

**TUESDAY 24 MAY 2005
BIG HOUSES IN BRIDGE**

Three short talks on Bridge Place, Bourne House and Bifrons by John Bishop, Peter Malkin and David Gilmour.

We hope to hold this in Bridge Place Country Club which is at the moment undergoing restoration, if it is not ready then we will revert to the School Hall, Bridge.

7.30 pm Bridge Place Country Club

Members £5.00 reducing to £2.00 if in School Hall.

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**JUNE 2005
A SUMMER WALK
IN CHILHAM**

Information on this walk will be in the next newsletter.

**ARCHIVE & RESEARCH
PROJECT**

The Society would like to hear from members who would be interested in helping to compile an oral history of life in Bridge. This would involve recording interviews with residents both young and old which would be transcribed into a booklet. The recording equipment would be supplied on loan and in the first instance would you please contact the treasurer Dr. Maurice Raraty on 830508.

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**TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2004
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

The second 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 Bridge Village Hall

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 Patixbourne.

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

The evening meetings are informal and sociable. Transport and 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, February and April.

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**PROGRAMME
2004-2005**



**BRIDGE
& DISTRICT
HISTORY
SOCIETY**

**THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2004
SON-ET-LUMIERE
BEKESBOURNE CHURCH**

This Son-et-Lumiere traces the history of the church and the village of Bekesbourne from the arrival of the Anglo-Saxons through to the present day. The performance will be inside the church and there is a special night for Bridge & District History Society members on Thursday 23rd September. Disabled access is restricted and there are no toilet facilities.

*7.00 pm for 7.30 pm Bekesbourne Church
Members and non-members £7.50 if booked in advance.*

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**TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2004
NAPOLEONIC DEFENCES**

A lively speaker, Julia Page, tells us about the preparations for war against Napoleon, and the impact they made on Kent and especially around Bridge.

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

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**TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2004
THE BIG DIG**

No one who lives close to Canterbury can be unaware of the major archaeological investigations that have taken place over the past few years prior to redevelopment work in the city. Many interesting and significant discoveries and finds were made and we are fortunate in having Paul Bennett, the Director of the Canterbury Archaeological Trust, to talk to us about them.

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

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**TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2004
CHRISTMAS EVENING**

Our annual Christmas get-together will be at the White Horse Inn Bridge. The entertainment will include a Photo Quiz which will be themed on historic photos of the area and a concert by a local group 'Quodlibet' whose repertoire includes madrigals, glees, catches, part songs folk songs and humorous items. Refreshments will be a varied hot and cold buffet.

*7.30 pm The White Horse Inn, Bridge
Members £10.00 non-members £12.00 including refreshments.*

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**TUESDAY 18 JANUARY 2005
THE NAILBOURNE**

The Nailbourne flows through the whole of the district served by Bridge & District History Society and has been vital to the well being of the villages along its course. The talk about the river and its effect on the landscape is by John Shelton of the Kentish Stour Countryside Project

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

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**TUESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2005
MEMBERS SOCIAL
EVENING**

A chance for members to socialise in an informal atmosphere in the Plough & Harrow. Chris Maclean will give a short illustrated talk on the events that have been celebrated over the years in this public house covering among other things the fire service and the return of the soldiers from the First World War. There will be a buffet afterwards.

*7.30 pm Upstairs room, Plough & Harrow
Restricted to members only £5.00 including buffet.*

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**TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2005
CANTERBURY
BRICK BY BRICK**

An entertaining and informative talk by Dick Bolton around the subject of bricks which will take in Kentish architecture and it's materials as well the building techniques of brick buildings of Canterbury and district.

Dick Bolton has spoken to us many times before and always keeps us well entertained.

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

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**SATURDAY 23 APRIL 2005
AGINCOURT &
MONTREUIL**

A coach visit on St. George's Day to the battlefields and museums of Agincourt and Crecy followed by a visit to the walled town of Montreuil, the setting for Victor Hugo's Les Miserables and the headquarters for General Haig during the First World War. The abbey church contains the shields of those who fought at Agincourt.

*7.30 am Bridge Post Office.
Members £20.00 non-members £25.00*

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**SATURDAY 14 MAY 2005
KENT HISTORY
FEDERATION**

The Kent History Federation Conference will take place at Edenbridge this year and will follow the usual format of talk on topics of interest in the morning followed by visits to the local area in the afternoon. As last year we are including a slip on the booking form for those who would like information on this event. Those who attend these annual meetings always find them enjoyable and stimulating so please try to attend this year.

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