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### Notable Houses in Bridge and District

**NB** The dates given here are those for which I have found records. It is **not** to be assumed that on intermediate dates the situation is the same as the contiguous dates although this can be assumed in some cases, which will be obvious to the reader.

#### 5 Albert Terrace

1934 Frederick Beadle, laundry  
1940 Mrs F E Beadle, laundry

*(Upstairs nice Georgian flower. Also Bean Cotts.)*

#### 6 Albert Terrace

1910 31 March - Mr John Fenn junior was killed by an exploding fire maroon

#### Alexandra (or Alexander) House

1894 Miss Williams, organist - no address other than The Street  
1897 ?? Miss Williams, organist, Private School. (The Street)  
1903 - 1907 ?? Miss Elizabeth Williams, girls' school  
1911-1913 Miss Williams  
1915 Mrs Wiltshier  
1918 Mrs Mary Bedingfield. apartments  
1924 Miss C A Newman  
1940 Alfred Hunt, laundry

#### Anne's House / Willow Brook

1927 in use as a dairy

*? later dairy shop*

#### Bifrons

Built early 1660s by John Bargrave ???

1610 John (his son, Rector of Harbledown?) Bargrave born at Bifrons. Famous for his Cabinet of Curiosities held by Canterbury Cathedral. Father was a merchant.

1665-1729 John Taylor & his wife Olivia

early 1800s Rev Edward Taylor pulled down the earlier house and built an elegant Georgian House using some materials from Bridge Place which he owned and had (half?) pulled down.

1867 Marquis of Conyngham. Conynghams extended the house. (Marquis died in 1832 !!! The Marchioness lived there until her death. She was a famous beauty of George IV's court. She had previously resided at Charlton Park, where the King visited her. A large saloon was added to that mansion for the entertainment of his court. Marchioness opened a school for girls at the Lower Lodge Gate. Girls had a uniform like Little Red Riding Hood. Supported the Free schools of Patricbourne and Bridge, helped towards the formation of a Volunteer Fire Brigade and had a small Gas Works erected to supply the mansion and villages.)

1874 Earl and Countess of Mountcharles

1893-1897 John A Miller Esq

1903-1904 Frank Penn Esq (property of Marquis of Conyngham)

1907-1913 Robert Henry Bullock Marsham (property of M of C)

1915 Frank Penn Esq (prop of M of C)

1918 Frank Penn & Mrs Penn

1924-1930 Col. Hon. Milo George Talbot, CB; (rented from M of C) TN Bridge 10  
230 acres of finely timbered park

1934 Hon Mrs Milo Talbot

1940 EMPTY - property of M of C

1949 DEMOLISHED

#### Bourne Lodge

1897 Henry D Hirst Esq

1903	Captain Henry Hirst
1907-1918	Herbert James Bell
1924	Mrs Parker
1930-1940	Francis R W Berry AAI; J C Quested - listed in 1931

