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Issue Dates for The Villager

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

Introduction from the Chairman

Welcome to the February edition of The Villager.

Christmas and New Year already feels a long time ago but I hope you enjoyed the festivities of the season. The early part of 2026 has seen limited flooding events compared to previous years but we know that this can be a source of worry still around village hotspots. Thames Water have been sending a representative to the flood forum along with specialists from both Surrey County Council and Guildford Borough Council which has allowed residents the opportunity to put their sewage and drainage concerns directly to people willing to assist.

We have now received planning applications from both Taylor Wimpey and for Shortlands Farm and have spent a number of weeks considering the proposals and preparing responses accordingly. Given the importance of the applications we decided to use an experienced planning consultant to ensure that our responses were framed correctly in accordance with planning law.

We would encourage all residents to make their voices heard and note that at least 84 public comments have been received on Shortlands Farm to date with numbers for Taylor Wimpey growing as we speak. The planning considerations in the residents survey have been of great importance in framing our responses where we are mindful of both our role in representing the community and our legal requirement to abide by a Code of Conduct to make decisions impartially, fairly and on merit (part of the Nolan Principles).

We would caution that it may take several years for all planning matters to be resolved on major applications but as a statutory consultee the parish council will continue to respond as required. It would be helpful to have one or two new Councillors though to ensure we keep on top of finance, planning and estate matters and allow the parish council to function effectively so would welcome residents coming forward to consider becoming a new Councillor.

I would also like to pay tribute to the excellent work our Parish Clerk has done over the last 4 years. She has helped

maintain the functioning of the parish council, improve facilities in the village and made sure we are responsive to residents. She will be transitioning to a new role at the Surrey Association of Local Councils but will be helping us on finance matters still over the next 6 months and in making sure the handover to a new Clerk is effective.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Parish Assembly on Sunday 8th March, which you will have a chance to put questions to all our elected representatives.



**Cllr Simon Schofield
- Chair of the Council**

Finance and Governance Report

The Parish Council have completed the budget plan for the next financial year to 31st March 2027, which will be submitted to Guildford Borough Council. This will form part of the Council Tax collection for 2026-27. The Parish Council has managed to keep its increases below 1% for the four previous years but have found it hard

to maintain this for a fifth year due to rising cost pressures. For a typical Band D property we expect the increase to be 4.19% over the year (£4.76 increase to £118.47) which will be less than 50p increase per month.

Cllr Simon Schofield - Chair of the Council

The Parish Office

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

Clerk contact details:

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Normandy Parish Council Say "NO" To Shortlands Farm and Taylor Wimpey

Normandy Parish Council has OBJECTED to the Shortlands Farm and Taylor Wimpey planning applications, citing concerns about green belt impact, lack of sustainable transport options, flooding risk and potential harm to heritage assets. Our response is in line with the outcome of the consultation that we did back in November. We urge residents to respond to the applications, highlighting the need for a strategic approach to development and infrastructure improvements.

We have summarised the arguments we have put forward in our response. Clearly, the application consisted of a large number of documents, and there are many ways of looking at them and responding. As a Parish Council it is important that we review the application thoroughly and concentrate on those factors which are likely to influence the decision to be taken. That means we need to refer to specific policies and guidance to have greatest impact on the decision. You will see our key arguments, which are summarised below, contains references to, for example, the NPPF or National Planning Policy Framework and other material planning factors.

We understand that Taylor Wimpey have hired a firm to collect support primarily from outside Normandy and we would urge all residents to respond to the application as soon as you can to avoid residents' voices being overwhelmed. Each household member can respond to the application giving their own view on this.

Our Key Arguments on Shortlands Farm

- Grey Belt:** The Site is not "grey belt" as it makes an important contribution in preventing the boundary of Ash/Tongham sprawling outwards (Purpose A)
- Wider Green Belt Circumstances:** The development would undermine the purposes (taken together) of the remaining Green Belt in protecting the countryside from encroachment under para 155 NPPF
- Very Special Circumstances:** The development would require "very special circumstances" under Green Belt rules (para 153 NPPF) that have not been met
- Surface Water Flood Risk:** Surface water flood risk on and beyond the site has not adequately been addressed. This would engage Footnote 7 of the NPPF which affects classification as "grey belt" and impacts on "tilted balance"
- Heritage Impact:** The heritage impact for York House and East Wyke Farm Cottage due to the historic association with the surrounding fields needs to be considered in the planning balance given the reduction in openness and change in pattern of use
- Drainage:** It is not clear for surface water drainage whether infiltration provides a viable means of discharge and what the role of the unnamed watercourse will be in drainage
- Lack of Cumulative Impact Assessment:** No assessment of the cumulative impacts on Thames Basin

