

# The Villager



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## Chairman's welcome



Welcome to the latest edition of The Villager.

We are delighted that we have been successful with our bid for grant funding to replace and upgrade the children's play area at Manor Fruit Farm. The funding will allow us to install play facilities for a range of age groups and abilities. Achieving the grant funding involved a lot of time and effort, particularly from our clerk, Amanda Pick, and from councillors Simon Scofield and Phillipa Mitchell.

We have also been successful in filling one of the two vacant positions on the council. Louise McCrow applied to join the council and was co-opted in February. Welcome Louise! We still have a vacant position on the council and would love to hear from any resident who feels that they would like to become more involved in the affairs of the village.

Local planning issues are causing increased concern within the community. Our Planning Committee is in regular communication with the Borough Council Planning Department and liaison with our Borough Councillors. Normandy is not the only parish affected by such issues and we are all concerned that property developments are in line with the Local Plan and are also sympathetic to the character of the village.



Unfortunately, in March we heard of the sad passing of Tony Coomber after a lengthy illness. Tony was well known within the local community and was a valued member of the council. He was elected to the council in 2021 but had lived in the village for more than 70 years, attending Wyke School and playing for Normandy FC in his younger days. He was also heavily involved with Normandy British Legion. Tony was re-elected to the council in 2023 but unfortunately ill health prevented him resuming his position on the council. We extend our condolences to his wife Sue and their daughters.

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

## Finance Committee Report

I am pleased to report that the Council total expenditure for 2023-24 was within budget. Our receipts from the events during the year mean that we have a small surplus.

Within the annual Council budget, we have a small provision for making grants to local clubs and societies. Applications can be made for contributions toward both running costs or capital expenditure and up to £1,000. In recent years we have approved requests from Normandy Cricket Club, Normandy Community Shop and Café, Normandy

Therapy Garden, Normandy Village Hall, and the Normandy Action Group.

The application form is available on the council website (under the Governance section).

**Paul Chillman - Chair of the Finance & Governance Committee**

**Issue Dates for The Villager**  
 Spring - 15th February  
 Summer - 15th May  
 Autumn - 15th September  
 Winter - 15th December

## Where have all the bins gone?

People walking around Manor Fruit Farm or Normandy Common have probably wondered what has happened to nearly half the bins in these areas – almost all of the dog bins have gone and some of the larger bins too.



**Bin locations on Normandy Common and Manor Fruit Farm**

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This is in response to Guildford Borough Council changing their contract with us regarding emptying the bins. In the past, they asked for separate dog and general waste bins and had a flat fee for emptying all of the Normandy Parish Council bins every week.

However, starting this financial year, they are charging us – and you – on a per-bin basis. So, to save us all some money (the cost would have gone up at least 500%), we have removed quite a lot of the bins.

In most cases, dog bins have been

replaced with a multi-purpose bin. Please do put your dog's waste in these bins and do not leave it for others to tread in or chuck the bags into the bushes. We have also removed some larger bins where there were a lot of bins in a small area.

Now, with the number of bins we have, you should not have to walk more than a couple of hundred metres or so before popping your rubbish – of any sort – in a bin on Manor Fruit Farm and Normandy Common.

**KEY** Purple - Mixed Waste  
Red - Dog Waste

As always, if you see littering or fly tipping within Normandy, please do let the Parish Clerk know if it is our land or report to Guildford Borough Council [www.guildford.gov.uk/reportflytipping](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/reportflytipping) if it is on the roadsides, rights of way or in other public areas.

**Philippa Mitchell - Chair of Estates and Facilities Committee**

## Who's new?

### Louise McCrow

I have lived in Normandy for 20 years, having been born not far away in Farnham. During my time here I have got to know many of the residents and developed a keen interest in our local area, particularly facilities we have and our green spaces.

My working background has been in Direct Marketing and my professional qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Studies and a Diploma in Direct Marketing. I first worked in London for four years for Time-Life, the American Publishing Company. I subsequently spent 10 years at a Direct Media Agency, working with clients such as Hotel Chocolat and La Redoute, budgeting, planning and executing their direct media campaigns. I hope that my strong business skills and interest in budgeting and finance will serve me well in my new role as a Parish Councillor.

I have spent the last few years focussing on raising my two sons, who have both

attended Wyke Primary School. I am a volunteer at the wonderful Normandy Shop and Café, which I have found is a great place to meet new people, both volunteers and customers. I started a new college course last September which is allowing me to develop and expand my computer software skills.

