

Normandy in Surrey

Normandy in the Press

Part 4

(From the end of the Great War to the end of 1928)

“Normandy in the Press” presents a past view and happenings of the village as seen from selected reports and articles in the local papers. The reader should note that until 1955 Normandy was predominantly part of Ash, Willey Green was part of Worplesdon and a small part of Flexford was in Wanborough.

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1919 January 30th

Surrey & Hants News

Normandy

A Crimean veteran

The death has occurred, at the age of 82 years, of Charles Collins, a Crimean veteran who had for some years lived at Farncombe. He was a native of Normandy, and was living at Puttenham when he volunteered out of the militia to serve his country in the Crimean war. Collins was appointed attending to Florence Nightingale, and carried her lamp when she made her last rounds.

Husband's sad homecoming

Curious inquest story - Inquest at the Anchor Inn, Normandy on Saturday 10 January on the body of Mrs Mary Nicholson, who died on the previous Wednesday at Holly Bank, Station Road, Normandy

[Long report]

1919 February 1st

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke and Normandy

Henley Park Hospital - its four years work.

Henley Park Auxiliary Military Hospital was closed on 15th January, having been open for three years and eight months, during which time 1,876 men were received as patients.

Early in 1915, Lady Roberts offered the house, rent, rates and lighting free to the Aldershot Military Authorities. The offer was at once accepted and Pirbright Red Cross Voluntary aid detachment, Surrey, undertook to staff the hospital. Henley Park was equipped for fifty patients, namely as to furniture, by loans from sixty householders of the neighbourhood. In 1915 ten extra beds were added, a new ward being opened, and two huts given for outdoor treatment. In the spring of 1918 tents were erected, and the numbers made up to 75. Late in 1916, Sir Arbuthnot Lane and other specialists visited Henley Park, and arranged for the hospital to specialise in the treatment of joint cases - a gymnasium was then fitted up, and the two masseurs engaged. This special treatment proved a great success.

There have been three Superintendents (?) - Mrs Shute, who opened the Hospital, was succeeded in the following October by Miss A D Allen, whose place was taken by Mrs W Cruikshank in

February 1917. Dr Fleming has been Honorary Medical Officer during the whole period. Miss F M Abell (who organised the nursing department, and was awarded the Royal Red Cross second class in June 1918) has been Matron since the opening. The post of Quartermaster has been filled by Miss Evelyn and Miss Winifred Thompson, who with several V A D nurses, have worked there during the whole 3½ years. Services have been held every Sunday by the Rev J Pickford, vicar of Normandy. A committee of ladies, with Lady Roberts in the chair, and as Treasurer first Sir Philip Henriques and latterly Mr Hugh Lang, has managed the financial and other business. Many generous subscriptions and gifts, as well as entertainments for the patients have been given by the neighbourhood.

The evening before the hospital closed, the men had a fancy dress competition and dancing, and a few days later a dance was given for the nurses, for which many formerly at Henley Park returned and eighty, including friends, were present.

1919 February 6th

Surrey & Hants News

Normandy

A successful whist drive in aid of the School Maintenance Fund was held in Normandy Schools on Friday. The drive was organised by Mr H L Mumford, schoolmaster and Mr Matthews, and there were about 80 present. Prizes were given by Lady Roberts, Mr Matthews, Mrs Mumford and Mr Miles, and the winners were Ladies: 1 - Mrs Elliott, 2 - Mrs Marriot. Gentlemen 1 - Pte P Shorter, 2 - Pte Baker, booby - Mr T Bowyer. The drive was followed by a dance, Mr Matthews acting as MC.

1919 May 24th

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke and Normandy

Musical Society formed.

It was decided at a meeting held at Wyke Lodge last week, Mr Palmer presiding, to form a Musical Society for the Normandy - Wyke district. The Society will at present be limited to choral work and a junior section will be formed. It is hoped to give a concert for the peace celebrations. The following were elected the committee. Miss Wilson, Mr Palmer, Mr Dyson. Miss Welsford, Miss Booty, Miss Field. Miss Deedman, Mr Groves and Miss F Stedman. Secretary Mr Dyson, Assistant Secretary Miss F Stedman, Treasurer Miss Wilson. About fifty of those present gave in their names as members. Miss Wilson offered the Society the temporary use of her schoolroom.

1919 June 28th

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke and Normandy

Stale Bread Means Less Trade.

At Woking on Saturday, William J Henry, bakery, Normandy was summoned for having carried for sale, bread which had not been made for at least twelve hours, and for having sold new bread to a Mrs Singleton of Worplesdon. Mr Triggs Turner prosecuted and evidence was given by Mr Amos Shrives, Executive Officer.

Defendant said since being summoned he had sold nothing but stale bread, with the result that in one week he had to destroy 160 loaves, whilst his trade had gone down 33%. That was putting a heavy weight on a man who had been disabled in the war. Fined £2, with £2 2s costs.

1919 July 3rd

Surrey & Hants News

Normandy

The death occurred in Farnham Infirmary on June 20th of James Leader at the age of 84 years. The deceased was a labourer, and at one time lived at Normandy.

1919 July 18th***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy****Baby Show.**

A baby show and jumble sale was held in the Wyke Schools on Friday last week, when all members of the Wyke, Normandy and Wanborough Nursing Association were invited, and tea was given by Lady Roberts. 31 children attended. They were judged by Miss Simpson (the Superintendent of Surrey County Nursing Association) and Miss Sheppard (the health visitor for the district) both of whom expressed their high opinion of the health of the children, and considered they gave evidence of excellent home care.

Two first prizes were awarded in Class 1 (up to one year) - William Rogers and Joan Humby both obtained full marks. The second prize was won by Kenneth Bolton. In Class 2 (up to two years) Harold Jackson took first prize and Mary Muriel Welley and George Albert Lamport took second prizes. In Class 3 (two to five years) the first prize was won by James Barr with full marks, but he had a close rival in Richard Bosely, who was awarded second prize.

It was announced that it is hoped before long to open an infant welfare centre in Normandy.

1919 July 18th***Surrey Advertiser***

At Farnham Perry Session yesterday (Thursday), William Richards and Edward North were summoned in respect of a horse affected with parasitic mange, and failing with all practical speed to give notice thereof, at Normandy. The Bench decided that although Richards had pleaded guilty, he was not the responsible party, and dismissed the case against him. North was fined £ 10.

1919 July 30th***Surrey Advertiser*****A Double Bereavement**

Mrs F Collyer of Hillcroft, Pirbright Road, Normandy has suffered a second bereavement by the war having received official information that her only surviving son, Henry, a cook's mate on a destroyer had lost his life on 30th June through the vessel having struck a mine in the North Sea. Henry Collyer was 23 years of age and an old boy at King Edward School, Witley. He had two or three narrow escapes from death previously. He joined the Navy in March 1913 and had gained his stripe for eleven (sic) year's good conduct. After seven months service he won a prize of ten shillings, two medals and a certificate for the excellence of his exhibit in the Naval Cookery Exhibition in 1913. The deceased served first on the 'Indomitable' and was in the bombardment of The Dardenelles in 1914. In January of the following year he was in action in the North Sea. Subsequently he was transferred to a Mine- sweeper, which was torpedoed the day before the Battle of Jutland and was in the water an hour and a half before being rescued. His next boat struck a mine in the Atlantic in March last and was sunk and again he was rescued only to lose his life three months later as stated. His brother Fred Collyer, a first class stoker on the Queen Mary, lost his life in the Battle of Jutland . Mrs Collyer wishes to thank all friends for the sympathy that she has received.

1919 August 2nd***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

Peace celebrations and flower show.

Tea, sports and supper for ex service men at Westwood.

