

Bourne Park.

①  
bought by Sir Anthony Aucher in 1545

Built by Elizabeth Aucher 1705 (on site of Hautbourne).

Remained in family until 1756 → Stephen Beckingham - married an Aucher daughter. One of their tenants was Sir Horace Mann - organised one of the first cricket matches in Kent. Host to Royal 1765  
1845 purchased by Matthew Bell - lived at Oswalds. Landscaping; railway in tunnel, built several cottages in grounds (diamond pines).

1927 bought by Sir John Prestige after death of last member of Bell family. Died 1962. House in dire state by 1957 having been empty for several years. Threat to demolish it. Public enquiry → Preservation Order (Grade One listed). Grants then available to repair & maintain.

1963 Bought on behalf of Mr R.D. Neame by the trustees of his late uncle Lord Forteviot. At that time the estate covered 300 acres. When put back on the market had been reduced to 46 acres.

1964 Outpost of novitiate order of St. Augustine based at Nister nr. Ramsgate.

✓ Planned to become a novitiate & school for 100 boarders. Did not happen.

1969 on market. 1971 proposed to turn it into a residential retirement club for the over 60's. Sold in 1972. 1973 on sale as 3 housing units;

1974 for sale as 19 luxury suites. 1975 proposed to convert into a fully equipped private hospital. 1977 considered for use as <sup>showrooms & home.</sup> office;

1978 proposed to turn it into luxury hotel. Throughout this time land sold off so reduced to 7 acres.

1983 purchased by Lady Juliet & Mr Somerset de Chair. Restoration.

Ms Juliet = only daughter of 8th Earl Fitzwilliam of Wentworth Woodhouse  
Title defunct in 1929 ∴ Lady J inherited paintings, antiques & objets d'art.

de Chair - flamboyant author, Tory MP, war hero, collector of art & antiques.  
(1911-1995)

"The impending storm" 1931.

Author of 30+ vols. of contemporary history, poetry, autobiography, biography, historical novels. Translated & edited Napoleon's memoirs. MP for SW Norfolk 1935-65.

1938 commissioned in Royal Horse Guards. '41 fought in Iraq. Invalided out of army in '42. MP for Puddington South 1950-51



Bridge-hill-house. + 30 acres.

Times  
June 6  
1867

June 1867 for sale by executors of the estate of Mr Gregory.

2 compact cottages.

In the neighbourhood is :-

Bifrons - the Marquis of Conyngham

Bourne Park - Mr. Bell esq.

Residence of <sup>Charles</sup> Reverend Hughes Hall = Higham. Died 1846 after 33 yrs  
as Vicar.

" " Cap. Winter

Bifrons

John Taylor & his wife Olivia  
(1665-1729)

Census info 1851-1871

Cap Winter employed Elizabeth Grigg daughter of the village blacksmith

Mr Gregory had more than 9 servants ??

Sherrard - training mechanics (?)

1831 - 543 inhabitants. 1871 - 941 inhabitants.

Bridge Hill House

Charles Louis Secordet, Baron de Montesquieu.

born 1749, died in Bridge <sup>July</sup> 1824. Also of Chateau de

Labreade nr. Bordeaux. Settled in England after the revolution.

Fought in the American War of Independence. Decorated by George Washington with

the Cincinnati Medal. Returned to France. Fled to England 1790 &

married Miss Anne McGeoghagan O'Neill - Irish descent.

Highland Court / Higham.

House on site since 1500s. Present house 1928. Grade II listed.

Large house called Higham existed in the parish of Patrisham during the

reign of Edward II (1320) owned by De Higham.

1543 - bought by Thomas Culpeper.



## Higham (cont.)

Ancher family came next. Elizabeth Ancher married Thomas Corbett. One of their daughters, Antonia, m. Ignatious Geoghegan who, in 1768 built the house we see today.

1781: went (?) to Hallett family.

1901 - Col. J.W. Hughes-Hallett of the Scots Highlanders put the house up for <sup>sale</sup> bought by William Gay - developed gardens, grew orchids, raised pedigree highland cattle. Wife <sup>(French)</sup> developed decor & furnishings in French style.