I am looking forward to expanding my knowledge and learning some new skills in my role as a Parish Councillor, but am expecting a rather steep learning curve! I hope that my contribution to the council will have a positive impact and am looking forward to getting to know the rest of the team on the council.





## The Parish Assembly

The annual assembly took place on Sunday 28th April with the participation of 11 local community groups and featured a networking session that provided a platform for residents to exchange information and ideas. The Normandy Nightingales Women's Institute graciously served tea and cake, adding a warm, communal touch to the evening.

The session was officially opened by the chair of the council, who highlighted the various projects and events that are happening in the village, including a poignant D-Day Commemoration event, the annual Bonfire Night, a Christmas Fair, in collaboration with St. Marks, Emmanuel Church, and the Scouts.

Attendees were treated to talks by guest speakers from the Conservation Working Group and a representative from a new football club starting up in Normandy and an update from Normandy Shop and Cafe, each discussing their initiatives and ways for the community to get involved.

Councillor David Bilbe provided a valuable update on planning matters within the Guildford Borough Council, offering insights into current developments and stressing the importance of community vigilance and participation in reporting any planning discrepancies to enforcement.

The assembly closed with a Q&A session, providing a platform for residents to voice concerns and directly engage with council members about community issues.



**80**  
**D-DAY** 6 JUNE 2024  
THE LARGEST NAVAL, AIR AND LAND OPERATION IN HISTORY

Normandy Parish Council is holding a special event to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

In addition to bringing your own picnic there will be refreshments, ice cream, fish'n' chips and the Surrey Police Band will play music from the era throughout the evening.

Come and join us for this special event.

6 June 2024 - 7pm till 10pm

Archery Club, Manor Fruit Farm, Glaziers Lane, Normandy

**Normandy Parish Council**  
Serving Our Community through working in Partnership

## Manor Fruit Farm play area

In January, Normandy Parish Council submitted an ambitious application for grant funding of £154,000 to replace and extend the Manor Fruit Farm Play area and the two pedestrian bridges, which have all now come to the end of their useful lives. As part of the process for securing the grant, the council needed to achieve £38,500 in match funding.

## The match funding story so far... WANDER FESTIVAL

In September the council were kindly donated £2,290 following the silent auction at the musical extravaganza that was Wander Festival 2023. A huge thanks to GoldunEgg for not only partnering with the council to deliver such a fabulous event but in ensuring the event gave back to the community. We look forward to Wander Festival 2024!



## SPONSORED WALK

On 13 March one of the village's oldest resident, 98-year-old Lorna Hurdle, completed a sponsored walk to help raise the required funds. She set off from her home in Christmas Pie Avenue where she has lived for over 70 years. She was supported along the way by neighbours and friends from St Mark's Church, she even had a surprise visit from her grandson who flew over from Norway to support her. With a guest spot on BBC Radio Surrey amplifying her cause across the wider community, many cars slowed down to congratulate her on her achievement along the way, she was almost at celebratory status!

On arrival at the playground she was welcomed by further members of the church, councillors and friends – although some of her welcoming committee arrived after she did as she was super-speedy and completed the walk in record time!

Lorna went on to enjoy a well-earned cup of tea and cake, with compliments of the Community Shop and Café, plus a glass of bubbles to celebrate.

Lorna raised a staggering £1,200 for the new playground, our thanks goes to Lorna and all those who supported her in this fabulous achievement.





## MEXICAN FIESTA

The weekend after the sponsored walk, Manor Fruit Farm came alive with a Mexican Fiesta, and what a fiesta it was! With live music from a mariachi pop group, cocktail bar, cooking station of Mexican delights and sombreros filling the room- it was a party not to be missed.

The event was planned and delivered by the village's baby and toddler soft play, Gym Jams and supported by dozens of local businesses who donated prizes to the silent auction, many who are Normandy based, including an Avon selection from Lesley Cully, Gong Universe Meditation at the village hall, Boz's fruit and veg, gardening from Mr & Mrs Smith, Howe's fish and chips, cream tea at Normandy Shop and Café and Ren's dance and fitness classes to mention a few. The tension built throughout the evening as everyone started outbidding each other and all the auction hampers were eagerly snapped up. The margaritas were flowing as everyone danced the remainder of the night away.

A fabulous £1,000 was raised for the play area and a further £500 towards the council's events budget from the bar sales.