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Heath SPA have been made to take into account other potential developments within a 5km radius

- Transport Considerations:** Safe and suitable access has not yet been demonstrated onto or from the site
- Contamination:** Part of the land may be contaminated due to its use as a former piggery and for animal processing for which conditions would be required
- Subsidence:** Ground conditions at the site indicate long term shrink/swell risk (subsidence) which may require piling and additional noise assessments

Our Key Arguments on Taylor Wimpey Site

- Not Sustainable Location or Suitably Located:** The proposal fails to demonstrate that the proposal is either sustainable or suitably located. Residents would be car dependent which the application fails to mitigate. There is insufficient evidence to exclude adverse effects on air pollution on protected European Sites and infrastructure related issues are inadequately dealt with. Developments of this size should be planned to allow for necessary mitigation to be assessed and fully agreed before decisions are made
- Application Site Not Allocated For Development:** The site report states that this site was "high sensitivity Green Belt" and the allocation of this land would result in significant harm to the Green Belt". The reason it was initially considered was due to the potential provision of an eight form entry second school but this was found not to be necessary and would otherwise not have been considered.
- Policy P3 Countryside:** The application is contrary to Guildford Policy P3 as the site does not "require" a countryside location and is not proportionate to the nature, scale or setting of this location
- Wider Green Belt Purposes:** There are no "urbanising influences" within the site which in our view emphasise its contribution to Purpose C on protecting the countryside from encroachment (para 155 NPPF) The application fails to take into account the openness, quality or location of the land all of which would be important to any evaluation
- Self-Containment:** To avoid unnecessary car trips such sites should demonstrate high levels of self-containment i.e. the ability to meet daily needs without car use. The nearest secondary school is over 3 miles away and nearest major supermarket 5 miles away. The size of the village will be almost doubled but other much smaller villages would have a wider range of facilities
- Proposed Schools:** If the existing primary school site closes, most of the development and much of the surrounding area would not be within walking distance and the additional "imported" traffic has not been assessed. For the SEN school current Government policy is to create more inclusive schools rather than additional SEN schools and would bring more traffic into a known blackspot and damage the heritage setting of Westwood Place by creating a highly urban view. The development is projected to generate 124 secondary school places but there is effectively nil capacity within accessible secondary schools to provide these.
- Bus Services:** No new or enhanced bus services are proposed nor any new bus stops to be provided within the site. Much of the development will be more than 1km from the nearest bus stop and therefore highly unlikely to be a preferred or practical option.
- Wandsworth Train Station:** Much of the northern section is over 1km away using walking and cycling routes which is in excess of a suitable walking distance. The station itself is only a benefit if it is accessible which at present it is not. None of the options such as an accessible footbridge including two lifts are included and no indication of the cost and/or practicality of their installation. Network Rail will not fund any improvement works given usage of the station will remain very low (being the 8th least used station out of 84 in Surrey)
- Impact on European Sites:** The Thames Basin Heath SPA (Policy P5) states that "permission will only be granted for development proposals where it can be demonstrated that doing so would not give rise to adverse effects". If no further information is provided the application would have to be refused as no appropriate assessment has been made and Natural England guidance requires that all cumulative effects of development within a 5km radius are included.
- Transport Assessment:** The Transport Assessment is distorted by plotting walking distance to the nearest part of the development and does not use realistic benchmarks as this would highlight poor

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connectivity. This is in direct conflict with the NPPF and Policy LPT4. No walking distances to bus stops are included where even the closest homes would be 600m from the nearest bus stop.

• **Heritage Assets:** Current transport plans bring all HGVs during the 7+ years built phase along Westwood Road to the Guildford Road. The impact of vibration, noise, dust and pollution on the built heritage assets have not been assessed and it is already accepted that "less than substantial" harm would be generated after construction due to the impact on the wider landscape setting.

• **Major Unresolved Access Issue:**

There is a major unresolved issue for access to the A31 via Wanborough Hill and Puttenham Hill where the applicant acknowledges these perform badly at present and would be made significantly worse by the development without a "broader strategic" solution. This solution is not offered let alone how it will be delivered or paid for. This would mean that it has failed to demonstrate the necessary improvements to infrastructure required by the Golden Rules (para 156(b) NPPF)

• **Flood Risk:** The initial response from the Lead Local Flood Authority has found fault with almost every aspect of the applicant's proposed flood risk assessment and drainage strategy. Localised flooding risk does exist both on the site and on adjacent land, particularly around Glaziers Lane.