1919 October 18th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

At a public meeting in Wyke Schools on Thursday evening last week, Mr W F Field, the treasurer of the Flower Show and Peace Festivities, presented the accounts, showing a balance in hand of £44 19s 3d. It was decided to devote the whole balance to the flower show fund.

1919 November 15th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Post Office sold.**

At the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Tuesday, Mr F Tanton sold by auction the Normandy Post Office, producing 19/10d per annum to Mr C J Brake, for £545. The cottage adjoining was not sold. Big Meadow and Great Allroads, parcels of land of respectfully 13 acres and 13½ acres, forming part of the Normandy Manor Estate, were sold to Messrs Hammond and Marshall for £360 and £430 respectfully. Other lots on the same estate were withdrawn.

1919 November 20th*Surrey & Hants News***Normandy**

At the Lion Hotel, Guildford last week, the Normandy Post Office, producing £19.10s per annum was sold by auction to Mr C J Brake for £345. The cottage adjoining was not sold. 'Big Meadow' and 'Great Allroads', parcels of land of respectively eleven acres and 13.5 acres, forming part of the Normandy Manor Estate, were sold to Messrs Hammond and Marshall for £360 and £430 respectively.

1919 December 13th*Surrey Advertiser***Ash****Tennis for Normandy.**

Sir Philip Henriques JP, granted the request of the Secretary of Normandy Tennis Club for permission to make a tennis court on the recreation ground at Normandy.

1919 December 13th*Surrey Advertiser***Normandy War Memorial**

Sir Philip Henriques JP, wrote on behalf of the Normandy War Memorial Committee, thanking the Council for having undertaken the maintenance of the War Memorial to be erected on Normandy common, and asking that a representative of the Council should meet the committee with a view to the property being stumped out, preparatory to the army authorities drawing up the deed of transfer. It was arranged that the Clerk should meet the Committee for the purpose.

1920 January 8th*Surrey & Hants News***Normandy**

In the ditch - When George Hall and Alfred Stanley Hall were summoned at Farnham on Thursday for being drunk and disorderly. William Elliott was called to collaborate the evidence of P C Field, but would not go further than saying the defendants were not sober, and they were creating a disturbance. Eventually, however, witness said emphatically the men were drunk and under cross examination said he carried one of them some distance. The older defendant told his son to mind the ditch, and then fell into it himself.

Defendants, who pleaded not guilty, were each fined 15/- [15 shillings].

1920 January 16th***Aldershot News*****Ash****Normandy Wyke Musical Society**

A well attended concert was given by the Normandy and Wyke Musical society in the Schoolroom on Friday. The programme, conducted by Mr Mackay, and to the accompaniment of Miss Booty, was much enjoyed. A detailed report is held over.

1920 January 31st***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

On Friday evening last week some members of the St Peters Girl Guides, Ash, gave an entertainment in the Wyke School in aid of the fund for restoration and repairs. The audience enjoyed the varied programme, which included songs, recitations, dialogues and choruses. Miss G Bayley directed the proceedings and acted as accompanist. The vicar, the Rev G N Pickford, thanked the concert party for their help.

At the whist drive in the Parish Room on Wednesday in aid of the funds of the Cricket Club, the winners were - Ladies, first Miss A Marshall, second Mrs Palmer and booby Miss H Marshall. Gentlemen - first Mr Matthews, second Mr B Goodchild and booby Mr J Hutchins.

1920 February 21st***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

The death occurred at Mount Pleasant, Normandy, on the sixth instant of Mrs Bosley, widow of the late Mr Edwin Bosley, at the age of 75 after a very short illness. Deceased was well known and respected in the neighbourhood where she had resided for over 50 years. She leaves seven daughters and four sons to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Wednesday last week.

Concert by Wyke and Normandy Choral Society in the Wyke School.

Concert by the Choral Society

An enjoyable concert was given in the Wyke Schools on Friday last week by the Wyke and Normandy Choral Society. The first part of the programme by the junior members, a charming little play entitled 'The Wicked Baron' received much applause. Much praise is due to Mrs Thompson and Miss F. Stedman for the excellent way they trained the children and provided the costumes. The following senior members gave items in the second half - Mrs Johnson, Mrs Welsford, Mrs Connell, Mrs L. Mumford, Mr Palmer, Mr Rickard and Mr Evans all of which were greatly appreciated by a large audience.

1920 February 28th***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke & Normandy**

A numerous company assembled in the Parish Room on Wednesday evening for a whist drive in aid of funds of the Cricket Club. Prize Winners - Ladies 1) Miss Hubbard 2) Mrs Kennard booby) Mrs Elliott. Gentlemen 1) Mr S. Marshall 2) Mr V. Boseley booby) Mr T. Cult. Miss Field and Miss Marriott gave the first prizes, ladies and gents respectively.

1920 March 6th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Generous gift for parish hall.**

At last weeks' meeting of the Women's Institute, Lady Roberts of Henley Park announced her intention of giving £1000, the amount awarded by the Red Cross Society on ceasing to occupy Henley Park as a military hospital, towards the cost of building a parish hall.

1920 March 20th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

The coal shortage is being keenly felt locally. Many householders being quite without coal, and there are complaints of unfair distribution.

1920 April 3rd*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke & Normandy**

The Bishop of Winchester was the preacher of the service on Wednesday evening in Holy Week in Wyke Church. There was a large congregation, and the Bishop gave an inspiring address upon the institution and meaning of the sacrament in preparation for the Easter Communion.

1920 April 10th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke & Normandy**

A numerous company met in the Parish Room on Monday evening for a whist drive. Prize winners Ladies - 1) Miss H. Marriott 2) Mrs Collyer 3) Miss R. Collyer. Gentlemen - 1) Mr Palmer 2) Pte. A Smith 3) Mr B. Bowyer.

1920 April 15th*Surrey & Hants News***Normandy**

Attention was called at the meeting of the Ash Parish Council on Monday to the habit of cyclists riding on the footpath instead of the road at Normandy, and ringing their bells for people to get out of the way. It was decided to call the attention of the police to the matter.

1920 July 3rd*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Iris Marriott, station Road, Normandy was summoned at Woking on Saturday for having driven a motor cycle without a licence. She explained that she was having a lesson in driving and the case was dismissed.

1920 September 25th***Surrey Advertiser*****Ash****Too high speed**

Edward Gough, grocer, was summoned at Farnham on Thursday for driving a motor van to the danger of the public at Ash on September 6th. Cyril Arthur Bennett, Sapsford, Canteen Manager, Normandy, said he was cycling behind the bus from Aldershot, and as he approached Shawfield road a motor van driven by defendant turned out of the road and passed the bus and himself on the wrong side and mounted the footpath. Witness fell off his bicycle to avoid being knocked off. Defendant said his view of the corner was obscured by a high hedge and some lime trees, and what he did was on the spur of the moment to avoid an accident. His speed at the corner did not exceed 10mph. Fined £2 and costs, the Chairman remarking that he approached the corner at too high a speed.

1920 November 11th***Surrey & Hants News*****Normandy**

The Ash Parish Council at their meeting on Monday decided to give up a portion of the Wyke Recreation Ground leased from Doctor H M Chester as the Council considered that the portion belonging to them was sufficient to meet the needs of the present time.

1920 December 24th***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

The memorial cross erected in memory of the men of Wyke and Normandy who gave their lives in the war was unveiled and dedicated on Sunday (19th December) afternoon in the presence of a large gathering. The Celtic cross, which is of Cornish granite, stands on a site at the Normandy cross roads, generously given to the parish by the War Department. The dedication was performed by Bishop Hose, late Bishop of Singapore, and the cross was unveiled by Major General Sir R H K Butler KCB, Commanding the 2nd Division, Aldershot. The Vicar (the Rev F N Pickford) and the Rev E A Spear (Wesleyan pastor of Guildford) took part in the proceedings.

