

# The Villager



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### Issue Dates for The Villager

Spring - 15th February  
Summer - 15th May  
Autumn - 15th September  
Winter - 15th December

## Chairman's welcome



Welcome to the latest edition of The Villager. On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish you all a (belated) Happy New Year.

2024 has started with more of a squelch than a bang. The recent rainfall may not necessarily be unprecedented but there has still been a considerable amount of rain over a brief period. Your Parish Council is not responsible for drains or drainage, but we do work on your behalf to bring local flooding issues to the attention of the relevant authorities. Issues with potholes, footpaths and drains can be reported directly to Surrey County Council and contact details can be found on their website.

Every four to six months we host a Flood Forum which is chaired by Jonathon Lord, our local MP. We have representatives attending from various interested organisations, including Guildford Council, Surrey County Council, Thames Water, and they are pressed for action plans to address the most serious issues. Residents are invited to attend if they have issues with flooding or surface water drainage. The next meeting is scheduled for early April.

We are still finalising plans for village events during the year but one event that is fixed for our calendar is the "D Day" 80th anniversary commemoration on 6th June. There will be a ceremony in the evening which will include lighting the beacon at Manor Fruit Farm. More details will be published nearer the date, along with details of other events in our calendar. We have also set dates for the annual Parish Assembly and the November Bonfire. More details of the planned events will be found within the newsletter.

Unfortunately, we have received a notice of resignation from Councillor Dabeer Ahmed. Dabeer has moved house and therefore no longer qualifies to be a councillor within Normandy. We thank him for his time and effort over the past eighteen months.

**Cllr Paul Chillman**  
– Chairman of the Council

### The Parish Office

The Parish Office is open every Friday in the Village Hall until 1 pm.

Clerk contact details:

[clerk@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
07739 969518

## ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 2024

Normandy Village Hall

7pm Sunday 28 April

Electors of the Parish are invited to attend to discuss matters of interest to the village

Plus find out about local village clubs and organisations

It's your village, have your say

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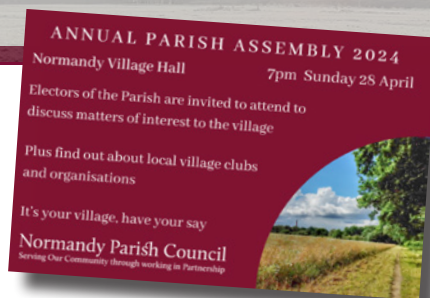
## Join your Parish Councillors for the 2024 Parish Assembly

The Parish Assembly is an opportunity for residents to directly express any ideas and concerns to elected officials, a chance to let us know what matters to you and how you think the council can improve our community.

Parish assemblies are a great way to stay informed and learn about what is happening in your community.

- Chat to local clubs and organisation – see what's new in the village or what you may have been missing out on!
- The council will present a short report on their activities over the past year, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions and get any clarification.
- Hear a review from our new community shop and café team on how their first year has been shaping up.
- Hear from Normandy's conservation group on tasks achieved in their first 6 months and planned future projects.
- Parish councils are responsible for a wide range of services in the community, from maintaining parks and recreation facilities to planning community events, come and have a say in how these services are delivered.
- Parish assemblies are a great opportunity to meet your neighbours and get involved in your community.

**If you are interested in making a difference in your community, then we encourage you to attend.**



**Hilary Greig**

## Volunteer spotlight!

### What do you do to volunteer for the council?

My first volunteering activity was bonfire building in 2012, which was brilliant fun, and is still my favourite task. Since then, I have been involved with setting up and packing down various events including summer fairs, Coronation celebrations, Wander Fest, etc - usually wrestling with the infamous large marquee, gazebos and flags!

I have also done tree planting, litter picking, conservation work and helped decorate the Christmas tree. Additionally, I tend two noticeboards regularly updating them with Council notifications.

### How long have you been volunteering?

I moved to Normandy in 2011 during my last year serving as an Army musician at Deepcut and have been volunteering for 12 years now, being semi-retired.

### Why do you volunteer?

Since transferring to the Army Reserves, still as a musician, I can fit in volunteering around my other activities and hobbies, hopefully for the good and benefit of the community.

I can often be seen running or cycling around the local area or performing on bass trombone in the St Mark's Church band once a month and the Surrey Police Band concerts throughout the year at our regular 'home venue' Normandy Village Hall, where I also play badminton weekly.