 You still have time to respond and make your voice heard. Use the link below to submit your comments.
https://publicaccess.guildford.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=_GUILD_DCAPR_212547&prevPage=inTray

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Update on Local Government Reorganisation

Elections will take place in May this year for the new West Surrey Unitary Authority which will replace Guildford and other local authorities and integrate services provided by

Surrey County Council. The unitary authority will act as a "shadow authority" until becoming operational in April 2027. The transition to a new authority is of critical importance and we are aware that councils are working hard to make sure service delivery is not impacted.

One point that you will notice is councillors will be elected to larger divisions (Worplesdon) rather than existing borough wards (Normandy and Pirbright)

District and borough councils have been considering how to bridge the gap between a West Surrey authority covering roughly 663,000 residents on local issues such as planning and community asset management and have launched Community Governance Reviews to see if new parish or town councils should be created in other parts of Guildford Borough. At the same time Normandy Parish Council have been considering whether to take the freehold interest in areas that it currently manages (Manor Fruit Farm) to ensure that our leasehold arrangements could not be terminated.

Similarly Neighbourhood Area Committees have been trialled in four places in Surrey so far which aim to bring together local voices to understand key local issues, agree priorities and help in collaboration.



These are advisory bodies only with a mix of:

- elected representatives
- partners in health, police, fire and rescue, education and business
- community groups
- council officer support providing research, communications and subject matter expertise.



<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/community/make-it-happen/neighbourhood-area-committees#list>

It will be some time before we gain a clear view on how local aspects on planning will be addressed but up until March 2027, Guildford Borough Council will continue to act as the Local Planning Authority and work on its revised Local Plan.

Councillor Simon Schofield

We're looking for new Parish Councillors – could it be you?

With several Planning Applications currently under review and Local Government Reorganisation on the horizon, it's a busy time for the Parish Council. More than ever, it's a great opportunity to get involved and help shape the future of Normandy.

We currently have two vacancies for Parish Councillors, and filling these roles will help ensure we have a full, balanced council that can represent all parts of our community and manage the increasing workload effectively.

While the role of Parish Councillor is unpaid, it is genuinely rewarding. Councillors meet to discuss local issues and make decisions that guide the direction of the parish. You won't be on your own either – we have paid staff, including a Clerk,

Assistant Clerk and part-time staff, who take care of day-to-day actions and help put council decisions into practice.

Normally, councillors are chosen through an election process, but at this stage, given the right candidate(s) we should be able to co-opt directly.

We welcome applications from all members of our community, but we're particularly keen to hear from our younger residents – your ideas and perspectives are vital in making sure we're planning for the whole community, now and into the future.

The time commitment is manageable: councillors attend one full Parish Council meeting every 6 weeks and choose to contribute to one or more committees or working groups, such as Finance and Governance, Estates, Conservation, Events or Planning – you can pick what suits your interests.

 If you'd like to learn more about what Parish Councillors do, this is a great place to start: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/campaigns/becoming-a-councillor>

what-parish-and-town-councils-and-councillors-do.html
 Even better, why not pop into the Parish Office at the Village Hall on Friday morning for an informal chat?

You can also get in touch with our Parish Clerk (clerk@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or our Vice Chair, Bob Hutton (bob.hutton@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk) - 07545 963157, who would be very happy to tell you more about the role and the opportunities it offers.

We'd love to hear from you!

What Does Estates Do?

The Estates Committee and Clerks manage the land and facilities owned leased by the Council; but what does this actually mean in practice?

On Normandy Common we work with the sports clubs who lease their land from us or

rent the land to ensure that everything runs smoothly – for the clubs and for other users



of the area. We also look after the play area which means regular checks that the equipment is safe and getting it fixed when it is broken.

Then there is the management of the land itself – from the regular grass cutting to improving habitats for wildlife and the people who visit. From making sure that the trees over the paths and recreation areas are safe and dead wood or dying trees removed to clearing ditches or removing highly invasive species from the land and the pond – it all gets done by Estates.

On MFF again we work with all the other organisations that are on the site to ensure the site is managed safely for everyone. Again, the whole area needs managing so that it has space to play, space to walk dogs and provides for wildlife. Estates Committee worked closely with the Clerks in the development of the new play area and is responsible for its ongoing management and care. A longer term project is improving the Peace Garden and making the whole site more accessible to all.

We also have to think about when things may wear out – roads, pavements, lighting, play areas and so on – and plan for this, hopefully before they actually break or become obsolete!

The other main site we manage is the allotments including renting out the allotments, checking plot holders are keeping their sites properly, repairing the car park and fence and dealing with any problems that may arise.

On top of that is all the work the Maintenance Team do such as repairing and maintaining benches, noticeboards, the Pavilion and many of the other things that require it.