The ex service men of the village paraded under ex Corporal Major Elliot, 2nd Life Guards, and were inspected before the service by Major General Butler, who briefly addressed them, saying that they realised the great cause for which they fought, and he thought it behoved them, and the survivors of the Great War in particular, to maintain that quietude in this country in the future which lead to prosperity, so that they did not bring to nought the great cause for which their comrades died. The first Normandy Troop of Boy Scouts were present, under Scoutmaster W J Henry and Assistant Scoutmaster Mrs Henry, and the bugle band of the 2nd Ash Troop under Scoutmaster F Millard.

Major General Butler, after unveiling the cross, said that, although that was only a small parish, 165 men went forth to serve on sea and land at the call of duty, and 35 of these gave their lives for their country. That cross stood as a reminder that it was to those men whose names were inscribed on it and those who fought and fell with them on the greatest brotherhood of arms, that we owed our existence as a great nation today. The cross was also an example to our future manhood to do their duty as these men did and uphold the honour of their race.

The lesson (1.Thessalonians iv, 13 to end) was read by the Reverend E A Spear, and after the hymn 'O God our help in ages past' which was followed by the National Anthem and Blessing, the 'Last Post' was sounded by buglers of the Queens.

A special service for ex service men was afterwards held in the Parish Church.

A number of wreaths were placed around the cross at the conclusion of the dedication service, including a large tribute of white chrysanthemums and rosemary with the lettering, 'To the Glorious Dead,' in holly berries, which was from Lady Roberts in memory of the men from Henley Park who

gave their lives. There were also wreaths from Sir Philip Henriques, the Comrades of Wyke and Normandy, and the Wyke and Normandy Sunday Schools.

The names of the fallen inscribe around the base of the cross are:-

Lt R C Stedman - East Surrey Regiment

P Lovell - Essex Regiment

Lt P B Henriques - K R R

F Herbert - Royal Berkshire Regiment

A Heath - Middlesex Regiment

W Boxall - Royal Dublin Fusiliers

F J Hobbs - Rifle Brigade

F Collyer - HMS Cheerful

W Taylor - HMS Bulwark

F Trussler - HMS Good Hope

T Blaber - MOC

E Butler - London Regiment

J South - RFA

R G Marshall - RFA

G Burleigh - RFA

G Cawson, J A Cawson, W Avenall, J Buckmaster, A Goddard, W Deedman, A Randall, A Poulter
- All of the Queens

C Boxall - Kings Liverpool Regiment

F E Normans - East Surrey

F Lipscombe - East Sussex Regiment

R A Roberts - East Sussex Regiment

F Bonham - Hampshire Regiment

J Hawthorne - Hampshire Regiment

W Hawthorne - Hampshire Regiment

Sir Philip Henriques is Chairman of the War Memorial Committee and Mr W Miles Honorary Secretary. A sum of £105 has been raised by subscriptions, which covers the cost of the cross, but a little more is needed to provide a proper fencing around the memorial

1921 January 1st

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke and Normandy

P. Barton, Carrier - Deepcut - Frimley Green - Aldershot - Normandy - Guildford. Tuesdays and Thursday. (*Advertisement*)

1921 January 6th

Surrey & Hants News

Normandy

A successful whist drive was held at Wanborough Schools on Wednesday last week when the prize winners were - ladies - 1 Mrs Jenner, 2 - Mrs Rhodes and Miss Rhodes (tie), consolation - P Duffin; Gentlemen 1 - Mr E Chennell, 2 - Mr Norman, consolation - Mr J Sheffield'

Mr E Driver was the driver.

1921 January 8th

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke and Normandy

Death of Mr Stedman, Lynthorne, Normandy. (*Report*)

1921 January 15th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****The late Mr Stedman** (*report*)

At Ash Parish Council meeting on Monday, the Chairman (Mr T Osgood) alluded to the loss the Council had sustained by the death of Mr Arthur Stedman, for many years a Parish Councillor and Overseer. The Council decided to send a letter of condolence to the family.

In the report of the funeral of Mr Stedman last week, the names of the Misses Stedman attending should have been given as the Misses A E F and J Stedman.

1921 April 21st*Surrey & Hants News***Normandy**

The first Normandy troop of Boy Scouts, who were present at the Great Show on Saturday at Normandy were reviewed by Mr E S Hose, who has lately returned from Singapore, who expressed his admiration at the smartness of the troop and their efficiency. Scoutmaster, W J Henry and Assistant Scout-mistress Mrs Henry was in charge. Major General Evans Gibb was to have conducted the review, but was prevented from attending owing to military duties.

1921 July 16th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Henry George Hobbs, who stated that he had driven a party from Normandy to Southsea and back, was fined 30/- by the Farnham Bench on Thursday for having been drunk in charge of the motor van in the Borough, Farnham, on 3rd July. Mr Edgar Kempson defended.

1921 September 17th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Fire grate explosion - Nurses' sad death - (*report*)

Miss Edith Lipscombe (21) - Normandy Hill.

1921 September 24th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Letter from Mr T. James re - election of general committee for Village Hall.

New Village Hall - opening by Sir Walter Napier - (*Long report*)

The village hall which has been munificently given to the village by Lady Roberts was formally opened by Sir Walter Napier on Wednesday evening.

Death of Miss Edith Lipscombe.

1921 September 28th*Surrey & Hants News***Normandy****Horticultural Show**

Big entry for first exhibition. The first autumn show of the Wyke, Normandy and District Horticultural Society was held in the new village hall on Saturday. Over 500 entries were received.

[*Results*]

1921 October 1st***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

On Saturday last the Wyke Sunday School children were very kindly entertained at Westwood by Miss Flood Page and Colonel Coussemaker. Tea and games were provided for the children and some of their friends. At the close, beautiful book prizes, the kind gift of Lady Roberts of Henley Park, were presented to the children.

1921 August 6th***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

Wedding - Miss Rose Francis Field, daughter of Mr and Mrs W Field, The Elms, Station Road, Normandy, and Mr Harry William Woods, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W Woods, The Firs, Normandy. *Long report.*

1921 September 10th***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

Mr G Boseley of Normandy, playing for the village cricket club against Mr J Hutchins XI last Saturday, misjudged a ball in the long field and it struck him on the forehead causing a severe injury.

Guildford fitter's income tax

Summoned for non payment of £1.17s.5d income tax at Farnham on Thursday, James Hammond (24) of Stedmans Cottages Normandy, pleaded that he was employed by Messrs Drummond Bros, Guildford, but was working short time and had to support his widowed mother. He thought he was right in stating that orders had been issued to district inspectors to take no proceeding against part time workers. The bench made an order for payment in two monthly instalments.

1921 November 5th***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

Tubbs Brothers, a Normandy firm now liquidated, were defendants in an action brought at Godalming County Court on Thursday by Messrs Smith Brothers, forage merchants of Basingstoke, to recover £59 19s 7d on a judgement summons for corn supplied.

Mr Triggs Turner for the plaintiffs, questioned Thomas Tubbs, who claimed that he was a member of the firm of Tubbs Brothers. His brother, Robert Tubbs, traded in that name, and used witness' name in the firm. A letter signed by Robert Tubbs and Thomas Tubbs offering to pay by instalments of £20 monthly was put to the witness, who denied that it bore his signature.

At the request of Mr Turner, witness wrote his name and comparing the signatures, Judge Harrington said there was no resemblance between them. He adjourned the case to the next court to give Mr Turner an opportunity to subpoena Robert Tubbs.

1921 November 19th***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

The Parish Room standing in the Vicarage ground, was sold by auction on Thursday last week, and was bought by Mrs Pickford. Messrs Triggs Turner of Guildford acted. The auctioneer was Mr Drewitt.

