

**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 or March.  
Members to arrange own transport to Rye.*

**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. Stephens 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**

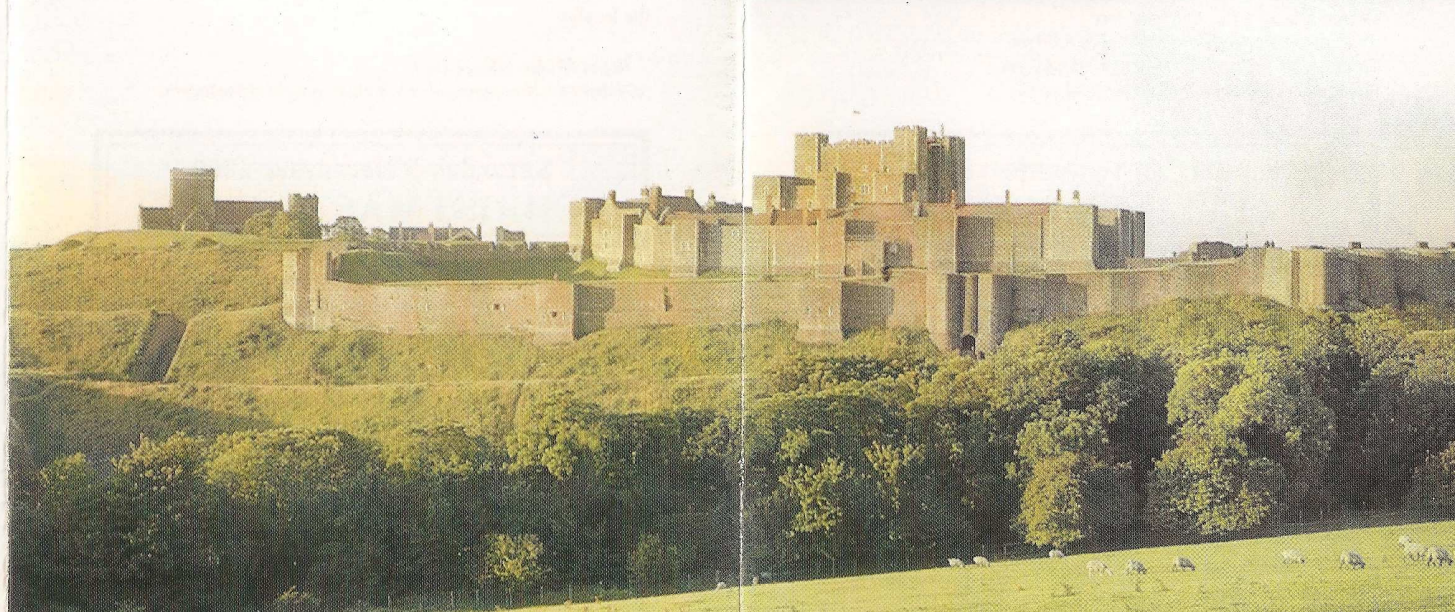
A visit to Tenterden "The Jewel of the Weald" with a short walking tour of this fascinating town followed by a steam train ride to Bodiam, an opportunity to visit Bodiam Castle returning by steam train to Tenterden with a cream tea on board.

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

*Depart Bridge Village Post Office 9.30 am  
Members £18 Non-members £20*

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, Patixbourne and Bekesbourne. County-wide interests are served through membership of the Kent History Federation.

Dover Castle © English Heritage



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

**PROGRAMME  
2000-2001**

**BRIDGE  
& DISTRICT  
HISTORY  
SOCIETY**

**8 - 10 September 2000  
MILLENIUM  
EXHIBITION**

A re-showing of the original pictorial exhibition of the history of Bridge, updated and revised from the 1994 exhibition which was the inspiration for the formation of our Society.

*Bridge Village Hall. Entrance free.*

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 am to 8.00 pm*

*Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 am to 6.00 pm*

*Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 am to 4.00 pm*

**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. Stuart 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. The meeting will commence with a very short Annual General Meeting.

*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 1.30 pm.*

*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 hill-fort 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 pm 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 members' cars. The castle has two exhibitions using light, film and sound to recreate the siege of 1216 and 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 pm*

*Prices including cream tea and admission*

	Members	Non-members
Adult	£10.50	£11.50
Concessions	£8.50	£9.50
Children	£7.00	£8.00

**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 pm 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 am*

*Members £14.00 Child £8.50 Non members £15.50*