

**WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 2008**

**BROOK CHURCH AND  
AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM**

A visit to the interesting 11th century church of Brook with its many preserved medieval wall paintings. This will be followed by a visit to the Agricultural Museum which is adjacent to the church. The museum is housed in a 14th century aisled barn with a crown post roof and houses the Wye College collection of farming equipment and implements. Afterwards we will visit the Rake Workshop in Smeeth where wooden rakes are made in the traditional manner.

2.30 pm Brook Village Church  
Members £3.00 non-members £4.00

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**THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2008**

**WHITSTABLE VISIT**

Anthea Bryant will lead a fascinating evening tour of the Old Harbour Town of Whitstable to show and tell us about the 'Walls', alleys and backyards; salt-spray and smugglers; shellfish and oysters. All these, and more, give Whitstable its character.

Members £5.00 Non members £7.00  
6.00 pm Whitstable Library

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**A SHORT HISTORY OF BRIDGE**

This booklet, written by two of our members Meriel Conner and Maurice Raraty has been distributed to all members who were paid up for the 2006-7 season. If you have not received a copy or are a new member and would like one they will be available for collection at the first few meetings starting in September 2007. Further copies available from Post Office at £3.00.

**THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2007**

**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 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 Patrixbourne.

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.

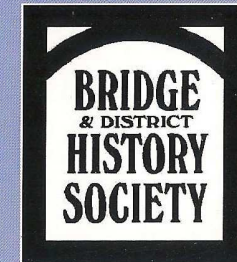
Membership is annual commencing in September. Rates are £7.00 single, £12.00 double and £5.00 for each additional person residing at the same address. Newsletters with a record of previous meetings and advance notice of the next events will be sent out in August, October and March.

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**PROGRAMME**

**2007-2008**



**THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2007**

**HOPS AND HOP PICKING**

Richard Filmer, always an entertaining speaker, will give his talk on hops and hop picking. A topic very relevant to this area which was in the heart of the hop growing area until recently, and many relics of this industry are still to be found in the neighbourhood.

The talk will be preceded by a very short Annual General Meeting.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall

Members £3.00 non-members £4.00 including refreshments mr

**THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER 2007**

**STAINED GLASS OF  
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL**

As an introduction to our visit to the Stained Glass Studio of Canterbury Cathedral, Robin Fleet will give an appraisal of the stained glass windows to be found in the Cathedral, which fortunately still has some of the finest medieval stained glass in Europe.

7.30 pm Village Hall, Bridge

Members £3.00 non - members £4.00 including refreshments. mr

**THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2007**

**ETHELBERT AND BERTHA**

The two statues of Ethelbert and Bertha on Lady Wooton's Green were erected mainly due to the efforts of Martin Taylor. He will expound on these two people principally responsible for the introduction of Christianity to this country and to the position Canterbury now holds as the mother church of England.

7.30 pm Village Hall Bridge

Members £3.00 non-members £4.00 including refreshments

**THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER 2007**

**CHRISTMAS EVENING**

We are arranging our usual convivial evening in the village hall with our festive hot and cold refreshments. The entertainment will be a surprise, but appropriately Kent and festive, and we can assure you that you will be amused and entertained.

7.30 pm Village Hall, Bridge

Members £7.50 non-members £10.00

Including hot and cold buffet. jv

**THURSDAY 17 JANUARY 2008**

**LIFE IN THE  
VICTORIAN WORKHOUSE**

As a follow up to our visit to the old workhouse in Union Close, Peter Ewart will give an illustrated talk on the conditions endured in Victorian workhouses throughout Kent. Bridge had a well run workhouse but conditions in some workhouses were appalling and even Bridge was no picnic for those unfortunate enough to have to endure its charity.

7.30 pm Village Hall Bridge

Members £3.00, non-members £4.00 including refreshments. dg

**TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2008**

**MEMBERS' EVENING**

Alan Walton will be giving a short talk illustrated with slides on transport through Bridge in the first half of the 20th century, and this will be followed by a discussion led by Clive Milne-Spaull of Rogers Garage who has been involved with transport throughout his life.

7.30 pm Upstairs room, Plough & Harrow

Restricted to members only £5.00 including buffet. dg

**THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2008**

**VISIT TO THE  
STAINED GLASS STUDIO**

A visit has been arranged to the Stained Glass Studio of Canterbury Cathedral. This visit will afford us the rare opportunity of seeing and learning about the painstaking process of the cleaning, recording, restoration and conservation of the Cathedral's priceless stained glass windows.

Numbers limited so book early.

9.45 am Canterbury Cathedral Entrance Gate

Members £12.00 members only mc

**THURSDAY 3 APRIL 2008**

**(ST. AUGUSTINES)  
KINGS SCHOOL**

This walk, organised by Alan Walton, will be of the King's School section of St. Augustine's where remains of the palace of Ethelbert and of the monastery attached to St. Augustine's Abbey once stood. It was rebuilt in the 1840's as a missionary college. Refreshments will be provided by King's School.

2.30 pm Fyndon Gate, Monastery St.

Members £3.00 non-members £4.00

Refreshments included aw

**MAY 2008**

**KENT HISTORY FEDERATION  
CONFERENCE**

At the time of going to press we have no details of this conference. We are therefore including a slip on the visit booking form so that those who would wish to attend can request details, which will be sent as soon as they are available