1921 December 17th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Motor car on fire**

Captain F Grey of Glenmore, Normandy, had an alarming experience on Saturday when driving over the Hogs Back in his Ford car. At Puttenham Cross Roads he noticed that petrol was leaking from the car. He turned down the steep Wanborough road and stopped to rectify the trouble, when immediately the petrol caught fire, and the car was quickly wrapped in flames and completely destroyed.

1922 January 14th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Scouts party**

By the invitation of the First Normandy Group of Boy Scouts, a party which numbered 123 and comprised parents, families and friends of the troop, sat down to tea in the Normandy Village Hall on Saturday. After a sumptuous tea - most of the cakes for which were made by the troop cooks at the village bakery - games and competitions occupied the remainder of the evening. Much fun was caused by the bran tub, which contained a gift for everybody present. A pleasing feature was the presentation to Scoutmaster P L Clark of a shaving mirror and brush, subscribed for by the scouts and officers on the eve of his departure for Australia, in the staff of the Orient liner 'Orvieto'. The troop wish to thank all friends who kindly sent cake, and helped in other ways.

1922 March 4th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

A successful and enjoyable whist drive and dance was held on Friday last week in Normandy Village Hall. There were 22 tables for the whist drive, and altogether just over 100 people were present. The MC for the drive and dance were Mr W J Henry, scoutmaster of the Normandy troop, who wishes to thank all who rendered assistance in giving prizes, refreshments and help. The 1st Normandy troop will benefit to the extent of about £20.

1922 March 18th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Five nominations were received at a parish meeting on Monday for the four vacancies at the Parish Council, and voting by a show of hands resulted as follows: - Mr W J Henry 40, Mr W Deedman 4, Mr W J Stephenson 6, Mr A C Stapleford 7, Mr W Miles 7. Mr Miles withdrew and a poll was avoided.

1922 March 25th***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy****Girl's death under anaesthetic - A singular case.**

An unusual physical condition which renders the administration of anaesthetic fatal was stated to be the cause of the death of Ema Mary Arthur aged 14, a domestic servant of Railway Cottages, Westwood Lane, Normandy, the circumstances of whose death were investigated at the County Hospital, Guildford, on Wednesday evening by the Borough Coroner (Mr F W Smallpiece).

Evidence given showed that the girl enjoyed good health until operated upon for tonsillitis. A second operation was found necessary to remove some remaining tissue, and as the girl did not remain under the anaesthetic long enough to enable the operation to be completed, a third was performed, and she stopped breathing when she had been under the anaesthetic about four minutes. Artificial respiration failed to revive her, though she regenerated seven times. A post mortem examination showed an enlarged gland in the neck, an enlarged thyroid gland.

The cause of death was the giving of the anaesthetic to the girl while suffering from static lymphations, which couldn't be diagnosed before death. The coroner returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence, and that everything was done for deceased.

1922 April 22nd***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

The Bishop of Winchester visited St Marks Church, Wyke, on Wednesday evening last week, and gave an address in preparation for Easter.

Whist Drive and Dance

On Easter evening a successful whist drive was held in Normandy Village Hall - 26 tables were occupied for the drive and the winners were - Ladies - 1) Mrs Tullett 2) Mrs Elliott Consolation Miss Luff. Gentlemen 1) Mr B Goodchild 2) Mr E.H. Packham Consolation Mr Rice. Mr W.J. Henry was driver. The Dance programme comprised 24 items and excellent music was provided by the Double Edge Orchestra. About 50 couples took to the floor for the first dance 2nd the programme went throughout with a good swing. The duties of M.C. were ably carried by Mr W. Elliott.

1922 April 29th***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

Many useful hints to beekeepers were given by Mr George W Judge, the well-known expert, at a lecture in the Normandy Village Hall on Saturday, his subject embracing the keeping of the honey maker for pleasure and profit. He was heartily thanked, as was also Mr Woods who manipulated the lantern. Mr E G Waldock, divisional Honorary Secretary to the Surrey Association, expressed the hope that more local beekeepers would join the organisation.

1922 May 6th***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

On Tuesday last week a whist drive and dance was held in Normandy Village Hall in aid of the roof repair fund of St Mark's Church. The winners in the whist drive were, 1 - Mrs Ansell, 2 - Mrs Allen, booby Mrs Thompson. Gentlemen 1 - Mr A Norman, 2 - Mr Thompson, booby Mr Dring. The driver was Mr W J Henry. Mr W Elliot acted as MC for the dance. All prizes and refreshments were given by friends, and the hall was kept free of charge by the Village Hall Committee.

1922 May 13th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Normandy Village Hall.**

The annual election of the committee is to take place in the hall on Friday, 30th June. The whole of the committee retire and offer themselves for re-election, Miss Booty, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Cooper, Miss Elliot, Mrs Henry, Mr T A Allen, Mr Benwell, Mr R Bosley, Mr J Elliot, Mr W Field, Mr W J Henry, Mr Mumford, Mr South, Mr Stevenson, Mr R Vale, Mr Wainwright and Mr W Woods. Nominations for the committee must be handed to either of the Joint Secretaries, Mr T A Allen or Mr W F Field before Wednesday, 31st May.

1922 June 3rd*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke & Normandy**

On Wednesday the 9th Guildford Troop of Boy Scouts visited Normandy Village Hall and gave a fine display of their scout exercises, gymnastic feats, boxing etc. together with some spectacular tableaux. They were thanked for their visit by Scoutmaster Henry and District Scoutmaster Jeffrey replied.

1922 June 10th*Surrey Advertiser***Henley Park Sale**

Mansion withdrawn at £33,500

Several outlying properties sold.

Including Longend Farm, Ash and Normandy: small holding at Normandy Hill

Bales Farm: Whibley Farm: Cottage close to Normandy Post Office: small holding close to Normandy Station

Report

1922 June 17th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke & Normandy**

On Saturday night the Normandy Village Hall was broken into. Considerable damage was done to the slot gas meters and cupboards, but the total haul was only 3/8d, hardly worth the trouble.

In aid of the church repair funds, a village fete will be held in the grounds of Henley Park, kindly lent by Lady Roberts, on Wednesday 28th June at 3.00pm. There will be numerous attractions, and the Farnborough Boys Band will play.

Bees 'Swarm' on a man

While in a wood near Normandy, a Mr John Freakes, GE 75, of Ash had the unusual experience of bees 'swarming' on him. They settled in a great cluster on shoulder and neck, but Freakes did not disturb them, and they flew off in a few minutes without having stung him at all.

1922 July 1st*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Fete at Henley Park organised by Wyke Church Council. An enjoyable function despite rain *Report*

1922 July 27th*Surrey & Hants News***Normandy**

Parishes combine in successful flower show.

[Long report]

1922 July 29th

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke and Normandy

Horticultural show. entries nearly doubled [Report prize winners](#)

1922 August 5th

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke & Normandy - The recent show - a pleasant wind up

Distribution of prizes won at the Wyke and Normandy Horticultural Show

[Report](#)

An organists' wedding

Church Choir forms guard of honour

An interesting wedding was solemnised at St. Marks' Church, Wyke on Saturday, the bride being Miss Rene Anne Coleman of Normandy and the bridegroom being Mr Frank Varney of Farnborough. The service was conducted by the very Rev F.N. Pickford (vicar) assisted by the Rev. Mr. Partridge of St. Augustines Church, North Town, Aldershot of which church the bridegroom is organist.

The full choir from St Augustines attended and formed a guard of honour as the happy couple left the church.

Mr Charman, organist of Seale Church, an old friend of the bridegroom, presided at the organ.

