

The fortunes of Bridge post office

- 1838 Stapleton: Post Master Richard Sherrard, White Horse Inn
- 1839 Pigot: Post Office, Bridge, Frederick Colegate, [carpenter] Post Master. Letters from London &c arrive (by foot-post from Canterbury) every morning at seven, and are despatched every evening at half-past six.
- 1844/45 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) Sub-postmaster Mr W[illiam] Perry, grocer; letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 12.45; despatched 10.30a.m. and 8.5p.m. Post Office: The Street.
- 1847 Bagshaw: Post Office – at Mr Richard Sherrard's. Letters arrive at 7a.m. and are despatched at 45 min. past 6 p.m. [at the White Horse]
- 1861 Census: Ann Sherrard (widow, 55) Post Mistress
- 1871 Census: Anne Sherrard (widow, 65) Post Mistress
- 1881 Census: Alfred Prior (31) Postmaster & grocer
- 1888/89 Bedwell:Perry, Wm., Post Office and grocer
- 1890 Kelly: William Perry, grocer & provision dealer, The Post Office. Letters from Canterbury arrive by mail cart 6 a.m. & 12.45 p.m. despatched at 10 a.m. & 8 p.m.
- 1891 Census: William Perry (35) Grocer, sub-postmaster, Riverdale, High Street
- 1893/94 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury); Sub-Postmaster, Mr W. Perry, grocer [The Street]; letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 12.45; despatched 10.30 a.m. and 8.5 p.m.
- 1897/98 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury); Sub-Postmaster, Mr J[ohn].C. Wilson, chemist; letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 12.45; despatched 10.30 a.m. and 8.5 p.m.
- 1899 Kelly: Post, M.O. & T.O. S.B., Express Delivery & Annuity & Insurance office – J.C.Wilson, sub-postmaster. Letters from Canterbury arrive by mail cart at 5.30 a.m. & 12.45 p.m.; despatched at 10.30 a.m. & 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2.5 p.m. Wall letter box cleared at 10.30 a.m. & 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.
- 1899/1900 Kelly:Post, M.O. & T.O., S.B. & Annuity & Insurance Office. – John C. Wilson, sub-postmaster. Letters from Canterbury arrive by mail cart at 5.30 a.m. & 12.45 p.m.; despatched at 10.30 a.m. & 8 p.m.; sundays 2.5 p.m. Wall Letter Box cleared at 10.30 a.m. & 8 p.m.; sundays, 2 p.m.
- 1901 Census: John C. Wilson (36) Chemist & postmaster [corner of Brewery lane next to plough & Harrow]
- 1902/03 Kelly: Post, M.O. & T.O., S.B. & Annuity & Insurance Office. – John C. Wilson, sub-postmaster. Letters from Canterbury arrive by mail cart at 5.30 a.m. & 12.45 p.m.; despatched at 10.30 a.m. & 8 p.m.; sundays 2.5 p.m. Wall Letter Box cleared at 10.30 a.m. & 8 p.m.; sundays, 2 p.m.
