

A Pictorial History of Bridge

Being a facsimile of photographs of exhibits from the Parish Council Centenary Exhibition of September 1994, as presented to John Hill on the occasion of his retirement, after 15 years as Chairman of the Parish Council, together with copies of supplementary pictures and exhibits not included in the original.

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January 1999

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PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Parish Council only have minute books back to 1952 and have no records previous to that date. Attempts to locate earlier records in the County or District archives have so far been unsuccessful.

PARISH COUNCILLORS since 1952

(7 councillors)		Chairman.
F. DOWN	- May'59	
H. HAWKINS	- May'68	May'56-May'59; Jun'65-May'68
D.A. LEWIS	- Aug'60	
H.T. PRICE	- May'68	May'53-May'56; May'62-Jun'65
E.J. PURSSORD	- May'68	til May'53
V.G. STOCKWELL	- Feb'55	
A. TAYLOR (40)	1924 - Mar'64	May'59-May'62
Rev G.A. CHURCH (2)	Feb'55 - Dec'57	
A. STICKELS (9)	Dec'57 - May'68	
Rev R.A. PENNY (3)	May'59 - May'62	
L.J. WILLIAMS (8)	Aug'60 - May'68	
J.A. ROBSON (6)	May'62 - May'68	
H.P.M. LAWRENCE (23)	Apr'64 - May'87	May'68-May'72; May'77-May'80
(9 councillors to be elected 1968)		
L.G.S. SHIRLEY (6)	May'68 - May'74	May'72-May'74
S.E. BATE (6)	May'68 - May'74	
D.T.J. DAVIS (1)	May'68 - May'69	
E.G. DOWN (3)	May'68 - Jul'71	Resigned to become Clerk
P.K. FARROW (6)	May'68 - May'74	
B.R. MUMMERY (9)	May'68 - Jul'77	
C.S. PRICKETT (8)	May'68 - May'76	
Mrs M.A. YOUNG (19)	May'68 - May'87	May'74-May'77
T.E.G. HOARE (22)	May'69 - May'91	
W.G. PIERCE (5)	May'71 - May'76	
H.E. TURPIN (6)	May'71 - May'77	
W.K.C. CHAPMAN (2)	May'74 - May'76	
Mrs O. KNIGHT (9)	May'74 - May'83	
E. HAWKINS (6)	May'76 - May'83	
J. HILL (18-)	May'76 -	May'80
B. JOHNSON (3)	May'76 - May'79	
J. ANDERSON (10)	Jul'77 - May'87	
K. CHAPMAN (5)	Jul'77 - Jun'82	
M.J. GULVIN (15-)	May'79	
K. GREENAWAY (12)	Jun'82 - Nov'93	
Rev R. GILBERT (4)	May'83 - May'87	
Mrs M. JONES (11-)	May'83	
F.L. EDWARDS (1)	May'87 - Nov'88	
D. HEAP (2)	May'87 - Sep'89	
Mrs A. KING (7-)	May'87	
Mrs B. ANDERSON (7-)	May'87	
Mrs M.E. CONNOR (6-)	Nov'88	
R.J. FRANKLIN (5-)	Sep'89	
Mrs J. MONK (3-)	May'91	
J. HODGSON ()	Nov'93	

PARISH CLERKS

G.F. CATT	- May'71
E.G. DOWN (8)	May'71 - May'79
F.L. EDWARDS (8)	May'79 - May'87
Mrs K. WALDER (6)	May'87 - Sep'93
Mrs M. CHURCH (1-)	Sep'93

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Parish of Bridge

Declaration of Acceptance of Office

I, the undersigned, having been elected to the office of Parish Councillor for the Parish of Bridge, hereby declare that I take the said Office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgement and belief.

Signed at a Meeting of the Parish Council held this 26th day of May 1977

Harry Hawkins *H. Hawkins*
 George Wesley Price
 Robert Alfred Thomas *Robert Alfred Thomas*
 Ernest James Lewis *E. Lewis*
 Ernest James Burrard *E. Burrard*
 Alfred Stickle *Alfred Stickle*
 Albert Taylor *Albert Taylor*
 Ronald James Williams *R. Williams*

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Hawkins Harry *H. Hawkins*
 Lawrence, Harry Peter Mason *H. P. Mason*
 Price, Ernest James *E. Price*
 Burrard, Ernest James *E. Burrard*
 Thomas, Robert Alfred *R. A. Thomas*
 Stickle, Alfred *A. Stickle*
 Williams, Ronald James *R. Williams*

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 Ernest James Burrard *E. Burrard*
 John Robert Thomas *J. R. Thomas*
 Alfred Stickle *A. Stickle*
 Albert Taylor *A. Taylor*
 Ronald James Williams *R. Williams*
 26th May 1976
 Harry Peter Mason

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Bate, Sydney Ernest *S.S. Bate*
 Davis, Dudley Thomas James *D. Davis*
 Down, Ernest George *E. Down*
 Farrow, Paul Ernest *P. Farrow*
 Lawrence, Henry Peter Mason *H. P. Mason*
 Mummery, Brian Robert *B. Mummery*
 Prickett, Cyril Stewart *C. Prickett*
 Shirrer, Lawrence George Samuel *L. G. Shirrer*
 Young, Margaret Alice *M. A. Young*

BRIDGE-BLEAN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Office,
 Old Stone Road,
 CANTERBURY

By Ref 18/3/1

11 May 1971

Dear Sir,

NOTICE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS - 11 MAY 1971

I have to inform you that the under-mentioned persons have been duly elected Parish Councillors for the Parish of Bridge for a period of three years to the 20 day 1974 unless otherwise determined.

NAMES OF PERSONS ELECTED	PLACES OF RESIDENCE
DAVE Sydney Ernest	5 Eastern Avenue, Bridge
DOWN Ernest George	29 Bridge Down, Bridge
FARROW Paul Ernest	62 High Street, Bridge
HEARD Thomas Robert George	Debarre, Bridge Hill, Bridge
LAWRENCE Henry Peter Mason	Tollymore, 72 Bridge Down, Bridge
PRICKETT Cyril Stewart	7 Rhodell Close, Bridge
SHIRRER Cyril Stewart	26 High Street, Bridge
SHIRRER Lawrence George Samuel	Post Office, 16 High Street, Bridge
YOUNG Margaret Alice	Beach Cottage, Bridge

Yours faithfully

H. Williams

Returning Officer

The Clerk of the Parish Council
 of Bridge

PARISH COUNCILS

Before any legislative action by Parliament most local communities had a form of local government based upon the church (ecclesiastical) parishes. These were called "VESTRIES" and were responsible for the well-being of the villages.

- 1894 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT
Established civil parishes with Parish councils and annual Parish Meetings.
Franchise - all parochial electors (property owners paying rates)
Composition - Min 5 - max 16 members; Min age 21; disqualified if a pauper or had a pecuniary interest in contracts with the Council
Elections - annual
- 1928 Franchise - changed to include married women
- 1929 ONSLOW COMMISSION on Local Government
- 1933 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT
Changed sizes of Parishes, any village with a population over 300 was entitled to have a Parish Council
- 1945 Franchise - National register as used for rationing became basis for election and became the ELECTORAL ROLL and was used for all elections including Westminster.
- 1957 PARISH COUNCILS ACT
Composition - amended to max 21 councillors
- 1958 HANCOCK COMMISSION on Local Government
- 1967 MAUDE COMMISSION on Local Government
- 1972 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (Principally to create District Councils)
Composition - no maximum on number of Parish Councillors min still 5
- 1987 BOUNDARY COMMISSION
- 1993 CURRENT COMMISSION to review Local Government

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22. A Special Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bridge, on Wednesday, 23rd April 1971.

Present:
Councillors Mr. H. Jones (in the Chair)
Councillors Mr. G. A. Clark, P. Brown, G. A. Lewis, P. Lewis, F. J. Lawrence and G. Taylor.

Questions Answered:
The Chairman reported upon an request regarding the use of the hall and the use of the hall for the Parish Council and the Parish Planning Officer in relation to the renovation of a site for proposed houses. Council resolved that the Parish Council be asked to recommend to the County Council, that a site of about 1/2 acre near the village hall, suitable adjacent to the Laboratory Road and the following stream be reserved as a green space in the local authority development plan.

Done: H. J. P.

No minute book - but proof the Parish Council existed in 1894

Memorandum of Agreement made the 1st Day of January 1894 between The Bridge Gas Coke & Coal Company Ltd and Bridge Parish Council.

The Gas Company will keep in repair and light with a light of six by six inch glass existing lamps for the sum of five pounds per annum for each lamp per annum. The lamps to be lighted and burnt after sunset and extinguished at 10.30 pm except for three months in the summer viz from the middle of May to the middle of August and for five nights at every full moon at which periods the lamps will not be required except when a special notice may be given in writing by the Company.

