, The Witley Fraudster (Patrick Yarnold)

March 21st Cody – the Flying Cowboy (Peter Reese)

April 18th The Great Roof of Westminster Hall (Roy Waight)

May 16th Clandon Park - The Fire and Restoration (Martin Ellis)

September 19th Farnborough Abbey and the Empress Eugenie (Jo Gosney)

October 18th The Motor Industry of Farnham / E D Abbotts (Len Huff)

November 15th To be advised

December 5th From Our Archives – an opportunity to see old local films.

COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2022

The 2022 AGM was held on the 15th February followed by an interesting talk on Wanborough by David Wilson. David's talk covered the historic Great Barn and also the earliest human settlement in Wanborough dating back to 8,000 BC, and a Celtic-Romano temple from the 1st - 4th century AD which was looted by metal detectorists.

In March well known Guildford historian David Rose spoke to us on Workhouses and Asylums. This talk was followed by an Historians visit to The Spike, Guildford's casual ward for tramps and the only surviving part of Guildford's Workhouse.

In April Rob MacIntosh from the Museum of Military Medicine at Mytchett spoke about military medicine.

In May Stella Diamond and colleagues from Normandy's Therapy Garden gave a talk on their excellent work providing therapeutic horticultural activities for vulnerable people of all ages. Some Historians attended the Therapy Garden open day on the following weekend.

The Trustees of Normandy Village Hall held a Celebration of Community Service on 13th June which also marked the 100th anniversary of the opening of the original Normandy Village Hall. Representatives of village organisations were invited, and the Historians had a photographic display of some of the activities that have been enjoyed by villagers at the Hall over the last 100 years.

Our September meeting was cancelled as respect for the death of HM Queen Elizabeth.

In October our speaker was Carol Browne of the Secret Learning Network of WWII giving a talk on the work of the Special Operations Executive. This highlighted the heroism and sacrifice of its agents in occupied Europe.

Our November talk was provided by Peter Buckroyd, of the Farnborough Air Sciences Museum (FAST) on the historic role Farnborough has played the development of aircraft and flying in the U.K.

Our December meeting was intended to be a 'from our archives' show presented by Historians Committee members. It was planned to show excerpts from the film: Light Up The Sky! a 1960 film starring Tommy Steele, Ian Carmichael and Benny Hill shot in the village, and other historic films. Sadly equipment issues prevented these films being shown. The films not shown will be presented at a similar evening in December.

Your committee would like to express thanks to everyone who contributes to the running of our meetings. Particularly our thanks to Ashley Hoare who continues to play a vital role for the Historians in managing our comprehensive website from his home in Cornwall where he relocated from Normandy some years ago.

NORMANDY HISTORIANS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT for 2022

	£	£	£
Current account			
Opening Balance at 1st of January		£2,150.80	
			Savings (Publication) account
			Opening Balance at 1st of January
			£41.94
Income			
Membership subscriptions at old £5 rate	1	£5.00	
Membership subscriptions @ £10	42	£420.00	
Memberships prepaid for next year			Interest received
Meeting income (see separate sheet)	1	£10.00	
(No summer outing)			Balance at 31st December
Century of Normandy CDs sold @ £7.50	0	£51.00	
Normandy Park books sold @ £9.50	2	£15.00	
Henley Park books sold @ £10	1	£9.50	
Postage and packing received	7	£70.00	
Donations received			£21.00
			£10.00
Total income:		£611.50	
Expenditure			
Postage and packing for books		£17.80	
Paypal fees for memberships, books & CD sales		£7.36	
Additional Century of Normandy CDs		£0.00	
Meeting expenditure		£560.00	
Outings and Exhibitions expense		£31.05	
12 more Century of Normandy CDs + postage		£40.45	
			£656.66
Total expenditure:		£656.66	
Net increase:		- £45.16	Financial position at 31st December 2022
Balance at 31st December:		£2,105.64	Current account
			Publication account
			Float in cash box
			£41.94
			£15.00