In fact, anything that happens on Normandy Common, Manor Fruit Farm or the Allotments or with other facilities owned by the Council – including some of the bus stops and many bins around the village – falls under Estates remit.

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

Did you know

Our Natterer Bat is not for moving!

We are currently undertaking some treework on Normandy Common and we have had to remove some bat boxes. Pat the Bat Man came and found a Natterer bat in one of the boxes. Natterer bats have a curl on their ear tips and this little guy was active, but staying put in his box.



Normandy Scout Group: Scouting Opportunities and Volunteer Appeal

About Normandy Scout Group

Founded in 1912, Normandy Scout Group has a long tradition of delivering valuable scouting experiences to young people in Normandy and the surrounding areas. The Group has consistently provided opportunities for personal growth, adventure, and community involvement, maintaining its commitment to nurturing future generations of Scouts.



Our Sections

We currently offer four distinct sections, each catering to a specific age range:

- Beavers Scouts: Ages 6–8
- Cub Scouts: Ages 8–10½
- Scouts: Ages 10½–14
- Explorer Scouts: Ages 14–18

Our Leadership and Volunteer Support

All sections are led by dedicated volunteer leaders who run regular meetings and deliver an exciting, varied programme of scouting activities throughout the year. These volunteers are supported by a board of trustees responsible for the governance and overall management of the Group. We continually seek new volunteers to assist both in administration and in running individual sections, ensuring that our activities remain accessible and engaging for all participants.

At present, we are especially in need of adult volunteers to support the Scout section, which currently has just one leader.

Your involvement could make a significant difference to the continuation and quality of our programmes.

Why We Need More Volunteers

Volunteering with Scouts isn't what many people imagine. You don't need to be Bear Grylls, know how to put up a tent, or have been a Scout yourself. What we do need are adults who can give a little time, bring their life experience, and help create opportunities for young people to grow and experience more of the world around them.

Across the UK, thousands of young people are waiting to join Scouts because there simply aren't enough volunteers. Here in Normandy, without more volunteers, our Scout Group risks having to reduce numbers or even close. With just a few more people, we can secure its future.

Volunteering with Scouts adapts to your availability, skills, and interests. You might be surprised by how flexible it can be – and you might even learn a thing or two along the way. Most importantly, every small bit of help makes a big difference to the young people who turn up each week excited to have fun, laugh, and try something new.

Ways You Can Help

Volunteering with Scouts could involve:

- Helping run weekly meetings
- Supporting young people to learn new skills
- Helping on a rota once or twice a month
- Assisting behind the scenes with admin, finances, or communications
- Joining occasional weekend events or camps
- Sharing your own interests with young people



All training and support are provided. You'll be part of a friendly team and never left to figure things out on your own.

And truly, volunteering is good for you too. It gives you purpose, connection, and the kind of joy you don't need a mountain view to appreciate. Because volunteering with Scouts is a bit like standing on a Swiss mountain: you start for the view, stay for the fresh air, and end up feeling better than you expected.

If you've ever thought "someone else will help", this is one of those times when you really could be that someone.

Our Scouting Tradition

We have a proud history in Normandy of offering opportunities to young people. Scouts from Normandy have travelled the world, attending events in Australia, Japan, Korea, Holland, Poland, Switzerland, Belgium, as well as participating in countless local and national events across the UK.

Contact Us

To find out more about volunteering with Normandy Scout Group, visit www.scouts.org.uk/volunteer or email scouts@1stnormandy.com (<mailto:scouts@1stnormandy.com>).

Jonathan Gasson and Ruth Slaney

About Ruth – Scout leader at Normandy 1st Scouts

I've been involved in Scouting since I was four years old, starting in a local Scout group much like the one here in Normandy. When people ask me why I Scout, I'm never quite sure where to begin.



Do I start with the big moments – exploring the mountains of Switzerland, painting a school in Namibia, or joining international camps in West Virginia, South Korea and Portugal with thousands of Scouts from around the world? Or do I start with the smaller moments – the ones that quietly shape young people before they even realise it?

Because Scouting is really about those small moments. It's about building giant catapults out of pioneering poles, launching matchstick rockets, celebrating Holi with clouds of colour, and navigating London during a Monopoly run. It's about running a pancake-making competition at 13, learning to lead Scout meetings at 16, and organising a weekend camp at 18. It's about resilience, friendship, community,

and the confidence that grows when young people are trusted to try, fail, try again and, eventually, succeed.

Somewhere along the way, all those small steps added up to something bigger. In 2025, I completed my King's Scout Award – the highest award in Scouting. This involved countless hours pushing myself outside my comfort zone. One of my proudest moments was being part of the Contingent Support Team for the UK Scouts attending the World Scout Jamboree in Korea in 2023. Supporting 3,500 young people as they explored Seoul and met Scouts from across the world was challenging, but it taught me to trust myself and showed just how much can be achieved when people pull together and stay positive.

