

**Tuesday 22 May 2001**  
**KENT & EAST SUSSEX**  
**RAILWAY**

Doug Lindsay, a member of the Kent and East Sussex Railway Preservation Society will explain the reason for this line being built from Tenterden, and will expound on the history of the line and how it was built by Col. Stephenson over 100 years ago.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall  
Members £1 Non-members £3 Including light refreshments.

**Saturday 16 June 2001**  
**VISIT TO KENT & EAST**  
**SUSSEX RAILWAY**

A visit to Tenterden "The jewel of the Weald" with a short walking tour of this fascinating town followed by a steam train ride to Bodiam, an opportunity to visit Bodiam Castle returning by steam train to Tenterden with a cream tea on board.

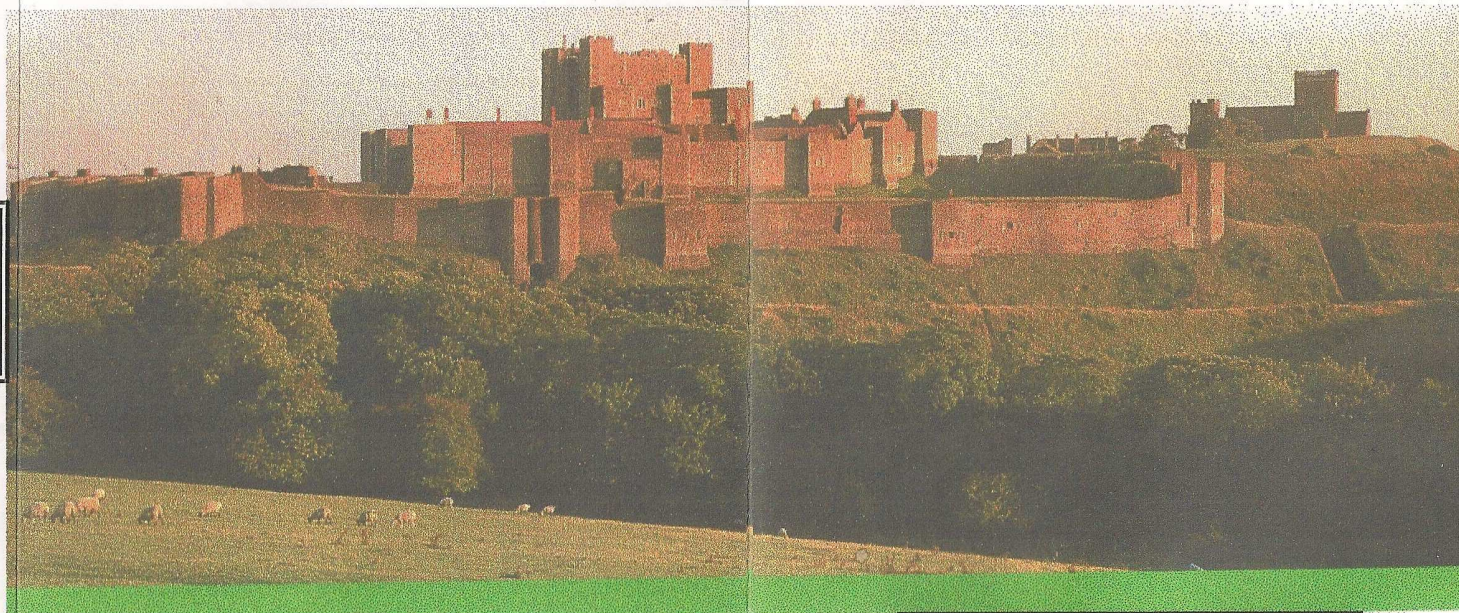
- Private Coach Travel
- Walking tour of Tenterden
- Steam train Tenterden - Bodiam and return
- Optional visit to Bodiam Castle
- Cream tea

Depart Bridge Village Post Office 9.30 am

Members £18  
Non-members £20

The evening meetings are informal and sociable, and transport and/or escorts can usually be arranged with other members living nearby. On trips by member's cars, those without transport can normally be accommodated in the spare seats. Please contact the Secretary for arrangements.

Bridge and District History Society was formed in 1995 to promote interest in aspects of local history in and around the villages of Barham, Kingston, Bishopsbourne, Bridge, Patricbourne and Bekesbourne. County-wide interests are served through membership of the Kent History Federation.  
Dover Castle © English Heritage



**PROGRAMME**

**2000 - 2001**

Membership is annual commencing in September. Rates are £5.00 single £7.50 double and £2.50 for each additional person residing at the same address.

Newsletters and advance tickets for visits and days out are sent out alternate months.