Again, a huge thank you from the council to Gym Jams and all those who supported the event.

Thanks to the unwavering dedication of our community, we've made significant strides towards creating a new, vibrant and safe space for our children to play and explore, it leaves the council with £34,010 of reserves needed to achieve the required match funding. The council just needed to await news of the funding.

Finally, in early April, the news was in – we did it – the £154,000 grant funding was approved! Details will follow as plans are

developed and tenders are sought. Once the contractor is secured, the aim is for the play area to be built in the drier months; end of summer or early autumn. More news as it happens.

**Thank you, Normandy, for your unwavering support.**

Let's continue nurturing our community spirit and creating memories for generations to come.

**Amanda Pick  
Parish Clerk  
and Responsible Financial Officer**



### 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



## Firework and Bonfire Night



ahead of the event, along with a small amount available on the night. Details to follow nearer the time.

We are keen to hear your thoughts on how best to manage the evening for those who attend, as well as for neighbours in the vicinity of Manor Fruit Farm.

Please consider these few questions and email your responses to Cllr Hill ([jane.hill@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:jane.hill@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk)) no later than 1 July.

1. Do you think the Parish Council should continue to run the event?
2. What aspects of the evening do you enjoy the most?
3. What aspects of the evening do you think could be improved and how?
4. How do you think the Parish Council could manage the event more effectively to reduce traffic and parking problems?
5. Would you be for or against a paid for, ticketed event?
6. Would you be able to volunteer to help ensure our village firework and bonfire event continues?
7. Would you consider being part of a Community Events Team for Normandy?

Finally, if you have any photos of the roads, traffic or parking problems from the last few years, it would be appreciated if you would send them to us, including approximate location so we can address the problem for future events.

**Thank you**  
**Cllr Jane Hill, Events Team**

**Normandy bonfire night** is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the village calendar. Currently we are in the early phases of planning this year's event on 5 November and are seeking your help to ensure we deliver the type of event that you, our residents, would like.

We review bonfire night after each year's event, and it is clear that it has dramatically increased in size over the past few years. With this increased popularity, we have developed issues with the amount of traffic on our village roads and having enough car parking to cope with the demand.

The biggest concern for the council is finding sufficient volunteers to help with all aspects of the event to ensure it remains

safe and enjoyable for all; from building the bonfire, running the stall, marshalling the car parks and the big post-event tidy up. As an example, over 100 torches for the procession are typically handmade each year and given out for free. There are no longer enough volunteers to continue this practice so the council will trial 'off the shelf', purpose made lanterns for 2024. These will be available for residents to purchase

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## Community Litter Pick

Our newest councillor, Louise McCrow, organised a group of volunteers to tackle the on-going problem of litter across Normandy. Unfortunately, despite the hard work of our regular Litter Pickers, litter is on the increase and is a continuous problem in our village.

The litter not only looks unsightly but is also a danger to animals and



wildlife. On Sunday 17th March volunteers gathered at Manor Fruit Farm to carry out a 'Community Litter Pick' across Normandy. Around 25 people turned up and were then equipped with litter pickers, bin bags and high vis jackets. It was lovely to see some of our regular volunteers and meet some new people, with families and people of all ages taking part. Everyone worked very hard, and we managed to cover a wide area of Normandy.

In under 90 minutes we collected around 20 bags of rubbish!! A wonderful effort by all to give our village a Spring clean! Thanks to all those who helped.

The Parish Council intends to organise more 'Litter Picks' in the future, so if you can spare an hour come along to the next one – Sunday 23rd June 2pm, meet at Manor Fruit Farm car park.





## The Therapy Garden

Did you know that there is a wonderful gem of a garden, hidden away at Manor Fruit Farm in the village of Normandy? The Therapy Garden is a charity that works to have a significant positive impact on the lives of people facing challenges in life.

Whether by giving a sense of purpose to children with special needs or by reducing the isolation of a young person living with autism, or by building confidence in adults recovering from a stroke, or by helping to equip young people who have additional learning needs for a possible future in the workplace, the charity aims to change lives for the better by creating a safe place to enjoy the power of gardening and connecting with nature.

Whilst the Garden is not generally open to the public, it operates 5 days a week, Monday to Friday from 9.15am until 2.30pm for the people it helps. The adult clients attend all year round, whilst teenagers attend during school term times.