This agreement commences 1st January 1894 and may be terminated by six months previous notice in writing on either side.

Witnessed by:
Joshua Fairbairn Chairman of Parish Council
Henry J. Bird Parish Councillor
Richard Friend Parish Councillor

Witnessed by:
Matthew Bell Chairman of Bridge Gas Coke & Coal Company Ltd
Chas. Mills Secretary

Labretowne Canterbury May 2, 1895

Re: Parish Council

Your letter of the 23rd ult was duly placed before the Parish Council at its meeting last evening and the terms you propose relative to the use of the Reading Room were unanimously agreed to, and are hereby accepted viz:

To be made known for the use of the Room on the first Tuesday evening in each month in consideration of the payment of £1 annually (at Michaelmas) with a payment of 2/- per night for additional meetings, if required subject to the room being at liberty, and reasonable notice being given to the caretaker, special arrangements to be made however for Parish Meetings.

I have pleasure in adding that on the proposition of Mr Fairbairn, seconded by Mr Bird it was also unanimously agreed, that a vote of thanks be recorded to the Vicar for his services as Chairman of the Council to April last and for the liberal manner in which he had conducted the arrangements for the use of the Reading Room.

The Council consider the resolution passed by the Guardians at their last meeting (mentioned by me to you this morning) both illegal and unethical, but as it was stated that you would take action thereon, at the Board meeting tomorrow, it was decided to leave the matter entirely in your hands.

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Yours faithfully,
Samuel B. Wye
Parish Clerk

Memorandum of Agreement made the 7th Day of January 1896 between The Bridge Gas Coke & Coal Company Ltd and Bridge Parish Council

The Gas Company will keep in repair and light with a light of six by six inch glass existing lamps for the sum of five pounds per annum for each lamp per annum. The lamps to be lighted one hour after sunset and extinguished at 10.30 pm except for three months in the summer viz from the middle of May to the middle of August and for five nights of every full moon at which periods the lamps will not be required except when a special notice may be given in writing by the Company.

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Rev. & Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 23rd ult. was duly placed before the Parish Council, at its meeting last evening, and the terms you proposed, relative to the use, by the Council, of the Reading Room, were unanimously agreed to, and are hereby accepted, viz.

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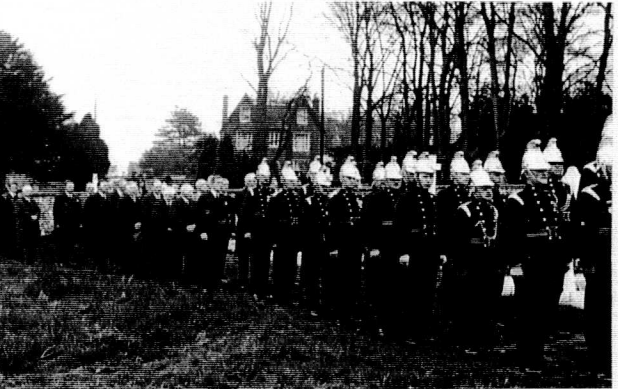
I am, Rev. Sir, your obedient servant,
Robert Wye.

The Rev. J. H. R. Kirby

ROBERT WYE was the school master and it looks as if he was also the Parish Clerk.

The reference to the Vicar being Chairman until April 1895 suggests that the Parish Council was in existence immediately the 1894 Act was passed.

COUNCILLOR JACK FRIEND



THURSDAY, APRIL 19th, 1936.

DEATH OF MR. J. FRIEND, OF BRIDGE.

A KEEN SPORTSMAN AND PUBLIC WORKER.

FUNERAL, YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY).

It is with regret that we record the death, which occurred on Wednesday, April 16th, at the residence of his wife, Mrs. J. Friend, of the late Mr. J. Friend, who was a keen sportsman and public worker.



Mr. Friend was born in the parish of St. Andrew, and was educated at the local school. He was a keen sportsman and public worker, and was a member of the local sports club. He was also a member of the local public works committee.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, April 16th, at 11 o'clock, from the residence of Mrs. J. Friend, to the church. The funeral was attended by a large number of friends and relatives.

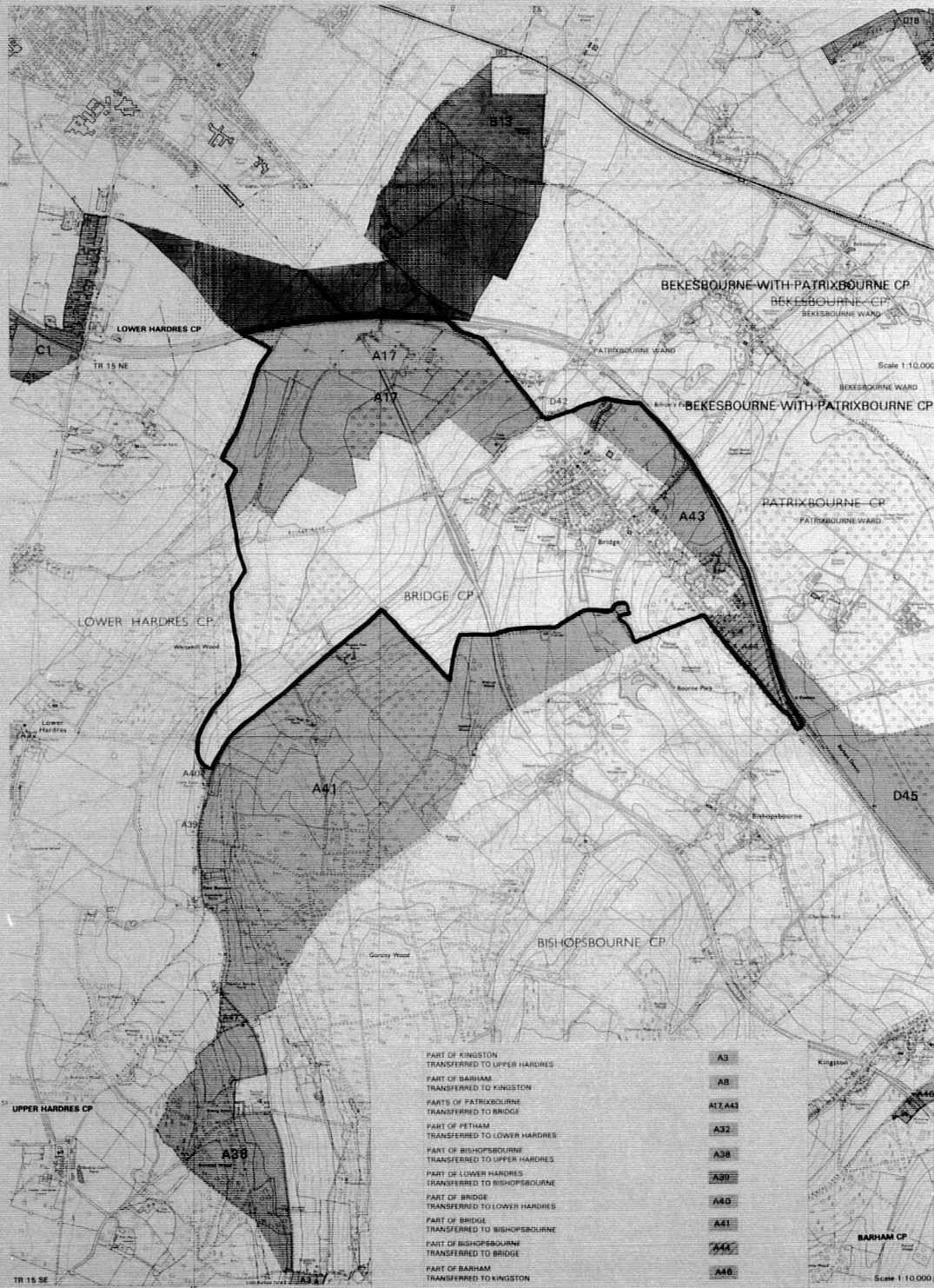
The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Canon J. Friend, who was assisted by the Rev. Canon J. Friend. The service was a simple and dignified one.

