

Walcott

Why we are here (1) to tell of past history - please tell us.
4 guides & refreshments

Why we are here (2) ^{specifically}
the road. Not an agricultural village or centred on Great House.
but dependent on travellers (1940 shops ~~was~~ 36 shops)

The Bridge 1096.
Wines Village - few side-roads
Arms to Europe & all sorts.
Lutes Bldg. Road Surface Ghosts.

Irish Connection. wysingig Nothing in air it seems.

1891 - 900 / 1921 699 / 1931 713 / 1991 1700

1940

C.Pindell

In 1940 the following shops:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Baker (G. Baker) | Drapes | Hawkins | Beer Retailer |
| Laundry (Beadle) | Saddler | Hogben | Grocer Richards |
| Distress Nurse (Blowdy) | Tea Room | Hogben | Garage Rogers |
| Coal Merchant Bernin | Haulage Contractor | ^{Widley} | School (Rosebank) ^{Clark} |
| Red Lion Buter | Laundry blunt | | Plumber Siddons |
| Hairdresser Danton | Doctor blunter | | Motor Engineer Sneller |
| Grocer De Cero | P.C. | Irish | Chemist Stockwell |
| Cycle Dealer Down | Costumier Johnson | | Dairy Stone |
| Butcher Edwards | Confectioner Johnson | | Coal Merchant Taylor |
| Transport Co. | Dairyman Lawrence | | Radio Engineer Turner |
| Formal Fagg | Gardener Nash | | Greenway Turner |
| Shopkeeper (Fairbank) | Riding School Nash | | Butcher West |
| Decorated Fean | Plough & Harrow ^{Widley} | | White Horse Fairweather |
| Blacksmith Gilbert | Grocer Price | | Brewer Wyllie |

Welcome everyone to what we hope ~~will~~^{may} ~~be~~^{come} a regular event, perhaps even available to ~~some~~ people from outside the village. Now: why are we here? (1)

We hope to tell you something of its past history - we hope also that you will tell us a few things -

Please let us know if you have information that you think others would be pleased to know.

There are 4 guides, & you'll be grouped at the end of the tour. The tour will last 1-1½ hrs probably.

Refreshments at the end.

~~5. THE HISTORY OF THE~~ Why are we here (-)

Intro: Reason for existence the road and the Bridge: ^{Not primarily} an agricultural village, ^{or} ^{center on a} ^{great house.} ^{or} ^{center on a} ^{great house.}

- Bridge: Name (since 1086) DB. BRIGE (cf Bruges) ^{or} ^{center on a} ^{great house.}

Implies: existence of bridge.

Note it is the only single Bridge in UK.

Probably a bridge since Roman times.

Lincoln Village, built along the road.

Bellesbourne or
Patrickbourne

Note layout of roads - laundry lane / ^{to Belgium} Denby Rd around Workhouse / Union Road

Proximity of Barton Downs, but here (due to springs in Borne Park) there is water more often than not.

Armies: Field of the Cloth of Gold (1520) Hen. VIII, 7 yrs war 1756-63
1st world war 1914-18 troops: Borne Park.

But also hundreds of thousands / millions of travellers from King & Queens, lords & ladies, knights & squires, merchants, adventurers & traders - cf. Bridge Union. old Parish accounts: feed once & then push them over the boundary

as late as St Lawrence Castle
& Portcharles.

Connection with Ireland.

Conyngham / Deeny / Doctors

Number of listed buildings.

Traffic: all sorts, but ~~2~~ 2 new things:
turnpike 1829 Road regraded
1930's road surfaced.

~~1914~~ Dust of bones: 1914
Ghosts of old Coachmen

NB. WYSIWIG: what you see is what you get: but not here. Nothing
~~Old English style~~. It is as it seems.
Don't believe all you see.

We'll try to show some of ^{thing} what is behind the surface.
Much has gone, but much remains

22 VILLAGE HALL

Presented to the village by the Marquis of Conyngham on the
coming of age of his son. [date?]

1878 increased to present size

1982 Bought from Conyngham Estate

Used as a canteen for soldiers in 1st war.
Note Conyngham arms above the door.

