

The Villager

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Issue Dates for The Villager

Spring - 15th February

Summer - 15th May

Autumn - 15th September

Winter - 15th December

Introduction from the Chairman

Welcome to the latest edition of The Villager.

Since our last newsletter, the Parish Council launched a survey on whether to acquire the freehold for Manor Fruit Farm under Guildford Borough Council's (GBC) Asset Transfer Policy. We appreciate all those who responded to the survey as well as the support shown by our partner organisations on Manor Fruit Farm. The Council are hoping that a decision could be reached by GBC before the transition to West Surrey Unitary Authority on 1st April 2027.

On planning matters, there have been significant revisions to supporting documents for the Taylor Wimpey application, a complete revision of the National Planning Policy Framework, a decision by GBC to reject the Shortlands Farm application and the publication by GBC of the Green Belt Assessment indicating up to 95.8% of existing Green Belt may be "grey belt" under new rules.

As a result of the GBC Planning Committee rejection, the developers for Shortlands Farm have asked for a planning inquiry that will be held between 15th and 25th September at the Guildford Borough offices. For the Taylor Wimpey revised documents, we are going through the documents in detail and plan on working with a consultant to make sure that our response is robust and comprehensive as we still consider that there are questions on the suitability and sustainability of the site.

The Conservation volunteers have been busy over the Summer with work parties to tackle maintenance requirements in Normandy Common (with strong support from Surrey Wildlife Trust) and organised a butterfly count and wildflower survey on

parish council grounds. The Council are discussing methods for managing wildfire risk given the long, hot Summers that we may experience going forward.

The Council put out a call earlier this year for residents to consider joining the Parish Council and we welcome David Shaw as a new Councillor. We are still looking to fill two vacancies and are keen to receive applications from those who want to influence how the parish council and Normandy develop. There are many different areas to become involved in including Finance and Governance, Estates, Conservation, Events and Planning all of which require a full, balanced Council to operate effectively. Please speak to us at the Parish Office in the Village Hall on Fridays if you are interested in shaping how we develop.

Simon Schofield

Chair - Normandy Parish Council

Finance Update

The Council has decided to re-establish a separate Finance & Governance Committee who will have responsibility for preparing the budget for the next financial year as well as making sure our policies and procedures are kept up to date and relevant.

As part of this we will need to identify both general and specific/earmarked reserves arising from future plans, maintenance requirements or contingencies to make sure that our finance continue to be well managed.

Due to the level of income or expenditure being over £200,000 for three consecutive years, the Council will migrate to an "accruals" based system rather than a simpler "cash" based system and the Committee will need to monitor the transition to make sure this is correctly recorded. We will also need to review the Fixed Asset Register to make sure that assets are correctly tracked and identified and also assess whether the values being used are appropriate for insurance purposes.

Simon Schofield

Chair - Normandy Parish Council



Planning Update

Many residents who responded to Taylor Wimpey's planning application have been informed that there is a significant revision of documents on the planning portal and have been invited to comment by Guildford Borough Council (GBC) on those changes.

We would firstly reiterate that documents/objections originally submitted will still be considered by GBC when preparing their Officer's Report for the Planning Committee. However there may be elements mentioned in letters that have subsequently been revised which the Officers will take into account. We are aware that Normandy Action Group have recently made a technical, evidence-based submission taking into account the revised documents that we would draw your attention to.

For the Parish Council, we believe that there are important documents that are still needed such as a revised Planning Statement taking into account the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) as well as detailed responses from some statutory consultees. We expect these will focus on areas such as changes in the "grey belt" definition and the introduction of a Green Belt exception for "well-connected stations". We are planning on using the same consultant who drafted our initial submission and will address whether in our view the revised planning application has addressed the concerns raised.

We undertook a Freedom of Information Request to ensure that there was some visibility on the latest Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) and any revisions made to this document to understand the planned timetable for the Officer's Report and Planning Committee. The last PPA in June indicated these would occur in October although we are still not certain that will be feasible. We will consider how to respond to the Officer's Report once issued although we expect we will have less than a week to make observations once this is issued.

