

# The Villager

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## Welcome

### Chairman's Welcome

Christmas is coming, and it will be strange this year. Covid 19 is still around and maybe for some time yet, but on behalf of the Parish Council and myself, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Please keep following the guidance and stay safe. Here's hoping 2021 will be a great deal better than 2020.

I am delighted to announce that two new Councillors, Rachel Cunningham and Brian Middleton have been co-opted onto the Parish Council at the September meeting - welcome to Rachel and Brian. This brings the Council up to full strength with nine councillors. You may have seen Rachel and Brian around the village, as Rachel has been cleaning the play equipment on Manor Fruit Farm and Normandy Common, and Brian leads the Speed Watch team. Please see articles inside by Rachel and Brian about themselves.

It was very sad to hear that our Normandy Pond Trustee Bryan Starkey has passed away. He was a friend and colleague, and I will miss him. His obituary is inside.

Christmas Pie resident Lee Keen has been employed to replace Rachel, now she has become a Parish Councillor, with all the required cleaning responsibilities for the adult fitness, trim trail, play area on MFF and the play area on Normandy Common. Thank you Lee. If you see him, please say hello and allow him time to do this important job which means we can keep these play areas open. Also please allow time for the cleaning agent to dry before using the equipment.

The Tree survey along the footpaths of all Normandy Parish land has been completed. This highlighted several trees that are unsafe, some with branches that have died becoming a hazard in danger of falling onto footpaths. Over the next few months a contractor is undertaking all the remedial work required, so if you see them working please keep well clear.

The Litter Pick that was rearranged for September, after it had to be delayed in April, went ahead. See article inside.

The Village Shop and Café project appears to be progressing well, and the Parish Council is supporting this project. Please see article inside by Bob Hutton, Chairman of the Normandy Community Shop and Café Ltd about a pledge scheme for you to get involved with this village facility. For this project to succeed it is important for all residents to support the initiative as much as they can.

Alan Cheesman



## Not every accident or incident is serious enough to call the Police...

...but it may have an overall impact on the safety of our village

### The NPC online incident log

There are many incidents that happen every day around Normandy that go unreported. If they were, they may add up to a possible long term issue that needs to be addressed.

The NPC have set up an online incident log to record evidence that could be used to submit a request to the relevant authority to get something done. Because without any evidence nothing will be!

These incidents may be related to:

**Traffic** (road accidents, near misses, poor or aggressive driving, persistent bad parking that could be dangerous to pedestrians etc)

**Crime** (burglary, theft, warnings, unwanted doorstep visitors etc)

**Anti-social behaviour** (aggressive behaviour, casual litter, fly-tipping etc)

**Other** (property violations, broken playground equipment, damaged fencing, damaged trees etc)

**Please record it on our website here**

<http://normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk/incident-reporting>

**Note** that this is NOT an alternative process for reporting serious incidents to the Police, Guildford Borough Council etc - please contact them as you would normally do.

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## Introducing the Parish Council's new councillors

Rachel Cunningham

Hello my name is Rachel Cunningham. My husband, Richard, and I moved to Normandy in 2009. I love living on Glaziers Lane where we are blessed to have uninterrupted views across the open fields towards The Hogs Back. Two of my passions are gardening and walking out with our Jack Russell, Bandit. Being almost self sufficient in the veg garden has, this year in particular, been very rewarding. I retired in 2017 as a Police Superintendent having completed 30 years of service with Thames Valley, Devon and Cornwall and most recently Surrey Police. Now that I have more time to give I look forward to getting involved in more village projects and events to improve the quality of life for residents of Normandy and the great local facilities that we already have in the village. Once the training restarts I intend volunteering for the Community Speed Watch Team to tackle the ongoing speeding issues within the village. Another bugbear for me is litter in the village which predominantly appears to come from vehicles passing through. I am often seen out and about with Bandit picking up discarded litter so please do say hello if you see us on our travels!

**Cllr Rachel Cunningham**



Brian Middleton

I have lived and worked in Normandy since 2015, during which time I have met many of the residents both past and present. I believe that I have a healthy understanding of many of the current challenges that this village faces as it grows and although I cannot offer quick and easy solutions, I believe that my dedication and hard work will be a step forwards.