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PARISH BOUNDARY 1987

MAPS OF THE CANTERBURY (PARISHES) ORDER 1987

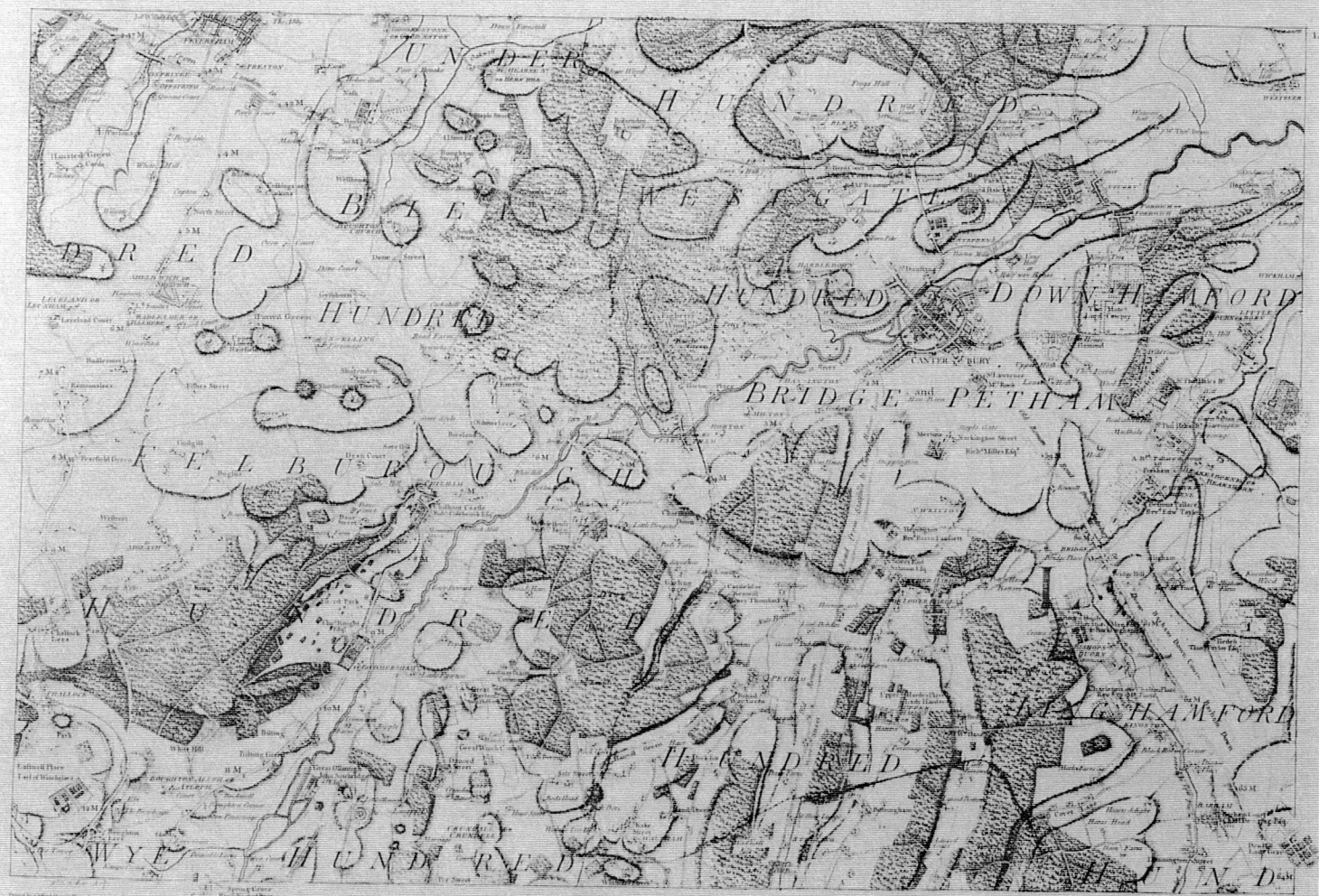
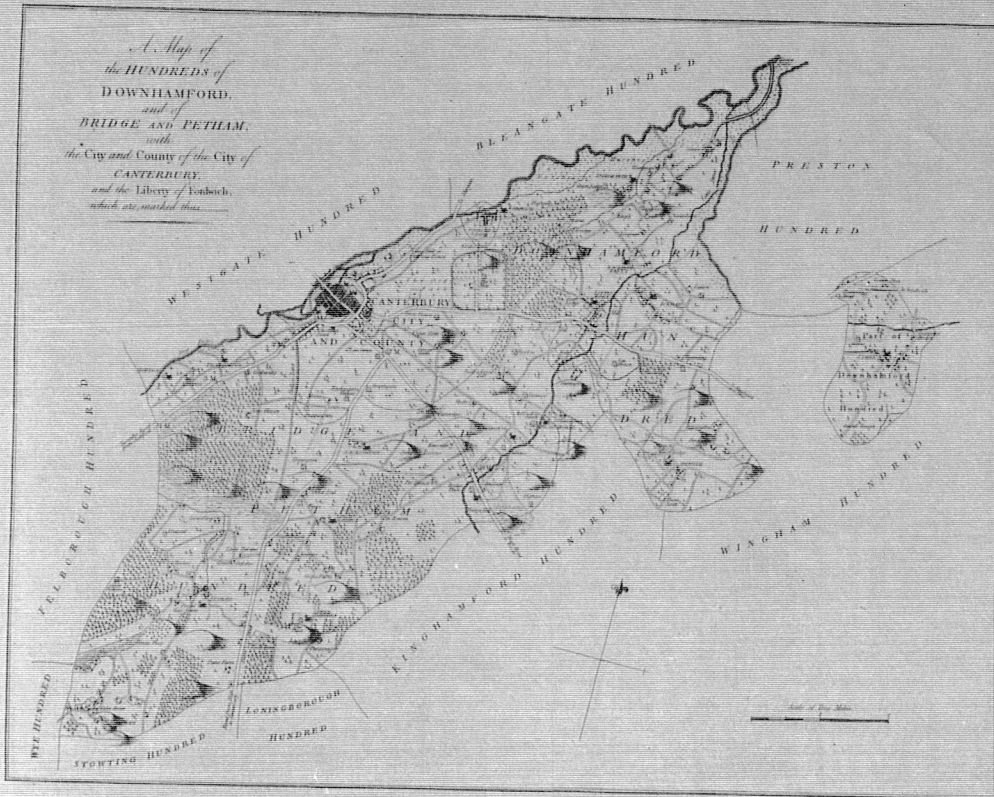