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Hello - My name is Maisie and I am a member of 1st Normandy Explorers.

I have been a member of the scouting community since I was 5, I joined as a Beaver, then a Cub, a Scout and I am now an Explorer. I love being a part of Scouts as it gives me a break from my everyday routine and school life. I have made really good friends through Scouts, visited amazing places and tried new and exciting activities.

Recently, I have been selected as one of only three Scouts from Guildford West District to attend the World Scout Jamboree in 2027. This is a huge achievement as I will be joining a group of 200 other Scouts from across the UK travelling to Poland where I will meet Scouts from every other country in the world.

The World Scout Jamboree is a massive, four-yearly global gathering which brings together Scouts from across the World, to build global friendships, experience and learn about different cultures and take part in outdoor adventures.

This is a once in a lifetime adventure and I'm so excited that I have been selected to be part of this. Although the jamboree is in 2027, I need to spend the next 18 months raising funds to attend. The cost of the trip is over £3000, this not only covers my travel costs but I am also fundraising for Scouts from less affluent countries to support their representation.

I am currently planning a number of fundraising activities to take place over the next 18 months so please keep an eye out as I plan to share my journey in the Villager, providing a regular update of the fundraising activities and my progress towards my goal



amount as well as details of the event itself.

Plans so far include a quiz night, an easter egg hunt, cake sales, movie nights and much, much more. I will be putting posters on notice boards and information around the village with more details. If you have any ideas of what kind of fundraising events you would like to see in the village, please contact me on maisie@1stnormandy.org.uk

A few words from Jamie, who is attending the Jamboree with Maisie

The 26th World Scout Jamboree will take place from 30 July to 8 August 2027 on Sobieszewo Island in Gdańsk, Poland, marking the first time the event is held in Central Europe.

Under the theme "Bravely," this global gathering will bring together tens of thousands of Scouts aged 14–17 and adult volunteers from around the world for cultural exchange, leadership development, and outdoor activities designed to inspire courage and global citizenship. Participants and volunteers will enjoy a diverse programme set against the scenic Baltic coast, celebrating the spirit of Scouting and international friendship.

"Attending the jamboree is a once in a lifetime opportunity. I am looking forward to travelling to the jamboree in Poland and also meeting new scouts from all over the world and trading badges and scarves to commemorate the jamboree. I will be going with around 40 other scouts in my unit as part of the Surrey contingent and we have named ourselves the 'Surrey Seals' and I'm looking forward to getting to know them and share this lifetime experience. I hope to return with new skills that will help me contribute to the community."



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Paws Up for a Clean Village!

A heartfelt thank you to all the dog owners in our village for helping keep our footpaths, parks, and green spaces clean and enjoyable for everyone. With so many dogs in our community, it's wonderful to see how responsible and considerate residents have been in picking up after their beloved pets.

One of the biggest reasons our village stays so clean is that many owners bring their own poo bags on every walk. This simple habit makes a huge difference and ensures that no one is ever caught unprepared. Keeping a few spare bags in pockets, leads, or cars means there's always one ready when needed.

While emergency poo bags are available at certain points around the village, these are intended only for occasional use. By continuing to bring personal supplies, everyone helps ensure that the emergency bags remain available for those rare moments when they're truly needed.

Thank you again for your care, responsibility, and community spirit.

Your efforts keep our village a clean, safe, and welcoming place for all.

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ANNUAL VILLAGE ASSEMBLY 2026

7pm Sunday 8th March

Normandy Village Hall

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

Normandy
PARISH COUNCIL



Regular Events



Chatty Cafe, a drop in table where anyone can come in for a chat – every Tuesday 2.30 - 4.30pm

Knit and Knatter, pop in with your knitting get help and advice from Hillary (Knitting ninja) or just have a chat – every other Wednesday 2.30-4.00pm

Card Games Afternoon, crib, sequence, kalooki, other card games and back gammon - every Thursday afternoon – 2.30pm-4.30pm

Emmanuel Church welcomes all

Perhaps I shouldn't say, but I've always thought that one of the good things about February is that it is the shortest month of the year(!). February is usually so cold, damp and wet. But with snowdrops and crocuses in appearance and daffodils, then Lent, St. David's Day in March and then blossom and Spring, there is so much to look forward to. All at Emmanuel Church wish you a very happy February, March and April – a good run up to and through Easter!

In these weeks in our Sunday morning worship we are looking at Bible Meals, thinking on some of the occasions when people met with God through eating together. This culminates with worship followed by a church lunch on Sunday, 26th April to which all are welcome. For information on how to book your lunch please see the details which will be appearing on the church website.