I am also the Volunteer Coordinator for the village Speedwatch Team working in partnership with Surrey Police as we continue to strive towards making our village roads as safe as possible. Due to Covid and the lockdown Surrey Police have put a hold on training new volunteers for Speedwatch but if there is any interest in joining then please continue to follow us in The Villager for any updates.

I have previously served in the emergency services and police service and have been a business owner for many years and hope to bring associated skills to the table where possible.

I hope to be able to offer our community many more years of good service with a balanced and diverse perspective so please feel free to contact me by email if I can be of any assistance. Thank you.

**Cllr Brian Middleton**



## Normandy Cricket Club

2020 was not the ideal year for Normandy Cricket Club to celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and most of the planned festivities were inevitably cancelled. However, the Club was able to issue a splendid 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration book with over 150 pages documenting the history of Normandy Cricket Club. Written over the winter by Club Life Member Peter Scott it covers not only the club's meteoric rise to become the Champions of Surrey but also some of the more unusual incidents such as the match abandoned due to flying ants, an emergency helicopter landing and the blowing up of the pavilion for a 1950's feature film.

Illustrated with photos from across the years, the limited edition book was extremely well received by members and documents not only the successes of the club over its 125 year history but also celebrates the characters whose enthusiasm and dedication helped build it a humble village cricket club into one of the premier side's in Surrey. The club boasts facilities that are the envy of many other sides in the South-east with two beautiful grounds, an excellent recently refurbished club house and a delightful bar offering real ales and a wide variety of drinks throughout the summer where visitors are always welcome.

There are still a few copies of the book available for purchase from the club website, priced £15 each. [www.normandycricketclub.com](http://www.normandycricketclub.com).



"Supermoon" picture taken in October, taken by Tim Page



## Manor Fruit Farm

Spending quality time with loved ones is what Christmas is all about, but this year we will likely miss out on seeing many of our family and friends. We don't know what the restrictions will be yet but I hope you will be able to enjoy the festivities with those that mean the most to you. You will still be able to walk around our lovely Village to exercise and walk the dog, after Christmas lunch. We have much to be grateful for. I wish you all the very best for the New Year, enjoy Manor Fruit Farm.

**Cllr. Val Cheesman**

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## Open letter to the Parish Council - MFF article "No Mow"

Dear Parish Councillors

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Normandy Wildlife committee in response to the excellent article *Manor Fruit Farm - no mow!* in the September Villager.

We strongly support the option of managing the larger areas (as specified in the article) in 2021 in the same way as this year, i.e. those areas are left unmown in their entirety all summer, and are then cut in late August or September and the cuttings removed. The wild flowers across the meadow were beautiful to see, and attracted an abundance of wildlife as was illustrated so well in the Villager article. We endorse the views of other wildlife and environmental organisations that this is the best management method for both plants and wildlife.

We also want to say a big thank you to the Parish Council for taking the trouble to look after the orchids in the Manor Fruit Farm ditches by asking us to mark them so they could be avoided when strimming. This system worked very well. All but one of those that we marked were saved and we believe they have set seed. We were very pleased to help, so do ask us to mark them again next year. Perhaps the strimmer could also be asked to avoid mowing other flowering plants in the ditches; there was a really lovely display of Common Mallow and Tufted Vetch (amongst other plants) by the drive and ditches which were still flowering when the strimmer came. Not only were these a delight to look at but they are useful for pollinating insects.

We appreciate that Manor Fruit Farm is for the enjoyment of all Normandy residents, but we feel that the 'no mow' regime enhances appreciation of this valuable space. It is becoming increasingly important to encourage and protect wildlife not only for its own sake but also for the survival of our own species. It would be good to see Normandy as a local leader in this respect!

**Dr D.M.Jennings OBE**

**FNW Chair on behalf of the FNW Committee**

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## The Therapy Garden

The Therapy Garden, situated in the far left hand corner of Manor Fruit Farm is Normandy's very own little charity offering social, educational and therapeutic horticulture to adults and young people living with mental health challenges. Well, what a tumultuous year 2020 has been! The Garden had to close our doors to clients in the middle of March in line with Government regulations and we had to remain closed for the next six months. Two members of staff took early retirement, one member was sadly made redundant and all other staff were put on furlough and for over 6 months we maintained the Garden with one horticulturist and one member of the office team and a couple of our simply wonderful volunteers.

