SATURDAY 8 MAY 2010

KHF CONFERENCE AT TUNBRIDGE WELLS

The Kent History Federation annual conference will take place at Tunbridge Wells this year. . 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. For information on this conference please complete the slip in the visit form.

JUNE 2010
ACTUAL DATE TO BE ARRANGED
VISIT TO SALTWOOD CASTLE

A rare opportunity to visit the home of the late Alan Clarke MP and his wife Jane who will give a guided tour followed by a home made cream tea. This castle is not open to the public and therefore if we are able to arrange a visit numbers will be limited and the cost is high so send those slips in.
In the unlikely event that we are unable to arrange this visit an alternative visit will be arranged.
2.15 pm Saltwood Castle
Members only, £18.00 including tea.   mc

MEMBERS ONLY

You will have noticed that apart from the meetings in the village hall all of the visits and events elsewhere are restricted to members only. This is mainly because we have a limit on the numbers that can be accommodated on a visit. This policy will be strictly adhered to and if you wish to bring a non member along then get in touch with the membership secretary David Gilmour and enrol them as a member.

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2009

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

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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.

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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 during the year
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PROGRAMME
2009-2010

BRIDGE & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2009

THE BEANEY BACKSTORY

A talk by one of our members Alan Barber on the history from " Weavers to Website", of the Beaney Institute and its munificent donor. It opened in September 1899 in Canterbury replacing the earlier Canterbury Friendly Society established in September 1769.
7.30 pm Village Hall, Bridge
Members £3.00, non-members £4.00, including refreshments   jv

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2009
Members Evening
THE GATES OF CANTERBURY

A talk by one of our members, David Gilmour, on the City Gates of Canterbury, most of which are long gone-but drawings, paintings and actual physical remains are available to recreate them in all their splendour.
Numbers limited—please apply early.
7.30 pm Plough & Harrow Bridge
Members only, £5.00 including buffet.   dg

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2009

THE RED DEAN OF CANTERBURY

A talk by John Butler on the enigmatic figure of Dr. Hewlett Johnson, The Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, well known for his extreme left wing views, but also a familiar character in and around Canterbury

7.30 pm Village Hall, Bridge,
Members £3.00 non-members £4.00, including refreshments.   aw

THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER 2009

CHRISTMAS EVENING

Our annual Christmas celebration. This will be a hot and cold Christmas buffet supper at the Red Lion Bridge, with a prize photo Quiz Seating is limited so apply early—first come first served.

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm Red Lion Inn, Bridge
Members only, £5.00 including the first glass of wine and the buffet   jc

THURSDAY 7 JANUARY 2010

RICHBOROUGH CASTLE

A talk by Dr. Frank Andrews on the history of Richborough Castle. Many recent discoveries have changed our conceptions of this magnificent shore fort, the principal entry point for the Romans into Britain with its triumphal arch.

7.30 pm Village Hall, Bridge
Members £3.00, non-members £4.00, including refreshments.   dg

THURSDAY 11 FEBRARY 2010

CATHEDRAL ARCHIVES

A talk by one of the cathedral archivists on the incredibly rich sources available for research into the history of this area. Although the archives are in the cathedral they also include many municipal documents.

7.30 pm Village Hall, Bridge
Members £3.00, non-members £4.00, including refreshments.   dg

FRIDAY 19 MARCH 2010

A VISIT TO THE CATHEDRAL ARCHIVES

Following on from our talk on the cathedral archives we will be given a guided tour and shown some of the rare and unique documents making up the archive collection.

2.30 pm meet at the Visitor Centre in the Cathedral Precincts.
Members only, £10.00   dg

THURSDAY 15 APRIL 2010

BRITAIN IN THE HOME FRONT WWII

Michael Martin will give a talk on the trials and tribulations endured by our parents (and some of us) during the Second World War

7.30 pm Village Hall, Bridge.
£3.00 members, £4.00 non-members, including refreshment.   jv

THURSDAY 6 MAY 2010

A VISIT TO TAPPINGTON HALL

A visit in member's own cars to see this charming Elizabethan farm house just outside Denton. Once owned by the Rev. R.H. Barham it has many associations with the Ingoldsby Legends. The opportunities to visit this house are rare.
 Numbers will be limited—please apply early.

2.30 pm Tappington Hall
Members only, £12.50 including tea.   mr