The Parish Council already responded to the public consultation on the revised NPPF so have some familiarity with the changes. We plan on focussing on those areas directly relevant to the submitted applications in our response.

For Shortlands Farm, the Parish Council made a speech at the Planning Committee meeting at which the application was considered. We had asked that the Committee add that the site was not "grey belt" but this was not accepted although the application itself was rejected on

three grounds. The developer has now appealed the decision and the case will be heard at a Planning Inquiry running 15th to 25th September at GBC offices. We are considering how best to make our views known as an "interested party" bearing in mind our earlier submissions have been published.

We recognise the importance of the Taylor Wimpey and Shortlands Farm applications to our residents and the impact these have on the character of Normandy as a whole and will continue to monitor and respond where appropriate to make sure resident's views are heard.

Simon Schofield

Chairman - Normandy Parish Council



Fireworks Night – Still Lighting Up the Sky!

We're delighted to confirm that Normandy Fireworks Night is going ahead this year!

While there will be a few changes to the event, we're still planning a spectacular evening for the whole family, with two fantastic firework displays, both set to music.

As in previous years, there will be an earlier low-bang display, followed later by a bigger and more spectacular fireworks session – so there will still be plenty of opportunity to enjoy the magic of Fireworks Night. The low bangs display will be at 7pm and the main display will be at 7.45pm.

A few changes this year

Unfortunately, we will not be holding a bonfire or the traditional procession this year. This decision has been made because we currently have a lower number of councillors available to support the event, alongside a shortage of volunteers to help with building the bonfire and supporting the event on the evening itself.

Running an event of this size safely and effectively requires a good team of people behind the scenes. Without enough volunteers, we simply cannot provide the bonfire and procession to the standard – and with the level of safety – that our community deserves. Although we know these have been much-loved parts of Fireworks Night, the safety of everyone attending has to come first.

But there's still plenty to enjoy!

The evening will still have all the atmosphere of a great community Fireworks Night, with food stalls, fairground rides and attractions, followed by our spectacular music-synchronised fireworks.

So, bring your family, wrap up warm and come along to enjoy an evening of music, food and fun – and, of course, some spectacular fireworks lighting up the Normandy sky!

We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for your continued support of this much-loved community event.

Entrance is free but donations are welcomed to help us to continue



to run this event. Due to the poor signal at this location card readers do not function well; therefore cash donations are preferred.

★ NORMANDY PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS ★

FIREWORKS *Night*

A spectacular
EVENING
for all the
FAMILY!

★ **THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2026** ★

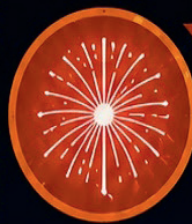
..... **TWO AMAZING FIREWORK DISPLAYS – ALL SET TO MUSIC!**



LOW BANGS DISPLAY

7.00PM

PERFECT FOR YOUNGER
CHILDREN & SENSITIVE EARS



MAIN DISPLAY

7.45PM

A BIGGER, BOLDER
DISPLAY TO LIGHT UP
THE NIGHT SKY!



PLEASE NOTE:

NO BONFIRE & NO PROCESSION THIS YEAR

DUE TO LOW NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS AND LACK OF VOLUNTEERS,
WE CAN'T RUN THEM SAFELY THIS YEAR



★ **LOTS TO ENJOY ON THE NIGHT!** ★



FOOD STALLS

Delicious food
& drinks
for everyone



REFRESHMENTS

Warm up with
hot drinks
& tasty treats



GREAT ATMOSPHERE

Bring your family,
friends & enjoy
the night!

Come and enjoy a
SPECTACULAR EVENING!

★ THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT ★

Butterflies, Flowers, Woodlands and More

Firstly a thank you to all the people who have come out and supported our conservation work parties and surveys. The hot summer has been a mixed blessing from a conservation and wildlife point of view!