In September, at the start of the academic year, we opened our doors once again. We are moving forward again with a much-reduced workforce, but with renewed vigour from all of us left that we will not let this virus beat us! Our client numbers have had to be much reduced to adhere to social distancing – where we had up to 12 clients per day before, we are now operating with just 5 or 6. This in turn has impacted our income, but thankfully we have been able to secure some much-needed core funding and our financial situation, although still a cause for concern, is no longer on life support! We have had to invest in a vast amount of PPE and safety equipment to ensure that we can keep our clients safe and to be compliant, but needs must and we are so happy to be able to welcome the clients back. We have arranged the Garden into 'work zones' to enable each client to work in a socially distant manner and bought new garden equipment so each client has their own colour coded wheelbarrow, spade, rake etc. Every tool we use has to be put through a sheep dip like solution at the end of each day to ensure they are sterile for the next client the following day. We have Covid registers, temperature checks and a raft of paperwork each morning to ensure we are compliant, but the bottom line is the clients are back and enjoying the space and fresh air of the Garden once more. We have our morning coffee break and lunch together outside, socially distanced with one person on each garden table and it is very reassuring to see our clients relax and enjoy social interaction again after having been shut inside for so many months.



## The Therapy Garden cont/d...

The irony of this situation is that since lockdown we have had an unprecedented number of enquiries from prospective clients wanting to attend the Garden as an antidote to the stress and anxiety of the national situation. We have taken as many as we can at the moment but it is a continuing source of concern to us all here that we simply do not have the internal space to accommodate everyone who would like to come. Many of the agencies we work with, Social Services, Doctors surgeries etc. are appreciative of the huge benefits of social prescribing activities such as gardening in support of mental health so we are preparing for a big increase in client numbers when the regulations allow.

But what if the country has to lock down again and we are required to close our doors for a second time? We have now put in place all that we need to continue to support our clients if needs be if they cannot visit the Garden in person. We plan to produce a daily activity box that we will deliver to the client's home, styled to keep our clients connected to horticulture and outside spaces. Ideas such as planting spring window boxes – we will deliver the long planter, compost, bulbs and plug plants, or Christmas wreath making – we will deliver the oasis ring, natural material and decorations. We will also have a daily Zoom forum where any or all our clients can come together over Zoom to socialise and where our horticulturists can deliver talks and demonstrations. We truly hope none of this will be needed, but we feel it is important that we are prepared, and our clients seem reassured by this too.

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## Normandy Historians

Due to the continuing Corona virus pandemic Normandy Historians' programme of talks will be suspended for the first months of 2021. Information about Normandy Historians and the history of Normandy can be found on their website: <http://www.normandyhistorians.co.uk/>.

The books published by Normandy Historians on Normandy Park and Henley Park and the CD of the book 'A Century of Normandy in Surrey' are available to purchase. Please e-mail or phone as it may be possible to arrange a direct delivery. Enquiries to [info@normandyhistorians.co.uk](mailto:info@normandyhistorians.co.uk) or phone 01252 315967.

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## The Normandy Action Group (NAG)

We are a local village association run by residents who care about our community and who wish to protect its special character and its amenities. Join our free mailing list and become better informed about local issues. Don't wait until something you don't like starts happening on your back doorstep!

In November we had our Annual General Meeting by Zoom. Turnout was disappointing but those present had an excellent conversation about planning matters both local and national. We also discussed how to encourage more people to become involved, so please read on!

We produce a highly-regarded email newsletter that makes you aware of threats to your environment from inappropriate development and breaches of the planning regulations, and what you can do about it. So far we have about 180 followers, but this is still only a tenth of the population. And yet, when something comes over the horizon that people do not like there is usually a panic on Nextdoor, which has a lot more followers – but much less information.

An obvious example of an issue people care about is the damage being done to the beautiful landscape at Wanborough Fields, on the northern slopes of the Hog's Back. This land was sold by a large estate to a land agent who has parcelled it up into smaller plots that are marketed as having housing potential. Although this land is not in Normandy it affects all of us who travel along Westwood Lane towards the Hog's Back, where the environmental disaster that is taking place is obvious.

