

The Duke of Normandy

There is a reference in the English Place Name Society volume for Surrey, that the village of Normandy owes its name to the Duke of Normandy Inn. However, the name of Normandy predates an inn on this site and, as yet, no evidence has been found for any previous inn of the same name elsewhere in the village. The main dates in the history of the Duke of Normandy, according to our research so far, are as follows:-

- 1841 Not yet built. The Tithe Map shows that the present site was part of a field called Tickners.
- 1855 It was leased by Thomas Taunton, the Guildford brewer, for 21 years.
- 1860s The landlord was Thomas Wheeler, until he moved to the Royal Oak at Wood Street Village.
- 1867-71 Occupied by William Boyer, described in the census as 'licensed victualler'.
- In 1874 Taunton's brewery and public houses were taken over by Friary Brewery.
- 1874 William Blake was landlord, as listed in Kelly's directory.
- 1881-91 George Carpenter was the publican, as shown on census returns and directories.
- 1899-1933 Frank Carpenter was landlord, as listed in Kelly's directories and the electoral rolls.
- In 1910 The inn was owned by Friary, Holroyd & Healy's Brewery and consisted of a tap room, bar, refreshment room, cellar, kitchen, scullery and five bedrooms. It was in good order, and valued at £ 1,500.
- In the 1930s Lucy Carpenter worked with her father in the inn. Friary used to deliver supplies in a steam lorry.
- 1934-37 Albert George Binfield was landlord, as listed in the directory, rate book and electoral rolls.
- 1938-49 Alfred George Godwin, from Godalming, was the landlord, according to local knowledge and the electoral rolls. He was in Normandy's wartime fire brigade.
- 1950 Occupied by Hilda Godwin, according to the electoral rolls.
- 1951 Occupied by Ernest and Margaret Walker.
- 1952-57 Occupied by Edmund and Elizabeth Purdue.
- 1956 J Snow was listed as the occupier in the telephone directory.
- 1958-60 Occupied by Cecil and Doris Beal.
- 1962 Occupied by Robert, Elizabeth and Maureen Barry.
- 1963-64 Occupied by Jack and Iris Hill-Smith.
- 1971 Occupied by Arthur and Florence Lucas.
- 1973 The licensee was Robert Hiles.
- 1974-76 Joint licensees were Vic and Jeannie Grimley, according to an advertisement in the parish magazine and local knowledge.
- 1976-89 Jeannie Grimley was the sole licensee.
- 1989 In October the new proprietors were Robin and Val Osborn, according to a later press release.
- In 1991 Friary Meux sold the inn to Greene King of Bury St Edmonds, Suffolk.
- 1993 The pub was refurbished at a cost of £ 65,000 and a new car park was laid out, according to a press release from Greene King.
- 2001 Pauline Fox the sole licensee

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