Chairman John Bishop  
Treasurer Maurice Rararty  
Secretary Bill Dawson  
Committee  
Janet Bishop, Meriel Connor,  
Jenny Vye, David Gilmour

**BRIDGE**  
**& DISTRICT**  
**HISTORY**  
**SOCIETY**

**Tuesday 26 September 2000**  
**BATTLE OF BRITAIN**

Our first meeting this year will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle of Britain. Stephen Gooda, an enthusiast, will outline the development of the RAF and the Luftwaffe followed by an illustrated talk on the equipment and personalities waging war in the skies above our county. He will conclude with an assessment of the effect and outcome of the battle on the course of the war.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall  
Members £1 Non-members £3 Including light refreshments

**Saturday 16 October 2000**  
**VISIT TO MANSTON AIR**  
**MUSEUM**

Following on last month's talk we have arranged a visit by member's cars to Manston. Originally an operational fighter base and later a diversionary airfield during the battle, Manston houses the Spitfire and Hurricane Memorial Museum.

The visit will be followed by a cream tea at the Museum. Members without their own transport are welcome to come, arrangements will be made for them to occupy spare seats.

Depart from the Recreation Ground Bridge 1.30pm.  
Members £3.50 Non-members £4

**Tuesday 14 November 2000**  
**JANE AUSTEN IN KENT**

This celebrated author from Hampshire had many associations with Kent, often visiting her brother, Edward Knight at the great house in Godmersham Park and staying also with friends at the big house at Goodnestone. She included many of the personalities and places in this area in her books. Anthea Bryant will trace the associations in her life and literature to her many visits to friends and family in the locality.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall  
Members £1 Non-members £3 Including light refreshments

**Saturday 9 December 2000**  
**CHRISTMAS BUFFET**

This year's festivities will start much earlier than last year. We will gather at the Village hall to view the photos for the Quiz and enjoy a welcome drink and mince pies.

We then cross the road to the White Horse Inn, open exclusively to Society members, for the traditional Christmas buffet, during which the general knowledge quiz will take place.

Join us for a very convivial afternoon in good company.

12.30 pm Bridge Village Hall and White Horse Inn  
Members £8 Child £5 Non-members £11

**Tuesday 30 January 2001**  
**DOVER CASTLE**

Our first meeting of the New Year will be a talk by Bryan Rising from English Heritage on the history of Dover Castle. He will trace its origins as an Iron Age hillfort through to the Romans and the building of the lighthouse. After the Norman Conquest it was extensively fortified with the centrepiece of the keep being erected in the reign of Henry II. It has been continuously occupied by the military and was extensively used in two world wars with its secret wartime tunnels. This will be followed up by a visit to Dover Castle next month.

7.30 p.m. Bridge Village Hall  
Members £1 Non-members £3 Including light refreshments

**Saturday 24 February 2001**  
**VISIT TO DOVER CASTLE**

A visit to Dover Castle in member's cars. The castle has an exhibition using light, film and sound to recreate the atmosphere of the siege of 1216 by Prince Louis of France. Another exhibition uses light and sound to portray the preparation of the castle for the arrival of King Henry VIII. There will be an opportunity to visit the secret wartime underground tunnels, for those who wish to do so.

Depart from Bridge recreation ground 1.00 p.m.  
Prices including cream tea and admission  
Members Non-members

Adult £10.50 £11.50

Concessions £8.50 £9.50

Children £7.00 £8.00

English heritage members can deduct £7 per adult,  
£5.00 per concession and £3.50 per child.

**Tuesday 27 March 2001**  
**ROMNEY MARSH AND IT'S**  
**CHURCHES**

Thomas Ingoldsby said that "The World, according to the best geographers, is divided into Europe, Asia, Africa, America and Romney Marsh"

In his talk, Dick Bolton will explore the changes made by man and nature to form today's magical landscape. He will chart the development of the unique collection of churches from Saxon times and show something of their fabric and stories.

7.30 p.m. Bridge Village Hall  
Members £1 Non members £3 Including light refreshments

**Saturday 28 April 2001**  
**DAY OUT BY COACH TO**  
**ROMNEY MARSH**

As a follow-up to last month's talk, Dick Bolton will take us to Romney Marsh to enjoy the countryside, visiting 4 of the ancient churches and to hear tales of life on the Marsh.

The most interesting and unusual sites will be visited followed by a cream tea.

- Private Coach Travel
- Escorted tour of the Marsh
- Visit to 4 churches
- Cream tea

Depart from Bridge Post Office 9.30 a.m.  
Members £14.00 Child £8.50 Non members £15.50

**Saturday 12 May 2001**  
**KHF AT RYE**

The annual Kent History Federation conference will be in Rye this year. Talks on local topics are given in the morning and a choice of visits to places of interest in the afternoon. Lunches can be pre-arranged.

Details will be circulated to all members in February/March  
Members to arrange own transport to Rye.