

SATURDAY 8 MAY 2004

**KENT HISTORY FEDERATION
CONFERENCE AT SANDWICH**

The Kent History Federation annual conference will take place at Sandwich this year. We want to encourage more members to attend this event and full details will be sent to you in the March newsletter. The format of the conference will be various topics of discussion in the morning followed by visits to places of interest nearby in the afternoon. We urge you to join in this sociable event particularly as the venue is so near this year.

SATURDAY 22 MAY 2004

**A VISIT TO
LULLINGSTONE CASTLE
& SHOREHAM (KENT)**

A morning visit to Shoreham, a picturesque riverside village with two magnificent Norman churches, medieval almshouses, and fine architecture. A guided walk of the village will be followed by a W.I. lunch. In the afternoon a private visit to Lullingstone Castle, a delightful 18thc house, with a small church and medieval gatehouse followed by tea.

09.30 am Bridge Post Office

Cost members 15.00 And non-members £20.00 including coach fare, entrance to Lullingstone Castle, lunch and tea.

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WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2004

**AN EVENING WALK
IN FORDWICH**

In the middle ages, Fordwich was the port of Canterbury, where stone from Caen was landed for building the cathedral. It was a limb of the Cinque Port of Sandwich, with its own town hall, mayor and jurats, who had the right to carry out such punishments as drowning criminals in the river! Meriel Connor will give us a guided walk of this fascinating and historic town, finishing at one of its pubs for an optional drink or meal.

6.00 pm Bridge Recreation Ground

Cost £3.00 Members, Non members £4.00

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TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2003

**ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

The first meeting of the year will be preceded by a short Annual General Meeting, to review last years programme and to hear the Treasurer's report, this will also be an opportunity for you to have a say in what you would like the Society to do for you.

7.30 pm The School Hall, Bridge

Bridge & District History Society was formed in 1995 to promote interest in aspects of local history in and around the villages of Barham, Bekesbourne, Bishopsbourne, Bridge, Kingston and Patribourne.

County-wide Aspects are served through the Society's membership of the Kent History Federation.

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 organiser of each event for arrangements.

Please contact any Society officer or committee member if you need any help.

Membership is annual commencing in September. Rates are £6.00 single, £10.00 double and £4.00 for each additional person residing at the same address.

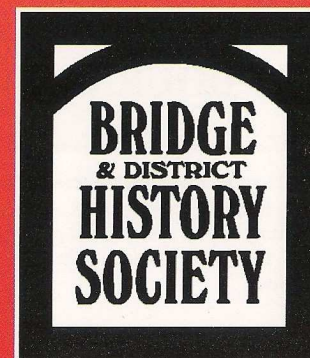
Newsletters with a record of previous meetings and advance notice of the next events will be sent out in September, November, January, March and May.

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**PROGRAMME
2003-2004**



TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2003
THE FORGOTTEN
GARDENS OF EAST KENT

Not a gardening talk but an historical tour through the lost or neglected gardens of the grand houses in East Kent by David Collyer. He will show what has been lost but also how much is still to be seen if you seek it out.

7.30 pm *The School Hall, Bridge*
Members £2.00, non-members £3.00 including refreshments

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SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2003
NAILBOURNE CHURCH
TRAIL

A visit to the four churches along the Nailbourne, of Bishopsbourne, Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne. There will be a guided visit at each church. Visit two churches in the morning, stop for a buffet lunch at the Red Lion in Bridge and then visit two more churches in the afternoon.

10.00 am *Bridge Recreation Ground Car Park*
Members £10.00, non-members £12.50 Including buffet lunch

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TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2003
VISIT TO BOURNE HOUSE

This is an additional tour to accommodate those who missed out on last season's tour in May. It is already fully subscribed but if you wish to go on a waiting list for this trip and possibly another later in the year please fill in the booking slip. We would like to accommodate everyone.

3.00 pm *Bourne House, Bourne Park.*
Members only £3.00 donation to charity (*Pilgrim's Hospice*).

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TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2003
HOP PICKING IN KENT

This is a film presentation with rare historic films on Canterbury of 1914 and hop picking in Kent followed, after a break for refreshment, by the film "Adventure in the Hopfields" starring Melvyn Hayes, Anthony Valentine and Jane Asher The whole programme will last for 2 hours.

7.00 pm prompt, *The School Hall, Bridge.*
Members £3.00 if booked in advance, £4.00 at the door and non-members All proceeds will be donated to *Weald Hospice*.

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TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2003
CHRISTMAS GET
TOGETHER

Our annual Christmas celebration but held on a Tuesday evening. It will be a hot and cold Christmas buffet supper at the Red Lion Bridge, with a Round Robin Prize Quiz

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm *Red Lion Inn, Bridge*
Members £8.00 non-members £10.00
including the first glass of wine and refreshments

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TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2004
CHRISTOPHER MARLOWE
AND CANTERBURY

What made Christopher Marlowe? Born in Canterbury, his brilliant career electrified Elizabethan London and left many questions unanswered. Marjorie Lyle will bring to life for us this great playwright, poet and secret agent, whose turbulent twenty-nine years were filled with drama.

7.30 pm *The School Hall, Bridge*
Members £2.00, non-members £3.00 including refreshments.

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TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2004
MEMBERS' EVENING

An innovation to create a more sociable atmosphere. We will meet at the Bridge Place Country Club which will be open exclusively to us.

During the evening there will be short talks by our members "Railways" by Alan Walton and the "Fire Service" by Roger Mardon.

7.30 pm *Bridge Place Country Club*
Members £5.00 Non-members £6.00 including first glass of wine.

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TUESDAY 9 MARCH 2004
CLOCKS

Prof. Ted Parker will outline the developments in the construction of timepieces which not only led to the major improvements in accuracy, but also spurred on the evolution of domestic clock design. This illustrated talk traces the developments into the 19th century, with the emphasis on longcase and bracket clocks that are still in use today

7.30 pm *The School Hall Bridge.*
£2.00 members, £3.00 non-members including refreshment.

SATURDAY 17 APRIL 2003
BELMONT HOUSE

A visit in member's own cars to see this charming 18th c house set in delightful grounds. The house contains beautiful furniture, a wonderful collection of clocks and watches and a fine collection of 19th c paintings of Trinidad by Michel Cazabon This visit is to tie in with the previous meeting on clocks.

2.30 pm *Bridge Recreation Ground Car Park*
Entrance to House Adults £5.25, Senior Citizens £4.75

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