- Mrs Gay entertained lavishly. One guest Countess Margaret Zborowski of Bridge Hill House: - moved here in 1909 with her son Louis Voron Zbor. Countess bought Higham & started to refurbish - died <sup>1911</sup> before she completed this - Louis then 16 yrs old. He moved into Higham - very wealthy (mother = grand daughter of William Astor) (father - killed in car accident in 1903 - Polish/American) (grandfather owned real estate in New York & Eastern U.S.)

Louis married Violet Ethel Leicester, a 'Gaiety girl' in 1919

Louis killed in 1924 during the Stalin Grand Prix at Ronga (aged 29) (Mr William Pierce - vet. to estate.)

Leslie Hogben - worked at Higham & married a cook)

1928 Higham bought by Walter Whigham (£17,000) - changed name to Highland Court.

## Bridge Place

Visited by the artist Schallincke about 1680

Bifrons - demolished in late 1940's. Built early 1660s.  
1720 or 1694?

Burgreens → Taylor → Congyghans 1820

John B. (curiosities) born at Bifrons in 1610. Father was a merchant & adventurer. died in 1600!

c 1800s?

Taylor pulled down the early house & built an elegant Georgian House using some materials from Bridge Place which he owned & had pulled down. Congyghans extended the house.



Bridge Place

① named Jane - 2nd daughter of  
Walter Harbottle of Becheshoums

Built by Sir Arnold Braems in 16\_\_ : on the site of the  
ancient court-lodge. Followed by his son Walter Braems - died 1692  
Heirs could not afford to keep it up. Sold to John Taylor of Bifrons  
in 1704 - he pulled it all down except for one wing.  
Held by the Taylor family till \_\_ ?

Bereacre: Great & Little Barahers

1292/93 - Walter de Kancia.

- family called Bereacre or Barahers
- Litch fields - up to 1482/3
- Richard Haut
- daughter Margery Haut married William Isaac
- - - Edward Isaac (Henry VIII) sold it to
- Petyt & Weekes sold it to
- Naylor of Renville
- Smith & Wathins sold to
- John Taylor of Bifrons
- - - Edward Taylor

Vicars of Patrishoume w. the chapel of Bridge.

<u>Patron</u>	<u>Vicar</u>	
	James Coleby	1644
	John Fige	1667
	John Mackellan	1667 - 1698
Margaret Braems	John Bowtell	1697 - 1753
Mary Taylor, her vice	Herbert Taylor	1753 - 1763
Herbert Taylor.	Edward Taylor	1763 - 1798
Edward Taylor	William Toke	1799 -



Bridge Farm

Dismantled 1962 - (15 wagon entrance uncovered).

Was probably part of the Bridge estate known as Bridge Place.

Pubs

1828 - 2 inns - White Horse (served as post office) - Fred<sup>h</sup> Colgate  
Red Lion - Thomas Hankin

Population

1801	42 houses	65 families	325	7.9 per house
1811	76 "	81 "	397	5.3
1821	86 "	99 "	432	5
1831	97 "	101 "	543	5.5
1851	households 134		625	
1861	148		727	
1871	167		790 (941?)	

Captain Winter 1861 employed a 16 yr. old local girl Elizabeth Grigg as a housemaid - daughter of Mr Grigg blacksmith.

Mr Vinson employed as a butcher by Mrs Grigg. His wife also in <sup>village.</sup>

Living stables - carriage business	2 servants in 1861	Lansberry	landholder
		Eyers	publican - Red Lion (1820-74)
		Barter	butcher
		Hornsby	licensed victualler
		Sicard	surgeon
	3 servants	Collins	farmer
		Mutton	brewer
	4 servants	Aldworth	curate <sup>Irish married to a Scot</sup>
		Eddling	tenure landholder
		Hammond	fund holder.
	7-8	Mrs Grigg <sup>from Cheshire</sup>	widow, landed proprietor <sup>fund holder</sup>
	4+	a farmer	
		a retired Army Captain	
		a landowner	
		a racehorse trainer - 2 new apprentices	



Mr Grogan - butler, resident cook, Cady's maid, governess  
 - kitchen maid, footman, groom, housemaid, page, gardener  
 Mr Egan - stable boy, coachman.

### National School

1874 Robert Wye Mrs Mary Wye Miss Ellen Wye

1878 & 1882 " Mrs Susan Emmeline Wye Miss Fanny Wye

October 15th 1841 - Sale of all household furniture & effects  
 of William Nix (surgeon) - leaving the place.