The brides' dress was of silk sohenne as also were those of the bridesmaids, who carried bouquets of pink sweet peas tied with pale mauve ribbon. The reception was held at Rose Cottage,

Normandy, the toast of the bride and bridegroom being given by - Mr Partridge. The presents were handsome and numerous among them being a full dinner service from members of St Augustines' Church, a chiming clock from the choir, and cutlery from the bridegroom's fellow employees at the Aircraft Factory.

School Concert - (Ash Wyke School)

[Report](#)

1922 September 30th

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke and Normandy

Autumn flower show, the Wyke Normandy and District Horticultural Society. [Report and prize list.](#)

1922 October 7th

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke & Normandy

The Social Committee of Normandy Village Hall held their first dance of the season on Friday last week, Mr W. Elliott being M.C. A Whist Drive was held at the Normandy Village Hall on Wednesday with Mr Mumford as driver.

1922 October 14th

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke & Normandy

The church was prettily decorated for the Harvest Festival on Sunday last. The choir rendered the music well, and there were good congregations. The offertory amounted to about £6 and was for the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

1922 November 4th***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke & Normandy**

At the Whist Drive at Normandy Village Hall on Wednesday, with Mr H.L. Mumford as driver, the prize winners were - Ladies 1) Miss Rhodes 2) Mrs Rolph. Consolation - Mrs Cooper. Gentlemen 1) Mr S. Marshall 2) Mr D. Baker. Consolation - Mr S. Packham.

1922 December 2nd***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke & Normandy - Whist Drive and Dance**

The Normandy Football Club held a very successful whist drive and dance in the Normandy Village Hall on Friday evening last week. There were 27 tables for whist and the driver was Mr Leslie Lance. The prize winners being Ladies 1) Mrs Hubbard 2) Mrs Tullet - travelling prize - Mrs Addington. Hidden number - Mrs Clark. Consolation - Mrs Henry. Gentlemen - 1) Mr Robinson 2) Mr Rice. Hidden number - Mr M.S. Addington. Consolation Mr Milne. Travelling prize - Mr B. Boyer. Mr W. Elliott acted as M.C. for the drive and Mr Harris' Eagle Orchestra provided the music. Over 50 couples took the floor for the opening waltz, and the numbers were well sustained in the end. A handsome iced cake put up for competition was won by Miss Ethel Hale.

1922 December 16th***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke & Normandy**

At the annual meeting of the committee of the First Normandy Boy Scouts held on Monday, reports of the work and camps were submitted by S.M. Henry for the Scouts, and Cubmaster F.J. Henry for the cubs, which together with the balance sheet, were adopted. The troop has now its own camp equipment, including tents and trek cart, and a satisfactory balance in hand for carrying on.

Lorry on fire

On Friday last week Mr Palmers' lorry, which had previously been at work, and was standing on Station Road only about 25 yards from his bungalow, caught fire from some unknown cause, and was quickly a big blaze. Mr Palmer was called by a neighbour who, with several others, gave valuable help and averted a more serious fire. With great good luck they succeeded in getting it in hand before the petrol tank gave out, although it was afterwards found that it had started melting.

1922 December 23rd***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke & Normandy**

The Christmas whist Drive was held at the Normandy Village Hall on Wednesday. There were 26 tables and 18 prizes, all of which had been given, were awarded. Mr Henry acted as M.C.

War Memorial Anniversary

The ex Service men on Sunday held their anniversary service of the unveiling of Normandy War Memorial. The service at the memorial was conducted by Rev. F.N. Pickford (vicar), and also Rev. Mr Sage D.S.O. MC late of Farnham, after which the assembly marched to the church, where an impressive address was given by the latter. Over 100 ex service men, under Mr W. Elliott, and led by Col. Toogood were on parade, and also the First Normandy troop of the Boy Scouts, and the Sunday School. The Guildford and District Military Band headed the procession, and also rendered the music in church.

1923 January 13th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Common, use as a pig farm, (foot of Fox Hills), protest meeting to be held.

Much indignation is felt at Normandy at the action of the War Department in licensing the common to a private individual for the purposes of a pig farm. The common is situated in the centre of the village, and how it came into the possession of the War Offices is not clear. For a fortnight or more, men, said to be employed by the War Department, have been felling trees and this work of spoliation is still going on. Immediately the intention of the War Department became known, active protests were made. Sir Philip Henriques has approached Mr A H Samuel, member of the Farnham Division, and a parish meeting will be held this (Saturday) evening to consider what further action shall be taken.

1923 January 20th*Surrey Advertiser*

Report of protest meeting regarding use of common as pig farm. *(Long report)*.

1923 February 10th*Surrey Advertiser***Ash**

Theft of overcoat from Charles Callingham, farm labourer at Cobbetts Hill Farm, Normandy.

1923 February 17th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Advert - Durbridge, The Crib. Agent for the Surrey Advertiser - all orders civilly and promptly delivered.

1923 March 17th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Ted Fenner, Crib House Normandy, sued for dogs on approval.

1923 March 24th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Death of James Smith, Normandy Hill.

1923 May 5th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Complicated rent clause - auctioneer and 'Den of Lions'.

Ted Fenner, dealer, of The Crib, Normandy, appeared in the dual roles of plaintiff and defendant in rent actions heard in Guildford County Court on Thursday. In one action he claimed £40 for rent of The Anchor Grocery Store premises and £7 for 32 weeks rent of a room in The Crib from A S Durbridge. In the other case he was sued by Mr J W Bentley for a quarter's rent of £ 15 of the house and shop premises. *(Long report)*.

1923 June 2nd*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**Goat and poultry show at Westwood. *(Report)*.
-----**Tracks over common.**

Reporting to the Farnham Rural District Council with regard to an alleged stoppage and diversion of footpaths on Normandy Common opposite Longerend Farm, the Surveyor (Mr R W Veale) said he was informed by one of the oldest inhabitants and a former member of the Council, that the only paths to which there was any public right led from the cross roads towards the Pirbright and Normandy roads, near Longerend farm, and to near Wyke Church, and from Manor Farm into the same footpath. The alleged stoppage and diversion was that apparently where the central obliterated track existed a wooden hut had been erected. The land in the vicinity, however was quite open and no interference with public users had been made, and that there was practically no obstruction. Major Aylwin Foster, who he believed had leased the common from the War Department, was prepared to make a path more convenient to the public at this point than the old one. The Council came to the conclusion that there was no intention to interfere with the existing right of way.

1923 June 9th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

A receiving order in bankruptcy has been made against Albert Edward Durbridge, Anchor Stores and Bakery, The Crib, Normandy.

1923 June 16th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**Fire at Woodruff Poultry Farm - thatched bungalow at Pirbright Road, Normandy, occupied by Mr John Bolton. *(Long report)***1923 June 30th***Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**Accident at Wyke church - Ford van/lorry/motorcycle combination.
Mr J Bolton - thanks to helpers and gifts received after recent fire.**1923 July 28th***Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****The flower show held at Westwood. *Report and long prize list.*****1923 August 4th***Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

The County Council are preparing to contribute up to £ 147, subject to the Ministry of Transport contributing the other half, towards the estimated cost of £293 for piping and filling in 820 yards of open ditches besides the Guildford to Pinewoods main road, between Wyke Cross House and Normandy.

1923 August 11th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

At Guildford Bankruptcy Court on Tuesday before the Registrar (Mr J Perkins), the examination of Albert Edward Durbridge, who carried on business as baker and grocer at the Anchor Stores and Bakery, Normandy, was formerly closed.

1923 August 25th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Scout camp at East Wittering.**

Whist drive and dance - Normandy Village Hall committee.