### Open Days

The Garden has two Open Days this year, as part of the National Garden Scheme, when it will be open to the public - 19th May and 22nd September, when The Therapy Garden is due to celebrate it's 25th anniversary.



### Do you have 5 hours to spare each week?

The charity is looking for Volunteers who can offer a regular weekly commitment to assist in the Garden alongside their horticulturists in the supervision of adults and/or teenagers with a variety of disabilities and challenges in life.

The volunteers work in the garden with clients, helping them with various tasks such as planting, harvesting, pruning and moving to name a few, under the guidance of our team of horticulturists. If this is of interest to you please visit the Volunteers page on the website: [www.thetherapygarden.org/supporters/volunteers](http://www.thetherapygarden.org/supporters/volunteers) - where you will also find an application form.



## Are you concerned about potential sight loss?

# R N I B

See differently

# Macular Society

Beating Macular Disease



Ann Adey, who is a well-known resident of Normandy has herself experience of the condition and would recommend anyone potentially affected to contact the **Royal National Institute for the Blind** ([www.rnib.org.uk](http://www.rnib.org.uk)) or **The Macular Society** ([www.macularsociety.org](http://www.macularsociety.org)) who have helped Ann significantly.

Equally, Ann would be happy to offer her help for anyone who would like assistance. She can be contacted on 01483 232477.

### Sight for Surrey

Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey (formerly Surrey Association for Visual Impairment) is the largest charity in Surrey working with people who have or who are experiencing sight loss. The charity has provided support to the blind and partially sighted community since 1922.

They provide a wide range of services to vision impaired people and their carers in order to meet a variety of needs. They understand that every vision impairment is different and are passionate about delivering the services you need. ([www.sightforsurrey.org.uk/get-help/vision-impairment](http://www.sightforsurrey.org.uk/get-help/vision-impairment)).

## What's on in Normandy

**Tuesdays 30 April–25 June**

**(not 28 May):**

**St Mark's Church** - 8.00-9.30pm Alpha taking place at St Michael's, Pirbright ([stmarkswyke.org.uk](http://stmarkswyke.org.uk) for more information).

### May 2024

**5 May:**

**St Mark's Church** - All Age Service, St Mark's Church Hall - 11.15am

**6 May:**

**St Mark's Church** - St Mark's May Fair, Manor Fruit Farm, Normandy - 2.00pm

**12 May:**

**St Mark's Church** - Communion Service, St Mark's Church - 11.15am

**18 May:**

**St Mark's Church** - Plant Sale, St Mark's Church Hall - 10.00am

**Conservation Work Party on Normandy Common** - Removing non-native plant

species. Please email the clerk if you are able to come or would like more information - 9.30am

**19 May:**

**St Mark's Church** - Communion Service with Sunday School - 11.15am

**National Open Garden Scheme** - Visit the Therapy Garden

**Emmanuel Church** - Pentecost Sunday



- 10.00am  
see our website  
[www.emmanuelchurchnormandy.co.uk](http://www.emmanuelchurchnormandy.co.uk)  
for week day activities  
every month

**21 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 - Normandy Village Hall - 8pm

**24 May:**

**The Fairlands Practice Patient Participation Group Meeting** - 8 pm in the Fairlands Community Centre Hall, Fairlands Avenue, GU3 3NA.

**26 May:**

**St Mark's Church** - Communion Service - 11.15am

**26 May:**

**Emmanuel Church** - Isaiah - 10.00am

### June 2024

**2 June:**

**Emmanuel Church** - Isaiah - 10.00am

**2 June:**

**St Mark's Church** - All Age Service - 11.15am

**6 June:**

**D-Day 80** - Manor Fruit Farm - 7.30pm

**9 June:**

**St Mark's Church** - Communion Service - 11.15am

**9 June:**

**Emmanuel Church** - The Sermon on the Mount - 10.00am

**11 June:**



**Christmas Pie WI** - A walk around Sheepleas nature reserve to look at all the many different orchids. Details on [www.friendsofnormandywildlife.org.uk](http://www.friendsofnormandywildlife.org.uk)

**14 June:**

**Friends of Normandy Wildlife** - 7.30pm - Travel talk covering his voluntary work in Africa by local resident Chris Jones

**15 June:**

**Conservation Work Party on Normandy Common** - Footpath Maintenance. Please email the clerk if you are able to come or would like more information - 9.30am

