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MEMBERSHIP

Membership for the season is £ 5.00 single £7.50 double
Concessions available on request

MEETINGS

At meetings held in Bridge Village Hall a small
entrance charge is made which includes interval
light refreshments of £1 for members
and £2 for non-members.

BRIDGE & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

PROGRAMME

SEASON 1995-1996

The Bridge & District History Society exists to promote interest in all aspects of social history. Since it was formed in summer of 1995, growth in membership has proved the need to plan and publish its programme. The committee has pleasure in presenting its programme for the remainder of the season.

Thursday 25 January, 7.30pm Bridge Village Hall

THE KENT & CANTERBURY HOSPITAL 1790-1913

A documentary slide presentation by Dr John Whyman of the University of Kent at Canterbury. Originally located in Longport, the hospital was established as a charitable voluntary institution for the sick poor, with physicians and surgeons giving their services voluntarily. Based on his research as co-author of the book *The Kent & Canterbury Hospital 1790-1987*.

Saturday 24 February

THE ELHAM VALLEY LINE RAILWAY MUSEUM

A social outing for a special opening of the museum at Peene which recreates the memories of the steam railway that faithfully served the communities along the valley. Tickets available from the Secretary £3.50 members, £4.50 nonmembers include travel, admission, a video presentation and light refreshments. Times and travel arrangements to be announced.

Thursday 22 March, 7.30pm Bridge Village Hall

BRIDGE AND DISTRICT IN VIEW

The Society chairman Jimmy Tamsitt presents a selection of postcards and documents from his extensive collection. Dating from the earliest days of photography, the picture postcard offers evidence from the past of how the area has changed over the years. It is hoped to enlarge and screen the illustrations.

Thursday 24 May, 7.30pm Bridge Village Hall

A COUNTRY GIRL REMEMBERS

Author and write Joan Kent reminisces on her childhood in the Kent countryside of the 1920's, 30's and 40's. Coming from a large farming family in the Blean and Faversham areas, Joan has written four books, writes regular feature articles for newspapers and magazines, and is currently involved in one of the programmes in a new television series 'Postcards from the Country' to be screened later this year on BBC2.

Sunday 9 June

A SUMMER WALK

Local historian John Williamson has organised a gentle stroll through and around Bridge to point out some of the sights of historical and social interest. Distance about 3 miles over roads, bridleways and footpaths, starting from Bridge Post Office at 10.30am. Time about 2 hours. Tickets from the Secretary £2.00 members, £3.00 non-members.