Our Explorers children's group meets during worship on the first Sunday of every month with Bible stories, fun activities and crafts. Family Fun & Worship takes place every month usually on the third Sunday of each month, which is a wonderful time of sharing, crafts and songs, as we learn more together about Jesus.

On Thursday evenings the Go Deeper group meets to read the Bible together, normally every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. A great time of friendship, fellowship and 'Going Deeper' with Jesus. And the Taketime Bible Meditation group meets (except during Lent) every first

and third Friday from 11.30am-12.30pm.

Taketime is a Christian relaxation and meditation class that invites encounter with Jesus through the Gospels. You can bring your lunch to Taketime and stay for Film Club on the first Friday of each month and Friendship Club on the third Friday of each month, which both start at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

During Lent everyone is welcome to a Lent Course, 'The Desert Mothers and Fathers', meeting each Friday (20th February to 20th March) from 11.30am-12.30pm.

Our Easter Services are:

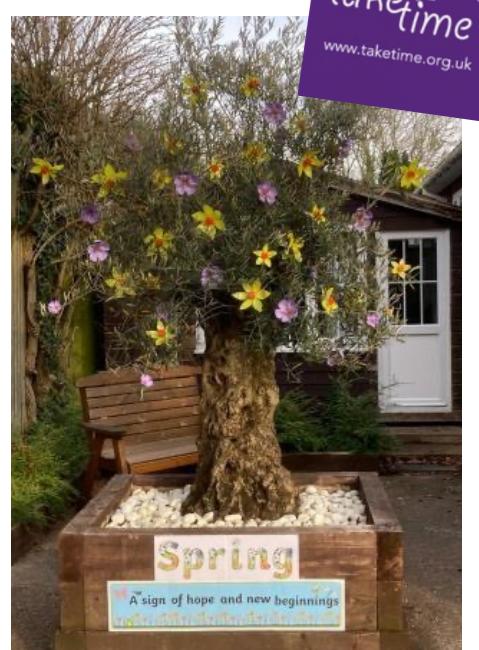
Maundy Thursday 2nd April, Tenebrae Service with Communion, 7.30pm. **Good**

Friday Service, 3rd April, 10.00am. Family Fun and Worship, **Easter Sunday**, 4th April, 10.00am.

More details can be found on the church website www.emmanuelchurchnormandy.co.uk and on our Facebook page.

We hope to see you and that you have a wonderful Spring!

Graham Hoslett, Minister



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What's on in Normandy

February 2026

15th February

Emmanuel Church: Family Fun and Worship for all ages - 10.00am

15th February

St Mark's Church: Contemporary service in St Mark's Church hall, including children's church and Teen Alpha - 11.15am

18th February

Normandy Action Group: Meeting for Normandy residents - Normandy Village Hall - 7.30pm

18th February

St Mark's Church: Joint Ash Wednesday service - St Michael's, Pirbright - 3.00pm

20th February

Emmanuel Church: Friday Lent Course - 11.30am
Normandy Action Group: Hosting a stall at Friday morning market offering help to residents with their planning submissions

21 February

 **Lifesaving Training Sessions:** Morning session, time TBA Contact: roshan.bailey@projectaction.co.uk - Normandy Village Hall

26th February

Emmanuel Church: Thursday Go Deeper Bible Study Group - 7.30pm

27th February

Normandy Action Group: Hosting a stall at Friday morning market offering help to residents with their planning submissions

27th February

Emmanuel Church: Friday Lent Course - 11.30am

March 2026

1st March

Emmanuel Church: Sunday Service with Communion - with Explorers Sunday School - 10.00am

2nd March

Friends of Normandy Wildlife: 'Living with Moles' by wildlife expert Dr Rob Atkinson - St Mark's Church Hall - everyone welcome - 7.15pm refreshments, 7.30pm talk starts

4th March

 **Normandy Nightingales WI:** The work of the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance - St Marks Church Hall 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start

6th March

Emmanuel Church: Friday Lent Course - 11.30am

10th March

St Mark's Church: Monthly social. Coffee, cake, chat and guest speaker in church hall in St Mark's Church Hall - 10.00am - 12noon

8th March

Normandy Parish Council: Annual Village Assembly 2026 - Normandy Village Hall - 7.00pm

10th March

St Mark's Church: Mini Market and Café & Hearing Aid Clinic (Coussmaker Room) in St Mark's Church Hall - 10.00am - 12noon