Gordon House - 18th c.

early 18th c cottages

Garage. On side of a house called Farrington
Coal & woodyard belonged to a Cowell (J Bishop's grandfather)
workshop was oil store at Carterbury Stn station 1931 built
here by Mr Rogers. Also Conslair's Pianos on half the forecourt

23 ALEXANDRA HOUSE

Former Laundry & girls school.

1894-1913 Mrs Williams - organist & private school

1915 Mrs Wittshiel

1918 Mrs P. Beddingfield, apartments

1924 Mrs C. A. Newman

1940 Alfred Hunt, laundry

24 THE SHIP INN

(Primrose Alley) 1500s - 16th c. frame house. Originally a single house, subsequently divided

1894 T. Carpenter / J Jarvis / C Stokes / W. Swan

1897 " " G Elgar / W. Rye

1904 G. Kennett / W. Jarvis / R Pierce / - / T Wilson

etc.:

Carb in pink bit.

Primrose alley.

25 ' DADDY FAGG'S FARM

Bridge Farm.

1859 James Richardson : Owned by R.H. Barham
i.e. Thomas Ingoldby!

1897 F Niles

1913-19 William Holman

1931 W D Terry

1940 William Fagg

1962 Demolished. 15th c wagon ~~to~~ entrance pond.

Probably part of Bridge Place Estate.

then Bear Cotts

Then Albert Terrace

26 THE PLOUGH AND HARROW

1853 Malthouse & Brewery

1860 Prop. R. Nutton (see Book No 10)

1868 Known as Plough & Harrow.

Originally 2 cottages.

took a Fire Engine in 1907, formerly at Red Lion

Joan Poole
John & Billie Anderson
Vic O'Connell.

10 THE 'BREWER' (PLOUGH + HARROW)

o Nettlehouse

Brewers i Bridge : R. Mutton 1859-62 (went to Caterbury)
W. Williams 1839-53-65
J. Williams 1854
E & E Gibbs 1870-75
F. Piles 1890
C.H. Bean 1893/4
R.J.W. Sisley 1897
W. Brice 1903-13 N.H. Brice 1915-24
George Ford 1930-34

11 FIRE STATION

Behind Plough + Harrow. There are still (rusted) brackets on the front of the P+H from which the 'Fire Station' board hung. (see photos)

8 ST. PETER'S PARISH CHURCH

1788-1867
Repaired & rebuilt by Mrs Gregory of Bridge Hill House
Not a native of Bridge: Daughter of Nathaniel Pattison of Copleton
her grandfather founded the first silk mill in Copleton in 1752
see JW's guidebook. Some Norman work (e.g. W. Door)
Churchyard closed 31 October 1990.
List of Graves & Inscriptions by Bridge + Patricbourne WI 1974
Persner.

Check info

Bridge Place

Old Englands Hole

5 METHODIST CHAPEL

Primitive

Wesleyan Chapel - Derry Rd was demolished in 1957

Patrickmore Road built 1894

Nervyn Gulvin - short history of chapel.

Des Knight

School 1948 - 73.??

71 -

Old School

1940 Schoolmaster H.H.V. Bennett

Miss W. Bell.

2 GAS WORKS

Gas light 1862? (JW.292) Nicholson Company.
Gas works erected 1859

Burnton.

Len Price → Coal Merchant Vulliamy family
↓ Palacehouse Rd. & Lynton House.
Coal Dept back of Methodist church.

to provide Gas for Bilfrons & the villages.

& Bilfrons.

9 THE RED LION

1820-74 Joseph Eyles. Wagon stables & carriage business

1890-97 T. F. Hinds

1903 F. Anderson

1904-11 F. Clayson

1913-19 J Friend

1924 J T Watson

1930/1 R S Ansell

1934-40 Geo Burton

12 NALBOURNE BRIDGE

Visible in Schellinks view of the High St, ~~ca~~ 1661

was a narrow ~~way~~ bridge, with ford & watersplash beside it.

Schellink shows two arches: there are still two arches buried under the road.

3 NAILBOURNE

2000 = 201 14/5

(415) Floods - 1916 1928 1936 (18) 1976. 1988. 1904

An intermittent stream.