Along with our friends in Wanborough we have successfully resisted the most outrageous planning applications, and put pressure on Guildford Borough Council to issue Stop and Enforcement notices regarding unauthorised development such as fencing, hard standing, and containers. We have encouraged our local MPs to write to Natural England to speed up their boundary review of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Beauty, which should give greater protection. Without our action the damage would have been far worse, but the developers keep coming and we have to match them for tenacity. So please do follow the instructions below and join our mailing list. Our environment needs your support!

If you wish to be kept up-to-date with these and other local planning matters, please visit the NAG website at <http://www.normandyag.org.uk/join-us> and complete the form there so we can place you on our mailing list.

**Mike Aaronson – Chair, NAG Steering Committee**

## Friends of Normandy Wildlife - Inspired by wildlife

### Fish facts

Earlier, in September, the traditional view of fish being unintelligent with memories lasting only a few seconds was well and truly dispelled by our 'zoom speaker' Dr Kathy Hughes. Kathy gave us a fascinating talk starting with the characteristics and behaviour of fish in general – in fact they have good memories and can recognise different people. She then focussed on the secret life of eels. These long snake like fish spawn in the Sargasso Sea. They hatch as transparent larvae and drift on the Gulf stream for several years before becoming eel shaped and migrating up UK and European rivers as elvers or glass eels. They mature in rivers and ponds for five to twelve years before returning to the ocean to spawn. They have to overcome many challenges in their way to and from the sea and like so much of our wildlife they need our help to survive. Conservation efforts include creating passes to get around river barriers like weirs, preventing over fishing and reducing pollution.



### Foraging for fungi

A fine October Saturday saw FNW members out on a Normandy Common nature walk. Our numbers were strictly limited by Covid regulations so, sadly, not everyone who wanted to join us could do so. We set off in groups of six, each with a knowledgeable leader. As usual the Common was full of interest, with particularly good displays of species of fungi in different shapes, sizes, colours – and smells! A spectacular **Giant Polypore** contrasted with some tiny delicate Hare's Ink Cap. There were golden topped Common Funnel, Brown Birch Boletids, pretty red and white Fly Agaric – everyone's idea of a fairy toadstool, purple Amethyst Deceiver and the greenish Aniseed Funnel, smelling like old fashioned aniseed balls. Cats Ear and Dwarf Gorse were in bloom, providing food for late insects and the dried spikes of Common Spotted Orchids and Broad-Leaved Helleborine, were admired near the tennis courts. Walking back along a fern lined path to the pond, we counted five fern species. More details of what we saw can be found on our website at [www.friendsofnormandywildlife.org.uk](http://www.friendsofnormandywildlife.org.uk).

### December diary date:

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 13.30 (weather permitting) - A nature ramble around Normandy common. Please let us know at [fnwildlife@gmail.com](mailto:fnwildlife@gmail.com) if you would like to come.

If you find any wildlife in distress, our two local wildlife rescue centres are Harper Asprey (01344 623106) and Wildlife Aid (09061 800132).



Male and female Crossbill

### Watch out for Winter visitors

- Have you got more robins in your gardens at this time of year? Some arrive here from northern Europe and stay for the winter especially if they find lots of food in our gardens! Others are passing through on their way to southern Europe or North Africa.
- Redwings, fieldfares and brambling should by now all have flown in from Scandinavia to feast on our berries and fruits. Try leaving out some chopped apples and planting a berry-full shrub for this time next year.
- Some FNW members out for their daily exercise on Ash ranges were excited to spot a flock of crossbills. These chunky finches have a large head and a bill crossed at the tip which they use to extract seeds from conifer cones. Adult males are brick red and females are greenish brown. They are not often seen in the area so it was a very lucky sighting!



Common Sulphur Tuft on a tree stump



Fly agaric in leaf litter



Giant polypore (with wellington boot comparison!)

## Remembrance Sunday in Normandy - Sunday 8th November

During these difficult times, we are really pleased that we were able to continue with our annual Remembrance Service this year, albeit in a slightly different way. We are very pleased and grateful that the Archdeacon of Surrey was able to conduct our worship this year and I would like to thank all involved for putting together and managing this service. Which meant that we were still able to remember all those who have sacrificed their lives for us during the World Wars and other conflicts and battles since, in a safe way. The Venerable Paul Davies - Archdeacon of Surrey led Normandy's Remembrance Service at the War Memorial this year, which was organised by Normandy Parish Council, with representatives of the community taking part. Colonel Ken Marchant read the Roll of Honour followed by Lieutenant Colonel (Retd.) Leslie Clarke delivering the Exhortation and the Burma Kohima Prayer. Wreaths were laid by Alan Cheesman, Chairman of Normandy Parish Council and Jonathan Gasson for 1st Normandy Scout Group. A few members of the local community of all ages came to watch at a distance and everyone observed the government guidelines set out for this commemorative event.