It is always great to see other volunteers, friends and acquaintances out and about, or especially, in the audience at concerts.

**It is a good feeling to be part of this village community.**

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## Finance Committee Report

The Parish Council has concluded its budget plans for the next fiscal year. I am pleased to report that the Council has proposed to keep the annual precept charge at the same rate as for 2023-2024. The charge per household should show a slight reduction as there are now a few more houses within the Parish, thereby spreading the cost across a larger population.

**Cllr Paul Chillman, Chairman Finance and Governance Committee**

## Report it: Overgrown hedges

Spring often brings a surge in plant growth, and while it's wonderful to have so much greenery, it's important to be mindful of potential issues it can create.

Surrey County Council plays a crucial role in maintaining the safety and accessibility of our shared spaces, so reporting any problems related to highways, verges, and pavements is definitely the right thing to do. Here are some specific examples of what you might report to Surrey County Council:

- Overgrown hedges or trees that are obstructing the highway or pavement, causing visibility problems or making it difficult for pedestrians to pass.
- Damaged or uneven pavements that could pose a tripping hazard.
- Weeds or vegetation growing on or close to the road, which could obscure road markings or signs.
- Blocked drains or gullies that could lead to flooding during heavy rain.



By reporting these issues, you're helping to ensure that everyone in our village can enjoy our beautiful surroundings safely and conveniently. You can report problems directly through Surrey County Council's website: **Tell us about a tree, hedge, grass or weed issue - Surrey County Council** ([surreycc.gov.uk](http://surreycc.gov.uk)) or by calling their customer service line on **0300 200 1004**.



## Normandy Conservation Volunteers



Normandy Conservation Volunteers were set up in 2023 to help manage the wilder parts of Normandy Parish Council's owned and managed land.

### So what do we do and why do we do it?

The following are some of the projects we have tackled this winter:-

- a) Clearing rhododendron from Normandy Common. Rhododendron is not a native species in the UK so not many animals use it for food or shelter. In addition, it grows so dense that it stops other native plants from growing under or near it. To improve biodiversity on the common, we aim to clear all the rhododendron and then monitor what other plants grow in its place.
- b) Clearing brambles and other plants from around the planted hedge by the Normandy Therapy Garden on Manor Fruit Farm. The brambles cause a problem for the Therapy Garden as they grow through the fence and mean that the clients cannot use that area. This is why the Council planted the trees. Now we need to make sure that the brambles do not return.
- c) Increasing the clear-water area on Normandy Pond. Whilst some reeds and water plants are great for wildlife, having clear open water is also important. If we do not manage the reeds and edge plants, then they will gradually take over the whole pond. So we do a bit at a time, making sure there is always some cover for pond wildlife.
- d) Cutting back scrub on the sides of the Permissive Horse Ride on Normandy Common. The brambles, bracken and other scrub have grown up a lot in the last few years making the path narrower. Clearing these scrubby plants back will widen the path and also let other plants, including wildflowers, have a chance of growing. Regular monitoring will help us discover what other plants grow along this path.

We run monthly work parties to do conservation work and through the summer will be doing wildlife surveys as well, working closely with Friends of Normandy Wildlife.

### There is always room for more volunteers.

You don't need experience, just enthusiasm! If cutting, digging and physical work is not for you, then we are also looking for people who are interested in helping with surveys, promotion and communication and fundraising.

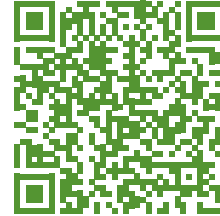
However, if you do have experience and/or specific knowledge, please do come and share it with us!

If any of this sounds interesting, please do contact the Clerk ([clerk@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk)).



### Upcoming dates

Feb 24th - Rhododendron Removal - starting at 09:30am. Cutting back rhododendron to allow other species to survive.



For more and up to date information on Work Party Dates and Wildlife Surveys go to the website via this QR code or [normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk/about-normandy/normandy-conservation-group](https://normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk/about-normandy/normandy-conservation-group)

By Councillor Philippa Mitchell, Chair of Estates and Facilities Committee





# D-DAY 80



## 6 JUNE 2024

Normandy Parish Council invites you to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the largest naval air and land operation in history

Join us at the archery club on Manor Fruit Farm from 7.30pm with live music from the era by Surrey Police Band

Piper 9:10pm followed by the lighting of the beacon



Fish and chips available from our local van plus an ice cream stall  
Bring your drinks plus deck chairs or picnic blanket

## Normandy Flood Forum

1:30pm on 12 April 2024

Normandy Village Hall

All residents welcome

Email matters for discussion  
to the Clerk

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## What's in a name?"

