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ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2013

We would like to thank all societies and organisations who attended the Parish Council's Annual Assembly on the 28th May. It was interesting to hear the reports from all of Normandy's valued clubs and societies and we encourage all residents to make the most of Normandy's rich and diverse community of organisations.

The Parish Council would like to welcome two new councillors: Councillor Nick Norton who has been elected as Vice Chairman of Planning and Val Cheesman who has been elected Vice Chairman of Manor Fruit Farm Working Party. Guildford Borough Council had notified that no electors had requested a by-election to be held to replace Councillors Cunningham and Angel following their resignation as Parish Councillors in Normandy and had granted the Parish Council authority to co-opt suitable replacements. Councillor Cheesman and Councillor Norton, both residents of Normandy, were the only parties to offer their services as Councillors.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 29th May, the new Parish Council was elected. Councillor Peta Malthouse was elected Chairman and Councillor Pat Tugwell, Vice Chairman. Councillor Darryl Taylor was elected Chairman for Planning, Councillor David Simmons was elected Chairman for Manor Fruit Farm Working Party and Councillor Alan Cheesman was elected Chairman of Land Management Working Party. As always, the Parish Council endeavours to work hard towards providing the best interests and consideration to all residents of Normandy.

COUNCILLOR ALBERT CUNNINGHAM

During his time (about 25 years) as Parish Councillor Albert has been the 'leading light' in the following projects:

1 The Village Bonfire - making the torches and assisting in organising the event;
2 Starting the Village Bowling Club by calling a Public Meeting with speakers having researched the game;
3 The Village Pond – Albert was responsible for organising the labour and spent most days there keeping the project on course. The Pond has won prizes and is Normandy's best kept secret;
4 He insisted on us starting a Village fete and organised it personally for the first four years;
5 He chaired the Village Sports Committee for several years and during that time steered the grant by lease to the Cricket Club of the 2nd pitch and assisted in the expansion of the Tennis Club.

He was also the Chairman at the time the Parish Council secured the lease of Manor Fruit Farm, thus preserving our open spaces in Normandy. Whilst being Chairman, he was still the person called in to carry out repairs voluntarily and at no cost to the

football pavilion and notice boards. He also cleared ditches, cut dangerous trees and organised working parties. He has throughout his life devoted his tremendous energy to the good of the community in which we live. We are extremely grateful that he decided to live in Normandy Village!

You can imagine that the Parish Council are quite sad that Albert has decided to call it a day and retire from his role at the tender age of 90. We thank him for everything he has done and wish him well for the future.

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A NEW WEBSITE IS COMING!

As reported in the last newsletter, we are currently creating a new Parish Council website, which will have a fresh, updated look as well as a new format, keeping Villagers informed of all the important events and news and other relevant information of the Parish Council. We will be going live on the 1st July 2013 and you can see a working draft of the new website at http://normandyparishcouncil.co.uk/. The current website will provide a link to the new website on the 1st July.

FLOOD FORUM TOUR

Since the public meeting on the 31st January which was reported in the previous Villager all the 'Outside Agencies' involved in Flood Prevention toured Normandy's 'Black Spots' on 26th April and residents were given the opportunity to participate and meet with the agencies. The Parish Council knew that some residents were unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments etc, however, it was the only time when it was possible to get all the outside agencies together.

Since the visit, it has been confirmed that GBC has acquired £15,000 from Central Government to engage eternal consultants to conduct a full Flood Management Survey and Plan for the worst affected areas of Normandy with the consultants being charged with producing their results by the end of Sep 13. In the meantime the 'Outside Agencies' have been back to Normandy on several occasions and resolved on or two lesser problems and that work continues.

Once the 'Management Plan' has been received, the issue of acquiring the necessary financial resources to put

the Plan into effect which may prove to be difficult in the current financial climate will be started. Your Parish Council will keep you posted on progress as it occurs.

NORMANDY VILLAGE FÊTE: Bank Holiday Monday August 26th 2pm

It is that time of year again when the Parish Council is busy planning and preparing for our Summer Fête. We would like this year's fête to be even better than our fun day in 2012. Many activities have been discussed and plans are being put in place as there are less than three months to go.

There will be the ever popular Dog Show which this year is under new management as Diana who has run it successfully for many years thought it was time for someone else to have a go. We are very pleased to say that this year we hope to have a Mini Produce Show so keep tending your vegetables and flowers in readiness for entering your very best items. Back by popular demand will be the Village Baking Competition. Details of the produce show and the baking competition will be available by mid-June via the website.

Last year's Tug-of-war competition proved to be very popular and we are now looking for more teams of 8 people to take part. This year's winning team will be presented with a trophy, so please contact me for more details so that you can come and join in all the fun.

It would be good if we could have a display of classic cars and motorbikes from the Normandy area. So if you like classic cars and motorbikes and have always wanted to show your 'pride and joy' at an event such as this then this could be your opportunity. We are hoping to have a 'Fun Run' this year which will be open to children over the age of 10 and adults so if you are one of the very fit people who run past my window early in the morning come rain or shine then this will be for you. Details of this will be available as soon as plans are finalised.

Normandy Artist's work will be on display along with art entries from the children at Wyke School. You will be able to enjoy a cup of tea and a delicious homemade cake surrounded by the beautiful exhibition. In the large hall the railway enthusiasts will have their model railway and trains for you to see. There will be a photographic exhibition with exhibits from the N-Factor Normandy Youth Club, but it is also open to anyone under 18. The theme this year is 'Walk a Mile in my Shoes'. The competition will be judged by members of the Police and Crime Commission. The annual Parish Photograph Competition is being held alongside and all members of the Parish are invited to display their views of Normandy, close-up or panoramic, and the Parish trophy will be awarded for the best entry. Please bring your entries to the Village Hall during the morning of August 26th. If you have any queries or need more information please email Maria Angel who is organising these photographic competitions on thenfactor@live.com.