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- PART OF AREA OF FORMER C.B. OF CANTERBURY
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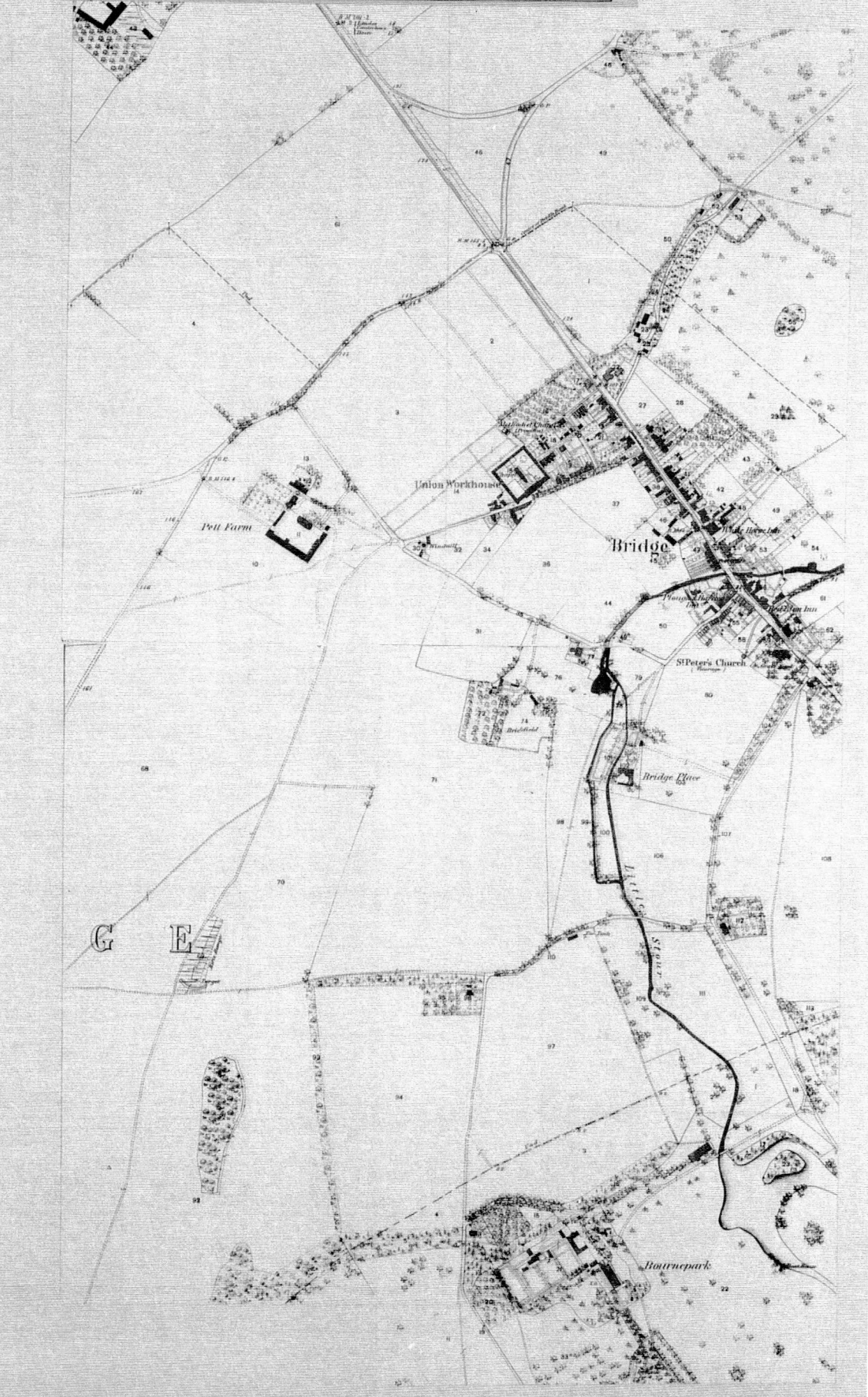
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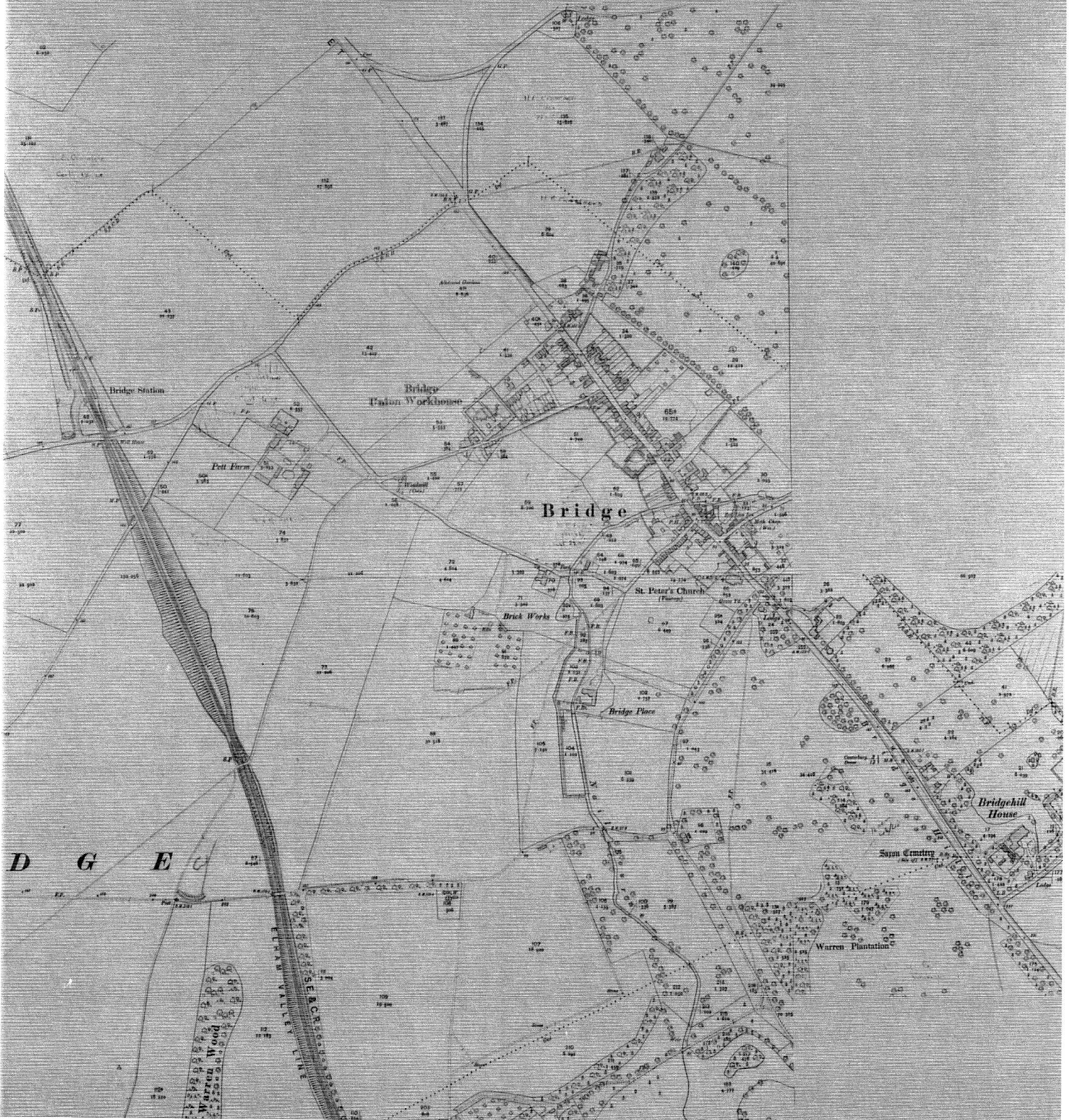
HUNDREDS MAP 1763



MAP - 1873



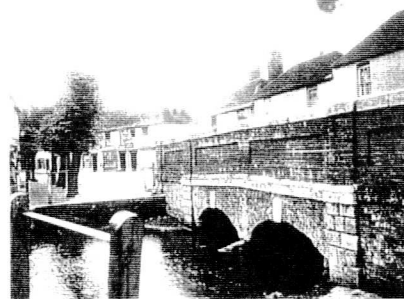
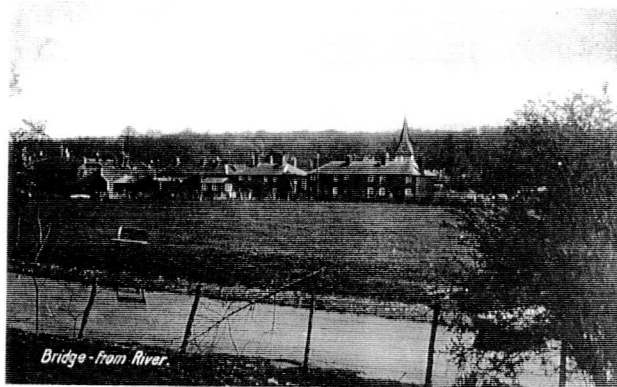
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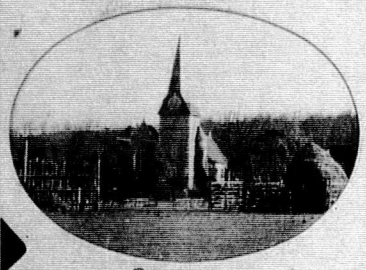
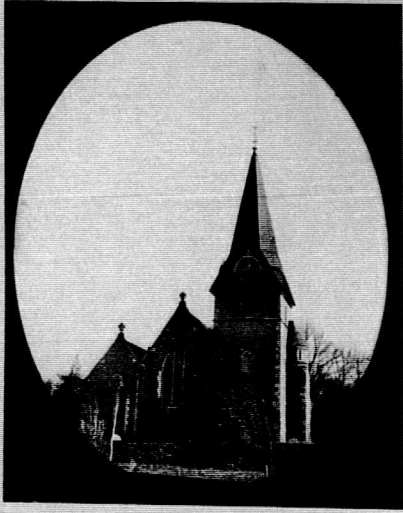
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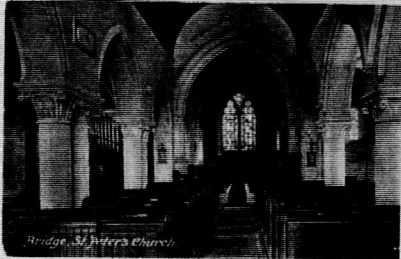
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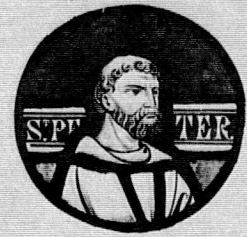
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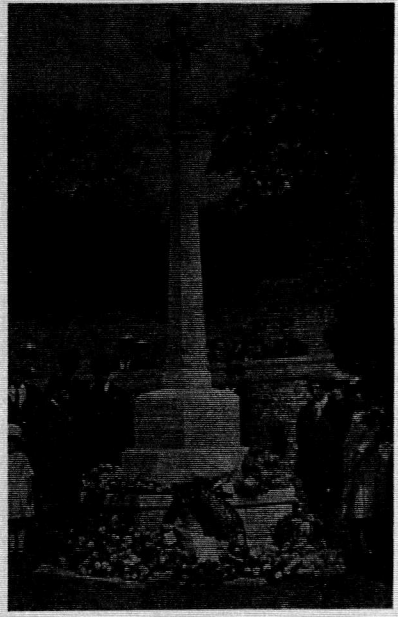
BRIDGE CHURCH



Bridge, St Peter's Church



ST. PETER'S CHURCH
BRIDGE



ST. PETER'S CHURCHYARD
BRIDGE



PLAN
of
The Memorial Inscriptions
of
St. Peter's Churchyard, Bridge
Compiled by
Bridge with Patishorne Women's Institute
1978



The village of Bridge, situated in the main road from Dorset to Canterbury, has been an important village since the Roman occupation of England. There was probably a Roman bridge across the river (the river which has a circular causeway and site). There is however an village mentioned in the Domesday Book for there is a "Hundred of Bridge" i.e. a tithing in the village on the "Domes" Book. In this connection, it is interesting to note that there was a "Hundred" (not a "thousand") built. There was certainly a Chapel on this site in Norman times, as it is seen from the history of the parish displayed in the church and from the houses built of the stone as well as the arch over the West door, but it was in the Parish of St. Mary, Patishorne, and not the church of St. Peter's and St. Paul's as the latter was part of the manor of the Bishops of Exeter until the suppression of the manor in Henry VIII. In 1214 the church of Bridge was appropriated to the Rectory of Dorchester and the Vicar of Dorchester was appointed the Rector of Bridge.