10th March

 **Christmas Pie WI:** Birthday Celebrations an Line Dancing with Judy Nicholson - Normandy Village Hall - 7.30pm

12th March

Emmanuel Church: Thursday Go Deeper Bible Study Group - 7.30pm

13th March

Emmanuel Church: Friday Lent Course - 11.30am

15th March

Emmanuel Church: Mothering Sunday Service - 10.00am

15th March

St Mark's Church: Mothering Sunday service with Communion - St Mark's Church hall - 11.15am

20th March

Emmanuel Church: Friday Lent Course - 11.30am & Friday Friendship Club - 1.30pm

22nd March

Emmanuel Church: Sunday Service - Family Fun and Worship for all ages - 10.00am

22nd March

Lifesaving Training Sessions: Morning session, time TBA Contact: roshan.bailey@projectaction.co.uk - Normandy Village Hall

26th March

Emmanuel Church: Thursday Go Deeper Bible Study Group - 7.30pm

27th March

Emmanuel Church: Friday Lent Course - 11.30am

29th March

St Mark's Church: Joint Palm Sunday Celebration at St Michael's, Pirbright - 10.00am

29th March

Emmanuel Church: Palm Sunday Service - 10.00am

April 2026

1st April

St Mark's Church: Stations of the Cross at St Michael's, Pirbright - 7.00pm

2nd April

St Mark's Church: Maundy Thursday Last Supper and feet washing - St Mark's Church Hall - 5.00pm

2nd April

Emmanuel Church: Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service with Communion - 7.30pm

3rd April

St Mark's Church: Good Friday Walk of Witness starting at Manor Fruit Farm (10.00am) followed by a reflective service. Hot cross buns and refreshments to follow - St Mark's - 11.00am

3rd April

Emmanuel Church: Good Friday Service - 10.00am

4th April

St Mark's Church: Hearing Aid Clinic in Coussmaker Room - St Mark's Church Hall - 10.00am - 12noon

5th April

Emmanuel Church: Easter Sunday Service - Family Fun and Worship for all ages - 10.00am

5th April

St Mark's Church: Easter Sunday service followed by Easter egg hunt - St Mark's Church Hall - 10.00am

9th April

Emmanuel Church: Thursday Go Deeper Bible Study Group - 7.30pm

10th April

Emmanuel Church: Friday Film Club - 1.30pm

13th April



Friends of Normandy Wildlife: 'All about damsel and dragonflies' by Simon

Elson - St Mark's Church Hall - everyone welcome - 7.15pm refreshments, 7.30pm talk starts

14th April

St Mark's Church: Monthly social. Coffee, cake, chat and guest speaker in church hall - 10.00am - 12 noon

14th April

Christmas Pie WI: Palestine - Beyond the Wall by Jan Parsons- Normandy Village Hall - 7.30pm

18th April

St Mark's Church: Quiz night. £5 per person. Exciting raffle. To sign up and get more information contact the Parish office - 01483 811777 or email office@stmarksywke.org.uk - St Mark's Church Hall - 7.00pm

21st April

Normandy Historians: Celebrating the Historians' achievements over the past four decades - Normandy Village hall - 7.00pm

24th April

Emmanuel Church: Take Time Bible Study - 11.30am & Friendship Club - 1.30pm

25th April

Lifesaving Training Sessions: Afternoon session, time TBA Contact: roshan.bailey@projectaction.co.uk - Normandy Village Hall

26th April

Emmanuel Church: Sunday Service with Communion, followed by church lunch - 10.00am (see www.emmanuelchurchnormandy.co.uk to find out how to book your lunch)

May 2026

1st May

Emmanuel Church: Friday Take Time Bible Study - 11.30am & Friday Film Club - 1.30pm

2nd May

St Mark's Church: Mini Market and Café & Hearing Aid Clinic (Coussmaker Room) in St Mark's Church Hall - 10.00am - 12noon

3rd May

Emmanuel Church: Sunday Service - with Explorers Sunday School - 10.00am

7th May

Polling Station: West Surrey Council elections - St Marks Church Hall - All day

12th May

St Mark's Church: Monthly social. Coffee, cake, chat and guest speaker in church hall - 10.00am - 12 noon

12th May

Christmas Pie WI: Discussion of this year's proposed WI Resolution followed by a quiz- Normandy Village Hall - 7.30pm

14th May

Emmanuel Church: Thursday Go Deeper Bible Study - 7.30pm

3rd, 10th, 24th February; 3rd, 10th, 17th March

St Mark's Church: Alpha Courses - St Mark's Church Hall - 7.30pm

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Surrey Police Band Concert

in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell



Saturday 18th April 2026 - 7pm

Emmanuel Church, Stoughton, Guildford, GU2 9SJ

Adults £12, Children (aged 5-16) £5.
Book your tickets by scanning the QR code, visiting www.ticketsource.co.uk/surrey-police-band or calling the Box Office on: 0333 666 3366.
Free parking in the roads around the Church.
Accessible parking only at the Church.