Sometimes, an ordinary road or street name can have a remarkable background and for me, this point is clearly demonstrated when a local small housing development has been named HALIFAX CLOSE - much to many people's surprise as Guildford is nowhere near the Yorkshire town of that name.

The new name, marking the new houses in 'Fairlands,' notes the night of the 10th of March 1941 when a brand new Halifax RAF Bomber crashed nearby, killing four airmen with two somehow surviving.

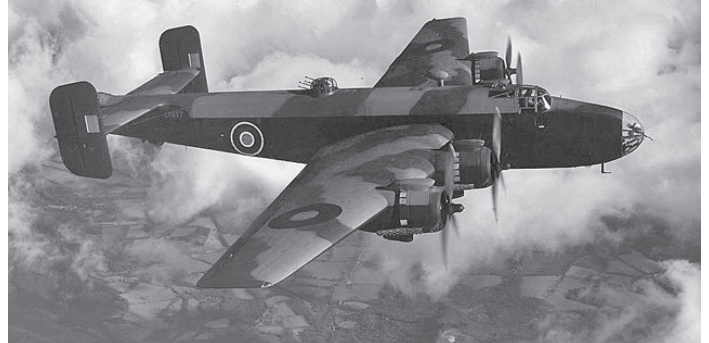
The Halifax Bomber was a brand new aircraft and had been delivered to 35 Squadron, a Pathfinder force that was based at Gravelly in Cambridgeshire as the replacement aircraft for their ageing Wellingtons. It was one of the first 'four engined' aircraft and was quite unproven at that stage of the War. On this 10th of March night, three of the new aircraft were briefed to fly down south over England, then cross the Channel to try and bomb the docks area of Le Havre in Normandy in occupied Europe.

The airmen selected for this trip regarded this sortie as rather a 'Milk run' - a try out journey over the sea. On the night they managed to reach their target in France, all dropped their bombs in the target area and they turned for home - quite pleased with the performance of their new airplanes.

Trouble hit them with a vengeance when, in the early hours of the 11th of March, they had reached the Hog's Back area and just an hour from their base of safety. They were spotted by a RAF Beaufighter on patrol from Tangmere in Sussex ... in the darkness their crew caught up with one of the Halifax Bombers and, not recognising the aircraft, presumed it was a German Intruder and they opened fire - causing, deadly damage and starting a fire in the body of the Bomber.

Many of the residents of Wanborough and Normandy Villages heard the noise of the battle in the sky and saw the burning Halifax begin its descent. It eventually crashed into the trees by the Fairlands Garage. It had begun to break up and the Pilot, Squadron Leader Peter Gilchrist, was thrown out of his cockpit and managed to open his parachute and land safely nearby. Sergeant Pedy also managed to get out and also survived but Sergeant Lucas, Sergeant Broadhurst, Pilot Officer Rolfe-Arard and Flying-Officer Cooper all perished in the crash of this Halifax, Number EL9489.

A few years afterwards when I moved to this area I was able to pinpoint for an investigating group the exact spot where the Bomber had crashed and burnt out. Their 'digs' actually found and retrieved



The Halifax Bomber

two of the aircraft's engines buried deep in the ground. Subsequently, a small memorial stone was erected to mark the spot, recording the incident and the names of the crew.

Squadron Leader Gilchrist, after his astonishing escape, went on to become one of the most famous of the Pathfinder's Force and survived his operational tours to the end of the War.

After the tragedy in 1941 there was a Board of Inquiry set up to see why one of our Beaufighters had brought down the Halifax. In the end it was recorded as 'friendly fire' and endorsed as an unfortunate case of mis-identification. There is no record of how the Beaufighter's crew had reacted to their mistake but their feelings can well be imagined.

Finally Gaynor White, Worplesdon Parish Clerk and Victoria, the Assistant Clerk were aware that the tragedy had happened some 80 years ago and were able to nominate this name for the new development in memory of those airmen who lost their lives in March 1941.

There you are - "What is in a name" can have a lot of meaning to later generations...