Bridge church has three naves and a chancel with many Norman features remaining in the tower and the eastern doorway. There are three bays and there is a large aisle on the left. The tower and chancel were erected by one Oswald Blyth, Chamberlain in 1187. The church was again the subject of a large fire in the year of the church, the year 1481, and the tower which was destroyed was replaced by a wooden tower. The last in wood was replaced by a stone tower.

In the Chancel on the North wall there are a few more Norman features. There is a Norman Altar and five in Stone belonging to the church and also those in the tower, in the tower the stone of the altar and the stone of the altar are the same as in the tower. The stone of the altar is in the tower and the stone of the altar is in the tower.



The Norman carving on the Chancel wall on the North wall.



High on the East wall in a pointed Gothic is the work of Catherine Jenken, a noted painter of the time of Charles I, when it seems to have served with its original purpose of being a memorial to the church. The East wall has a plaque in the stone church wall. The memorial is flanked by two marble carvings, one of a wall through which a spirit passes, the other a coat of arms. These are probably all of the same date.

There are several interesting tablets in the Church - in the middle of the Chancel lies behind the second doorway of Sir Dudley Digges of Chilton, Constable of the Castle in 1647. Notice also in the left aisle with the tablet in the wall is one of the many people who lived in the village in the 17th century. The church was burned in the year 1643 in the middle of the 17th century and it is to be noted that the tower and the houses of the village were the property of the Duke of Devonshire and the Duke of Devonshire. The tower and the houses of the village were the property of the Duke of Devonshire and the Duke of Devonshire.

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A small distance to the north of the church is the house built by Sir Arnold Doreux of which only the wing remains of the original structure. The house was the property of the Doreux family who were in possession of the house in 1640. The house was the property of the Doreux family who were in possession of the house in 1640.

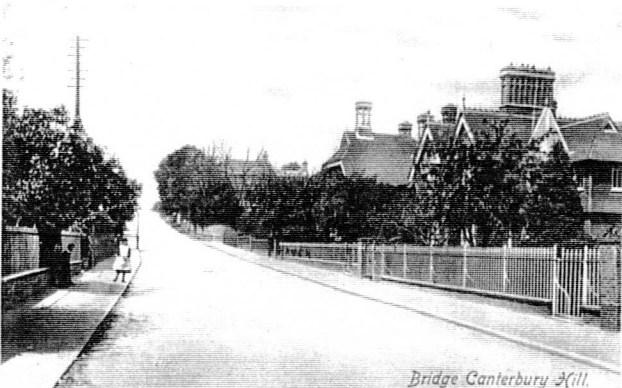
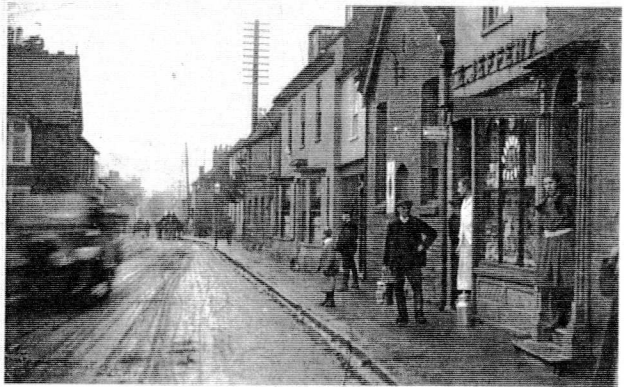


The village of Bridge, showing the main road from Dorset to Canterbury.

HIGH STREET



Next to the Redline Garage, the tobacconist and haberdasher run by J. M. Ballard has a fascinating window display which is absolutely crammed with goods for sale. Note, too, the chewing gum machines on the wall.
Mark Goodman collection



Bridge Canterbury Hill



Bridge, Over Road



Bridge from Canterbury Hill

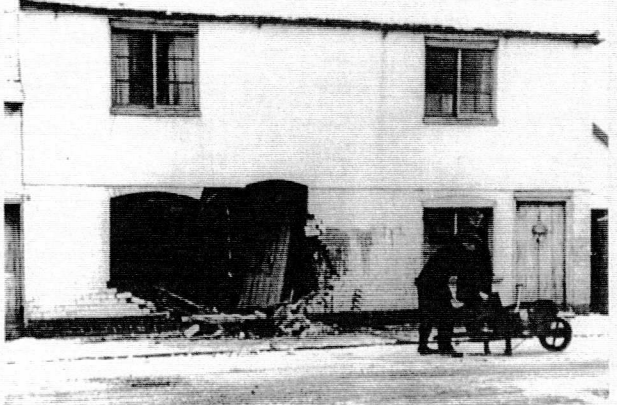
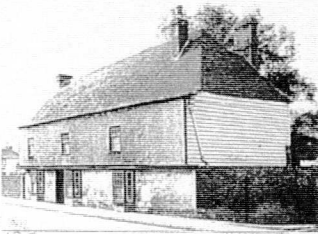


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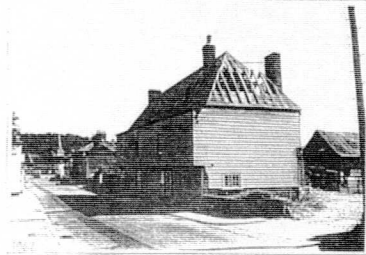


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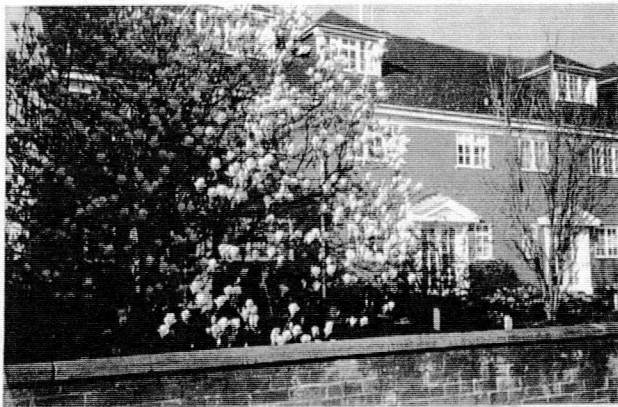


Beans Cottages



Daddy Fagg's Farmhouse

Demolished to make way for Western Avenue and new houses.



Corner inn is restored

A recently restored bridge house which dates back to the 16th Century has been made an official Historic Building of Keston by the County Council.

The house is 'The Ship', in the Village Centre. It bought the Village Centre, its layout and its gable end, its walls, its roof, its windows and its doors. The County Council grant for the work and has also spent much of his own money - although he is owner of the house.

A conservation order was put on the house and Mr Turner asked the County Council to consider making it an Historic Building. Last week he began the work and agreed that when the rest of the house is restored, it will be put up for sale.

Explaining the history of the house, Mr Turner said it was originally a 16th-century building. It was built in 1560 and added on one end and in Georgian times it was a public house - 'The Ship' - and was later converted to four homes.

Mr Turner has restored it to its original form and plans. He has done much of the work himself and of the work of others. He said: 'It is an awful job'.

One of the unusual features of the house is an east which cannot be seen from the front of the building.



Historic building of Keston, 37-39 Ship, High Street, Bridge.