It brought the butterflies out for our Big Butterfly Count on Manor Fruit Farm with 369 individual butterflies spotted over the morning. The majority were Meadow Brown, though the group were thrilled to spot Small, Large and Essex Skippers as well as some Common Blues and Small Coppers. The Big Butterfly Count at Normandy Common was quite remarkable for the number of Common Blue butterflies found – 34 – and also 12 Brown Argus. This data is shared with Butterfly Conservation



Common Blue in a net

We moved our wildflower survey earlier in the summer (just as well) and found that the variety of species has increased slightly since we did the same survey 2 years ago.

A big thank you to Bill Stanworth for all his support and most excellent identification skills – both butterflies and wildflowers!

The dry heat meant that we could not dig out some garden escapees from the common. Some of these non-native plants are taking over patches of the common and outcompeting our native plants. However, as our native invertebrates have not grown up with these garden plants, many are not used as food sources. This is why we are removing the highly invasive non-native plants from the Common.

So instead, that work party moved to the Pond and removed a lot of litter from the drier areas of the pond bottom as well as a highly invasive pond-weed from New Zealand.

We know the state of the Pond this year has caused a lot of worry across the Village. For the wildlife and plants, droughts are not considered to be a problem as the majority of native wildlife species have adapted to deal with occasional droughts. We will be monitoring the issue going forward and taking expert advice on it.

The fish have undoubtedly suffered this year, though the herons, cormorants and foxes have benefited. Normandy Pond is not a fishing pond and we will be looking to



Common Spotted Orchid on Normandy Common

safely and humanely remove any remaining larger fish once the water levels have risen sufficiently so we are not putting them under further stress by catching them.

Normandy Parish Council obtained a Woodland Management Plan for Normandy Common and will be looking to put this into practice over the next couple of years. This will mean some changes, especially to the area of conifers, Western Hemlocks, between the cricket pitches and the Pirbright Road. These trees were probably planted by the army in the 1960s to provide a cover crop for the oaks and other native trees. However, they have not been managed much since and are now towering over the oaks and native species and shading them out, slowly killing them. The conifers are not fully grown yet either!



Removing non-native pond weed from Normandy Pond

So it is time to remove the majority of the conifers and replace them with native species that will provide a better biodiversity and habitat for wildlife. This is also an opportunity to make this area of woodland more resilient to the changing climate, especially wildfire and use the woodland to help with natural flood management as well.

The Council is planning to do some of the replanting of this area of woodland with the community. If you, your group or organisation would like to be involved in the replanting – possibly including collecting tree seeds and growing them on – please do get in touch.



Butterfly counting on Manor Fruit Farm

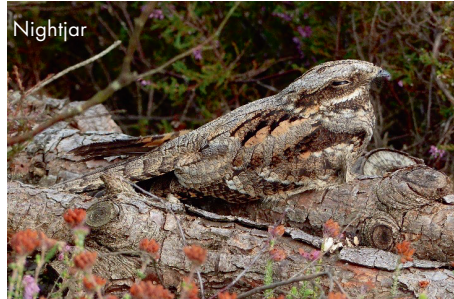
The Conservation Volunteers have a busy autumn and winter programme ahead with a focus on how we can manage woodland habitats to reduce the risk of wildfire on the Common. As always, you are welcome to join the work parties and full details can be found on our website, Facebook page and also in the Calander in this Villager.

Councillor Philippa Mitchell
- Chair of Estates and Facilities

Out and about with Normandy Wildlife!

Walks not talks are the theme for Summer activities for members of Friends of Normandy Wildlife (FNW) and we have had some amazing wild life experiences in and around the Village.

Nightjars and Glow worms



Perhaps most exciting was our June evening walk across the Common to Ash Ranges where we watched Nightjars calling and displaying. These secretive birds, related to Swifts, are Summer visitors to only a relatively few nesting sites in Southern England so Normandy is very lucky to have them and we are even luckier to see them! Then, on our return as it grew darker, we were treated to the tiny bright lights of Glow worms shining in the undergrowth throughout our walk back. The lights are produced by the girls who use their lights to attract the boys! For many of us this was the first time we had ever seen these fascinating little beetles.