### **Bourne Park**

- built on the site of Hautbourne, bought by Sir Anthony Aucher in 1545

1705	built by Elizabeth Aucher
1756	Stephen Beckenham, married to an Aucher daughter, acquired the house from the Aucher family. One of their tenants, Sir Horace Mann, organised one of the first cricket matches in Kent. Mozart stayed there in 1765
1845	Matthew Bell bought it. Lived at Oswalds at least some of the time. Landscaped the grounds. Was responsible for the railway being put in a cutting and the roofed to form a tunnel. Built several cottages - diamond paned windows; some have his arms on them.
1893-1904	Matthew Bell Esq, D.L., J.P., Chairman of the Gas Company-offices at the Red Lion
1904	Matthew Bell Esq, D.L; J.P. William Homersham
1907-1918	Walter Turner Toynbee JP (tenant of Capt. Matthew Gerald Edward Bell - where is he living? "Bourne Park is the seat of Capt. M.G.E.Bell, lord of the manor"- see Oswalds)
1924	Lt.-Col Matthew Gerald Edward Bell, OBE, JP, lord of the manor. (also listed as owner of Lenhall Farm)
1927	Sir John Partridge (stet), bought house from last of Bell family.
1930-1940	Major Sir John Theodore Prestige, lord of the manor; Robert Bruce listed in 1931
1957	by this time house empty & very run down
1963	Mr R D Neame, bought on his behalf by the trustees of his late uncle, Lord Forteviot. Estate of 300 acres
1964	Outpost of monastic order of St Augustine based at Minster near Ramsgate. Plans to turn it into a monastery & schol for 100 boarders did not happen. (46 acres)
1969	on market
1971	proposal to turn it into a residential retirement club for the over 60's
1972	Sold
1973	on sale as 3 housing units
1974	on sale as 19 luxury suites
1975	proposal to turn into a fully equipped private hospital
1977	considered for use as offices, showrooms & home
1978	proposed to turn it into a luxury hotel (Land reduced to 7 acres by this time)
1983-present	purchased by Lady Juliet & Mr Somerset de Chair. Much restoration work carried out. Lady Juliet is the only daughter of 8th Earl Fitzwilliam of Wentworth Woodhouse. Title defunct in 1979; Lady J inherited paintings, antiques and objet d'art. Somerset de Chair (died in 1995) - flamboyant author (eg "The impending storm" 1931), Tory MP, war hero, collector of art and antiques. Author of 30+ volumes of contemporary history, poetry, autobiography, biography, historical novels. Translated & edited Napoleon's memoirs. MP for SW Norfolk 1935-45. 1938 commissioned in Royal Horse Guards. 1941 fought in Iraq. Invalided out in 1943. MP for Paddington South 1950-51.

### **Bourne Park Gate**

1893-94	George Gammon
1897-1904	Charles Alfred Apps
1911	F.H.Pilcher

### **Bridge Farm**

1859 James Richardson. Landowner, Rev Richard Barham  
 1897 F Miles  
 1913-1918 William Holman  
 1931 W D Terry  
 1940 William Fagg  
 1962 DEMOLISHED to make way for a housing development. A 15th century wagon entrance was uncovered. Was probably originally part of the estate of Bridge Place.

### Bridge Hill

1859 Captain Charles Winter - no house given. Employed Elizabeth Griggs, daughter of the village blacksmith  
 1890 Captain Charles Winter  
 1893 William Griggs  
 1894 William Griggs William J Milles (Bridge hill)  
 1897 William Griggs (Bridge hill) William J Miles (Bridge hill)  
 1903 Mrs Winter

### Bridge Hill House

1824 Charles Louis Secondat, Baron Montesquieu, died at Bridge. (born 1749). Also of Chateau de Labreade nr Bordeaux. Settled in England after the Revolution. Fought in the American War of Independence. Decorated by George Washington with the Cincinnatti Medal. Returned to France. Fled to England in 1790 & married Miss Anne McGeoghegan O'Neill - Irish descent.  
 1849 Edward Gregory died (did he build Bridge Hill House?)  
 1853 Mrs Gregory named as the chief supporter of the infants school.  
 1861 Mrs Gregory, from Cheshire, widow, landed proprietor & fundholder. Had 10 servants in 1861:- butler, resident cook, lady's maid, governess, kitchen maid, footman, groom, housemaid, page, gardener.  
 1867 for sale (+30 acres) by executors of Mrs Gregory ("Times" June 6th 1867)  
 Mrs Gregory was responsible for the restoration of Bridge Church  
 Mrs G employed more than 9 servants.  
 1870 Major Castle - keen on amateur theatricals  
 1890-1897 Mrs Castle  
 1903 Mrs Castle (Bridge house) ??  
 1904 W H Peto Esq  
 1907 Countess Zborowski (house belonged to Mr Ralph Peto?)  
 1913-1940 George Knox Anderson DL; JP (called Bridge House in 1931)

### Bridge Place

on site of ancient court lodge  
 1545 Henry Lawrence held the court lodge in the 36th year of the reign of Henry VIII  
 1638 Manor of Blackmansberry came into the possession of Sir Arnold Braems from a family out of Flanders. He pulled down the ancient Court Lodge and built Bridge Place. Subsequently owned by his son Walter Braems who died in 1692-heirs could not afford it's upkeep  
 c1680 visited by the artist Schellinke  
 1704 sold to John Taylor of Bifrons - pulled it all down apart from one wing, held by the Taylor family until .....