**Our thanks to local resident  
Ron McGill for sending us this article.**

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## What's New at St. Mark's

It has been a joy and a pleasure to meet many of you over the last year whilst I have been Vicar at St Mark's.



Bishop William Temple once famously said; "It is a mistake to suppose that God is only, or even chiefly, concerned with religion. The Church exists primarily for the sake of those who are still outside it."

With that in mind we have started a couple of new initiatives this year to bring the church to people who might not attend our traditional services.

### Alpha

We are currently only a few weeks away from completing my first Alpha Course at St. Mark's. These courses are a great opportunity to discuss and explore many questions you might have about life, faith and God in a non-judgemental setting.

### Church on the Green

Would you ever find yourself in Church? Maybe you have a past memory of what it was like. It could be good or bad. We have just started a new way of doing church, called 'CHURCH ON THE GREEN'. This

will be a whole new way of worship, with modern worship songs, family friendly activities and a shared breakfast, all happening in Lord Pirbright's Hall, Pirbright. Please do join us on Sundays 25 February, 28 April, and 30 June at 10.00am.

### Easter Services

We will be covering all the traditional Easter services and these dates can be found on the What's on in Normandy section on page 7 of this magazine.

You are most welcome to join any of our services and events and if you would like to contact me to chat about anything, please email: [office@stmarkswyke.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarkswyke.org.uk).

For further information about everything taking place at St. Mark's, please visit: [www.stmarkswyke.org.uk](http://www.stmarkswyke.org.uk)

**By Revd. George Watkinson, Vicar of  
St. Mark's, Wyke and St. Michaels and  
All Angels, Pirbright.**

## A celebration of our volunteers

On a chilly January evening, a group of the villages incredible volunteers gathered for a well-deserved evening of appreciation. Volunteers who dedicate their time to countless tasks throughout the village mingled, creating a symphony of shared experiences and laughter. There were conversations about how they 'saved the day' when the bonfire nearly blew away in the high winds before fireworks night and when the bridge floated downstream in the floods.

There was excitement over the new giant magnet with many volunteers being keen to get try it out on the thousands of nails still over the bonfire site. If you want to try it out too, then get in touch!

The efforts of the monthly conservation working parties was applauded, such as clearing the sides of the permissive horse ride, fixing the leak in the pond and cutting back nonnative species from the Common. Details of working parties coming up were shared. These working parties started in the summer and are already having such a positive effect. If you can spare a couple of hours once a month to get involved, we would love to hear from you.

More opportunities exist for volunteering than many imagine. Other tasks that regularly need support include updating the noticeboards, inspecting play areas and assisting at events. Normandy Parish Council



organise a number of events throughout the year to encourage villager participation and ensure that everyone has the opportunity across all communities within the village to get together to take part in village life. Our events such as Bonfire Night, Fetes and special calendar events are organised and co-ordinated by a small group of councillors and residents. We are really keen to expand the number of residents getting involved as we believe that events should be driven by the community. Throughout 2024

there will be opportunities to plan, organise and deliver a D-Day 80 event, bonfire night and a Christmas event. We simply can't do it without you!

But back to the celebration event where gratitude took centre stage. A free raffle took place for each volunteer, adding an element of playful anticipation, in addition everyone received a special coronation mug stuffed full with chocolates, a simple token of appreciation for their tireless efforts. Refreshing drinks and delicious nibbles fuelled the evening, but the impact of the event goes beyond mugs, chocolates and prosecco, it was a powerful reminder of the invaluable contribution each and every volunteer makes to our community.

There are so many ways in which you can make a difference. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, then please contact the Parish Clerk at

[clerk@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk)



## Community Grant - Normandy Village Hall

The Parish Council have recently approved a grant application from the Trustees of Normandy Village Hall. The request was for a contribution towards training materials linked to life saving courses and associated with the defibrillator that is installed at the Village Hall. Roashan Bailey (Chair of the Trustees) runs the life-saving training programme, and the courses will be available to everybody in Normandy.

Clubs and organisations within the Parish are welcome to apply to the Council for funding aid under the Community Grants scheme. The scheme covers contributions to running costs or capital projects, up to £1,000 (possibly more in exceptional circumstances). The application form can be found on the Council website along with more details of the Grants Policy.

Previously, grants have been awarded to organisations such as Normandy Cricket Club, Normandy Village Shop, Royal British Legion and Normandy Action Group.