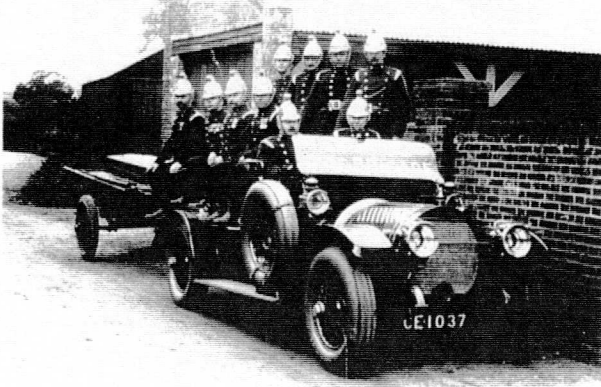
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FIRE BRIGADE



One organisation of vital importance was the Bridge Volunteer Fire Brigade, whose equipment in 1918 included a Merry-Walker manual engine and about 1200 feet of hose. The fire engine was horse driven being pulled by the same horses as were used for funerals and for delivering coal. The firemen were mostly local tradesmen and at one time included two grocers, the cycle agent, a publican, the draper, two gardeners, the coal merchant and the blacksmith. The men were recruited by a man named Dave and one was killed in 1926 when locking over the bars, supposing it to have gone out. There were twelve sets of helmets, tunics and axes, and if a tall man left the force to be replaced by a short man, the latter had to endure an ill fitting uniform. The force entered the motorised age when Const Zborowski donated a motor appliance, registration number CE 1037. It was kept running largely through donations from insurance companies, whose outgoings would have meant but for the Volunteer Brigade's existence and devotion to duty. The Brigade would resent the presence at small fires of the Canterbury or Henry Brigades, who would be wanted on arrival. The Bridge Brigade had no leaders until shortly before the last war, while early hoses were made of leather and thick rubber. The Fire Brigade remained independent up until the Second World War.

Author: Crippin Whiting - UKC Group Research Project 1978

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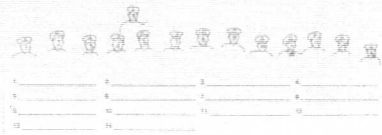
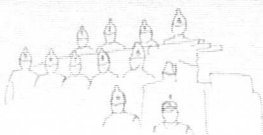
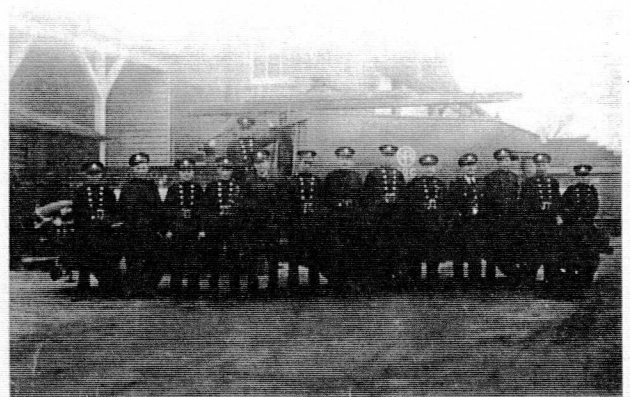
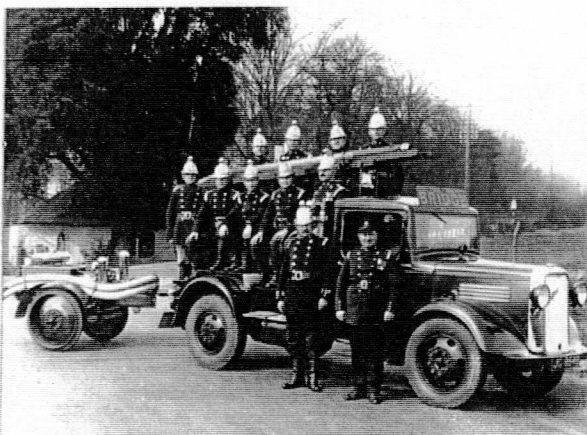
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FIREMAN FENN 1910



Funeral Cortege. Funeral Director in black top hat Mr.



Firing Party from the East Kent Yeomanry carrying reversed firearms



Members of the Bridge Fire Brigade



Mourners from near and far, part of an attendance of 5,000 showing respect



Representatives of 65 Kent Fire Brigades carrying floral tributes

The Fire Maroon Tragedy at Bridge

One of the most momentous events in Edwardian Bridge, at least, to judge from the coverage it received in *The Kentish Gazette*, was the early death of young Mr John Fenn, of 4 Albert Terrace, second engineer of the Bridge Fire Brigade, on 31st March 1910.

It appears from the inquest that a fire had broken out at Pett Bottom. It was the job of Mr Fenn Junior to light the maroon to call together the Fire Brigade. On the fatal afternoon at about 12.30 he left the "Plough and Harrow" and asked his brother for a match. This his brother provided and then went off "round the corner". Almost immediately there were two simultaneous explosions and Mr Fenn's cap was seen by a witness to "go right up in the air". The witness hurried to the scene and found Mr Fenn lying outside on a pile of straw. Details of his injuries are graphic: "profuse haemorrhage (Kentish Gazette's spelling), left eye completely gone..." Mr Fenn lived for only twenty minutes after the explosion.

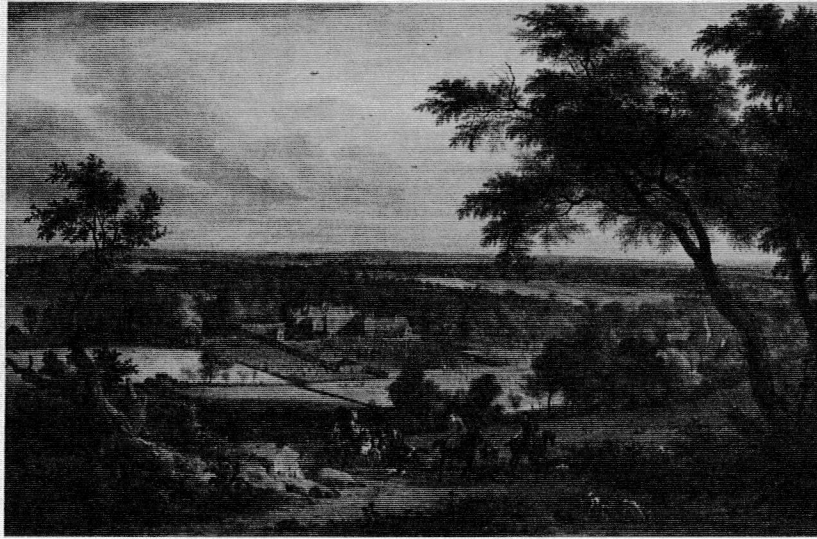
It emerged during the inquest that second engineer Fenn had not fired a maroon before, and that instead of lying down to fire it, he had stood over it and hence received the fatal blow to the face. There seems to be some uncertainty as to whether the maroons were faulty, and in order to satisfy himself on this issue, a representative of Messrs Brocks "took train to Bridge" and inspected the scene of the accident. He subsequently declared that the maroons were of the best quality, similar to those fired at Crystal Palace since 1865, and asked permission to fire the remaining five. He later contended that the maroons were not defective, thus clearing the name and reputation of Brocks.

Mr Fenn's funeral was a stirring occasion. According to the *Gazette*: "Never before had the village of Bridge felt a disaster so keenly... April 3rd will stand out in the history of the village as a day never to be forgotten..."

5000 people thronged the narrow street, overflowing into the surrounding fields. Most of the gentry were present at the graveside, though the Conynghams were not mentioned, presumably because they worshipped at Petriebourne. The dead man was given a military funeral with a firing party from the East Kent Yeomanry. The coffin was borne by six firemen and followed by 65 members of other Fire Brigades. "It was a mournful procession indeed as it wended its way up the hillside and... there were not four dry eyes..." The grave had been prepared under the shadow of some tall trees bordering the road and "sympathetic hands had lined it with primroses and lily."

At evening after the funeral the Rector of Bridge Rev. H Knight referring to the tragic death of Mr Fenn said that God took us out of this world for two reasons. Either we were not ready for entry to the heavenly Kingdom or else we were "so hardened" that it would be futile to give us any more chances. It was clear that the former case applied to Mr Fenn and that the finger of God had singled him out to lay down his life for his friends. It is to be hoped that such fatalism afforded some comfort to his relatives and young widow.

BIFRONS



BIFRONS PARK, BRIDGE, KENT
ca. 1705-10

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From the Catalogue of The Paul Mellon Collection, The Center for British Art, Yale University, U.S.A.—
BIFRONS PARK, KENT, ca. 1705-10
Oil on canvas, 61 1/2" x 91 1/2" (156.8cm x 132.5cm) B1977.14.83. Attributed to Jan Sibrecht.

This painting shows the transition from the bird's-eye view to the man's-eye view. The artist stands on a hill above the house and looks down towards it. Bifrons House does not dominate, but is part of the landscape which includes the tall tower of Canterbury Cathedral on the left.