1849 R Brice Esq, vice-chairman of Board of Guardians  
 1890-1897 Oscar de Satgé  
 1903 Mrs Wilson  
 1904 J B E Wilson Esq, Mrs Wilson  
 1907 Mrs Wilson (an Arthur Thomas Wilson M.B.,B.Ch was physician & surgeon, medical officer & public vaccinator No.1 district, Bridge union & medical officer of Bekesbourne sanitorium. Any connection?)

1913-1915 Seymour L Harries  
 1924-1940 Mrs Ethel Penn TN 8

1927 Mr Wiliam Howard - conflict of dates.  
 ?? General & Lady Bing. The Duchess of Albany, daughter of Queen  
 Victoria, stayed there after opening some official event in Canterbury  
 1954 Bought by the Hon Mrs Neame

#### **Bridge Union**

1835 erected at a cost of £4,500 for the accommodation of 350 inmates.. Mr John  
 Weeks, first Governor; Mrs Weeks, Governess  
 1859 James Betts, master  
 1893-1897 Thomas Chapman, master; Mrs T Chapman, matron  
 1903 Walter Marshall, master; Mrs Ellen Marshall, matron  
 1904 Mr and Mrs J Marshall  
 1907  
 Mrs Ellen Croft, deputy registrar of births & deaths for Chartham sub-  
 district, Bridge union. (did these two live here?)  
 Percy William Honney, master; Mrs Honney, matron  
 1911-1934 Mr & Mrs Honney, master & matron. 1915, Percy Honney is deputy  
 registrar of births and deaths for Barham sub-district. PH is Registrar of  
 Marriages in 1918.  
 In 1934 L Guy Honney is listed as deputy registrar of marriages.

#### **Brookside Lodge**

1893-1913 Richard Friend, coal merchant and fly proprietor; Parish councillor  
 1932-1934 H Johnson (listed in 1932); Express Transport Company (Canterbury) Tel  
 Bridge 43  
 W T M Johnson, insurance agent Tel Bridge 43  
 1940 William Johnson

#### **Church House**

1931 H G Laming; Robert Stephen Laming

#### **East Bridge House**

1893 Captain Charles Winter  
 1894 Captain C Winter  
 1897 Mrs Winter  
 1904-1907 Captain Henry D Hirst, member of Board of Guardians of Bridge Union  
 1911 Major Henry D Hirst  
 1915-1918 Lieut.-Col Henry Hirst  
 1924 Misses Ramsay TN 4  
 1930-1940 Miss N M Ramsey

#### **Eversley House, Union Rd**

1911-1918 Victor Abeloos. artist

#### **Fairview**

1918-1934 William Hutchings Wass, collector to the guardians, relieving and  
 vaccination officer & registrar of births and deaths for Barham sub-district,  
 Bridge district.  
 1940 listed as living at 10 Union Rd

#### **Filmer House**

1904 A F Boyce, assistant overseer for Bridge  
 1907 William Hutchings Wass, collector to the guardians, relieving &  
 vaccination officer & registrar of births & deaths for Barham sub-district,  
 Bridge union.  
 1911 \_\_\_ Foord  
 1931 Miss Foster; P C Seymour  
 1940 Miss Foster

