

### **YOUR PARISH RATE**

You will shortly be receiving your Council Tax demands and you will see that this year your Parish Council have had to seek an increase in the taxes we spend on your behalf. We have not sought an increase for the last two years and as a result budget overspends have been met through contingency funds. No matter how carefully we budget I am afraid we cannot foresee unusually high costs relating to tree surgery and removal for instance. As a result of the storms only a few weeks ago, bills of over £12,000 are expected and are not covered by insurance except, of course, where a fallen tree damages someone else's property. The effect of our increase on a Band D property will take it from £63.59 pa to £65.19 pa.

On a good note, our spending plans and grant applications have been very successful with the result that very little has impacted on the council tax budget. We are employing Community Service Teams around the village who have cleared our ditches, cut back our overhanging trees and shrubs and worked very hard for Normandy every weekend. We estimate they have saved our community thousands of pounds. We also believe that we have averted possible flood damage in the Guildford Road area. These costs, the hire of the hall for ablutions and tea and coffee were not factored into previous budgets.

We trust that you continue to see that the monies spent by your Parish Council are indeed well spent. This year we have opened the senior children's play area on Normandy Common using Section 106 monies (monies received from developers by Guildford Borough Council) and Parish Council funds. We have also improved the junior play area on Manor Fruit Farm. Our

daffodil planting programme has been extended year on year and new flower beds on Manor Fruit Farm have been put in place. You will also, I hope, have noticed signposts have been installed for our Local Organisations as well as some traffic and village signs. We are seeking advice next year from the Surrey Wildlife Trust on how to better manage Normandy Common and are seeking to return the football pitch to a suitably planted wildlife area when the football club moves to Manor Fruit Farm.

We are employing Sports Solutions GB to raise the funds and commission the necessary works as a result of which Manor Fruit Farm becomes the host, not only to our Football Club, but also to the Mavericks Baseball Club. We are also exploring the possibility of setting up a regular weekly market at Manor Fruit Farm. We have been given permission by the Borough Council but the hard work is yet to be done. Please remember that we meet at the Village Hall on the last Wednesday of every month and we welcome your input. We try to support your concerns. You are very welcome to attend.

**Peta Malthouse, Chairman**

### **NORMANDY PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2014**

Please note that the Parish Council Annual Assembly will be held in Normandy Cricket Club Monday 14th May 2014 when all Clubs, Societies and Organisations in the Village will be invited to talk to the Village about their achievements and aims for the next year. Over the last few years the Annual Assembly has been well attended and the Parish Council looks forward to seeing you at this year's meeting. You even get a free glass of wine!

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## FLY TIPPING IN NORMANDY

As everyone knows Fly Tipping spoils our lovely Village and if it is not removed it quickly encourages others to Fly Tip in the same place. If you notice Fly Tipping please report it to Guildford Borough Council who will remove it, usually within 48 hours, on 01483 444999. If it is not moved within the 48 hours, please let the Parish Clerk know at: [normandyparishcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:normandyparishcouncil@btconnect.com).

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## FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

The responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of footpaths and bridleways within Normandy rests with Surrey County Council Highways Department unless someone else owns the land, in which case when it is the responsibility of the

landowner. However, SCC are short of funds and the footpaths and bridleways are not always maintained as well as perhaps they ought to be. Similar comments apply to footpaths and verges or other open spaces that are the responsibility of the Parish Council. If you find a footpath that is overgrown or needs attention for other reasons please let the Parish Clerk know, preferably by email, at: [normandyparishcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:normandyparishcouncil@btconnect.com), and it may be possible to have some work done on them from other resources.

## FISH (Fun In the School Holidays) – Easter 2014

**Monday 7 to Friday 11 April**

Another action packed week of FISH fun is planned for the Easter break.

