

NORMANDY HISTORIANS

**The Thirty-Fifth Annual General Meeting
will be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 18th February 2025
in the small hall of Normandy Village Hall**

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To adopt the minutes of the AGM held on 20th February 2024
4. To receive / adopt the 2024 Report and Accounts
5. To elect the Committee for 2025
6. Proposal to cease open meetings with speakers after 2025
(The committee will commence a consultation period on this proposal at the AGM which will end on 31st March 2025)
7. Any Other Business
8. Date of next AGM: Tuesday 17th February 2026

(The above agenda is expected to be concluded in about 10 minutes)

Following the AGM David Rose, well known Guildford historian, will present a talk on: **Guildford in the 50s and 60s**: a photographic record of street scenes, transport, social events, entertainment & youth culture etc.

COMMITTEE (as at December 2024)

Chairperson: Peter Southwell
Secretary: Peter Southwell
Treasurer: John Squier (*also Membership Secretary*)
Members: Alan Norris, Robert Bodin, Alice Beech, Peter Trevaskis

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.

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COMMITTEE REPORT FOR OUR 2025 AGM

Our 2024 AGM was held on 20th February. Also at this meeting Roy Wraight gave an interesting talk about the Great Roof of Westminster Hall which was manufactured in Farnham.

In March our Treasurer John Squier gave a presentation on the London to Southampton Red Rover Stagecoach which ran through Normandy. This journey was recreated several times in the 1950s and 60s.

In April Louise Falcini, an academic at Sussex University, spoke on Sex and Parish Politics – about the lengths to which parish councils would go to avoid unmarried mothers becoming a burden on the parish. This talk illustrates the wealth of social history that exists in parish council records.

In May Julian Pooley of the Surrey History Centre gave a presentation on The Gentlemen's Magazine which provides a range of fascinating information, across a huge range of subjects, for local and family historians.

In September Peter Smith, a beekeeper and entomologist spoke to on Bees and Honey – Myth, Legend, Tradition and Magic, telling the story of the relationship between humans and bees which has lasted for millennia.

In October Susan Purcell, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Linguists, spoke to us on the story behind the English Dictionary.

In November a film show presented by the Historians committee included extracts from the 1959 film "Light Up the Sky" shot in Normandy. Also presented were short films on the flora and fauna of Normandy Common, Guildford Past and Present, William Cobbett, the new Chester Bridge over the railway at Ash, and the Surrey History Centre.

The Historians rely on a very small number of active committee members to arrange our programme of annual meetings. One new member joined the committee in 2024 which did assist with this work but additional members are still urgently needed. If no other new members join the committee now or in the near future the existing committee regretfully confirm 2025 will be the last year that open meetings are held, and the Historians will in future exist only to carry out research on the history of the village, to maintain our web site, and to respond to enquiries about the history of the village from members of the public.

The committee wish to place on record it's grateful thanks to Ashley Hoare who single handedly maintains the Historians website to a very high standard.

Peter Southwell, Chairperson 2024



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MINUTES OF THE 34th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 8.00pm at Normandy Village Hall

1. The Chairman, Peter Southwell welcomed 28 members and 1 guest (RW) to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence received from Heather Edgington.
3. Quorum: The committee proposed that the quorum for the AGM be 10 members Accepted by the meeting.
4. The Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting (included in the Annual Report document) were adopted

5. The Annual Report / Accounts for 2023 was previously circulated to Members (by email or post; copies available at the meeting). The Report was taken as read and was adopted by members with no questions.

The Accounts showed a total account balance at end of 2023 of £2006. The Accounts were adopted with no questions.

6. The committee proposed the Annual Subscription rate for 2022 be unchanged at £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 – Chairperson and Secretary

John Squier – Treasurer (and Membership Secretary)

Committee Members – Alan Norris, Peter Trevaskis, Alice Beech. The meeting accepted the committee appointments without comment.

Peter Southwell reminded members that new committee members were required.

8. Any Other Business

No matters were raised by the members present.

The Calendar of Events for 2024 was circulated with the AGM Report.

9. The 35th AGM will be held on Tuesday 18 February 2025.

The AGM concluded at 8.05pm.

NORMANDY HISTORIANS - Open Meeting cost breakdown for 2024

Income		Total Inc. Expenses		Total Exp. Net meeting cost	
				£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	0	£0.00	£0.00Jan - speaker	£0.00	£0.00January meeting - £0.00
<u>Feb 20 (AGM, Westminster Hall)</u>					
Feb AGM - teas		£0.00	Feb AGM - village hall	£31.00	
Feb AGM - visitors @ £3	2	£6.00	£6.00Feb AGM - speaker	£6.50	£37.50AGM February - £31.50
<u>March 19 (Red Rover stagecoach)</u>					
March - teas		£0.00	March - village hall	£31.00	
March - visitors @ £3	2	£6.00	£6.00March - speaker	£0.00	£31.00March meeting - £25.00
<u>April 16 (Parish politics)</u>					
April - teas		£0.00	April - village hall	£30.00	
April - visitors @ £3	0	£0.00	£0.00April - speaker	£77.68	£107.68April meeting - £107.68
<u>May 21 (Gent's Mag)</u>					
May - teas		£0.00	May - village hall	£30.00	
May - visitors @ £3	1	£3.00	£3.00May - speaker	£80.00	£110.00May meeting - £107.00
<u>June-Aug (no meeting)</u>					
<u>Sept 17 (Bees and Honey)</u>					
Sept - teas		£0.00	Sept - village hall	£31.00	
Sept - visitors @ £3	1	£3.00	£3.00Sept - speaker	£106.75	£137.75September meeting - £134.75
<u>Oct 15 (English dictionary)</u>					
Oct - teas		£0.00	Oct - village hall	£31.00	
Oct - visitors @ £3	0	£0.00	£0.00Oct - speaker	£75.00	£106.00October meeting - £106.00
<u>Nov 19 (film show)</u>					
Nov - teas		£0.00	Nov - village hall	£31.00	
Nov - visitors @ £3	0	£0.00	£0.00Nov - speaker	£0.00	£31.00November meeting - £31.00
<u>Dec (no meeting)</u>					
Dec - visitors @ £3		£0.00	Dec - village hall	£0.00	
			Dec - expenses	£0.00	
	6		£0.00Meetings - admin, tea & coffee expenses	£14.07	£14.07December social - £14.07
Total meeting income:		£18.00	Total meeting expenditure:	£575.00	Net meeting expense: £557.00