1845 - auction of papers of the late Mr H. Pym.

1854 - effects of Mr Richard Marsh - included an excellent race  
 horse, corn, fodder, stable implements & effects.

Apr. 2 1878 - contents of Bridge Place auctioned - property of  
 Walter Gippes esq - leaving the neighbourhood.

Auction  
 of  
 six lots

22 March 1866 - ① dwelling house & butcher's shop - occupied by  
 Mr Stephen Barter

② genteel & substantial brick built residence - occupied by Mrs Edlin  
 for £40 per annum

③ a respectable dwelling house + 2 1/2 acres of 1st class meadow land  
 - occupied by Mr Henry Jarvis & Mr John Jarvis

④ 2 respect. modern-built cottages - occupation of Mr Henry Vye  
 & Mr Wm Williams. at £10 per annum rent

⑤ 3 cotts + gardens situated in Malthouse Lane occupied by  
 Harlow, Austin & Gimber @ 2s 6d per annum rent

⑥ 3 similar cotts adjacent to Plot 5. Munns, Wilson, Beakes

Nov 3 1854

Auction - Freehold messuage or tenement & shop + yard, garden  
 Bridge Street - now in occupation of Mr Daniel Williams  
 - @ £12 per annum



17 March 1868 - for sale - all brewing plant utensils. John Birch, brewer

Bridge Place

Apr 1849 R. Price Esq. vice-chairman of Board of Guardians  
of Union.

Ploughs Harrow Sept 1871 - sale by auction - public house + brewhouse  
- under the will of Mr William Williams deceased. Let on  
lease to Messrs Edward & Edmund Gibbs. £58 per year.  
1860 - Mr Richard Mutton applied for licence to sell spirits.

Red Lion 1874 Robert Ayres, landlord,

Bifrons 1874 Ed. Countess of Mount Charles

1874 - barn fire at Bridge at the farm of Mr Collins

Bridge Hill House 1870 Major Castle (another (the) bridge)

White Horse 1878 - Mr Webb

6 Albert Terrace - Mr John Fern Jar - killed by exploding fire  
31 Nov 1910 <sup>narrow.</sup>

George Hawkins - kept since 1907 - in Riversdale. Mr Hawkins from 1928  
Harry Hawkins from 1934 (+ mesquite), \_\_\_\_\_ Hawkins to 1975

Blacksmiths - 1918-1939 Sidney Gilbert

Bridge Farm

gt, middle & little Pitt farms were once all one farm.

Union Mr & Mrs Honey 1918?

Bourne Park

Stephen Buckingham

Bridge Hill House

built by Edward Grayson (1st husband of Mrs Mary  
(?) (d 1849) Grayson who restored Bridge  
(d 1867) church)

no children



check date - Charles Szyglas  
Sawyer's Chas' Kent.

Annis House - in use as a dairy - 1927. ?

Dr Amelius Seward - died in 1880

Baron de Montesquieu - Bridge Hill - died 1824  
↳ grandson of the French philosopher.

1927 - Fire engine at the Plough Inn.

Fire brigade formed in 1873 - captain Marquis of Conyngham, Smith  
Pileher Verrier Sargent Hardiman Hodges Evans Jarvis  
Garland Winter Carpenter

1878 East of Mount Charles was captain, R. Smith, FJD Sam's Cisterns.

1927 Mr C Wills - secretary (33 yrs service)

1927 - The Ship/Primrose Alley - oldest house in Bridge - (16 frame  
house - timber beams filled in with bricks. Once a single house.  
Now divided into houses for several families.

Public Hall - increased to present size in 1878 - presented to  
allegedly by Marquis on coming of age of his son.

Wesleyan chapel built in 1894

School - Mr & Mrs R Wye - first government teachers in 1871

Gas works - near to school - erected in 1859 (near work)

Union Work house - erected in 1835

↳ first master Mr John Wicks (Governor) + Mrs Wicks (Governess)

Racing stable opposite Workhouse - Mr Howard (1830s??) - his son  
- vet. - died recently (1927)

1927 - Bridge Hill House - belongs to Mr Ralph Peto but  
Baroness Zborowska lives there.