**Cllr Paul Chillman – Chairman of the Council**





## What's on in Normandy

### February 2024

#### 20th February:

**Normandy Historians - The Great Roof of Westminster Hall** Roy Waight will describe the structure and construction of the roof of this iconic building which was produced from Surrey oak trees and manufactured at Farnham.

#### 24th February:

**Rhododendron Removal** - starting at 09:30am. Cutting back rhododendron to allow other species to survive.

### March 2024

#### 2nd March:



**St Mark's Church**  
Mini Marketing and Hearing Aid Clinic at St. Mark's Church Hall 10am-12 noon

#### 2nd March:

**Emmanuel Church - Craft Afternoon**  
2pm - 4.30pm To find out more or to book, please call Clive on 07836 723850 or 01483 810560

#### 3rd March:

**St Mark's Church** All Age Service at St. Mark's with the band - 11.15am

#### 4th March:

**Friends of Normandy Wildlife - Restoring Rivers and their Wildlife** Steve Marshall FNW Committee Member and river restoration consultant

#### 6th March:



**Normandy Nightingales WI**  
David Rose a local historian talking on The origin of Guildford street & road names  
More info: Laurel

Kitchen 07904 298691

Email: normandynightingaleswi@gmail.com

#### 13th March:

**Sponsored Walk** - Come out and support one of our oldest local residents does a sponsored walk from Christmas Pie Avenue to Manor Fruit Farm, to raise funds for the new Play Area

#### 16th March:



**Mexican Fiesta** - 7.15pm - 10.45pm, Normandy Village Hall, tickets available from: [www.gym-jams.co.uk](http://www.gym-jams.co.uk)

#### 19th March:

**Normandy Historians - Denmark Street, Soho** - The heart of the Music business from the 1940's to 1970's  
Presented by Malcolm Campbell

#### 24th March:

**St Mark's Church**  
Palm Sunday Service - 11.15am

#### 28th March:

**Emmanuel Church** - Maundy Thursday Tenebrae - 7.30pm

#### 28th March:

**Emmanuel Church** - Good Friday with Prayer Stations - 10am - 12 noon

#### 29th March:

**St Mark's Church** Good Friday Reflective Service - 2.00pm

#### 31st March:

**Emmanuel Church**  
Easter Sunday Celebration - 10am



#### 31st March:

**St Mark's Church**  
Easter Sunday Service - 11.15am

### April 2024

#### 3rd April:

**Normandy Nightingales WI** - Gillian Light will talk on Guide dogs for the Blind & will bring along a puppy in training

#### 6th April:

**St Mark's Church**  
Mini Marketing and Hearing Aid Clinic at St. Mark's Church Hall 10am-12 noon

#### 7th April:

**St Mark's Church** All Age Service at St. Mark's with the band - 11.15am

#### 8th April:

**Friends of Normandy Wildlife - Saving the stone curlew** Keith Betton, author and broadcaster

#### 16th April:



**Normandy Historians - Sex and Parish Politics** Louise Falcini, a research fellow in history at Sussex University will give an insight into an aspect of early social history.

### May 2024

#### 1st May:

**Normandy Nightingales WI** - Alan Jones is a broadcaster and will give his talk "Roving Reporter"

#### 4th May:

**St Mark's Church** Mini Marketing and Hearing Aid Clinic at St. Mark's Church Hall 10am-12 noon

#### 5th May:

**St Mark's Church** All Age Service at St. Mark's with the band - 11.15am

#### 6th May:

**St Mark's Church**  
May Fair at Manor Fruit Farm

#### 21st May:

**Normandy Historians - The Gentleman's Magazine** - Julian Pooley of the Surrey History Centre will introduce an 18th century magazine featuring an early Panorama of Georgian Surrey for the Family and Local Historians.

### Did you know?

#### Glaziers Lane used to be called Bramble Lane

In its earlier days, Glaziers Lane was known as Bramble Lane, then Glaziers Lane. But when Wanborough Station was built in 1891 the road was made up by the Railway Company as far as the station and renamed Station Road, reverting to Glaziers Lane in the 1950s.



## Winter still, but Spring is just around the corner!

Despite the weather it has been a wonderful winter for wild berries with holly trees positively weighed down with sparkling red fruit. This did not go unnoticed by the flocks of wintering redwings and fieldfares over here from Scandinavia who polished off fully laden bushes in a single day!

