

COUNCILLOR ALAN CHEESMAN

Hi everyone, I'm your new Normandy Parish Council Chairman. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and give some information about who I am and what I have done in the past.

I live in Glaziers Lane and have done so since 1976, prior to that I've been involved in Normandy Village all my life. I am married to Val who has also lived in Normandy all her life.

My history. I went to Wyke School, then to Yeomans Bridge (Now Ash Manor). On leaving school I took up an apprenticeship at BAC Weybridge. On completion of my apprenticeship I qualified as an aircraft fitter erector, staying at Weybridge working on several aircraft types, including Concorde. When Weybridge was running down prior to closure, I transferred to Bae Dunsfold, where I worked on fighter aircraft, Hawk and Harrier. Dunsfold closed in 2000 and I transferred to Farnborough, taking up an office job, Group Leader Estimating, taking early retirement in 2008.

I've been involved in Village life from an early age, joining the Cubs when I was 8, progressing through Scouts and Venture Scouts. I walked the Pennine Way to raise Money for the Scouts swimming pool in 1971, completing it in 10 days. I played cricket for Normandy colts and reserve team, when I was a teenager. I joined Normandy Football Club in 1968 as a player, playing almost every year since. I was secretary for a few years and presently I am their Chairman.

You may have seen me out and about. I do a lot of running, most days around the Village and beyond.

We have Working Parties or Sub Committees to handle different elements of the PC's responsibilities, each with its own Chairman. These sub meetings report back to the main Parish Council meeting with recommendations for final agreement/authorisation. We also appoint Councillors as coordinators when we have special events, such as the Village Fete and the Village Bonfire on November 5th, etc. also reporting back to the main Parish Council meeting.

In the future we will be setting up a working party to look at 'highways'. This will look at all the roads and traffic problems around the Village. A Chairman will be appointed. When it is set up, we will be looking to all Villagers to identify their areas of concern and bring them to the attention of the Working Party. Prior to that if you have concerns, please inform the Parish Clerk who will log them ready for the Working Party to deal with. Watch this space for more details.

There are five Councillors at present that means there are two vacancies. We need two volunteers. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

I value highly all our present Councillors. They all bring their own specialist knowledge which helps the Parish Council. All Councillors are approachable, so please, if you have any concerns about your Village, bring them to the attention of the Parish Council. We are a friendly bunch.

LAND MANAGEMENT WORKING PARTY (LMWP)

I am currently the Chairman of the LMWP. This entails overseeing all land owned by

Normandy Parish Council, which includes the allotments, the common and the pond. All seems to be well with everything at the moment, the allotments are all let and mostly looking in good shape. The common and pond are fine, a nice place for a stroll. Unfortunately, now and then there is a bit of vandalism, which if anyone sees please report to the Police 101 and the Parish Clerk.

The following are articles written by your Parish Councillors.

COUNCILLOR DARRYL TAYLOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

I am Chairman of the Planning Committee. Normandy Parish Council Planning Committee which has had a busy time recently with planning applications submitted for our observations and then forwarded on to Guildford Borough Council for approval or refusal.

Most noticeably we have been involved with the application for North Wyke Farm. This application was turned down by Normandy Parish Council and Guildford Borough Council. It went to appeal and was turned down at appeal.

An application has been submitted for the demolition of the Duke of Normandy Public House and plans have been drawn up for semi-detached houses in its place. This application has been approved by the Parish Council.

We do try to look at individual applications from residents favourably but, ultimately, approval is the decision of Guildford Borough Council. As the Planning Committee we do try to be fair in the decisions we make for all applications. If any resident has an objection or thoughts on a submitted application within the Village, you are welcome to attend the meetings of the Planning Committee to put forward your own point of view.

The meetings are normally held twice monthly and are advertised on the NPC notice boards situated throughout the Village and on the Council's website.

THE VILLAGE BONFIRE NOVEMBER 5TH

I am the Co-ordinator of the Village Bonfire. Another year has gone by and as the Summer ends (what Summer!) and Autumn is upon us, it is time to put into action the arrangements for Normandy's Annual Bonfire and Firework Display.

I don't know whether the residents of the Village are aware, but a great deal of planning and hard work goes into putting on the firework display and building the bonfire. There is a small team (same faces every year!) who construct the bonfire to ensure it is safe and will light, when required. The firework display is co-ordinated by Steve Nevin who ensures the display goes to plan. Steve has been ordering and lighting the fireworks for many years, and I am sure you will agree, it is always a brilliant display.

The local emergency services have to be informed, road closure notices have to be put up, the procession torches have to be made. The procession has to be organised and marshalled to make sure it goes without a hitch. The site has to be cordoned off to ensure the safety of the Villagers. Alf Gregory provides the lighting and funfair for the evening. The food is provided by Hunts Hill Farm, tea and coffee by the Normandy Scouts. The following day the site has to be cleared of rubbish to make it clean and safe. All this is done by wonderful volunteers.

COUNCILLOR VAL CHEESMAN

I was born in the Village and I went to Wyke School (which is a great school). I have always worked in Finance and still do. The Village has changed over the years, some things for the better some not, but I still love living in Normandy. I hope being on the Parish Council I can help a

little to keep it a Village that we would all like to live in.