#### **Gas works**

1859	erected near to the school - on Patricbourne side where the bottom of the wood now is.
<b>Gordon House</b>	
1924	Miss Tassell
1931	George Vidgen
1940	Stephen Hogben
<b>5 High Street</b>	
1940	Roger Bennett Hunter MB; BCh; BAO.
<b>Higham</b>	
1320	Large house existed in the parish of Patricbourne during the reign of Edward II, owned by De Hegham
1500s	Known to be a house on site
1543	House bought by Thomas Culpeper Aucher family followed Culpeper. Elizabeth Aucher married Thomas Corbett.
1768	Present house built by Ignatius Geoghegan who was married to Antonia, daughter of Elizabeth Aucher.
1781	bought by Halett family
1867	Rev Charles Hughes Hallett, died in 1846
1890-1897	Rev James Hughes Hallett, Vicar of Petham
1901	House put up for sale by Col. J W Hughes-Hallett of the Seaforth Highlanders.
1901-1909	William Gay Esq - developed the gardens, grew orchids, raised pedigree highland cattle. His French wife developed the decor and furnishings in French style. Entertained lavishly. Countess Zborowski from Bridge Hill House was a visitor to the house.
1909-1911	Countess Zborowska bought the house and moved here with her 14 year old son, Louis Vorow Zborowski-and started to refurbish - died before completed
1911-1924	Count Louis Zborowski, very wealthy ( mother was granddaughter of William Astor, father, killed in a car accident in 1903 when Louis was 8 yrs old, was of Polish/American descent, his grandfather owned real estate in New York & Eastern US), married Violet Elizabeth Leicester, a Gaiety Girl, in 1924; killed in 1924, aged 29, while competing in the Grand Prix in Monza.
1928-1940	Walter Kennedy Whigham , bought the house for £17.000, renamed it Highland Court
<b>Hill Side House</b>	
1890	Mrs Morant
1894	Mrs Morant (Hillside)
1897	Harold E Chapman (Hillside)
1903-1918	Col. Charles Edward Beck (Hillside house)
1931-1940	Mrs M A Chapman (Hillside)
<b>Hill Cottage</b>	
1893	Mrs Aldworth (Beedmont?)
1894	Mrs Aldworth
<b>Ivy House</b>	
1903-1907	Thomas Chapman, registrar of marriages & deputy registrar of births and deaths for Barham sub-district.
1911	Thomas Chapman, Mrs Caplen(Ivy house?)
1913- 1918	Thomas Chapman
1924	Herbert Blundell
1931	George Maslin
1940	Humphrey George Maslin

<b>Little Bridge Place</b>	
1893	William White; W White jun., - Secretary of Bridge Friendly Society - meetings at The Red Lion
1894	William White, miller; W White jun., - .. .. .
1897	William White, miller;
1903	Herbert H Mount
1904-1927	Thomas Louis Collard, 1907- valuer, clerk to the Bridge board of guardians & assessment committee of Bridge union, to Bridge Rural District Council & the Bridge local school attendance committee. & in 1915, to the Kent Local Pension committee. 1918, Building surveyor to Bridge R D C. (1918 attended at an office at 21 Burgate Canterbury on Saturdays - in capacity of clerk to guardians of Bridge union.)
1930-1934	(Lt.-)Col. Joshua Henry Miles Jebb, DSO
<b>Little Eaton Farm</b>	
1893	Edward Tuff
1894	Edward Tuff
1897	J Fairbrass, Parish Councillor.
1904	S. File
1911-1931	John File
<b>Little Pett Farm</b>	
	Part of Manor called "Bereacre" with Great Pett farm, later called Little Barakers.
1890-1904	Stephen File, farmer
1907-1934	Norman File, farmer
1940	Henry E Baylis, poultry farmer
<b>Lynton House</b>	
1903-1907	William Perry
1911	Commander Guy Gamble RN
1913	Percy Thomas Baker
1918	William Perry
1924	C P Tomlin
1930- 1940	Albert Taylor, also listed as Taylor & Son, coal merchant
<b>Middle Pett Farm</b>	
1890-1897	William Wells, farmer and hop grower
1904	F H Pilcher, bailiff
1907-1918	William Lewis, farmer
1931	? Clark
1940	Harold Burchett; John File
<b>Motor Garage</b>	
1918	Désiré Henri Faure
1924-1930	Aubrey James Sneller TN 12
1930-1940	Archibald William Rogers, motor, general & agricultural engineer, & petrol filling station
<b>National School</b>	
1859	Richard Wells, master, National School, Mrs Sophia Sayer, mistress
1871	Mr & Mrs R Wye - first government teachers of the National school
1874	Robert Wye, Mrs Mary Wye, Miss Ellen Wye
1878-1890	Robert Wye, master; Mrs Susan Emmeline Wye, mistress; Miss Fanny Wye, infants mistress.
1893	Robert Wye, master, assistant overseer and collector of Tithes and Queen's taxes; Miss G F Wye, assistant mistress, boy's school; Mrs Wye, girls' mistress; Miss Wye, infants' mistress.
1894	Robert Wye, .. .. .; Miss G F Wye, .. .. .; Mrs Wye .. .. .; Miss Wye .. .. .