The Bar will be run by the Lion Brewery as it was last year and there will be delicious sausages and burgers on sale made and cooked by Hunts Hill Farm. All this can be finished off

with a refreshing ice cream.

The Aldershot and District Bus Interest Group will be back with us this year with a beautiful double decker bus - a little bit of history and nostalgia brought to life on Manor Fruit Farm. This will give you the opportunity to step back in time, get on board and search through the souvenirs and memorabilia available. The ever popular children's rides and the many stalls selling a variety of home made goods including cakes, jewellery and fancy items will be on the green.

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I am thrilled to say that the Farnham Brass Band will be playing for us again this year during the Fête. They were so popular last year and we look forward to another afternoon of musical entertainment. The fête will be opened by the new Mayor of Guildford, Diana Lockyer-Nibbs. Lucky number programmes will be on sale on the day giving you a chance to win a superb prize.

This is truly an event not to miss. We look forward to seeing you on August 26th at Manor Fruit Farm from 2pm to 5pm. If you would like a stall to sell your wares or to run a game for children or adults or both then please contact me on the number below or by email and I will forward the necessary form. We are always looking for people to help with the many tasks that need doing before the day, in the morning of the day of the Fete, during the Fete or with the clearing up afterwards. So if you can spare a little time and energy and so help ensure that this Fete is our very best ever, then please contact us on the number or email addresses below. Details of the Tug-of-War, Baking Competition, Produce Show and Fun Run will be available by the middle of June so if you would like to take part in one or all of these events please contact me and I will provide you with the necessary information or keep a look out for details on the Parish Council website.
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NORMANDY VILLAGE SIGNS

We are pleased to report that the Normandy Village direction signs have

been ordered and should be erected in the next six weeks or so.

FARMERS/CRAFT MARKET

The Parish Council are considering the idea of establishing a Farmers/Craft Market on Manor Fruit Farm. A feasibility study has been carried out, and if the results are positive, Normandy could have their own Farmers/Crafts market which will be an excellent way of bringing the Village together and preserve local rural business. The feasibility study has suggested the Parish Council should look at running the market on a weekly basis (every Saturday) and we are now exploring the possibility of this. Please contact the Parish Clerk, Leslie Clarke if would be interested in running a stall.

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LITTER PICKING

Do you have litter outside your house and driveway, on the nearby paths and in the gutters and on your roads? Do you have elderly neighbours who need help to keep their pathways outside their homes free from litter and you would like to assist them? If you would like to do something about this, but do not have the appropriate equipment, please contact the Parish Clerk, Leslie Clarke and he will provide you with proper litter pickers. Please help keep Normandy a neat and tidy and environmentally friendly village.

CHILDRENS PLAY AREA – MANOR FRUIT FARM

It has been noted that additional access is needed to the children's play area on Manor Fruit Farm. Therefore the Parish Council have had constructed a new footbridge over the swale on Manor Fruit Farm, giving families further and easier access to the play area. A new swing has been installed, but should not be used until the grass has re-grown and the tapes removed by the Council. In addition, a salt grit bin is going to be purchased to ease access to Manor Fruit Farm when the roads are icy or snowy.

DOG FOULING

Please can the Parish Council remind all dog walkers that dogs are not allowed to foul anywhere in either of the children's play areas. Reports have already been received that there has been dog fouling in the new Children's Play Area near the Normandy Tennis Courts. Dog fouling notices are now installed in this area reminding people not to let their dogs foul in these areas. Not only is dog faeces disgusting and harmful to the natural environment but it is also extremely dangerous if a child accidently comes in contact with it. Please do not leave dog faeces on the grass or footpaths.

BONFIRE NIGHT – TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2013

The Parish Council has started making arrangements and organising Normandy's annual Bonfire Night. If

you would be interested in getting involved in what is always a very popular event in the Village, please contact the Parish Clerk, Leslie Clarke.

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DAFFODIL PLANTING

Autumn is a long way off and something we don't want to be thinking about just yet now that the Summer has finally arrived. However, five bags of daffodil bulbs have been ordered and the Parish Council are seeking volunteers to help plant these beautiful spring flowers. If you are willing to help, please contact the Parish Clerk, Leslie Clarke on 01483 811108 or email him at normandyparishcouncil@btconnect.com.

Alternatively if there is a patch of land near where you live which could do with planting (not your own garden) and you are willing to plant some bulbs, again contact Leslie and the bulbs will be provided.

GUEST OF HONOUR!

The Therapy Garden is pleased to announce that our Patron **PENELOPE KEITH** will officially open the 16th annual Normandy Gardens Open day which is to be held on Sunday 23rd June. The event starts from The Therapy Garden at 1.00pm where you can purchase your entry programme and even ask Penelope Keith to sign it! The programme includes a map and details on the participating gardens to assist you in deciding if you want to visit all or just a select few of the gardens. My advice would be to visit all as we have a wonderful array this year!

The day wouldn't be complete however, without enjoying a cup of refreshing tea and a piece of delicious cake, which will be on offer from our centre. Also, this year we have the added attraction of plant sales, craft stalls, a raffle and musicians to complete the picture of a wonderful summer's afternoon.

Entry fee, adults - £6.00 Children free, Minibus available for transport around the gardens. And finally...Huge thanks to all those who are opening their gardens as without your enthusiasm and support it wouldn't be such a special day!

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