We Will Remember.

Cllr Alan Cheesman



Colonel (Retd.) Ken Mar- Lt. Col. (Retd.) Leslie Clarke The Venerable Paul Da-



Social distancing wreaths laid

## Remembrance Wall

George Hebborn, a resident of Whittles Drive, was born at 1100 hours on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. He along with other residents of Whittles Drive decided that this year that they would commemorate Armistice Day. George made the "Remembrance Wall" shown in the picture. Precisely at 1100 hours on 11 November the "Birthday Boy" laid a wreath at the foot of the Wall as a shower of Poppies fell to the ground in Royal Albert Hall Festival of Remembrance fashion, followed by two minutes silence. The two minutes silence was followed by Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Leslie Clarke, the presenting the Exhortation followed by the Kohima Prayer. Maintaining Social Distancing the Whittles Drive residents made a considerable collection for the Poppy Appeal. Very well done indeed.

Leslie Clarke



## The Community shop and café

### Pledge your support for the shop and cafe

You'll know by now that we're planning to set up a community shop and cafe at Manor Fruit Farm. From the fantastic support we had for the Pop-Up Cafe in the summer and the expressions of support of our planning application it's clear that there is an appetite to set up a community venture that will bring a focal point and life to the village.

We are planning to apply to various funders for grants to build and equip the shop and cafe and believe that we can get a significant proportion of the costs if we can show that there is support from the local community.

**Community Shares Investment Pledging** - We will also need to raise at least £90,000 from the village if we are to succeed so early next year, we will be running a Community Share Issue where you can invest in the shop and café to make it a community-owned business with no obligations to other retail partners. To put it in context, if every household in Normandy were to invest £100, we would raise £140,000. But we know that some will invest, and others won't and in any case, now is not a good time to be asking people to find money to invest in the future. So, we are running a Pledge Scheme where you can indicate what you would be prepared to invest when the time is right - hopefully, mid- to late- first quarter 2021. To find out more look at the Community Shop and Cafe website: <https://www.normandyshop.co.uk/pledging>. We believe there will be no better chance in the foreseeable future to bring about a massive change in the life of the village, so please PLEDGE NOW and INVEST WHEN THE SHARE SCHEME opens. And remember this is an investment that will bring significant benefits to the village (and is likely to make the village more attractive to visitors and homebuyers), so don't just pledge £100. Pledge (and invest) as much as you can - we've applied for investments in the shop and cafe so you should be able to get 30% tax relief on your investments.

**Supporting our request for Grant Funding – "Your Fund"** - A second way in which you can help to secure funds for the shop is to support our grant bids. The most significant one of these is the Surrey County Council 'Your Fund' Scheme. Surrey CC has put aside £100 million over the next 5 years to invest in community projects such as ours. The way it works is we have registered our project and we need to show we have community support, you now need to vote to record your support – the more votes we get the more likely it is we'll get funding. So please vote for our scheme even if you are unable to invest in the share scheme. The more people who vote for the scheme the more likely it is we'll be given a grant. We are planning to go for over £100K of funding, as well as our Community Share Scheme, so this is extremely important. TO GIVE YOUR SUPPORT GO TO [www.tinyurl.com/normandyshop](http://www.tinyurl.com/normandyshop) and click on AGREE, after which you will be asked for your email address and an email will be sent for you to confirm. You can skip the request for other information if you want to. *Remember - this is not just a normal shop, it's a community investment where the shop and cafe is owned by the community, run by the community and for the benefit of the community. Please ask all your neighbours and friends to vote too.* For the latest updates our website ([www.normandyshop.co.uk](http://www.normandyshop.co.uk)) where you will also find our social media accounts.

I look forward to seeing you in the shop and cafe later in the year.