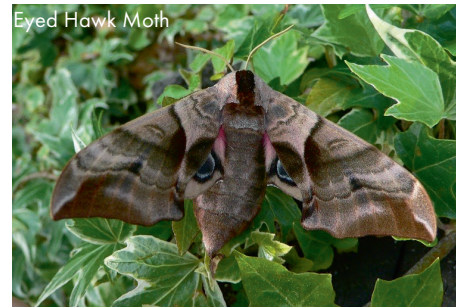
Moths and bats



A warm August evening found us on the Common for our annual moth and bat evening. This year we had three moth traps and caught, identified and released around sixty species with a few whose status is vulnerable, threatened or nationally scarce – again showing how important our local

environment is. We also had a great time with the bats. Pat Smith from the Surrey Bat Group set up his impressive bat detection and recording equipment and we were able to watch the bats' 'conversations' on his laptop screen. These came through as different wavelength patterns depending on the species (Noctules, Serotines, or the three species of Pipistrelle) and whether they were hunting or communicating with each other.

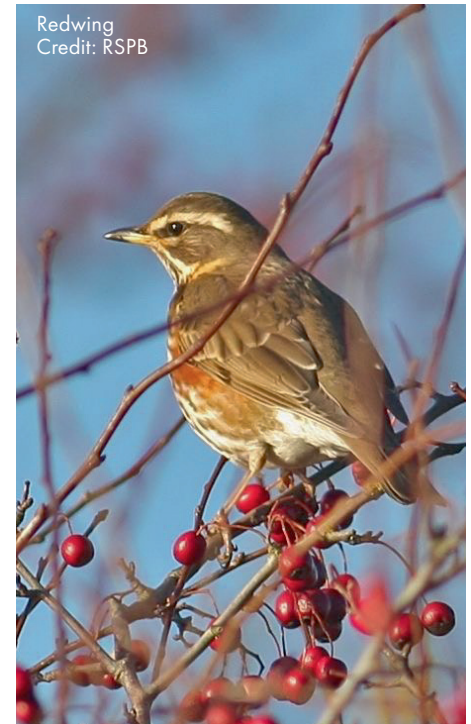
Butterflies and Bird boxes



We also joined forces with Normandy Parish Council Conservation Group (NPCCG) with a walk and talk to hear about the Normandy Common Woodland Management Plan and to participate in the two butterfly counts organised by Philippa Mitchell around Normandy Common and on Manor Fruit Farm where an incredible 368 butterflies were spotted. Less welcome was the discovery of oak processionary moths on the Common. Blue tits and great tits can help with their control by eating the caterpillars so, to encourage more birds into the area, FNW provided some bird boxes and NPCCG had these put up.

Things to do

- Why not be a nature detective and try some of the animal and plant 'Spotter sheets' available at www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/ activities. They are great fun for all ages.
- Water was in short supply for wildlife this Summer and the same will be the case next year, so if your garden is big enough (and the hose pipe ban is over) can you create a pond? However small it will help our wildlife survive in hot weather. For



Redwing
Credit: RSPB

advice see: Making a Mini Wildlife Pond: Small Wildlife Pond Ideas

- Swallows will leave us in September but Redwings and Fieldfares will arrive from Scandinavia. Look out for them feasting on holly and other berries and leave any windfall apples which they also love

For more information on FNW activities contact fnwildlife@gmail.com or see our website at www.friendsofnormandywildlife.org.uk.

For wildlife in distress, contact our local wildlife rescue centres: Harper Asprey (01344 623106) and Wildlife Aid (09061 800132).



Free Lifesaving Training

Someone who isn't breathing will die in a few minutes if nobody takes action, but if you know what to do, you can save lives. Normandy Village Hall has a Public Access Defibrillator beside the entrance opposite the big car park, and we run free lifesaving training sessions.

Our training includes plenty of hands-on practice in restarting hearts manually, defibrillator familiarisation, and putting someone in the recovery position.

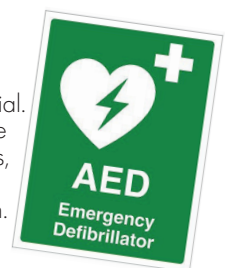
The sessions are equally suitable for people who have never tried it before and those who want to refresh their skills.

Sessions take place at Normandy Village Hall and are planned for:

- Sunday 18 October am
- Sunday 22 November pm

Places are limited so pre-booking is essential.