**16 June:**

**St Mark's Church** - Communion Service with Sunday School - 11.15am  
Monthly Prayer Meeting - 6.30pm

**Emmanuel Church** - Jeremiah - 10.00am

**23 June:**

**Emmanuel Church** - Jeremiah - 10.00am, followed by Messy Church at 11.00am

**St Mark's Church** - Communion Service - 11.15am

**Normandy Parish Council Litter Pick** - meet at the Manor Fruit Car park - 2pm

**29 June:**

**Wildlife Survey** - Flower Power at Manor Fruit Farm - we will be surveying the variety of wildflowers at Manor Fruit Farm. No experience necessary, though if you have any expertise, it is most welcome! - 9.30am

## Save the date

# Normandy's Bonfire November 5th 2024 Manor Fruit Farm

A Procession followed by bonfire lighting,  
low bang fireworks and the  
main display





## What's on in Normandy

**30 June:**

**St Mark's Church** - Church on the Green, Lord Pirbright's Hall, Pirbright - 10.00am

Ordination of Deacons Service, Guildford Cathedral - 10.30am

**Emmanuel Church** - Ezekiel – 10.00am

### July 2024

**7 July:**

**St Mark's Church** - All Age Service - 11.15am

**Emmanuel Church** - Ezekiel – 10.00am

**9 July:**

**Christmas Pie WI** - Hearing Dogs: a talk by a member of this charity (hopefully accompanied by a dog).

**14 July:**

**St Mark's Church** - Communion Service - 11.15am

**Emmanuel Church** - Daniel – 10.00am, followed by Messy Church at 11.00am

**21 July:**

**St Mark's Church** - Communion Service with Sunday School - 11.15am

**Emmanuel Church** - Daniel – 10.00am

**Wildlife Survey** - Big Butterfly Count at Normandy Common. Become a citizen scientist and learn how to identify some of our more common butterflies and join with others to survey the variety of butterflies and day-flying moths at Normandy Common. No experience necessary - 9.30am

**28 July:**

**St Mark's Church** - Communion Service - 11.15am

**Emmanuel Church** - Prophecy Today – 10.00am

### August 2024

**Emmanuel Church**

August Sunday services start at 10.00am

Holiday at Home – Friday afternoons throughout August – see our website for more details.

**3 August:**

**Wildlife Survey** - Big Butterfly Count at Manor Fruit Farm. Become a citizen scientist and learn how to identify some of our more common butterflies and join with others to survey the variety of butterflies and day-flying moths at Manor Fruit Farm. No experience necessary - 9.30am

**3 August:**

**Friends of Normandy Wildlife** - A guided walk around Tices Meadow nature reserve. Details on [www.friendsofnormandywildlife.org.uk](http://www.friendsofnormandywildlife.org.uk)

**13 August:**

**Christmas Pie WI** - 2.00pm - A Cream Tea.

**Late August: - date tbc**

**Friends of Normandy Wildlife** - A local moth evening. Details on [www.friendsofnormandywildlife.org.uk](http://www.friendsofnormandywildlife.org.uk)

### September 2024

**Emmanuel Church**

September Sunday services start at 10.00am

**2 September:**

**Friends of Normandy Wildlife** Talks start again on September 2nd when we hear all about the Puttenham Common Restoration programme. Details on [www.friendsofnormandywildlife.org.uk](http://www.friendsofnormandywildlife.org.uk)

**7 September:**

**Wander Festival** - Manor Fruit Farm - 12 noon

**10 September:**

**Christmas Pie WI** - 7.30pm - Gilbert White's house and gardens by David Standing.

**17 September:**

 **Normandy Historians**

**Normandy Historians - Bees and Honey – Myth, Legend, Tradition and Magic:** presented by Peter Smith, a beekeeper and entomologist - Normandy Village Hall - 8pm

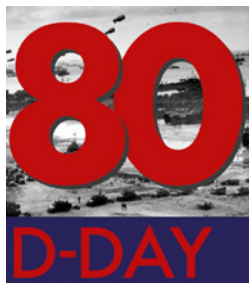
### October 2024

**8 October:**

**Christmas Pie WI** - 7.30pm - Chair Pilates - an easy way to aid mobility by Melanie Truman.

**15 October:**

**Normandy Historians - The Story Behind the English Dictionary:** presented by Susan Purcell, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Linguists, who has published ten books in her specialism - Normandy Village Hall - 8pm



**SPECIAL TRIBUTE**  
**10.50 - 11.10am**  
**6th June 2024.**

Please join Normandy Parish Council for a special tribute to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D Day

Landings in Normandy, France.

