

**SATURDAY 9 MAY 2015**

**KENT HISTORY FEDERATION  
ONE DAY CONFERENCE**

The Kent History Federation annual conference will take place at Elham 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. We urge you to join in this sociable event not far from us in the Elham valley.

Please fill in the slip on the Visit Booking form for further details.

**TUESDAY 19 MAY 2015**

**VISIT TO THE  
CATHEDRAL PRECINCTS**

Following her talk in March, Heather will give us a specialist tour at the Cathedral, highlighting some of the most recent projects being undertaken. Her great ability to be able to explain what is being done will bring the whole subject to life. Meet **inside** the Cathedral Precincts using your Cathedral passes. Numbers are very strictly limited, please apply early.

Meet 6.30 pm Guided Tour Ticket office inside the cathedral precincts.  
Members only £12.50 mc

**THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2015**

**EVENING WALK OF ELHAM**

A walk by Derek Boughton around this small village crammed with many interesting buildings, those around the Square are of many periods making a fine ensemble. We will be finishing with a retreat to the hostelry on the Market Square.

6.00 pm Market Square Elham  
£5.00 members £6.00 non members dg

**THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**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 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 £8.00 single, £14.00 double and £6.00 for each additional person residing at the same address.

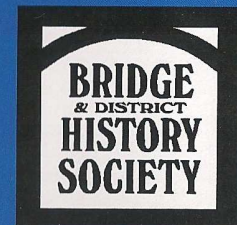
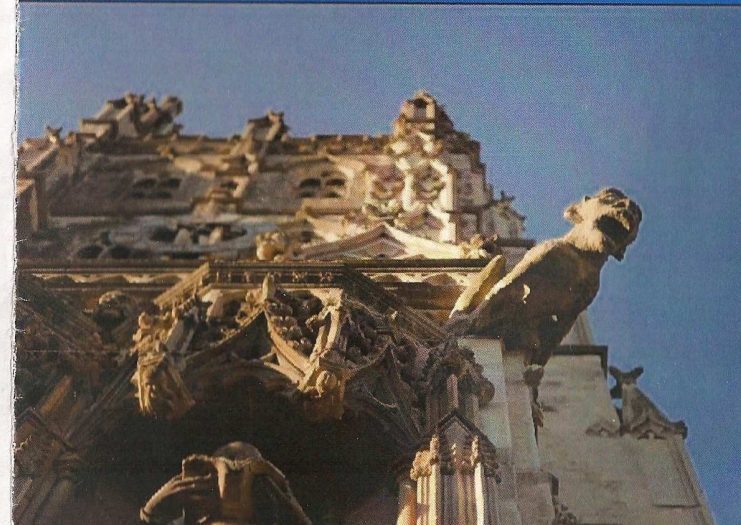
Newsletters with a record of previous meetings and advance notice of the next events will be sent out, normally by email, as required.

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**PROGRAMME**

**2014-2015**



**WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST 2014**

**ARCHAEOLOGY  
AT BOURNE PARK**

Dr. Lacey Wallace of Cambridge University will talk on the investigations being made at Bourne Park. She will highlight the discoveries made, the non-intrusive techniques used and what the community can do to protect and cherish this archaeological resource for generations to come.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall  
Members £4.00 non members £5 refreshments included jco

**THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPTS**

Dr. Alixe Bovey is a lecturer in Medieval History at the University of Kent. She has been concerned with pictorial narratives in medieval manuscripts. Her most recent project traces the history of the giants Gogmagog from their 'invention' in the 12<sup>th</sup> century to the present day. She is a lively, entertaining and engaging speaker with many wonderful pictures to show

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall  
Members £4.00 non members £5.00 refreshments included mc

**THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2014**

**CANTERBURY CURIOSITIES A-Z**

David Lewis normally has a walking tour of Canterbury Curiosities but found this too exhausting for most people and has instead converted it into an audio-visual presentation as an illustrated tour. Many of the objects most of you will have seen but passed by without remarking. Come and be intrigued.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall  
Members £4.00 non members £5.00 refreshments included ab

**THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2014**

**MAJOR PERCY POWELL-COTTON**

Andrew Joynes will give an illustrated talk on Major Percy Powell-Cotton, creator of the Powell-Cotton Museum at Quex Park who was a Victorian explorer and collector of zoological specimens and set up dioramas to display his specimens affording a insight into the mindset of his Victorian generation.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall  
Members £4.00 non members £5.00 refreshments included rw

**WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER  
2014**

**CHRISTMAS EVENING**

Our ever popular Christmas Dinner returns to the Red Lion with a choice of starter, main course and dessert and by popular request a return of the photo quiz this year, please bring a pen or pencil. 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 £16.00, non-members £20.00, including one glass of wine jca

**THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2015**

**RICHARD CULMER**

Jackie Eales' talk is on Richard Culmer, awarded the title of the "Most Hated Man in England" for his work in smashing as much of the stained glass of Canterbury Cathedral as he could reach. A puritan zealot clergyman so hated by his parishioners that he had to have soldiers guarding him to do his work.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall  
Members £4.00 non members £5.00 refreshments included. jv

**THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2015**

**BLACK DEATH**

A talk by Imogen Corrigan which is entitled the Black Death and its aftermath and covers the consequences following the loss of one third to one half of the population. Imogen has previously talked to us and is an interesting and engaging speaker.

7.30 pm Village Hall, Bridge  
Members £4.00 non-members £5.00 refreshments included jh

**THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2015**

**CATHEDRAL STONE**

Heather Newton, Head of Stonemasonry and Stone Conservation at Canterbury Cathedral, will update us on the challenging and exciting work currently being carried out under her direction – especially in the light of the successful outcome for the Cathedral of the Heritage Lottery Fund award. Her talk will be followed with a visit next May.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall  
Members £4.00 non members £5.00 refreshments included mc

**THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2015**

**COUNTRY HOUSE  
DEVELOPMENT**

Hubert Pagnell's talk will cover the period from the Elizabethan period through to the modern period of the development of our great country houses, some of which we have visited over the years. Hubert who studied history at the University of Kent has written many books on historical architecture.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall  
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