- 1903 Kelly: Post, M.O. & T. O., T.M.O., Express delivery, Parcel Post, S.B. & Annuity & Insurance Office – J.C.Wilson, sub-postmaster. Letters from Canterbury arrive by mail cart at 5.30 a.m. & 12.45 p.m.; despatched at 10.30 a.m. & 8 p.m.; sundays 2.5 p.m. Wall Letter Box cleared at 10.30 a.m. & 8 p.m.; sundays, 2 p.m.
- 1904/05 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Sub-postmaster, Mr F. Bedingfield, grocer. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 12.45; Despatched 10.30 a.m. and 8 p.m. [Frank Bedingfield, grocer and general dealer, The Street; postmaster][J.C.Wilson still in business]
- 1905/06 Kelly: Post, M.O. & T.O. S.B. & Annuity & Insurance office – Frank Bedingfield, sub-postmaster. Letters from Canterbury arrive by mail cart at 5.20 a.m. & 12.45 p.m.; despatched at 10.30 a.m. & 8 p.m.; sundays 2 p.m. Wall Letter Box cleared at 10.30 a.m. & 8 p.m.; sundays, 2 p.m.
- 1907 Kelly: Post, T. M. O., S. B., A. & I. Office – Mrs Edith Bowler, sub-postmistress. Letters from Canterbury arrive by mail cart at 5.20 a.m. & 12.45 p.m.; despatched at 10.30 a.m. & 8 p.m.; sundays at 2 p.m. Wall Letter Box The Street, cleared at 10.30 a.m. & 8 p.m.; sundays, 2 p.m. Wall Letter Box, Bridge Hill, cleared at 10.15 a.m. & 7.55 p.m.; Sundays 1.55 p.m.
- 1911/12 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Sub-postmaster R[ichard] Castle. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 12.45; despatched, 10.15 a.m. and 8.40 p.m. [Arthur J Castle The Street was a baker]
- 1913 Kelly: Post, M. O. & T. & Telephonic Express delivery Office – Richard Castle [stationer] , sub-postmaster. Letters from Canterbury arrive by mail cart at 5.20 a.m. & 12.30 p.m.; despatched at 10.15 a.m. & 8.45 p.m.; sundays at 2 p.m. Wall Letter Box, the Street, cleared at 10.10 a.m. & 8.40 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. Wall Letter Box Bridge Hill, cleared at 10.5 a.m. & 8.35 p.m.; Sundays 1.55 p.m.
- 1915 Kelly: Post, M. O. & T. & Telephonic Express delivery Office – Richard Castle, sub-postmaster. Letters from Canterbury arrive by mail cart at 5.20 a.m. & 12.30 p.m.; despatched at 10.15 a.m. & 8.45 p.m.; sundays at 2 p.m. Wall Letter Box, the Street, cleared at 10.10 a.m. & 8.40 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. Wall Letter Box Bridge Hill, cleared at 10.5 a.m. & 8.35 p.m.; Sundays 1.55 p.m. [but he does not appear in the commercial list]
- 1915/16 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Subpostmaster Mr R. Castle. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 12.45 p.m; despatched 10.15 a.m. and 8.40 p.m.; Sundays 2 p.m. (Public Tele. Call Office) Wall Letter Box, Bridge hill, 10.5 a.m.; 8.35 p.m.