We will gather at the flagpole, opposite the Village Hall on Manor Fruit Farm at 10.50 am. The tribute will include a 2-minute silence and the raising of a special Flag of Peace.

**Councillor Pat Tugwell**

We have a super opportunity for local arts and crafts people to sell their Christmas crafts at Normandy's

**Christmas CRAFT Market**

So book your table to ensure you can take part.  
**Normandy Village Hall | 24th November**  
For further information please contact  
[Isa.Nagle-Taylor@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Isa.Nagle-Taylor@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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



It has been another busy and successful few months for us. Thank you to everyone who joined us at our recent May Fair at Manor Fruit Farm. It was a wonderful day and as our largest fundraising opportunity of the year, we want to thank everyone who came along and supported our special day, we really hope you had fun.

One of my key aims when taking up my role was to encourage more families and

young people to come along and join us. To help us achieve this, we are so pleased that in April, Jo Schafer joined our team as a 'Children and Families Leader.' Jo has helped us for many years with organising plenty of children's activities and our 'Children's Church Sunday School' which takes place on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Jo will be continuing to work at our All-Age Service, which takes place in our Church Hall on the 1st Sunday of the month and at the 'Children's Church' at Church on the Green in Pirbright. At these events, we are hoping to welcome families to more informal, but much-loved venues, to give children less restricted space, both for activities and easier inter-generational participation. Our village families and younger generations are the future for the growth of our churches.

In addition to our work with families, we have recently completed my first Alpha course at St. Marks, which was an extremely popular event. Following the success of this, we have now started an Alpha Course at St. Michael's and All Angels Church in Pirbright.

Later this month on the 25 May, our annual plant sale is taking place. More details can be found on our website, there is always an excellent selection of plants on offer.

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) or if you would like to contact Jo to ask her about our children's services, please email Jo on [mmchildrenschurch@gmail.com](mailto:mmchildrenschurch@gmail.com) 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. Michael's and All Angels, Pirbright.**

## GBC - Handyperson Scheme



Guildford Borough Council offer a Handyperson Scheme to help those who are over 60, disabled or vulnerable and live in the borough. The scheme may be able to assist you with small works to your property, such as:

- plumbing repairs
- alterations
- installing key safes, grab rails or banister rails

The Care and Repair Agency carries out a Handyperson Scheme which operates as a limited service for urgent and essential works. Hospital discharges will take priority.

### Examples of work undertaken for a small charge:

- install key safes
- small carpentry works
- plumbing repairs or small alterations
- shelving
- assemble units from DIY stores
- any other small works

They cannot offer a same day service, but urgent works will be given priority.

### How much does the service cost?

A fee of £25 per hour (£15 for those on means tested benefits) plus the cost of materials, will be charged for the service. The handyperson will spend up to a maximum of two hours on site. Payment can be made by card over the phone.

### Falls prevention

As part of their falls prevention work, they will fit the following free of charge:

- Grab rail (12in/18in/24in) plastic (300mm/450mm/600mm)
- Grab rail (12in/18in) steel (300mm/450mm)
- Grab rail (offset) (12in/18in) steel (300mm/450mm)
- Newel rail
- Banister rails

For more details and how to book a handyperson go to:

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

## The Fairlands' Practice Patient Participation Group (FPPPG)

The FPPPG is the independent Statutory body of Fairlands' Medical Practice patients who act as a link between the Practice and its patients. All patients and carers are automatically members.

The Group liaises with the Practice providing feedback about the services delivered and engages with patients to gain their perspective.

We support the Practice by arranging events to publicise available support, treatment and services as agreed with the Practice.

The last event was to bring patients up-to-date with changes being made by the Practice. On September 25th this year, the Group is planning a Women's Health event.

Being a member of the FPPPG committee helps one better understand the issues facing both our own surgeries and those of other groups within the NHS Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Board. Patients have the opportunity to shape the way the Practice develops and suggest improvements or changes we feel may be desirable to services delivered by the Practice.

On **Friday 24 May**, the FPPPG is holding a meeting and all patients are

invited. This is an opportunity to learn more about the FPPPG. It will be held at 8 pm in the Fairlands Community Centre Hall, Fairlands Avenue, GU3 3NA. This will be followed by a Special General Meeting to agree changes to our Constitution. New members to the committee are very welcome, especially from working parents and young people. If you would like to learn more about the FPPPG please contact the Chairman, Richard Broughton, at [fpfppg@icloud.com](mailto:fpfppg@icloud.com).