**Brochures and Booking Forms are also available to download from our website: [www.guildford.gov.uk/fish](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/fish)**

**Dates:** Monday 7 to Friday 11 April 2014

**Location:** Kings College, Southway, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 8DU

**Booking Opens:** NOW!

**Contact:** Gill Paddington, Parks & Leisure Services, Guildford Borough Council, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4BB 01483 444769

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## AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY FETE 25 August 2014 - Manor Fruit Farm

This year the Fete will hopefully include: Photographic Competition; Model Railway Display; Normandy Artists Exhibition (Ann Adey's group); Brass Band; Fun Fair for the Children; Craft Stalls; Produce Show; Hot Dog Stall and BBQ; Dog Show; Vintage Bus Display; Local Produce; Tea and Cakes; Ice Cream and Licensed Bar.

The first planning meeting for the 2014 Village Fete is to be held on 21st March 2014 at 19:30 hours in St Mark's Church Hall. Please come along if you are going to take part in the Fete or you are willing to help us. Please contact Councillor Pat

Tugwell on [Pat.m.tugwell@gmail.com](mailto:Pat.m.tugwell@gmail.com) for further information.

### MANOR FRUIT FARM - THE FUTURE

Plans are afoot and will hopefully come to fruition within the next two years to move Normandy Football Club from Normandy Common onto Manor Fruit Farm where they will have a new pavilion and both a senior and a junior football pitch. The Football Club will share the facilities with the Guildford Mavericks Baseball Club who will likewise have both a senior and junior diamond. There is also space for a Ladies Rounders Club and Stool Ball Club on the Village Green field who could also use the new pavilion facilities. All we need are some enthusiastic ladies to start the Clubs. If you are interested in doing so please contact the Parish Clerk on [Normandyparishcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:Normandyparishcouncil@btconnect.com) for further information.

**Ladies We Need You To Start The Clubs For The Villagers With Our Support.**

### SPRING TIME - A HOST OF GOLDEN DAFFODILS

The Parish Council hopes all Villagers appreciate the beautiful sight of all the daffodil bulbs around the Village which have increased considerably from last year by 120 sacks of bulbs. Thanks are expressed to all those who volunteered and planted bulbs last autumn. It is hoped to repeat the planting again this autumn and if you are willing to volunteer to plant bulbs in September/October this year please contact the Parish Clerk.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS

Readers will have noticed all the work that has been done in and around the Village in the form of ditch clearing, tree and shrub works, pavement and footpath clearing and some bulb planting. All of this has been done on Saturdays and Sundays by Community Service Workers at no cost to the rate payer or Council. When the Workers visit Normandy they need to be looked after by volunteers. Looking after them is quite simple and consists of

meeting their minibus in the Royal British Legion car park sometime between 9 o'clock and 10 o'clock, taking them to the building in which they are to have their breaks, making and serving them tea and coffee and telling the Probation Office Supervisor the tasks to be completed and repeating the tea and coffee when they have their breaks, securing the premises and returning the groceries to the Clerk.

At present all that is being done by the Parish Clerk, Parish Councillors and three other volunteers. Can you afford 3 or 4 hours a month to ease the burden on the present volunteers? The hall bookings, purchase of tea, coffee etc is done for you and the goods delivered to your door.

*Why Not Volunteer To Help Keep Our Village In A Clean And Tidy Condition, Please Volunteer To Help.*

### **Your Village Needs You!**

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### **NORMANDY PLAYERS STEP OUT**

Normandy Players have chosen their next Show. It is 'Stepping Out' – a comedy about a mature group of people who meet weekly to learn to tap-dance rather amateurishly. Eventually they stage a wonderful show that exceeds all expectations and is the climax of the play. This will be staged at Normandy Hall on Thursday Friday and Saturday 8-10th May. The play is cast and the Club have started rehearsing twice a week, once to learn to tap, and once to rehearse the play.

Normandy Players produce two shows a

year in the Hall and new faces are very welcome on Club night every Thursday at 8pm. Perhaps you've been thinking about coming and never been quite sure. So be encouraged for that's how all our members started! [www.normandyplayers.org.uk/](http://www.normandyplayers.org.uk/).



### **NORMANDY BOWLING CLUB**

Short mat bowling at NBC Clubhouse  
Manor Fruit Farm

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