Please call 01252 729446 for information about Phyllis Tuckwell or visit www.ptth.org.uk

Find us on:   Phyllis Tuckwell, Waverley Lane, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8BL
Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice Ltd. Registered Number 1063033. Registered Charity Number 264501.

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...because every day is precious

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Join us for our



Saturday 25th April 2026 10am

A choice of two routes: 5 miles or 3 miles, starting and finishing at **The Therapy Garden, Manor Fruit Farm, Glaziers Lane, Normandy GU3 2DT**

Registration fee
Adult £15 / Child £10 / Family £30
Option to raise additional funds via sponsorship or make a donation

What you get for your Registration fee
Entry, a burger, a medal for you and your dog, our gratitude, and a great opportunity to see the Garden at its best in Spring!



Contact
stephen.jones@thetherapygarden.org
01483 813846
www.thetherapygarden.org



The Cricketers Arms

at Normandy Cricket Club

Open Friday nights from 5pm.
Come and support
the only bar in the village!



Good company,
well stocked bar,
lovely surroundings
and outdoor space.

Open to all
members and
non-members alike

Independent Living for Older People in Pirbright Village



- Friendly home offering supported living for nine independent older people
- Freshly cooked lunch and evening meals eaten together
- Pirbright Green, GP surgery, pubs & coffee shops within 400m
- Private single bed-sitting rooms with en-suite facilities
- Each with direct access to a secluded garden



Cunningham House

Tel: 01483 488751

www.cunninghamhouse.co.uk

cunninghamhousepirbright@gmail.com

Cunningham House is the operating name of Abbeyfield Pirbright and District Society Limited, a registered society under the Co-Operative and Community Benefits Societies Act 2014, registration number 22478R

The Villager

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The advertisement features a blue sky with white clouds in the background. At the top, there is a circular logo with a tree and the text "THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY" and "NORMANDY VILLAGE SHOP & CAFÉ". To the right, a black speech bubble contains the "Opening Hours" information. Below the logo, the text "Normandy Community Shop & Café" is written in red. The central text is surrounded by small heart and flower icons. At the bottom, the address "Manor Fruit Farm, Glaziers Lane, Normandy, GU3 2DT" is displayed.

Opening Hours:
Mon - Thu: 9am - 5:30pm
Fri: 8:30am - 5:30pm
Sat: 9am - 4pm
Sun: 10am - 2pm

Normandy Community Shop & Café

Locally run village Shop & Café

Teas, Coffees, and Cakes

Hot food served daily

Large range of products - **Local & convenient**

Manor Fruit Farm, Glaziers Lane, Normandy, GU3 2DT



The advertisement features a green background with a large tree icon on the left. The text "YOGA at The Oaks Normandy" is written in large, bold, black letters. Below this, there is a list of services: "Small friendly Yoga classes held in a beautiful barn-like studio.", "Online classes available.", "Relaxation & Meditation classes.", "Qi Gong (Chi Kung) classes.", and "For health, balance, peace and awareness.". A photo of a woman, identified as Sarah Church, is shown in a small box. Her contact information is listed: "Sarah Church", "07816 534554", "sarahchurchyoga@gmail.com", "www.yogainguildford.com", and "Facebook: YogaAtTheOaks.Guildford".

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The advertisement features a white background with a red border. The title "The Villager" is at the top in a large, bold, maroon font. Below it, the text "Advertising in The Villager" and "COST AND SIZES" is written in maroon. A section titled "ANNUAL COST (4 ISSUES)" lists the following prices: "1/8 page size (92mm wide x 56mm high) - £60", "1/4 page size (92mm wide x 115mm high) - £90", and "1/2 page size (188mm wide x 115mm high) - £150". Another section titled "ONE INSERT COST" lists the following prices: "1/8 page size (92mm wide x 56mm high) - £20", "1/4 page size (92mm wide x 115mm high) - £30", and "1/2 page size (188mm wide x 115mm high) - £50". A section titled "ARTWORK" provides instructions: "Please supply your artwork in high resolution pdf. If you need any assistance producing your artwork call Jane on 07966 029830". The Normandy Parish Council logo is at the bottom.

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- Lead Councillor

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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:

 The Parish Clerk can be contacted using the following email:
clerk@normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk
07739969518

 On our website you can find council minutes, agendas and other useful information
www.normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk

 We have a Facebook page, please follow our posts on events and updates about the village
[@thenormandyparishcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/thenormandyparishcouncil)

 Nextdoor is a good way to stay informed about what's going on in your neighbourhood (download the app)