Bob Hutton - Chairman, Normandy Community Shop and Cafe Ltd



Pledging - Normandy Shop And Cafe  
[www.normandyshop.co.uk](http://www.normandyshop.co.uk)



**STOP PRESS** - Normandy Parish Council would like to compliment the perseverance and hard work of all associated with the Village Shop and Cafe project on gaining GBC planning permission. This is the first major step towards our village having its own shop and cafe. Congratulations to all concerned. **Normandy Parish Council**



## Pledge your support for the Normandy Shop & Café

**We are planning to launch our community share issue once the Coronavirus situation has improved. In the meantime, we need to you to pledge your support to make sure the shop project goes ahead.**  
[www.normandyshop.co.uk/pledging/](http://www.normandyshop.co.uk/pledging/)

MANY THANKS

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If you are unable to access the internet, please send a letter or drop a note with your details and your pledge into our office at:

Normandy Community Shop & Cafe Office, 93 Glaziers Lane, Normandy, GU3 2DF



## The Late Bryan Starkey

Sad news – We have to announce the death of Bryan who passed away on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

A lovely man, who was a true Villager man. He was Chairman of the trustees of the Village Pond, he arranged working parties to keep the pond in splendid order. The working parties, I am told were fun as well as work, involving waders, saws etc. Something Enid Blyton could have written about. He was a member of Friends of Normandy Wildlife, taking great interest in the wildlife, flora and fauna of the Village. He was also Chairman of the Trustees for The Therapy Garden and he had his own allotment for many years.

He attended the Parish Council Land Management Working Party meetings, giving updates on the pond and allotments, keeping the Council informed of all activities and requirements needed.

Bryan moved to Normandy in 1981 with his wife Sue and two daughters Rachel and Joanna before welcoming a third daughter, Kate, in 1984. The girls all attended Wyke First School in the village.

Bryan worked at the RSCH as a biochemist, a profession he was passionate about throughout his long career.

He was a man of simple pleasures who loved being with his family-in the garden, on the allotment and going for walks in the Normandy countryside.

Bryan had seven grandsons and welcomed his granddaughter, Tilly, in January this year.

They brought him great joy-taking them on walks, showing them the wildlife and teaching them to fish at the village pond.

He was very kind and helpful to everyone, had a wonderful sense of humour and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. The Parish Council have purchased a memorial bench which has been placed near the pond, in a location agreed with Sue, Bryan's wife, a plaque will be attached in due course.

Cllr Val Cheesman



## St Mark's Church, Wyke

The past few months have been quite demanding. Our Vicar Alison has been unwell for some time now so we have been kept busy finding clergy to lead our Sunday Worship. We have had huge support from the clergy at Holy Trinity Guildford, St Peter's Ash and Saint Mary the Virgin at Worplesdon. In these strange and unusual COVID times, the community at St. Mark's has had to find new ways to worship together. During lockdown we have joined with the Parish of St. Michaels and All Angels in Pirbright with the Reverend Beverley taking Services via Zoom. A first for most of us! We are very grateful to Rev Bev and Pirbright Parish for opening up to us with such a warm welcome. If you would like to join our online Zoom Services, please contact Chris in the Parish office on 01483 811777.

Although we are not able to hold services in St Mark's during lock-down, we have put in place risk assessments and PPE protocols, so that we can stay open for a few hours each week. The church is open for private prayer on Wednesdays from 10am until noon. Hopefully we will be able to hold Christmas services in due course, keep an eye on the website for updates.

*A Prayer from the Archbishop of Canterbury.*

*Loving God,*

*In these difficult times when so many are suffering, we pray for our nation and our world.*

*Give our leaders wisdom, our health services strength and our people hope.*

*Lead us through these challenging times with patience and the comfort that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

**Many blessings, from Clare and Alison your Church Wardens**



## Normandy Village Hall

What a roller coaster of a year we are having! Over the past few months, Normandy Village Hall has been vibrant again with a variety of organisations returning, including dog training, dance, floral and art classes for adults and soft play for children. Sadly, some of our other regular users have been unable to return for various reasons and parties could not, of course, take place. The organisers of those groups who did return have all been brilliant at adapting their processes to be Covid-safe, and I know that participants have been delighted to engage in their activities again, albeit without socialising.

Then suddenly, Lockdown 2 hit us and, as I write, your Village Hall is once again silent and devoid of users, although we will again use the time to carry out various maintenance tasks. I hope that by the time you read this in December we will be open again, but we await the next edicts from Government.