1923 August 25th*Surrey Advertiser***War Memorial**

The alterations to the War Memorial, now completed, with the exception of turf slopes, which will be added during the autumn. The work has greatly improved the memorial and all expenses have been borne by Sir Philip and Lady Henriques, the contract being carried out by Messrs W A Woods and Son.

1923 November 3rd*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Death of Mr Blades**

Mr Norman Blades of The Elms, Normandy, passed away in a Guildford nursing home on Wednesday afternoon. Mr Blades only came to Normandy in the early part of the year when he bought The Elms from Mr W F Field, with the idea of developing the fruit farm and pastures into a pedigree middle white pig farm. Big alterations had already been made, and it seems particularly sad that he should not have been spared to see his plan come to fruition. Deceased was the third son of Mr William Blades of Sutton, and leaves a widow and family, with whom great sympathy is felt in their bereavement.

1923 December 22nd**War Memorial Anniversary**

The anniversary service to commemorate the unveiling of the War Memorial was held on Sunday last. Ex-servicemen to the number of 86 organised by Mr W Elliott and led by Colonel Marsh assembled at Willey Green at 2.15pm and marched to the memorial accompanied by the Guildford Military Band. A short service was conducted by the Reverend F N Pickford, after which buglers played "The Last Post" and "Reveille". The assembly then proceeded to St. Mark's Church for a separate service of remembrance and a fine sermon preached by the Reverend W. Peverly Dudd, Wesleyan Chaplain to the Forces at Aldershot. The offertory being divided among the war charities. The 1st Normandy Scouts and Guides paraded at the memorial under their respective officers.

 Village Hall Slate Club - the club shared out on Thursday, the male members receiving £ 1.15s each.

1924 January 12th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

At Guildford County Court on Thursday, John Walford Bentley of 37 Hampton Place, Brighton, claimed possession of premises occupied by Albert Edward Durbridge and Rose M Dunscombe. Mr W Triggs Turner appeared for the plaintiff, and said defendants had consented to an order being made. An order for possession on April 9th was made accordingly.

1924 January 19th*Surrey Advertiser***Wanborough**

The County Council last week made an order for the establishment of Parish Council for Wanborough. It will consist of five members who will be elected at the coming parish meeting.

Ash

In the County Court at Farnham on Friday last week, Edwin Osgood of the Japonica Motor Works, Ash, succeeded in his claim for £6.6s.9d for towing and garaging a Belsize motor lorry against T Jones, furniture dealers, Farnborough.

1924 February 2nd*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

A new telephone call office has been opened at Normandy sub Post Office.

The Worplesdon Men's Club visited Normandy Institute on Thursday evening for a games contest. The interest was very keen, owing to the even nature of the contest. At 10 o'clock the score was ten points each and a deciding game of cribbage, which was only won by one peg, gave the game to Normandy, who won by eleven points to ten.

1924 March 1st*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

On Thursday week Pirbright Institute was visited by the Normandy Institute members for a games contest, which was won by the home team by fifteen points to twelve.

1924 March 15th*Surrey Advertiser***Ash**

Ash Parish Council on Monday decided to protest against the closing of Normandy Infant Welfare Centre.

1924 May 10th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

The National Unionist Association, Ash and Normandy branch, held a meeting at Normandy Village Hall on Thursday evening, the chair being occupied by Lt Col C Toogood. The object of the meeting was to explain the aims of the association and to enrol members.

1924 June 21st***Surrey Advertiser*****Ash**

At the meeting of Ash Parish Council on Monday a letter was read from Sir Philip Henriques referring to the proposal to cut down oak trees behind the war memorial at Normandy, and expressing the opinion that it would be a great pity were such a beautiful natural background destroyed. The Council promised to give the matter further consideration and to act in accordance with the wishes of those chiefly interested.

1924 September 13th***Surrey Advertiser*****1st Normandy Scouts - New Hall.**

The Wyke and Normandy Scout Committee are to be congratulated on the bold way in which they are dealing with the question of the new Headquarters, made necessary by the change of tenant at Wyke Cross Farm.

The committee has purchased a 7 & 1/2 acre field in the centre of the village, and are now building. The headquarters will consist of a main hall 50 feet by 12 feet: a kitchen for instruction work 10 feet by 10 feet: patrol room 27 feet by 10 feet, and a cloakroom 12 feet by 10 feet. The building is being constructed of brick. When completed the building will probably be the finest headquarters in the County, and the troop and wolf pack, which have simply justified themselves in their five years existence, will be fortunate in possessing it.

Some of the money has been given but the greater portion of the necessary amount of £350 has been raised on loan, and will be repaid as opportunity occurs.

The Scoutmaster, W J Henry will gladly welcome any assistance, financial or otherwise, and makes a special appeal for gymnastic apparatus for the new hall.

1924 September 20th***Surrey Advertiser*****Mr W J Henry's Shop**

Cycle theft and window breaking. Young man sent to prison.

Broken window at Mr W J Henry's Grocer's shop.

(Long Report)

1924 October 18th***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

Dispute over a field - Normandy farmer's claim - relating to Henley Park. *(Report, but not easily readable as newspaper record damaged).*

1924 December 6th*Surrey Advertiser***1st Normandy Scout Headquarters.**

Sir,

Would you kindly allow me to make one or two points clear to your readers? First, as to the building costs, although Mr Woodman was good to us, he did not build our headquarters for a nominal sum, but charged us the actual amount of his mans' wages and the cost of materials used, which came to £217: and he only charged us the nominal sum of £3.10s. for use of building tackle and cartage, and nothing for his own work.

As to the ambulance scheme, perhaps I was not quite clear in my speech, but as Mrs Henry is a qualified nurse of the St John Ambulance Brigade, was hope under her guidance and supervision to establish a First Aid Station equipped with a hand stretcher (not a Napier motor ambulance as some people imagine).

All the items cost money. We already have a regulation hand stretcher, and as soon as funds permit us, we shall equip ourselves for First Aid work, which is an urgent necessity in our village, especially one placed like Normandy on a busy main road.

Our friends are helping is loyally: but we still require about £200. Another £5 from sweet making has been paid to the building account this week, making £35 raised by the troop.

Yours etc,

W J Henry, Scoutmaster.

1924 December 13th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Christmas fair - nearly £100 raised for school repairs. *(Report)*.

1925 February 7th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Death of Lady Roberts - great benefactor to Normandy. *(Report)*.

1925 February 14th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Woman's' Institute - Late Lady Roberts.

1925 February 21st*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Road accident at Elm Hill - Mr Luff of Hawley Cottage, Wanborough.

1925 February 28th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Memorial to the late Lt Col Coussmaker at Wyke Church.

1925 March 7th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

The six miles cross-country race of the Aldershot Command was won by Private Dick Mullard, a native of Normandy, of the Bedford and Herts Regiment. This is the third success of this very promising runner within the last month.

Gypsy Maids concert party.

1925 March 21st*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Victor Herbert Clark sold hire purchase bicycle to Mrs Edith Helen Fenner of Wyke.

1925 April 18th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

98 years in one house - death of Mr Jesse Deedman, Station Road - born 16th February 1829, died 9th April 1925.

1925 May 2nd*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Undesirable residence. Mr Albert Edward Durbridge summoned for breach of bylaws by erecting premises without submitting plans to the Rural District Council.

1925 May 16th*Surrey Advertiser***Ash**

Drainage and houses - Normandy's need.

Wyke and Normandy

Mr Andrew Barr of Westwood Farm with dairy cow Nancy, won prizes to the value of £65 3s at County Agricultural Show on Wednesday.

1925 May 30th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Alleged theft of horse by young soldier - property of Edward Fenner.

1925 June 6th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Wedding at Wesleyan chapel

Miss Lena Spark Brickwell, niece of Mr W S Stevenson of Normandy, to Mr Albert Thomas Pocock, nephew of Mr J Horne of Corabell, Normandy.