To request a place on any of these dates, please email roshan.bailey@projectaction.co.uk with your email address and phone number or drop a note into the Normandy Village Hall letter box.



Hope – A Harvest for the Heart

As summer stretched on, the countryside around Normandy looked thirsty. The intense heat and prolonged dry spell left fields and gardens longing for rain, reminding us just how much we depend on things beyond our control. Yet even in difficult conditions, there are signs of life, growth and promise.

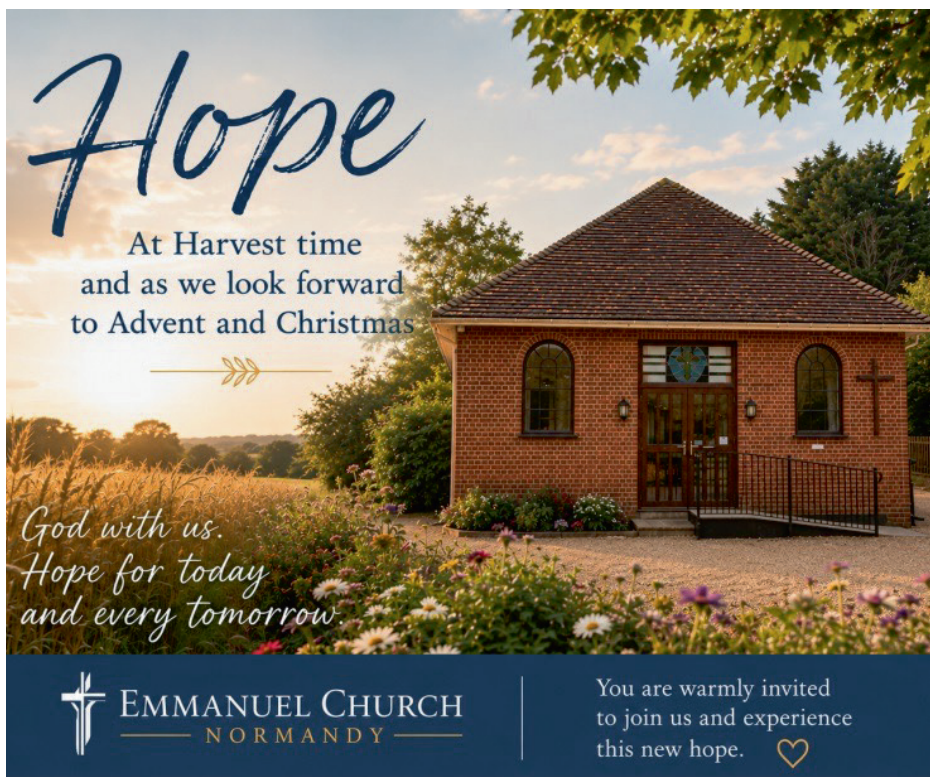
Harvest is traditionally a time when we pause to give thanks – for food, for the land, for those who grow and produce what we need, and for the many gifts we can so easily take for granted. But Harvest can also remind us about hope.

Hope is more than simply wishing that things will turn out well. Christian hope is the confidence that, even when we cannot see what lies ahead, God is present with us and is at work. It is a hope that can take root even in dry ground.

As the year turns towards autumn and winter, we will soon begin looking ahead to Advent. Advent is a season of waiting and expectation, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas and the coming of Jesus – Emmanuel, meaning “God with us”. At the heart of Christmas is a message of hope: that God has not left us alone, but has come among us with love, peace and the promise of new life.

Perhaps, in a world where the future can sometimes feel uncertain, we all need somewhere to rediscover hope. A place to pause, reflect, give thanks and look forward.

At Emmanuel Church, we would love to welcome you, whatever your circumstances or wherever you are on life’s journey. Come and discover with us the new hope that Jesus brings.



Hope

At Harvest time
and as we look forward
to Advent and Christmas

God with us.
Hope for today
and every tomorrow

 **EMMANUEL CHURCH**
NORMANDY

You are warmly invited
to join us and experience
this new hope. 