1897	Robert Wye, >> >> + Collector of Rents, Clerk to the Parish Council.; Miss G F, Miss, and Mrs Wye ..
1903	John George Andrews, master(probably did not live in the school house); Miss Fanny Wye, infants' mistress;
1904	Mr J G Andrews, mixed; Miss Wye, infants' mistress; Robert Wye (no longer teaching-in 1911 he was living in Weston villas) Assistant overseer for Patribourne & Bekesbourne, Collector of taxes for the above and Bridge, Bishopsbourne, Kingstone, Nonington, Womenswold, Upper & Lower Hardres; School Attendance Officer; house agent; rent and tithe collector; agent for Scottish Equitable Life assurance; Licensed Lay Reader; Parish Councillor.
1907-1913	John George Andrews, master; Miss Fanny Wye, infants' mistress (JGA may have lived in the school house if FW lived with her father in Weston villas)
1918	John George Andrews, master; Miss Constance Gwendolyn Wye, infants' mistress.
1924	William John Billing, master; Miss M Bell. infants' mistress (school under the control of KCC)
1931	Miss Wye, infants' mistress
1940	Public Elementary School (senior mixed and infants) H H V Bennett, senior master; Miss W M Bell, infants' mistress

#### Oswalds

1913-1915	Captain Matthew Gerald Edward Bell, lord of the manor
1918	Lt.-Col M G E Bell, lord of the manor
1924	Joseph Conrad. (Village Hall erected in Bishopsborne in 1926; memorial panel added in 1928 in memory of the writer, Joseph Conrad, who died here)
1931	C M Graham
1934	Alec Waugh
1940	Hon Mrs Spence OBE

#### Pett Farm

	Part of Manor of "Bereacre" with Little Pett farm, later called Great Barakers
1859	John Collins, farmer - Petthouse farm
1874	Barn fire at the farm of Mr Collins
1893	Miss Collens
1894	Miss Collens
1897	William Harvey
1903	Ernest Malcolm Plommer, farmer
1904	H M Baker, Col. Hegan
1907	Fraser Bostock, farmer; Great Pett Farm
1911	H.M.Baker Admiral H.C.Kingsford, Pett Farm House
1913	Captain Edward Halted Hugh Elliot, Great Pett House
1918	Spencer Collard, Great Pett, agent for special manures and fertilisers William Uden, farm bailiff to H Minter Baker Esq., Great Pett Farm
1924	Spencer Collard, Great Pett, hon. sec. Canterbury Horse Show; sec. National Farmers' Union, Canterbury Branch. William Uden, farm bailiff to F R Holness, Great Pett farm
1930-1931	Walter Deverson, farmer, Great Pitt(Pett) farm.
1934	Walter D Terry, farmer, Great Pett Farm
1940	Gordon Collard, Great Pett Farm

#### Plough and Harrow

1828	not mentioned as a pub in records for that year
1853	recorded as a Malt House and Brewery, not a Public House
1860	Mr Richard Mutton applied for a licence to sell spirits.
1871(Sept)	sale by auction of public house and brewery under the will of Mr William

