

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2013

A VISIT TO AYLESFORD PRIORY

The Friars - Aylesford Priory - is an ancient religious house of the Order of Carmelites dating back to the 13th Century. We have arranged a guided tour by one of the brothers around the priory, culminating in a cream tea in the restaurant.

Travel by own car, meet 2.30 pm at the Priory entrance.
Members £6.00, non-members £8.00 including cream tea.

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THURSDAY 20TH JUNE 2013

**EVENING VISIT TO
BROADSTAIRS**

A visit to the Crampton Tower museum in Broadstairs covering the history of Broadstairs and transport followed by a guided tour of the town. This will take place during the Dickens Festival when hopefully there will be an opportunity to see the costumed characters of Dickens at the Victorian Country Fair.

Travel by own car. 5.00 pm Meet at the Crampton Towers Museum. dg
Members £6.00 non-members £7.00 including entrance to the museum.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

We are now into the second phase of this project, organised by member Martin Vye, with the second set of reminiscences being transcribed. When we have all the transcriptions completed, they will be edited and then sorted into themes. Eventually we intend to put the information up on the Bridge Village web site. This will take some time to complete and we do not anticipate it being ready until well into 2013.. We will keep you advised of progress.

THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2012

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 Patricxbourne.

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.

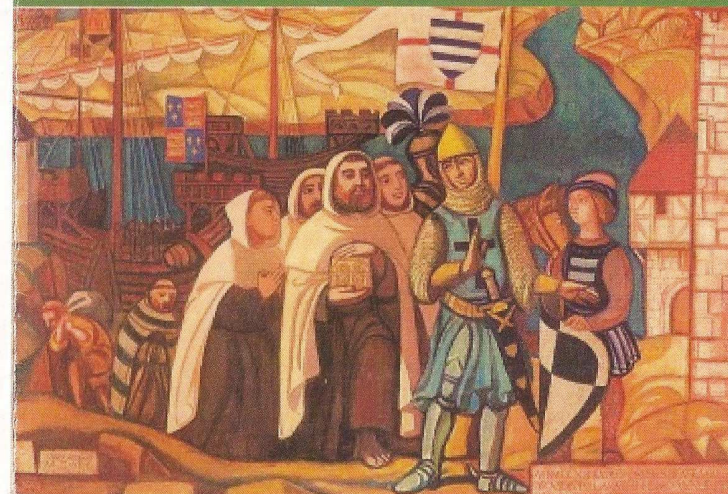
Newsletters with a record of previous meetings and advance notice of the next events will be sent out as required.

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PROGRAMME

2012-2013



**BRIDGE
& DISTRICT
HISTORY
SOCIETY**

THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2012

FIRST PRIZE

A fascinating talk by Imogen Corrigan on why Britain and Kent have been invaded over the years for the rich spoils to be had. Imogen has spoken to us before and is always an enthusiastic and engrossing speaker. The talk will be preceded by the A.G.M.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall

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

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THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER 2012

BRYAN FAUSSETT

Bryan Fausset was the curate of Kingston and perpetual curate at Nackington. Between 1767 and 1773 he opened 308 Anglo-Saxon graves along the old A2 Canterbury-Dover road on the Downs above Kingston and 336 others at the nearby villages of Bishopsbourne and Bekesbourne as well as at Chartham. David Wright will talk about his life and achievements.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall

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

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THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2012

**A STROLL ALONG THE
NAILBOURNE VALLEY**

Peter Ewart, who has spoken to us before will illustrate both the wildlife and history of the Nailbourne and how it affects the villages of Barham, Kingston, Bishopsbourne, Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne, through which it sometimes runs and sometimes floods.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall

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

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THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER 2012

CHRISTMAS EVENING

Our ever popular Christmas Dinner with a choice of menu and a different quiz this year. The quiz will be an object quiz, whereby you have to identify various objects which we will lay out. There will be a prize for the winner and we will also have a raffle

Red Lion Bridge 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Members £14.00, non-members £16.00, including one glass of wine

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THURSDAY 17 JANUARY 2013

FAMILY HISTORY SOURCES

For those who wish to delve into their family history, Peter Ewart will suggest ways to go about it and sources for obtaining information on your ancestors. This will be of interest to those just starting and those who have been doing it for some time.

7.30p pm Bridge Village Hall

Members £3.00, non-members £4.00 including refreshments

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THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2013

ROYAL VISITS TO KENT

A Members' Evening with an enthralling talk by Colin Breed who was in charge of the protection for the past and present members of the Royal Family on their visits to Kent, illustrated with many previously unseen film clips, followed by a buffet supplied by the Plough & Harrow. Tea or coffee included, other drinks please bring your own.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall

£8.50 members £12.00 non-members including buffet and tea or coffee.

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MARCH OR APRIL 2013

VISIT TO COBHAM HALL

We are trying to organise a visit to Cobham Hall, the one time home of the Earls of Darnley. It consists of two Tudor wings flanking a later classical central block. The hall is only open on certain days of the year, and the dates of opening are not decided until January for each year. If you are interested in coming please complete the slip so that we can keep you informed of our progress in arranging the visit.

Travel by own car and we expect the entrance fee to be about £5.00.

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THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2013

**LIFE IN AN ENGLISH VILLAGE
1900 -1918**

Helen Allison a fluent and always interesting speaker will talk about village life just before and during the First World War, a time that now seems in the distant past, although the last person to have fought in that War has only just died. Helen will illustrate how life has changed out of all recognition from that time.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall

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

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SATURDAY 11 MAY 2013

KHF ONE DAY CONFERENCE

The annual Kent History Federation One Day Conference will take place at Dover this year which is quite convenient for our members. The conference will follow the usual pattern of talks in the morning followed by visits in the afternoon.

If you require information on this conference please complete the slip on the Visits Booking form.