Soldier arrested stealing horse of Mr Edward Fenner.

1925 July 11th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Mr James Standing wishes to convey his best thanks to all who so freely gave towards the expenses of his belt.

1925 July 18th***Surrey Advertiser*****Ash**

Parish Council and housing scheme - question of site.

At the meeting of Ash Parish Council on Monday, Mr C D Manfield presiding, a letter was read from the Farnham Rural District Council intimating their decision to build 20 houses upon a site belonging to them at Shawfields. Mr J Dean moved - 'that this Council protest against building the whole of the 20 houses at Shawfields, and strongly suggest that the houses are distributed, some at Ash Vale and some at Normandy'. They had proof, he said, that the higher percentage of overcrowding was at the Ash Vale end of the parish. Mr W Deedman seconded. An amendment was moved by Mr A H Smith that the Rural District Council should be asked to amend the scheme to include the building of 20 houses at the Ash Vale end and 10 at Normandy - Mr W J Henry seconded and the amendment was carried.

Motorcycle accident at Dollys Hill - Mr Percy Cooper and Mr S Packham.

1925 September 19th***Surrey Advertiser*****Ash**

The Aldershot and District Traction Company gave notice that it had been decided to extend the fare point from Wyke Church to Normandy Village Hall in the case of the journey from Pinewood Post Office: - the cost of which would be 2d. The company have decided to give a subscription of 1 guinea towards the cost of providing a seat for waiting passengers at Normandy Village Hall.

1925 October 3rd***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

Ladies cricket club dance at Normandy Village Hall.

1925 October 31st***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

Mr W Elliot of 'Como' who has undergone a serious throat operation in St Thomas Hospital, London, is making progress.

Mr James Standing of Henley Park Cottage, Normandy, passed away on Wednesday evening after a long illness. He was very well known having spent practically all his life in Wood Street and Normandy. Great sympathy is felt for his widow and Mrs Callingham, his daughter.

1925 November 21st***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

Serious accident - Normandy man four days unconscious.

A serious accident involving an elderly man and a motorcyclist took place at Tickners Bridge, Normandy on Tuesday night. Mr James Boyer, aged 72, of New Cut, Normandy, who has worked for the Manor Fruit Farm for very many years, was walking along the road when he was knocked down by an Aldershot motorcyclist named Jackson. Mr Boyer was seriously injured and was removed to his home in an unconscious condition. On enquiry yesterday (Friday) we were informed that he had not recovered consciousness and that his condition was extremely critical.

1925 December 5th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

We understand that Mr J Boyer, who was recently knocked down by a motorcycle, has been moved to the Guildford Institution Hospital and is still in a very precarious condition.

Café chantant and social evening at Normandy Village Hall - Wyke and Normandy Woman's Institute.

1925 December 12th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

1. Wyke and Normandy Woman's Institute Annual Meeting, officers elected.
2. Entertainment.
3. Sunday afternoon concert by Wyke and Normandy Woman's Institute choral class.

(Report).

1925 December 24th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Christmas whist drive - Village Hall fund helped. *(Report).*

1926 January 15th*Aldershot News*

Proposed Blackwater Valley joint sewerage scheme. *(Long report including Normandy)*

1926 January 12th*Source unknown***Surrey County Council - Highways Committee.**

Farnham Rural District Council submitted a scheme for proposed future widening on the north side of Elm Hill for about 700 yards, together with an offer by the owner - Mr Neave, to convey about 1,500 square yards of land for the sum of £100 plus his solicitors costs, owner will not require the council to erect a fence as he intends to develop his property and will provide his own fencing as required. Estimated cost of fencing the whole frontage is £80, so that if this amount were paid to the owner in lieu of fencing, the nett cost of the land would be £20 plus scale charges. In addition to the acquisition of the land, which would be reserved for a future widening to 60ft, there is a small amount of immediate levelling to be done, and the estimate of acquiring the land and levelling is £120.

Committee recommended that the Council do authorise the acquisition of the land and the execution of the levelling works at a cost of £120, plus legal charges, and that an application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a grant. That the Council do affix their common seal to any necessary documents.

1926 January 16th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Theft of a gun, property of Brian E Addington, Broadmead Copse, Wanborough - stolen by Mr Hubert Shanks - *(no address).*

1926 February 6th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Normandy Scouts - Good progress reported - years working. *Long report.*

1926 March 13th*Surrey Advertiser***Wanborough**

Station Master retires - Mr Clark after 37½ years.

1926 March 27th*Surrey Advertiser***Ash**

North Camp level crossing - Letter to Farnham Rural Council that a bridge be built over the railway at North Camp.

1926 April 3rd*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Carter severely injured by runaway.**

On Monday evening a horse belonging to Mr Fenner of Wyke Cross Farm, was being driven in a farm cart by his carter Mr D Crook, when it got out of control, knocked down and ran over the driver on Elm Hill and then dashed along in the direction of Normandy. Mr Palmer of Station Road pulled his lorry out of the way when he saw the danger and jumping out, he, at very considerable risk, pulled up the horse, the animal and cart finishing in the ditch close to Wyke School. Mr Crook was seen by Doctor Wright and conveyed to hospital with as little delay as possible as his injuries were very severe. Mr Palmer sustained a badly wrenched arm which prevents him driving his lorry.

1926 April 10th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**Wedding of Mr G A Harris, Kathleen cottages, Elm Hill,
to Miss E M South, Eva Cottage, Elm Hill.

1926 April 24th*Surrey Advertiser***The late Lady Roberts** - Church memorial window dedicated - [report](#)

Tennis club dance.

1926 April 24th*Surrey Advertiser***Hospital at Clandon**

The Local Pound Day for the Alexandra Hospital at Clandon organised by Mr Henry (on behalf of the Guildford Crusaders) resulted in 88 & 1/2lbs of grocery, 250 eggs and £2.10s. 0d in cash - a very useful contribution to the hospital's store cupboard funds.

1926 May 1st*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**Woman's Institute choral society progress. [Report](#)

1926 May 8th*Surrey Advertiser*

Under NOTES and COMMENTS

Sir Philip Henriques - description.

1926 May 22nd

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke and Normandy

Congregational Church centenary.

1926 May 29th

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke and Normandy

Mr E Fenners' threats (Wyke Cross Farm) - convicted out of his own mouth - threatening language.

1926 June 5th

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke and Normandy

Major Darby of Normandy sent a cheque for £10 to the matron of Farnham Isolation Hospital Committee, to be spent for the benefit of patients in the scarlet fever ward, in appreciation of the treatment his nephew received in the ward.

1926 June 5th

Surrey Advertiser

St Georges Home pageant - repeated at Henley Park. Permission of Mr and Mrs Ramsey Moodie.

[Long report](#)

1926 June 26th

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke and Normandy

Village Hall annual meeting.

1926 July 17th

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke and Normandy

Reverend and Mrs Pickford bereaved. Son killed in flying accident at Cranwell Aerodrome (Mr Humphrey Pickford) ([Report](#)).

1926 July 23rd

Aldershot News

Wyke and Normandy show - fine exhibition at Westwood. ([Long report](#))

1926 September 4th

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke and Normandy

The Misses Plunket were very successful at Brighton Championship Dog Show on Wednesday with their Griffon Bruxelloes - winning four first prizes and two second prizes as well as the bitch championship certificate with the Castlehaven Dream, and being reserve champions in the dog class with Castlehaven Gazecock.

1926 October 2nd

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke and Normandy

Tennis club fete.

