

MAY 2009

Exact date to be advised

A VISIT TO PROVENDER

Provender is an historic house just outside Faversham which is not normally open to the public but by special arrangement, Princess Olga the owner and a descendant of the Russian Romanov family, has agreed access for our group. The visit will be followed by a cream tea in the Plough at Norton but this will be at extra cost. The exact date and time will be advised in the March newsletter

£10.00 members only - numbers limited , not including tea.

Organiser: Alan Walton.

SATURDAY 9 MAY 2009

**KENT HISTORY FEDERATION
ONE DAY CONFERENCE**

After the absence of a conference in 2008 normal service has been resumed with the conference taking place on the Isle of Sheppey.

We understand the theme will be the early history of the RAF particularly relating to Eastchurch on the Isle of Sheppey.

Those interested in taking part should complete the slip and send to Maurice Raraty for further details.

TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2009

WICKHAMBREUX/ICKHAM

A summer evening walk through the picturesque and historic villages of Wickhambreux and Ickham by Dick Bolton, a well known local amateur historian, the evening will be rounded off in the lovely old Rose Inn.

6.30 pm Rose Inn Wickhambreux

£5.00 members £6.00 non members, drinks not included.

Organiser: Meriel Conner.

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2008

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 Patribourne.

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

2008-2009



**BRIDGE
& DISTRICT
HISTORY
SOCIETY**

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2008

BRIDGE FILM ON DVD

Having overcome the technical difficulties, we will be showing the DVD produced by Bob Williams, a long time resident of Patixbourne Road, on Bridge with scenes from before the war and just after. The talk will be preceded by a very short Annual General Meeting. 7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall
Entry for this evening will be free. Refreshments will be provided.
Organiser Maurice Raraty

MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2008

STAINED GLASS STUDIO VISIT

Another chance to see the Stained Glass studio at the Cathedral as the first visit was fully booked. Please book early as this is very popular and will almost certainly be full quickly. Those on the waiting list will be given priority.
Meet Cathedral Welcome Centre inside precinct 10.15 am
£12.00 members only
Organiser Meriel Conner

THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2008

**CANTERBURY IN THE ENGLISH
CIVIL WARS 1640-1649**

A talk by a well known historian Professor Jackie Eales, who lives in Bridge, on the subject of what happened in Canterbury during the Civil War. Jackie is an expert on this subject and this period and will give a glimpse into our turbulent past.

7.30 pm Village Hall Bridge
Members £3.00 non-members £4.00 including refreshments
Organiser Jenny Vye

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2008

**THE GREEN MAN IN KENTISH
CHURCHES**

There was a proliferation of so-called Green Man images around the year 1400. They seem to be pagan images in Christian churches, so what was their function or purpose and how did they develop? Hear an explanation from our speaker Imogen Corrigan.
7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall
£3.00 members, £4.00 non-members including refreshments.
Organiser: Maurice Raraty

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2008

CHRISTMAS EVENING

As a change from our usual format we have arranged a Christmas Dinner at the Red Lion in Bridge. Join us for a great evening, there will be a choice of menu and we will ask you to make your choice of festive fare on the booking slip.
7.30 pm Red Lion Bridge
Members £20.00 non-members £24.00
Including a glass of wine and gratuities
Organiser John Cardy

THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2009

MEDIEVAL TILES

A talk by Irene Pellett on the wealth of medieval tiles in East Kent, many of which were made locally at Tyler Hill just outside Canterbury. Irene was the consultant for TV's Time Team when they did a dig at Tyler Hill and author of the detailed description of the tiles in Brook church.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall
Members £3.00 non-members £4.00 including refreshments
Organiser David Gilmour

TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2009

MEMBERS EVENING

A Wine & Wisdom Evening with a historical slant. Enjoy a convivial evening and a chance to show off your knowledge and to be rewarded with prizes. You can book a table or just come along and we will find you a place.
7.30 pm Village Hall, Bridge
Members £5.00 non-members £6.00 including ploughman's and wine.
Organiser David Gilmour

THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2009

FIREFIGHTING IN KENT

Roger Mardon, a resident of Bridge will give a talk on the coastal, rural and urban aspects of fire fighting in Kent including the local brigades and may well refer to Bridge's unusual fire appliances.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall
£3.00 members £4.00 non-members
Organiser Alan Walton

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2009

FAVERSHAM GUNPOWDER

A visit to Oare Gunpowder Works, which is an open air site with many interesting remains of this industry, and then on a short distance to Chart Gunpowder Mill, this is an indoor site which will be open exclusively for our visit.

2.30 pm Oare Gunpowder Works
£3.00 members and £4.00 non-members.
Organiser David Gilmour