In January, Spring seemed far away, but members and friends were cheered by our first talk of the season hearing all about bees and wasps from Andrew Halstead retired Principle Entomologist at RHS Wisley Gardens.

His colourful slides and fascinating facts were a wonderful antidote to the weather outside! Then, in February, we ventured abroad with a talk by Alejandra Vergara-Pena, Polar Specialist at WWF-UK. She described the 'Walrus from Space Project' and how we can help safeguard the future of these animals.



Common Frog

### Next talks

Everyone is welcome at our talks. Start time: 7.30 pm; refreshments available from 7.00. £2 for members, £3 for non-members; free for under 18s. Details of the upcoming talks are in 'What's on in the Normandy' see page 7.

For more information contact: [fnwildlife@gmail.com](mailto:fnwildlife@gmail.com) or see our website at [www.friendsofnormandywildlife.org.uk](http://www.friendsofnormandywildlife.org.uk).

### Top Spring tips:

- Don't forget to cut all hedges before birds start nesting in March!
- Watch out for frogs and toads making their way back to their ponds.
- Why not warm yourself up by creating a pond in your garden? Even a small water feature will bring in more wildlife.
- Identify some areas in your garden to leave 'wild' for wildlife this year.

For wildlife in distress, contact our local wildlife rescue centres:

**Harper Asprey (01344 623106)**  
**and Wildlife Aid (09061 800132).**



Redwing. Credit RSPB



## Normandy Historians

Normandy Historians hold meetings on the third Tuesday of the month commencing at 8.00pm at Normandy Village Hall, Glaziers Lane. Normandy GU3 2DT. Guests are welcome to attend. See **What's On in Normandy** page 7 for more details.

### Coffee Time Talks at the Guildhall, Guildford

Guildford Heritage Services arranges informative talks on topics of local interest on the first Thursday of most months at the **Guildhall, Guildford at 11.00am**. All talks are free but voluntary donations are welcome.

On **Thursday 7th March** there will be a talk titled '**Normandy – A Village History**'. Alan Norris will describe how Normandy has transformed over the past century from dispersed and mostly self-sufficient agricultural communities to a residential dormitory village with limited facilities. He will also mention some newsworthy events in the village.

Doors open at 10.30am when coffee is served. The talk starts at 11am and will last for about 50 minutes. Please pre-book your place by emailing [heritageservices@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:heritageservices@guildford.gov.uk) or call 01483 444751. For details of other Coffee Time Talks please check

this website: [www.guildford.gov.uk/article/26802/What-s-on-at-the-Guildhall](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/article/26802/What-s-on-at-the-Guildhall).

### Helping out with BBC

Normandy Historians contributed to the BBC TV South broadcast from the new community shop just before Christmas. Alan Norris explained that the name Christmas Pie has no connection to the religious festival.

A prominent family named Christmas owned land in this locality and they can be traced back through old manorial records to the reign of King Henry VIII. 'Pie' is derived from the Saxon term 'pightel' meaning a small piece of arable land. Until the area was built up in the 1920s there was a small field called 'Pie Field' near the Christmas Pie crossroads.

[www.normandyhistorians.co.uk](http://www.normandyhistorians.co.uk)



## How do I report a...?

If you notice any issues, such as potholes, flooding, leaks or fly tipping, don't leave it to someone else ... please report it!

Potholes, pavements, blocked and broken drains, flooding, fallen trees and overgrown vegetation, can be reported directly to **Surrey County Council** ([www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)).

This can be done online, or if you consider a problem to be an immediate threat to life or limb, or do not have internet access, call their Contact Centre on **0300 200 1003**.

**Fly tipping** Fly tipping on Public Highway or Guildford Borough Council Housing Area will be dealt with by the borough council and can be reported via this link

[www.guildford.gov.uk/reportflytipping](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/reportflytipping)

## Your County and Borough Councillors

### Surrey County Council



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Borough Councillor for Normandy and Pirbright Ward

## GBC - Community Fridge and Pantry



Guildford Borough Council offers a Community Fridge and a Community Pantry from their centre in Park Barn.

### Community fridge

The Guildford Community Fridge is open for everyone. The fridge reduces food waste in the borough and celebrates sharing of quality food. The fridge has a mixture of quality food items throughout the week including: **cupboard essentials, fresh fruit, vegetables**. Bring your own re-usable bag for life to use.