1926 October 16th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

On Monday last week the Normandy Institute held a whist drive in the Village Hall. Mr A G Oldershaw was driver. The prizes were won by the following ladies, 1) Mrs Evans, 2) Miss Sawkins. Gentlemen, 1) Mr A G Oldershaw, 2) Mr H L Mumford. Travelling, Mrs Norman and Mr S Marshall. Consolation, Miss L Mumford and Mr Jones.

1926 December 4th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Normandy scouts - 2nd anniversary opening of headquarters.

1926 December 11th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Cricket club general meeting.

1927 May 7th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke & Normandy**

The Ash Wyke School gave a concert on Saturday evening in Normandy Village Hall, to raise money for a piano for the infants department. There was a large audience and the programme consisted of twenty two items, each department of the school being represented. Special mention should be made of the folk dancing, which was of a higher order, and of the singing of the seniors and the juniors, which was excellent. J Brooks and M Parry being encored for their character song.

1927 August 27th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

New housing sites. Offers of two housing sites, one at Wyke and one at Normandy, were considered by the Farnham Rural Council on Friday, and the members decided to view the site at Wyke. Mr T Osgood said there was need for another twenty houses at Wyke.

1927 October 1st*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Marriage of Mr W Mullard - The Glen, Pirbright Road and Miss F Savvy (*name is undecipherable, could be Savvy, Sawry, or Sowry*) - Willy Green.

1927 October 15th*Surrey Advertiser***Ash**

Council topic - Normandy to be separate parish.

1927 October 22nd*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Suggested division of parish.

1927 November 4th*Surrey Advertiser.***Normandy a Separate Parish**

Village meeting supports the scheme. The well-attended meeting, held in Normandy Village Hall on Friday was chaired by Mr C D Manfield (Chairman of Ash Parish Council). Among those present were Sir Philip Henriques KBE of Normandy Park, Mr E S Hose and Mr W J Henry (Vice Chairman of the Ash Parish Council), the prime mover in the scheme.

Mr Henry moved "that the time has now come to request the Surrey County Council to make an order under Section 57 of the Local Government Act 1888 to divide the parishes of Ash and Normandy and to form the Normandy Ward into a separate parish and that a committee be formed with power to take all necessary steps to carry out this object".

The motion was carried and the following committee elected; Messrs Ramsay Moodie, E S Hose, W E Stevenson, T James, W J Henry, A W Milton and Mrs Jones.

Note by P T Blakiston (Chairman Normandy Historians): W J Henry was Chairman of the Ash and Normandy Parish Council 1931 - 1934. The separate Parish of Normandy was not formed until 1955.

1927 November 4th*Aldershot News and Farnborough Chronicle*

Normandy separate parish? Resolution to make separate parish carried. Committee elected as follows: - Mr Ramsay Moodie, Mr E S Hose, Mr W E Stevenson (Rural Council member), Mr T James and Mrs Jones, Mr W J Henry and Mr A W Milton (Ash Parish Council members).

(Long report of village meeting).

1927 November 5th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Proposed parish division - Important decision of ratepayers.

1927 December 17th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Labour organisation formed.

1927 December 24th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Death of Mr W Deedman of Fairview. *(Long report)*

1927 December 31st*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Village Hall Slate Club share out 25/- (25 shillings)

1928 July 7th***Surrey Advertiser***

Greater Aldershot - Scope of Extension Scheme - Part of Wanborough Parish included.

The scope of Aldershot's' extension proposals is revealed by the following resolutions passed at a meeting of the town council on Tuesday.

'That this Council do seek powers to incorporate within their boundaries that portion of the area of the Farnham Rural District Council north of the Hogs Back, being the parishes of Ash and Normandy, and that part of the parish of Seale known as Tongham, also that part of the parish of Wanborough situate in the Guildford Rural District Council, and lying between the Hogs Back on the south, the Rural District Councils boundary in the north, White Lane on the west, and the Parliamentary and County boundary in the east.

That this council do also adopt that portion of the Borough Surveyors report relating to the drainage of Aldershot, Aldershot Command, Ash Vale, Wyke and Normandy and therein described as scheme four, and do take the necessary steps for the provision of a bill to carry through such scheme, subject to the inclusion of the outside districts within the limits of the Borough. The Farnham Rural District Council be notified that the Aldershot Borough Council are not prepared to proceed with a scheme for the treatment of sewage from their areas north of the Hogs Back, except on the definite understanding that the portion of the Farnham Rural District Council be incorporated within the Borough boundaries.

It was also decided to invite the Farnham Urban District Council to meet the representatives of the Council to discuss the practicality and utility of amalgamation.

Crash at Mytchett - Amos Frederick Gower - 1 Gowers cottages, Pinewood Road, involved.

1928 July 14th***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy**

Normandy Sunday school celebrated its 102nd birthday on Sunday. In the morning an address was given to the children by Mr Jenkins, Superintendent of the Manor Road Sunday school, and the evening service was conducted by Mr A J Johns.

1928 July 28th***Surrey Advertiser*****Report of Normandy Annual Flower Show****Normandy Village Hall**

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall was held on Wednesday (July 25th). Sir Philip Henriques took the chair and the accounts were read showing a deficit of 7/8d. The committee had to thank Mr Ramsey Moodie for organising an entertainment which realised £33.10s, and Mr Milton who presented a pig for a draw bringing in £7. Sir Philip pointed out that the trustees had a balance of £63 which was totally insufficient to meet the requirements. It was necessary to put the floor to repair at once, and to build the remaining twelve piers, and the hope was expressed that as the hall was used by at least twelve different clubs and associations, residents in the district would give their generous support.

A ballot for the election of the new committee resulted as follows:-

Mrs Breton Mrs Beer, Miss Breton, Messrs Milton, Hose, Oldenshaw, Allan, Beer, Henry, Denham, Hunford and Potts.

1928 August 4th***Surrey Advertiser***

Aldershot becoming boisterous - County Council and extension. District very much alarmed.

Report Note, boisterous refers to Aldershot Council, and their expansion plans.

Guildford's' traffic problem!

1928 October 27th***Surrey Advertiser*****Ash**

Farnham Rural District Council has instructed their surveyor to endeavour to carry out improvements at the top of Hunts Hill, Normandy, described as a dangerous corner.

1928 November 3rd***Surrey Advertiser***

At Ash, funeral of Mrs Emma Hogsflesh - widow of market gardener of Normandy. She passed away at Chester Arms Hotel. Son in Law Mr W F Diment being the licensee thereat.

1928 November 17th***Surrey Advertiser*****Wyke and Normandy****Division of Parish**

County Council to call a conference

Having received a resolution passed by local government electors of Normandy ward of the parish of Ash and Normandy, who desired a separate parish or alternatively amalgamation with Worplesdon or Wanborough, the General Purposes Committee reported to Surrey County Council on Tuesday, that in view of the fact that the second report of the Royal Commission on local Government when read in conjunction with the Minister of Healths proposals for local government reform, indicated the probability of considerable changes in local government areas at a comparatively early date, they felt that any immediate reorganisation of the Farnham Rural District would be premature. They proposed however to call a conference of local authorities in the neighbourhood. Sir Philip Henriques thanked the committee for what they proposed, and pressed on the Chairman that the conference should be called at a reasonably early date.

Ash**Parish Council items**

At the meeting of Ash Parish Council on Monday a letter was read from Mr E S Hose, The Manor House, Normandy, relative to regulations governing the Normandy Charities, and explaining that while applications could not be entertained from persons in receipt of Poor Law relief, the fact that a person had in the past been in receipt of Poor Law relief would not bar persons benefiting by the charity.

On notice by the Farnham Rural District Council that they had decided to invite tenders for scavenging pail closets in Ash. The Chairman, Mr J A S Dean said they were assured at a local enquiry that the existing auditors did not constitute a menace, and protested that the views of the four local representatives on the District Council were ignored.