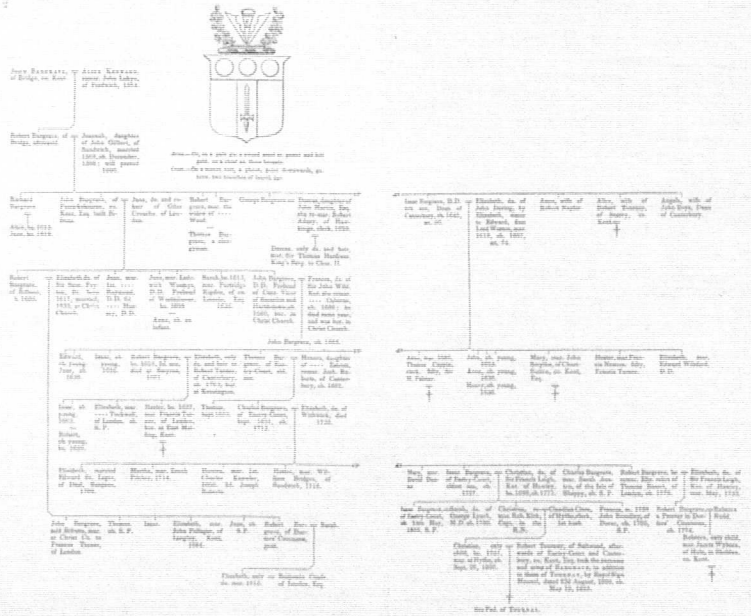
The house was originally built by John Bargrave who died in 1600. It was called Bifrons because of the 'bi-front' arrangement of two projecting bays in a modified 'E' plan. It was acquired by John Taylor in 1694 and remained in the Taylor family throughout the eighteenth century. The most renowned member of the family was Dr. Brook Taylor, the author of two important books on perspective which were widely used by artists. The house was demolished in 1948.

The painting was formerly attributed to John Wootton (1686-1764) and was thought to have been an early landscape executed under the influence of his Dutch teacher, Jan Weyck. Wootton's earliest known work, dated around 1718 when he was about twenty-two, and the costume of the figures in the foreground of this painting cannot be much later than 1705-10. This seems to rule out Wootton as the artist. The treatment of the landscape painting is also more precise than Wootton's style. Jan Sibrecht has also been considered as a possible artist, but there is insufficient evidence for this attribution. It has also been suggested that perhaps the figures are by a different hand. The painting does show an early and fresh view of the English landscape with effects of light and atmosphere in the Kent countryside. The artist may indeed have been Netherlandish.

The garden is a more intimate and less contrived space than earlier examples in this exhibition (such as Hampton Court and Denham Place), and appears to represent an early trend towards a less rigidly constructed landscape mode.

We are grateful to Miss Joan Carpenter of Patricbourne and Canon John Packer of Bridge for noting the existence of this painting. A letter was sent to the Curator of the Yale Center for British Art, giving him some information about the location of the painting by enclosing a current map of Bridge indicating the right-lines of the painting, and pointing out St. Mary's Church, Patricbourne on the right-hand side. Permission was asked to reproduce the painting for the benefit of the parish of Patricbourne w Bridge and Bekesbourne, and this was readily given. A large transparency of the painting was specially taken, and it is from this that the prints have been prepared.

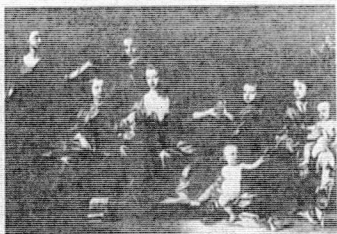
You will note that Bell Harry Tower is visible top left in the painting. This is artistic licence since you would have to go thirty feet vertically in the air from the point near the Bridge By-Pass where the artist stood. However, St. Mary's, Patricbourne—with a large thirbarn(?) at its west end is clearly seen, as are several of Patricbourne houses still standing such as The Barton.



Bifrons Palace

- 1600 First house on the site built by JOHN BARGRAVE who originally lived in Bridge and died in
- 1624 House left to son ROBERT and finally passed onto his son JOHN BARGRAVE who sold the house in
- 1662 to ARTHUR SLINGSBY
- 1694 Bought by JOHN TAYLOR on 29th September. He laid out the formal gardens. The property passed to his second son HERBERT and then on to the third generation the eldest son died in 1787 and it passed to the brother
- 1767 Rev. EDWARD TAYLOR. He died in 1788. In
- 1775 The first house was pulled down and a new one started in the classical style (see Oldfield Drawing). The house then passed in
- 1798 to the eldest son EDWARD TAYLOR M.P. for Canterbury who married Louisa Beckingham from Bourne Park and inherited that house and moved in 1824.
- 1824 - 1830 House was left to (i) 2nd Marquess of Ely (ii) Lady Byron
- 1830 House was sold to the 1st Marquess Conyngham (HENRY) and then passed down
- 1861 2nd Marquess (FRANCIS) - major alterations in 1863
- 1876 3rd Marquess (GEORGE FRANCIS) - further alterations 1878
- 1882 4th Marquess (HENRY FRANCIS) who never lived at the house and it was left to a series of tenants:
EDWARD WEINHOLT
J.A. MILLER
FRANK PENN from Upper Hardres - 1913 installed electric light
Col Hon. MILO TALBOT. Mrs Talbot remained in the house until 1939
- 1939 War use
- 1945 Lord Conyngham decided to demolish the house as it was too expensive to repair.

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4—THE CHILDREN OF JOHN TAYLOR, IN BIFRONS PARK



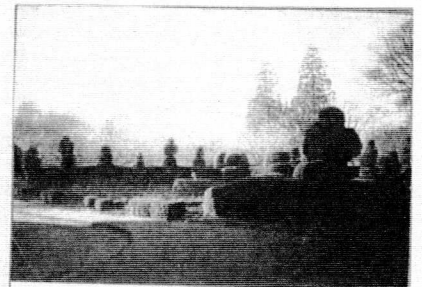
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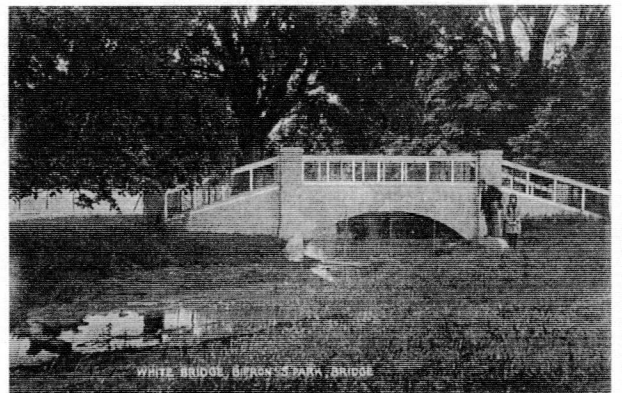
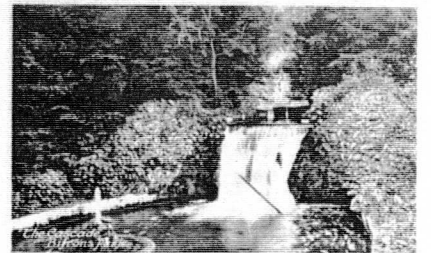
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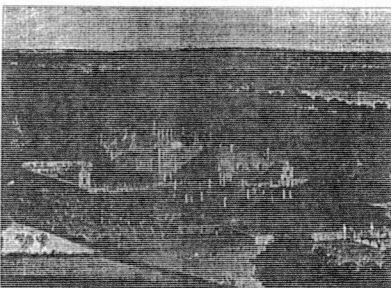


TOPIARY IN THE GARDENS OF BIFRONS, NEAR CANTERBURY, IN KENT



WHITE BRIDGE, BOYS PARK, BRIDGE

EXCAVATIONS, KENT SITES

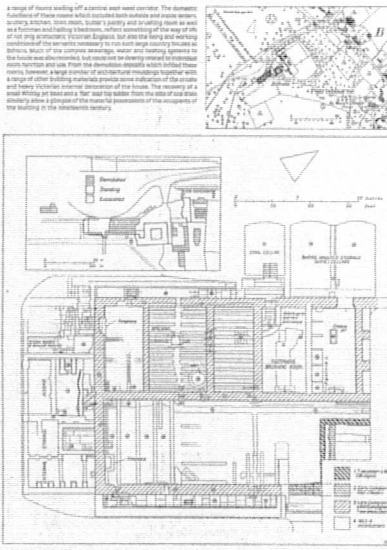


A detail from a plan of large Bifrons attributed to J. W. Stiles.

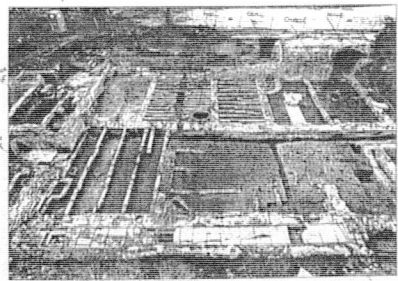


A drawing of the south front of Bifrons, c. 1700.