For more information about our services, groups and community activities, please visit our website: www.emmanuelchurchnormandy.co.uk

The Wanborough Hoard

The Romano-Celtic temples site at Wanborough (located on Green Lane to west of Christmas Pie crossroads) was largely unknown and unstudied prior to a remarkable turn of events in the 1980s.

In 1979 a small excavation was carried out and in 1983, two metal-detector users discovered some silver and gold coins, which they reported to Guildford Museum. At that time, the legal procedure followed for such discoveries was Treasure Trove, whereby a coroner’s inquest determined whether the objects should be classed as “treasure” in the legal sense. During the inquest that took place the exact location of the site where the coins had been found was disclosed in open court, leading to large scale nighthawking (looting with metal detectors).

Due to the illicit nature of the metal detecting and digging that took place, it is not possible to know how many individuals were involved. Some dealers were possibly present, buying objects as they came out of the ground, and there were perhaps ‘30 or 40 people digging away overnight’. Articles in treasure hunting magazines inspired hunters to come to Wanborough to participate in the unrestrained plundering of the site.

It is unclear how much material was removed from the site in that initial period of looting. Some estimates suggest that more than 20,000 individual artefacts were removed, and certainly at least 9,000. The artefacts found at Wanborough included Iron Age and Roman coins, but also other material connected to the site’s function as a temple, including a sceptre and headdresses.

Objects were looted with a total market value of approximately £2 million (1980s value) in the absence of precise data. Some material was seized by police during the 1984 looting incidents, but much went straight to the antiques market.

The destination of much of the material is unknown but is reported to be worldwide. Further material was excavated in 1989 during surveys by the Surrey Archaeological Society, but even during this fieldwork further illicit metal detecting took place. Some arrests were made and cases went to court resulting in convictions, fines and confiscation of a metal detector. The court cases demonstrated the need to change the Treasure Trove common law and pass new legislation that was fit for purpose. The events at Wanborough and the tenacity of Surrey Archaeological Society provided the catalyst for the Treasure Act 1996 - a new law replacing Treasure Trove.

Wanborough itself, despite the scale of the looting in 1984, experienced further looting on later occasions due to the ‘almost mythical status’ that the site had attained.

Further information about the Romano-Celtic Temples at Wanborough and the Hoard can be found on the Normandy Historians website: www.normandyhistorians.co.uk



Normandy Historians

Local Community Groups

Normandy Village boasts a vibrant array of community groups that bring residents together and enrich village life. The Women's Institute (WI) is a cornerstone, offering a welcoming space for women to socialise, learn new skills, and contribute to local causes. The Scouts provide invaluable opportunities for young people to develop confidence, teamwork, and a love for the outdoors through exciting activities and events. Local interest groups thrive as well, ranging from wildlife to history, ensuring there's something for everyone.



1st Normandy Scouts
Scout Hut, GU32AW,
www.scouts.org.uk



The Royal British Legion
Guildford Road, Normandy, GU3 2AW
www.britishlegion.org.uk



WI – Christmas PIE
surrey.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/christmas-pie
WI – Normandy Nightingales
surrey.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/normandy-nightingales



Friends of Normandy Wildlife
www.friendsofnormandywildlife.org.uk

Normandy Action Group
www.normandyag.org.uk



Normandy Historians
normandychorians.co.uk

Conservation
normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk/about-normandy/normandy-conservation-group

What's on in Normandy

September 2026

2nd September



Normandy Nightingales WI: Victorian Life Upstairs & Downstairs - Judy Hill- St Marks Church Hall 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start

4th September

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

5th September



St Mark's Church: Mini Market and café - St Mark: Church Hall – 10.00am- 12 noon
Hearing Aid Clinic in Coussmaker Room - St Mark: Church Hall –

10.00am- 12 noon

6th September

Emmanuel Church: Holiday at Home Service with Explorers Sunday School – 10.00am

6th September

St Mark's Church: All Age Service - St Mark's Church – 11.15am

8th September

St Mark's Church: St Mark's monthly social. Coffee, cake, chat and guest speaker - St Mark's Church Hall – 10.00am - 12 noon