## The Joy of Volunteering



Volunteering allows us to make a positive impact on the world around us, while also benefiting our personal well-being and happiness. At the Normandy Shop & Café our volunteers have discovered new skills and friendships and have helped to create something amazing to make the village a better place. We are so grateful for all the support that we have received from all our lovely volunteers and always need more to join our happy team.

One of our regular volunteers, Jan Hunter, has very kindly agreed to let us know what helping at the shop & café means to her. We asked her some interesting questions:

### What made you decide to volunteer at the shop & café?

I knew that something wonderful was happening in the village and I really wanted to be part of it.

### What does working here bring to you and your life?

Working at the shop & café brings me happiness knowing that I am doing something useful for the community. Having only recently moved here it has been a wonderful way to create some lovely friendships. I look forward to my shift here every week.

### What is the best part of volunteering and what do you enjoy the most?

I am thoroughly enjoying meeting new people, spending time with such a friendly team and helping to create something that so many people love. It is a very happy environment in which to work. We all feel part of a team helping to make it run smoothly.

### What would you say to people in the village about volunteering?

Volunteering makes you feel good that you are giving something back. Pop in to meet



Jan Hunter

us and find out more.

Thank you so much Jan for agreeing to be interviewed and giving us your thoughts.

The summer is coming and we are looking for more volunteers to enable our growing shop & café to continue to thrive.

If you are interested please email [contact@normandyshop.co.uk](mailto:contact@normandyshop.co.uk).

## 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 doorstep!

The view on 13 April looking east across the fields towards Bailes Lane from the public footpath that runs north from Cleygate Farm.



agricultural land to agents who then parcel it up into small plots for onward sale, with potentially harmful consequences. The worst example is the environmental disaster obtaining at Wanborough Fields since land there was sold in 2017.

In March this year local residents became aware that 28 acres of agricultural grassland to the west of Bailes Lane was being sold to a company that specialises in marketing small 'orchards' for leisure use. Given the uncertainty about how these plots might actually be used, and the harmful effects inherent in subdividing open fields into small plots, local residents sought NAG's help.

Working with Normandy Parish Council and our local Borough Councillors, we made our concerns known to Guildford Borough Council (GBC) and urged them to take appropriate measures to provide protection for the site through an 'Article 4 Direction'. This removes 'permitted development rights' and requires any fences, sheds, etc, or temporary use of the land e.g. for stationing caravans, to have planning permission.

On 14 April we started a Petition, which quickly secured 100 signatures. On 16 April the Direction was made, but it is temporary, and must be confirmed by GBC within 6



The view looking west from the gate into the fields in Bailes Lane on 17 April, after aggregate had been dumped at the entrance and the individual plots had been marked out with posts and yellow flags.

months. The Petition is still open, and more signatures will help secure permanent protection for the site. Use the QR code to sign up.

If you haven't yet signed up to receive our regular (around 6 a year) newsletters, please visit the NAG website ([www.normandyag.org.uk](http://www.normandyag.org.uk)) and complete the form on the 'Follow Us' tab so we can place you on our mailing list.

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



The Green Belt around Normandy is under constant threat from inappropriate development. A recent and increasingly worrying phenomenon is the sale of

Article 4 Direction served on 18 April, attached to the same gate.

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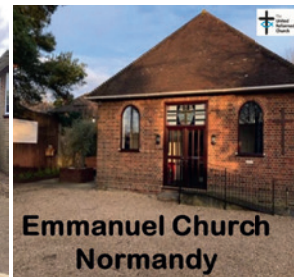
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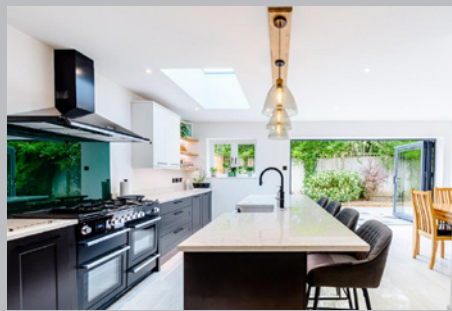
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Councillor Louise McCrow

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#### Guildford Borough Council



Borough Councillor for Normandy and Pirbright Ward

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### 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:



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