I am confident that when we are allowed to reopen, we and the groups will be ready to swing into action using all the safe practices already developed. I will continue to liaise with hirers individually to confirm whether they can go ahead. Our online booking system is open to book events from January 2021 onwards, although these will be subject to possible cancellation if necessary to comply with any future Government restrictions. All hirers must agree to comply with our additional Special Conditions to make the premises Covid-19 Secure which are on our website.

Today, the newspapers have positive news about progress on vaccine development, so let's hope 2021 will bring a brighter picture for us all. Meanwhile, my thanks go to all the organisers and participants in activities at NVH over the last few months for their patience and care in developing safe practices. I look forward to welcoming you and all our other users back soon.

Roshan Bailey - Chair, Normandy Village Hall



## Litter pick & fly-tipping

This anti-social behaviour is unfortunately a frequent occurrence in our village and its worth reminding residents the procedure to follow if they see some.

Either <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/article/18916/Report-fly-tipping> or use the app below wherever you are in the country – they will then contact the local council.

<https://clearwaste.com/> - It does look like there have been some successes in Ash for the GBC Jet team responsible for clearing and investigating fly-tipping.

<https://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk/guildford-borough-council-working-in-partnership-to-stop-fly-tippers-in-ash/>

We do have a number of open investigations with JET and hope we can have similar success. And don't forget to add the incident to the NPC site Report-it.

<http://normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk/incident-reporting>

## Great British September Clean

We also took part in the Great British Autumn Clean. 35 residents gave up their valuable free time this morning to wander round the hotspots to collect 30 bags which included the usual McDonalds packaging, cans, bottles etc...for the Great British Autumn Clean.

Thanks so much to you all. But occasionally you find something good and Philippa Mitchell found an old stoneware bottle, from early 1900s that is worth cleaning up and displaying. Thanks to the Co-op team who popped into the event to provide drinks and snacks, and also to the Normandy 1st Scouts for providing the venue.

Cllr Alastair Lawson



## Adverts

To Advertise, please contact our Parish Clerk, Leslie Clarke 01483 811108 M: 07809 331 080 or Email: [Leslie.clarke@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Leslie.clarke@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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## For Your Diary **Normandy Parish Council Meetings**

### Council Meetings

16th December  
27th January 2021  
24th February 2021  
31st March 2021

### Planning Meetings

16th December  
13th & 27th January 2021  
10th & 24th February 2021  
10th & 21st March 2021



Other: MFFWP 13th January 2021, MFFP2WP 10th February 2021, LMWP 10th March 2021

## Keeping You In Touch

Here are some of the ways the NPC can keep in touch and you can respond back. Some are traditional means of communication like this publication and the village notice boards. We have added more online channels so we can reach you more easily, quickly and more comprehensively.



Please send any email request through to the Parish Clerk [Leslie.clarke@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Leslie.clarke@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk)



On our NPC website you can find council minutes, agendas and other useful information <http://normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk/>



We have Facebook pages for the Village Bonfire and Manor Fruit Farm.  
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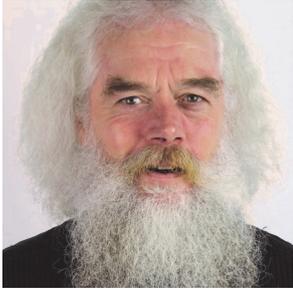
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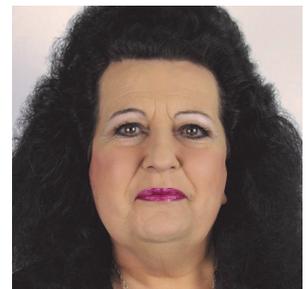
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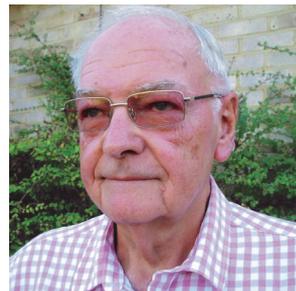
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### KEY

- \* LMWP - Land Management Working Party
- \* MFFWP - Manor Fruit Farm Working Party
- \* MFFP2D - Manor Fruit Farm Phase Two Development
- \* MFFP2WP - Manor Fruit Farm Phase Two Working Party

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