8th September

Christmas Pie WI: Victorian London - City of Dreadful Delights by Judith Hill - Normandy Village Hall - 7.30pm

18th September

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

13th September

St Mark's Church: Traditional Holy Communion Service - St Mark's Church – 11.15am
Taize service - St Mark's Church – 5.00pm

20th September



The Therapy Garden: NGS Open Day 10am – 4pm

24th September

Emmanuel Church: Thursday Go Deeper Bible Study – 7.30pm

26th September

St Mark's Church: 180th Birthday Celebrations - St Mark's Church – 1-4pm

26th September

Litter Pick: Meet outside the shop & cafe - 2-3.30pm

27th September

Emmanuel Church: Harvest Sunday Service, followed by Harvest Lunch – 10.00am

October 2026

2nd October

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

4th October



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

5th October

Friends of Normandy Wildlife: "Around the world in 50 iconic bird species that stand out as being special because of their looks or way they live" - a talk by broadcaster and author Keith Betton - St Marks Church Hall. Refreshments available from 7.00. Talks start at 7.30. All are welcome

8th October

Emmanuel Church: Thursday Go Deeper Bible Study – 7.30pm

8th October

Normandy Parish Council: Planning Meeting – Royal British Legion- 7.00pm

13th October

Christmas Pie WI: The Magic of Makeup by Alison Hoyland - Normandy Village Hall - 7.30pm

17th October

Emmanuel Church: Saturday Ordination Service, followed by tea – 2.00pm

18th October



Life Saving Training: Learn how to use a Defibrillator and potentially save a life - email roshan.bailey@projection.co.uk - Normandy Village Hall - time tbc

22nd October

Emmanuel Church: Saturday Ordination Service, followed by tea – 2.00pm

22nd October

Normandy Parish Council: Full Council Meeting – 7.00pm - Royal British Legion

29th October

Normandy Parish Council: Planning 7pm followed by Estates and Facilities – 7.30pm - Royal British Legion

November 2026

2nd November

Friends of Normandy Wildlife: "Christmas - a natural history" - a talk by Mark Wright, former lead scientist at WWF who will take a slightly sideways look at the animals, plants and stories of Christmas - St Marks Church Hall. Refreshments available from 7.00. Talks start at 7.30. All are welcome

6th November

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

8th November

Emmanuel Church: Short All Age Sunday Service of Remembrance – 10.00am

10th November



Christmas Pie WI: Annual Meeting followed by a quiz - Normandy Village Hall - 7.30pm

12th November

Emmanuel Church: Thursday Go Deeper Bible Study

19th November

Normandy Parish Council: Planning Meeting – 7.00pm - Royal British Legion

20th November

Emmanuel Church: Friday Take Time Bible Study – 11.30am & Friday Film Club – 1.30pm – 7.30pm

22nd November

Life Saving Training: Learn how to use a Defibrillator and potentially save a life - email roshan.bailey@projection.co.uk - Normandy Village Hall - time tbc

26th November

Emmanuel Church: Thursday Go Deeper Bible Study

December 2026

3rd December

Normandy Parish Council: Planning Meeting - 7pm followed by Full Council Meeting – 7.30pm - Royal British Legion

4th December

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

7th December



Friends of Normandy Wildlife: Members' Christmas party. - St Marks Church Hall. Refreshments available from 7.00. Start at 7.30.

8th December

Christmas Pie WI: Christmas Party with Paul Hudson's Sinatra Sounds - Normandy Village Hall - 7.30pm

10th December

Normandy Parish Council: Estates and Facilities Meeting – 7.00pm - Royal British Legion

10th December

Emmanuel Church: Thursday Go Deeper Bible Study – 7.30pm

15th December

The Therapy Garden: Lanterns and Lights 6-9pm 10am – 4pm

SAVE THE DATE! - St Mark's Church is 180!



COME AND JOIN OUR BIRTHDAY PARTY!

This year, St Mark's Church, Wyke, celebrates a very special birthday – 180 years! We would love you to join us for an afternoon of food, fun, music and history as we celebrate 180 years of St Mark's serving the local community.