### Community pantry

The community pantry is open to everyone during current rises with living costs. Our pantry bags provide a selection of dry goods and long-life items once a week. This is to help ease the cost of the weekly expenses. Each bag is pre-packed and can include essential items such as: **pasta, rice, tins, soup**

### How to find us

You can find us at: The Hive, Park Barn Drive, GU2 8EN. There is free parking on-site or you can use bus routes 1,4,5,17 to get to the centre.

### Opening times

The Guildford Community Fridge is open for everyone from:

**Monday to Thursday 9am-4pm**

**Friday 9am-3:30pm**

### Contact us

If you have any queries or questions about the fridge, email [community.wellbeing@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:community.wellbeing@guildford.gov.uk) or call **01483 444150**.

## Advertising

If you would like to advertise in The Villager, please email [jane@forshawdesign.co.uk](mailto:jane@forshawdesign.co.uk). There are four issues a year - February, May, September and December. See opposite for costs and sizes.



## YOGA at The Oaks Normandy

Small friendly Yoga classes held in a beautiful barn-like studio.

Online classes available.

Relaxation & Meditation classes.

Qi Gong (Chi Kung) classes.

For health, balance, peace and awareness.



**Sarah Church**

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## The Cricketers Arms

at Normandy Cricket Club  
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#### What's on in March 2024

We are a small friendly church.  
Our Sunday services start at 10.00am.

From January to Easter, we will be running a series of sermons on Unforgettable Walks of the Bible. Please do join us on Sundays or say Hello if you see us prayer walking around the village. All are welcome.

#### Special March 2024 Event

**Saturday 2 March – Craft afternoon – 2.00pm – 4.30pm**

To find out more or to book, please call Clive on  
07836 723850 or 01483 810560

#### Easter Services

Please do join us. We would love to meet you.

**Maundy Thursday Tenebrae** - 28 March at 7.30pm

**Good Friday with Prayer Stations** - 29 March at 10.00am to 12 noon

**Easter Sunday Celebration** - 31 March at 10.00am



[www.emmanuelchurchnormandy.co.uk](http://www.emmanuelchurchnormandy.co.uk)

## Surrey Police Band Concert

in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell

Fundraising for  
**Phyllis Tuckwell**  
Hospice Care  
...because every  
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Emmanuel Church



Find us on:



**Saturday 9th March 2024 - 7pm**

**Emmanuel Church, Stoughton, Guildford, GU2 9SJ**

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Parking available for disabled persons only. These spaces must be booked in advance.  
Please call 01252 729446 for information about Phyllis Tuckwell or visit [www.pth.org.uk](http://www.pth.org.uk)

Phyllis Tuckwell, Waverley Lane, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8BL

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**Saturday 16 March 2024**

**Normandy Village Hall**

**7.15pm - 10.45pm**

**Mexican Fiesta**

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## WILD EXPLORERS NORMANDY

### Nature Exploration Adventures for Families

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For details email [greenyourlife1@gmail.com](mailto:greenyourlife1@gmail.com)

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### ONE INSERT COST

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Please supply your artwork in high resolution pdf.

If you need any assistance producing your artwork

call Jane on 07966 029830

## Your Parish Council



Councillor Paul Chillman



Councillor Bob Hutton



Councillor Philippa Mitchell



Councillor Pat Tugwell



Councillor Simon Schofield



Councillor Jane Hill



Councillor Isa Nagle-Taylor

### PLANNING

Philippa Mitchell  
Pat Tugwell  
Bob Hutton  
Isa Nagle-Taylor

### NPC Committees

#### ESTATES & FACILITIES

Philippa Mitchell  
Paul Chillman  
Simon Schofield  
Pat Tugwell  
Isa Nagle-Taylor  
Jane Hill

#### FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

Paul Chillman  
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Simon Schofield  
Pat Tugwell  
Jane Hill



Councillor ?????

**Would you  
like to be  
involved in  
the running  
of your  
village?**

We are looking for one more councillor  
to complete our team.

If you feel you are that person please contact  
the Clerk [clerk@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### Keeping you in touch

Here are some of the ways the NPC can keep in touch  
and you can respond.

There are the traditional methods such as this publication and the  
village notice boards but there are also online channels which are  
quick and easy, see below:



The Parish Clerk can be contacted using the following  
email address: [clerk@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
07739969518



On our website you can find council minutes, agendas and  
other useful information [www.normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk)



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