- 1918 Kelly: Post, M. O. & T & Telephonic Express Delivery Office – Richard Castle, sub-postmaster. Letters through Canterbury. Wall Letter Boxes. – The Street & Bridge Hill.
- 1919/20 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Subpostmaster, Mr R. Castle. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.; despatched 11.15 a.m. and 7.45 p.m.; Sundays 2 p.m. (Public Tele. Call Office). Wall Letter Box, Bridge hill.
- 1920-21 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Subpostmaster, Mr R. Castle. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.; despatched 11.15 a.m. and 7.45 p.m.; Sundays 2 p.m. (Public Tele. Call Office). Wall Letter Box, Bridge hill.
- 1921 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Subpostmaster, Mr R. Castle. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.; despatched 11.15 a.m. and 7.45 p.m.; Sundays 2 p.m. (Public Tele. Call Office). Wall Letter Box, Bridge hill.
- 1922 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Subpostmaster, Mr R. Castle. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.; despatched 11.15 a.m. and 7.45 p.m.; (Public Tele. Call Office). Wall Letter Box, Bridge hill.
- 1923 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Subpostmaster, Mr R. Castle. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.; despatched 11.15 a.m. and 7.45 p.m.; Public Tele. Call Office. Wall Letter Box, Bridge hill.
- 1924 Kelly: Post, M. O., T. & T. E. D. Office – Richard Castle, sub-postmaster. Letters through Canterbury.
- 1924 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Subpostmaster, Mr R. Castle. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.; despatched 11.15 a.m. and 7.45 p.m.; Public Tele. Call Office. Wall Letter Box, Bridge hill.
- 1925 Kelly: Post, M. O., T. & T. E. D. Office – Richard Castle, sub-postmaster. Letters through Canterbury.
- 1927 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Subpostmaster, Mr R. Castle. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.; despatched 11.15 a.m. and 7.45 p.m.; Public Tele. Call Office. Wall Letter Box, Bridge hill.
- 1928 Kelly: Post, M. O., T. & T. E. D. Office – Richard Castle, sub-postmaster. Letters through Canterbury.
- 1929 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Subpostmaster, Mr R. Castle. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.; despatched 11.15 a.m. and 7.45 p.m.; Public Tele. Call Office. Wall Letter Box, Bridge hill.
- 1930 Kelly: Post, M. O., T. & T. E. D. Office. Letters through Canterbury.
- 1930 Kelly: Post, M. O., S. B., T. & T. E. D. Office – Richard Castle, sub-postmaster. Letters through Canterbury.
- 1930/31 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Subpostmaster, Mr R. Castle. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.; despatched at 10.30 a.m. and 7.45 p.m.; Public Tele. Call Office. Wall Letter Box, Bridge hill.
- 1931/32 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Subpostmaster, Mr R. Castle. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.; despatched at 10.30 a.m. and 7.45 p.m.; Public Tele. Call Office. Wall Letter Box, Bridge hill.
- 1933 Kelly: Post, M. O., T. & T. E. D. Office – Richard Castle, sub-postmaster. Letters through Canterbury.
- 1934 Kelly: Post, M. O., T. & T. E. D. Office. Letters through Canterbury. [Castle Rd. deputy registrar of births & deaths, Bridge district, Post office]
- 1934 Kelly: Post, M. O., T. & T. E. D. Office. Letters through Canterbury.
- 1934 Kelly: Castle Rd. deputy registrar of births & deaths for Bridge district & sub-postmaster, Post office.
- 1935 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Subpostmaster, Mr R. Castle. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.; despatched at 10.5 a.m. and 7.45 p.m.; Public Tele. Call Office. Wall Letter Box, Bridge hill.
- 1936 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Subpostmaster, Mr R. Castle. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.; despatched at 10.5 a.m. and 7.45 p.m.; Public Tele. Call Office. Wall Letter Box, Bridge hill.
- 1937 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Subpostmaster, Mr R. Castle. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.; despatched at 10.5 a.m. and 7.45 p.m.; Public Tele. Call Office. Wall Letter Box, Bridge hill.
- 1938 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Subpostmaster, Mr R. Castle. Letters delivered at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.; despatched at 10.5 a.m. and 7.45 p.m.; Public Tele. Call Office. Wall Letter Box, Bridge hill.
- 1938 Kelly: Rd. Castle Deputy Registr b & d , ins. Agt. & P.O. [typed copy]
- 1939 Blue Book: Post, Money and Telegraph Office (under Canterbury) – Subpostmaster, Mr R. Castle. Public Tele. Call Office. Wall Letter Box, Bridge hill.
- 1939 Kelly: Post, M.O., T&T.E.D. Office – Richard Castle, sub-postmaster. Letters through Canterbury. [Castle Rd. deputy registrar of births & deaths for Bridge registration distric & sub-postmaster, Post office]
- 1940 Kelly: Post, M.O., T.&T.E.D. Office – Richard Castle, sub-postmaster. Letters through Canterbury.

1940 Kelly (incl Pike's Blue Book): Post, M.O., T.&T.E.D. Office – Richard Castle, sub-postmaster. Letters through Canterbury. [Castle Rd. deputy registrar of births & deaths for Bridge registration districe & sub-postmaster, Post office]

1949 Kelly: Post, M.O., T.&T.E.D. Office – George Henry Roberts, sub-postmaster. Letters through Canterbury.

1952 Kelly: Post M.O., T. Acceptance Office. – George Henry Roberts, sub-postmaster, Letters through Canterbury.

1955 Kelly: Post M.O., T. Acceptance Office. – George Henry Roberts, sub-postmaster, Letters through Canterbury.

[Samuel Shirley ? – 1965]

[Laurence Shirley 1965-1998]

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