There will be something for everyone, young and old, with activities taking place in the church, churchyard and church hall, including:

Bouncy castle

Fascinating talks about the history of St Mark's

Treasure hunt in the churchyard

Holy Crazy Golf!

Music and flowers in the church

Hot dogs

Tea and birthday cake

Water into wine!

And lots more!

Come along, discover some of the stories behind Normandy's parish church, and help us

celebrate this wonderful milestone. Everyone is warmly invited – we'd love to see you there!



Advertising

If your organisation benefits the wellbeing of the Normandy community and you would like to advertise in The Villager, please email jane@forshawdesign.co.uk for costs and sizes. There are four issues a year - February, May, September and December.

FAIROAKS SMALL HOLDING CHRISTMAS TREES

A festive advertisement for Fair Oaks Small Holding Christmas Trees. The background is green with white snowflakes and white Christmas trees. Two large blue Christmas baubles are prominent. The left bauble says 'English Grown Non Drop Trees Extra Large Trees in stock'. The right bauble says 'Hand made Wreaths'. At the bottom, there is a cartoon illustration of Santa Claus carrying a red sack of stars. Below the illustration, the text reads: 'Available from 28th November Aldershot Rd, Normandy Guildford GU3 2BE - 07860 514 512'. At the bottom right, there is a photograph of the entrance to the Fair Oaks Small Holding, showing a brick wall and a gate.

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Surrey Police Band presents

A Night at the Proms

7pm
Saturday 26th September

Tickets
£12 adults
£5 under 16s
Free under 5s

Normandy Village Hall
Glaziers Lane
Normandy
Guildford GU3 2DD

Book now:
www.surreypoliceband.org.uk
or via our box office on 0333 666 3366



Normandy Tennis Club

Social Tennis

Wednesday mornings
with tea and cakes at 11am

Club Night

for Tennis and Pickleball
Thursdays starting 7pm

Pickleball

Tuesday mornings at 10am

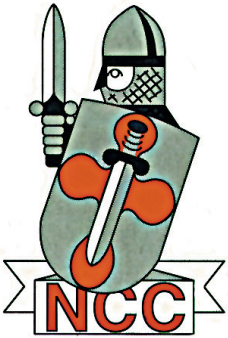
Men's, women's and mixed teams
New members welcome. All standards

clubspark.lta.org.uk/NormandyTennisClub

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-mem-
bers alike

Independent Living for Older People in Pirbright Village



- Friendly home offering supported living for 9 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



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Advertising

If your organisation benefits the wellbeing of the Normandy community and you would like to advertise in The Villager, please email jane@forshawdesign.co.uk for costs and sizes. There are four issues a year - February, May, September and December.



**Fancy being
part of
something
lovely?**

**Come and volunteer
at Normandy
Community
Shop & Café!**

**We're looking for friendly,
enthusiastic people to join our
fantastic team of volunteers.**

Whether you can spare a couple of hours a week, a regular morning, or just the occasional shift, we'd love to hear from you!

- Help support a much-loved community hub
- Meet people from the village
- Have a chat and make new friends
- And have fun while you're at it!

No experience needed — just a smile and a willingness to get involved.

**Come and join us -
volunteering at the shop
is a great way to be part
of your community!**

Get in touch to find out more or pop
into the shop for a chat.
contact@normandyshop.co.uk



YOGA
at The Oaks
Normandy

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

Online classes available.

Relaxation & Meditation classes.

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For health, balance, peace and awareness.



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The  **Therapy
Garden**
Growing together

We work to have a positive and significant impact
on the lives of people facing challenges in life,
through the power of gardening and by
connecting with nature

Please join us at our upcoming events



NGS Open Day

20th September 10 am – 4 pm



Halloween

26th October 10 am -1 pm



Quiz Night

7th October 7 pm



**"Lanterns and Lights" Christmas
celebration**

15th December 6-9 pm



"Walk for Wellness" fundraising walk

24th April 2027 starts 10 am

**Each of these activities help us raise
money to support vulnerable
people in your community**

If you would like to volunteer please
email Steve at
Stephen.jones@thetherapygarden.org

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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:

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07739969518



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



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