	Williams deceased. Let on lease to Messrs Edward and Edmund Gibbs at £58 per year.
1890	Frederick Miles
1893	Charles H Bean
1894	Charles H Bean
1897	R J W Sisley
1903-1913	William Brice
1915-1924	Mrs Hannah Lydia Brice
1930-1934	George F Ford
1940	Philip Ralph Mullinger

#### **Primrose Alley /The Ship?**

1500s	oldest house in Bridge. 16th century frame house - timber beams filled in with bricks. Once a single house - divided into houses for several families
1894	Thomas Carpenter, John Jarvis, Charles Stokes, William Swan
1897	Thomas Carpenter, George Elgar, John Jarvis, William Rye
1904	William Jarvis, George Kennett, Robert Pierce, William Rye, Timothy Wilson
1911	Albert Gray, George Kennett, Robert Pierce, Mrs H Wilson
1931	Harry Wonfor (No.1), H Amos, George Kennett,

#### **Red Lion**

1820-1874	Joseph Eyres, employed at least 2 servants i.e. a stableboy and a coachman; had livery stables and a carriage business
1890-1897	Thomas Fisher Hinds
1903	Frederick Anderson, Red Lion inn and jobmaster
1904-1911	Frank Clayson (1911 has Tele.20)
1913-1918	John Friend
1924	John Thomas Watson
1930-1931	R S Ansell/Ansell
1934-1940	George Burton

#### **Riverdale**

1907-1924	George A Hawkins, draper
1927-1934	Mrs Mary E Hawkins, his widow, draper
1934-1975(?)	Harry Hawkins, their son, draper and newsagent
1975	Eric Hawkins, son of Harry, gave up the drapers business. Continued as newsagent until .....
1989	Mr D Redfern veterinary surgeon. (82 High St)

#### **Riverside House**

1903	Thomas Louis Collard (Collard Bros.), auctioneer & valuer, clerk to the Bridge board of guardians & assessment & school attendance committees of Bridge union & to Bridge Rural District Council
1907	Mrs Innes
1911	Richard Sherrard
1913-1924	Mrs Beatson
1931	? Lines; ? McDougall

#### **River House**

1940	Lewis William Townsend
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#### **Rose Bank**

1894-1897	Lieut.-Col E C Haynes
1903	Mrs Haynes
1904	J C Mercer Esq
1911	Percy T. Baker, solicitor (Mercer and Baker, Canterbury)
1915-1934	Misses Spurling or Sperling
1940	Miss Violet Clark, principal, Rosebank School

#### **Rose Dale Villa**



1893-1918	Charles Edward Jones Esq
1924-1930	Mrs Mary Jones
1931	Albert Jones
1934-1940	Mrs Mary Jones
<b>Sunnyside Cottage</b>	
1893-1897	John Amos
1904-1911	Miss Kearney
1931	W G Hogben (Sunnyside); P E Wright (Sunnyside)
1934-1940	Walter Hogben, poultry farmer (Sunnyside), Tea rooms in 1940
<b>Village Hall</b>	
	presented to the village by the Marquis of Conyngham on the coming of age of his son
1878	increased to present size.
<b>Wayside</b>	
1940	George F Ford
<b>Wesleyan Chapel</b>	
1894	Originally (?) in Dering Road. Demolished in 1951. Built
<b>Weston villa</b>	
1918	Miss Tassell
1930	Mrs Carling
<b>White Horse Inn</b>	
1590ish	famous brawl recorded in the Church Archives of Christopher Applegate, a contemporary of Christopher Marlowe.
1828	served as post office
1859	Charles Fortescue Hornsby
1878	Mr Webb
1890	James Newport Kennett
1893-1894	George Vincent
1897-1907	George Shail
1911	W.G.Taylor
1913	Timothy Thorne
1915	Edmund John Collingwood
1918	Mrs Dora F Goddard
1924	William Chidwick
1930-1931	Andrew Frank Dean
1934-1940	William John Fairservice TN 49 (White Horse Hotel -1940)
<b>Wych elm</b>	
1918-1924	Percy John Tassell
1930-1931	Miss Tassell
1934-1940	Mrs Trouton/Troughton