NORMANDY HISTORIANS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT for 2024

<u>Current account</u>		£	<u>Savings (Publication) account</u>
Opening Balance at 1st of January	£1,949.71		Opening Balance at 1st of January £41.94
Income			
Memberships prepaid last year	0		Interest received £0.62
Membership subscriptions @ £10	39	£390.00	£0.00
Memberships prepaid for next year	0	£0.00	
Meeting income (visitors)		£18.00	Balance at 31st December £42.56
(No summer outing)	0	£0.00	
Century of Normandy CDs sold @ £7.50	0	£0.00	
Normandy Park books sold @ £9.50	4	£38.00	
Henley Park books sold @ £10	8	£80.00	
Postage and packing received		£8.00	
Donations received		£14.50	
Total income:		£548.50	
Expenditure			
Postage and packing for books		£13.10	
Paypal fees for memberships, books & CD sales		£5.48	
Microphone for PA system		£29.99	
Meeting expenditure (see separate sheet)		£575.00	
Outings and Exhibitions expense		£0.00	
Printing, stationery, website backup		£0.00	
Gift for website manager		£0.00	
Total expenditure:		£623.57	
Net increase / decrease:		-£75.07	<u>Financial position at 31st December 2024</u>
Balance at 31st December:	£1,874.64		Current account £1,874.64
			+ Publication account £42.56
			+ Float in cash box £15.00
			Total = £1,932.20
<u>The Society's Bankers are</u>			
Lloyd's plc, 115 Victoria Road, Aldershot, Hants. GU11 1JR			



CALENDER OF EVENTS FOR 2025

in the small hall of Normandy Village Hall at 8.00pm.

Tuesday 18th February 2025

Guildford in the 50s and 60s A photographic record of street scenes, transport, social events, entertainment & youth culture etc. by David Rose, well known Guildford historian.

Tuesday 18th March 2025

Town Crying - yesterday and today

This role has existed for thousands of years. Town Criers not only announced the news they also played an important role in public safety and were public time keepers by Michael Stephens, Farnham's Town Crier.

Tuesday 15th April 2025

The History and Mystery of Maps

by Tony Painter.

Tuesday 20th May 2025

More and more - the Miracle of Mount Olivet: A history of Moor House School, Frensham

The amazing story of how a school became a successful circus under the leadership of an extraordinary teacher, by Roy Waight.

Tuesday 16th September 2025

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Speaker on a CWGC subject (tbc)

Paul Iverson of the CWGC.

Tuesday 21st October 2025

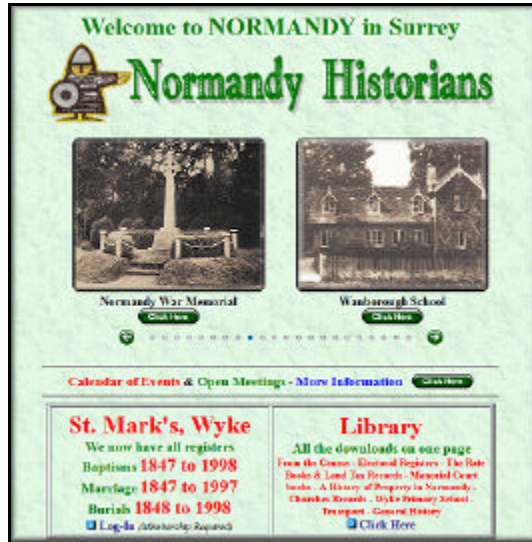
The History of Allotments

by Jean Wickens.

Tuesday 18th November 2025

Aladdin's Cave: some major family and estate archives at Surrey History Centre

by Julian Pooley of the Surrey History Centre.



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The Normandy Historians website now has over 555 pages, That's:-

- 1780 html files
- 7896 images files
- 235 pdf files
- 44 Excel files
- 5 rtf files
- 284 other

(Disk Space Used 727.07 MB) (this is about 72.71% of Allocation*)

In **December 2024** we had:-

Total Hits 173294 - (**5,590 per Day**)

Total Files 116864

Total Pages 32867

Total Visits 16787 - (**541 per Day**)

Total KBytes 2730659

(at about 2.7 GB this is 27% of Allocation)

Allocated 10 GB Bandwidth per month

Allocated 1 GB Web space



**The number of visits to the website has gone up
by about 12% over the year.**