MANOR FRUIT FARM WORKING PARTY (MFFWP)

I am Chairman of MFFWP. This entails overseeing the running of Manor Fruit Farm, ensuring cohesion between all present users, Therapy Garden, Bowls Club and Archery Club. Hopefully with the proposed new development, football, baseball and rounders will be joining the users.

MANOR FRUIT FARM DEVELOPMENT PHASE 2 WORKING PARTY (MFFDP2WP)

I am Chairman of MFFDP2WP. This Working Party has just been set up. The first meeting is scheduled for September 16th. Its purpose is to ensure the development of Manor Fruit Farm to the highest standard for the proposed sporting activities, football, baseball & rounders, plus a pavilion for all the sports.

COUNCILLOR DAVID SIMMONS

I have been on the Parish Council for over five years now and I have served in various roles, such as Vice Chairman. I am currently Vice Chairman of both Manor Fruit Farm Working Parties and my role as the Vice Chairman of the working party is to oversee the development of Manor Fruit Farm into being a top class sporting venue over the next few years. Coming from a Finance background, I'd like to think that I bring my experience to this aspect of the Parish Council, making sure things are in order, thus ensuring the Village receives value for money, at all times. I also add a sense of humour to proceedings when required. Anyone involved will know that this is VERY important!

COUNCILLOR ALLY LAWSON

As a relative newcomer to Normandy, having only lived here for 11 years, I have been fortunate to get to know many people around the Village. This is mainly due to having animals and children...which seems

to be a great way to make social connections.

I live on Guildford Road with Karen my wife (who you may see darting around in her 'Hooves Paws & More' van) and three children who have all benefitted from living in this great semi-rural location. This is partly what drew me to take this role on the Council as I would like to be able to give something back to the local community. One area in particular is important for me, and that is how we can reach out to the Village and be a more 'aware' community.

One of Normandy's unique features, the combination of six attractive and distinctly different areas, presents quite a communication challenge for the Parish Council. There seems to be so much 'going on' in and around the Village that impacts on our residents and there isn't one easy way of keeping in touch - that successfully reaches everyone. So we rely on the parish website <http://normandyparishcouncil.co.uk/> or publications like The Villager and the church Parish Magazine, the Village notice boards, road signs and the occasional flyer. But it is apparent that we do need to do better by making what we have, more current, interesting and valuable and to take advantage of more of the community online opportunities like Facebook, Twitter, StreetView etc. We do have a trusty network of Villagers who trudge around from house to house delivering communications in paper form but even that doesn't give us 100% coverage. There are areas in the Parish that feel – a bit like those that get very poor broadband coverage – like they are missing out...and they are right to feel like that. This is the one key priority for not only the Parish Council but also for our Borough and County Councillors David Bilbe and Keith Witham.

Access to information on sport, activities, clubs, community events, legislation, personalities, news, views, ideas and especially important Borough updates (like

the Local Plan) etc should be the bedrock of a Village community and we will be giving you details soon of our recommendations on how this will be improved. So watch this space.

PARISH CLERK. LT. COL. LESLIE CLARKE

Leslie is a highly valued part of the Parish Council, his knowledge and experience is invaluable.

All communication to the Parish Clerk should be addressed to Leslie, his details are on the front page of this newsletter.

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area of the County including Mytchett, Farnham, Aldershot and, occasionally, further afield. Nationally, the Society holds events from time to time usually based in London (www.royalsocietyofstgeorge.com).

Membership is open to anyone who upholds the aims and objectives of the Society. The Society is non-political, non-racist and un-sectarian. Past members have included William Shakespeare, Lord Robert Baden Powell and Sir Winston Churchill. Guests are welcome to join local events but full membership is encouraged on payment of an annual membership fee .

Upcoming events:-

- Darts and Skittles Evening (by kind invitation of Normandy Bowling Club) - September
- Trafalgar Dinner and entertainment - Peppone's restaurant, Crondall - October
- Visit to Farnborough Abbey - November
- Festive Feast - Aldershot area December
- Visit to Richmond Poppy Factory - January 2016
- Farnborough Air Services Museum - February 2016

For more information about Rushmoor Branch contact

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- Secretary - Beryl Mullender 01256 321596 beryl@mullender.org

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. We are sad to report that there is still dog fouling in the Children's Play Area near the Normandy Tennis Courts. Dog fouling notices are installed in this area reminding people not to let their dogs foul in these areas. We have also recently installed more dog bins however this has not alleviated the problem. We would like to thank all of those responsible owners who do pick up after their dog.

There are still faeces being seen on pavements and in the play areas, which means it is still a huge unnecessary problem and a potential danger. Not only is dog faeces disgusting and harmful to the natural environment but it is also extremely dangerous if a child accidentally comes in contact with it. Please do not leave dog faeces on the grass or on the footpaths. Please use the dog bins provided.

SUMMER FETE – PRIZE WINNERS

The Fete prize programme winners are:

First prize: programme no 00027

Second prize: programme no 00043

Third prize: programme no 00126.

The winners can collect their prizes from the Parish Clerk or they can be posted to you. Please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

BONFIRE NIGHT – THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5TH 2015

Make a note in your diary now for one of our Village highlights of the year, Normandy Bonfire Night. Meeting at Hunts Hill Road car park for the torch lit procession at 6.30pm with fireworks starting at approximately 7.20pm. Visit the Parish Council website for more details nearer the time.



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