Ask David Nillyard

Ken Greenaway. Bridge Hill

13 TEMPERANCE HOUSE

? Riverside House? T. L. Collard Auctioneer & Valuer, Clerk to Bridge Board of Guardians (1903)

- 1907 Mrs Innes
- 1911 Richard Sheppard
- 1913-24 Mrs Beatson

N. Fowler

14 THE WHITE HORSE

1828 }
1853 } House the post office

- 1859 C F Hornsby / 1878 Webb / 1890 J N Kenneth / 1893-4 G Vincent
- 1897-1907 G Shill / 1911 W G Taylor / 1913 T Thorne / 1915 E J Collingwood
- 1918 Dora ~~Collard~~ / 1924 W Chedwick / 1930-1 AF Dean / 1934-40 W J Fairservice

Royalist Headquarters.

~~#28~~ Auricular Song

Ask Alan Walker

Union Board of Guardians met here for 1st time 1835

Forge. : Turners Grocery Shop

Behind, Agricultural Engines.

15 OLD VICARAGE

1846. Orig farmhouse, local private school.
then Vicarage after 1940
Rosebank.

Bartons was 2 cottages, perhaps 14th c.

No 37 was a general store

16 ALBANY TERRACE

General Biny resided at Bridge Place & entertained
the Duchess of Albany after she opened some official event in
Caterham.

John Anderson.

? Truly Home Photo // Customs?

Photo rode from Medway to Dover, stopped halfway
at Bridge.

Only the end house was Photo's house.

1 day ride to Bridge next day to Dover to bring traps up
the river to Chatham.

Poussard.

Leanne's Slaughterhouse for butchers opposite & near

21 24 HIGH ST (DR HUNTER)

(was 5 High St. 1940 Roger Bennett Hunter (OTCD)
with mathematical tiles.

Doctors = that house for nearly 100 yrs.

Another connection with Ireland.

(opposite 2nd dragon house)

(remember Capt Martin: Breaches & Brown derby)

~~Wyde 15th: Patrick Tr~~

20 POST OFFICE

1853 at White Horse 1896 at the Groves (Mr Perry) → Price

1905 Mr Roberts in his own house [J. Friend]

Kitchener sent his first despatches from here (? here) at the start of WW1

L Shirley 32

1997

S Shirley 9

1799 Owned by Rev. Charles Hughes of Bridge Place

1810 to William Curling Verrier of Deal (name on stone at back of P.O.)

plumber, glazier & decorator. + house at back where pharmacy is was the lodge. At some point they took over P.O. P.O. 1809?

1919 W.G. Verrier sold to R. Castle

1953 sold to G.A. & A.E. Roberts.

1957 S.A. Shirley 1966 L. Shirley

Telephone Exchange in pit at back of shop. (before new exchange which is now a bungalow).

19 CONYNGHAM LANE / LAUNDRY LANE

Laundry to Bifrons?

Corse Bend??

Main Road to Bifrons.

Olive's Court.

18 AUNT BETSY'S WIFE (DERING ROAD)

? Sir Edw. Dering lived at Howletts
Col. Dering raised the Duke of York's own Regiment - 1794
[Howletts sold ¹⁸¹⁶ to George Gips founder of Canterbury Bank

Rose Catts. ∴ George Pritchett beer retailer

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Cyril P.
Edna Rose 1968

Sunnyside Tearoom ceased 1940's
Coffin Shed.

17 THE BRIDGE UNION

1835 cost £4500 for 350 inmates 22 guardians + 4 ex officio
in 1847 average weekly cost of rangers was 3/4^d, of which 3^d was for clothes
by 1955 inhabitants got 7/6^d pocket money.

1st Governor was John Weeks, Mrs Weeks governess

1859 James Betts, Master

1893-97 Thomas Chapman, Master Mrs T. Chapman matron

1903 Walter Marshall, Master / Mrs E Marshall Matron

1907 Percy W Honney " Mrs Honney "

1911-34 " " "

Deputy registrar of births & deaths for Barbican

Reflections: Vintners & banquets

Windmill.