EXCAVATIONS, KENT SITES



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A plan of excavations, Bifrons, Kent, 1901.



A view of the south front of Bifrons, c. 1700.

CONYNGHAM

The Coming of Age of the Earl of Mount Charles.

From the Kentish Gazette, Wednesday, January 27th 1893

On Tuesday the 1st October 1878, the Earl of Mount Charles, son of the Marquis and Marchioness Conyngham, attained his majority. The pleasant little village of Biffham was on fête in honour of the auspicious event, and through the liberality of the Marquis many people, old and young, in the village and around Biffham kept high festival. The stranger entering Biffham in the morning found the place gay with flags and hoisting, and a glance at some of the houses, revealed the reason, for there were various greetings and good wishes to the young Lord inscribed in a variety of forms on the house fronts, whilst the merry pealing of the church bells told of the general joy and gladness. It was feared that owing to the family not having returned to Biffham on the occasion of the coming of age, the presence of either the Marquis or Marchioness at young Earl would be a most agreeable surprise to everyone to hear that, although for very sufficient reasons neither the Marquis nor his son could join them, the festive gathering would be graced by the presence not only of the Ladies Conyngham, who were staying at the mansion, but also of the Marchioness, her ladyship having written that morning to Mr Robert Smith the Marquis's head steward, to intimate her intention of coming over from Ramsgate, where she was staying with the noble Marquis. Meanwhile the preparations for the different gatherings progressed under the direction of Mr Smith, who had had arrangements made for several dinners and other festivities.

The first event of the day took place at the Union Workhouse, where the whole of the inmates were entertained in a most liberal manner. The rooms and walls were very nicely decorated, the work of the staff of the house, and at one o'clock the old men and women and children sat down to their different wards to a substantial repast of roast beef and plum pudding with here. Grace was said by the vicar of Biffham, the Rev. H.T. Vine, who was accompanied by the Rev. E. Seddon, Mr H. Smith, Mr Seddon, Mr H.D. Dixon, Mr Sims, chairman of the Board of Guardians, Miss Parker, and other ladies and gentlemen, all of whom lent willing hands to the task of attending to the enjoyment of the poor people and young children. While dinner was being partaken the Marchioness of Conyngham entered, accompanied by Lady Blanche and Lady Constance, and went through the various rooms and wards and infirmary, the inmates of which were likewise looked after. Her ladyship evinced much interest in the unfortunate people in this part of the house, and spoke a few sympathetic words to most of them. Previous to the commencement of the dinner the Rev. H.T. Vine briefly addressed the inmates, remarking on the great liberality of their noble entertainer, and the Rev. Mr Seddon said he hoped they would all remember that happy day their poor friends in Ireland, where his lordship had other estates. The Marchioness herself address a few words to the old women, telling them that the Earl would have been glad to have been present but was prevented through his having to prepare his reading for the coming examinations for entrance into the army. Her ladyship also read a telegram which she had received from the Irish tenants of her noble husband, wishing success and happiness to the family, and hoping that the people of Biffham would enjoy themselves on that happy day. The reading of the telegram was received with cheers.

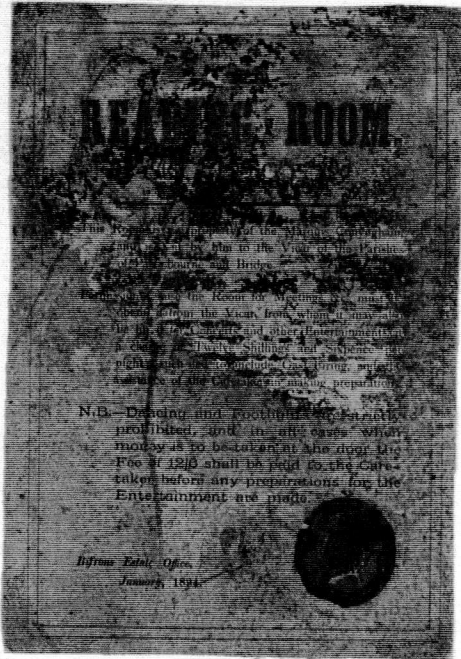
At four o'clock in the afternoon the restored and greatly extended public hall and reading room in Biffham was opened by a number of the work-people on the Biffham estate (40 in all) sitting down to a capital dinner, provided by Mr Webb of the White Horse Inn. The Rev. H.T. Vine addressed a few words to the company. He said it was very kind and generous on the part of the noble Marquis to think of his poorer neighbours and to provide for them in that very liberal manner. He was sure they would all join with him in wishing his lordship better health and long life and happiness to his son, the Earl of Mount Charles. The Vicar was accompanied by the Rev. Seddon, Mr R. Smith, Mr R.W. Tassell, Mr Sims etc and during dinner the Marchioness and the Lady Blanche Conyngham came into the room. The hall presented a very gay and jovial appearance, it having been handsomely and tastefully decorated by the members of the Five Brigades, assisted by several young ladies of the village. The hall, we may add, is the property of the Marquis, and after being restored and considerably extended has been generously presented to him to the village. Its dimensions are 57ft long by 20ft wide, with an orchestra 20 ft by 10ft. The hall will be used for public entertainments, meetings etc. in addition to being used as a reading room.

At the Red Lion some five and twenty of the smaller tenantry partook of a substantial meal. Here to, the Marchioness paid a visit and saw everyone thoroughly enjoying himself. From thence the visitors went to the school room where a particularly lively and happy scene presented itself. There, amid gay and profuse decorations, were seated some 200 children, with an abundance of good things set before them, the repast in this instance being a tea. The juveniles, who had come in their best attire and with happy faces, were tended by a full and sufficient staff of ladies, amongst whom was Lady Constance Conyngham, whilst the Marchioness looked on with interest. At the conclusion of the tea the Rev. H.T. Vine proposed a vote of thanks to the Marchioness and Lady Conyngham and the Earl of Mount Charles, and alluded to the many acts of kindness of the family to the school children. He also said he was sure they would wish the Marquis better health. Three cheers were then called for and lustily given. The children then went to the hill side and indulged in various games, being led off by the Ladies Conyngham. Returning to the school as the shades of evening were gathering round, they were entertained with some drawing room theatricals by the Ladies Conyngham assisted by Miss Francis.

Before concluding it should be added that the workmen who are employed on the Mansion at Biffham, where extensive alterations and improvements are being carried out, were, likewise regaled with good things in honour of the occasion. In fact, no one was forgotten by the noble Marquis, who would himself been present at the gatherings but for his continuing indisposition.

At night fall a monster bonfire was lighted on the side hill of Biffham, lighting up the country for miles around, and there was also a display of fireworks. The faggots for the bonfire were kindly given by Mr J.C. Martin. The village was also illuminated with Chinese lanterns, etc. and in Mr Wily's yard there was a flag pole from which hung innumerable lanterns. The day's festivities were thus brought to a close, all who had participated in them having passed a day that will long be remembered.

On the same day about fourteen of the Marquis's tenantry at Minster were entertained to dinner at the White Horse Inn and 32s of the inmates of the Minster workhouse had a similar to those at Biffham Union at the expense of his lordship.



N.B.—Deeds and documents referred to in this list shall be taken out and sent to the office of the Registrar of Deeds, 100, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C. 4, before any preparations for the Entailment are made.

Biffham, Kent, Office,
January, 1894.

GUIDE TO KENT COUNTY ARCHIVES OFFICE

(HUGGESS FAMILY)

MAHONIAL DOCUMENTS: Walmer, 1618-85.
TITLE DEEDS: about 300, for Norton, Limited, Chidlet, Ore and Walmer, 1490-1711, including some for the Meredith family of Leeds Ferry and Lambhorough.
FAMILY PAPERS: wills, etc., of Huggess, Banks and Meredith families, 1645-1828, including inventory of Sir Richard Meredith of Leeds, 1679.
OVERSEAL PAPERS: sheriff's minute, 1641.

CONYNGHAM MSS.

The marriage of Major-General Henry Conyngham of Slane (co. Meath) to the daughter of Sir John Williams of Mimersdo Thicket resulted in the development of a vast Kentish estate in the hands of this Irish family. The son of the match, who became Earl Conyngham of Mount Charles, left his estate to his nephew, Francis Pierpont Burton, who succeeded to the Barony of Mount Charles. The mansion, Biffham, formerly belonging to the Taylor family, became the chief Kentish seat of the 1st Marquis Conyngham in 1839. In the twentieth century the development of the Kent Coalfield greatly affected the estate, and this is reflected in the papers listed below. A similar accumulation of deeds and papers relating to the Irish estates of the family has been deposited in the National Library of Ireland, Dublin.
MAHONIAL DOCUMENTS: Minister-in-Thames, 1720-1824, with survey, 1700, lists of fishers and owners of boats and greyhounds, with directions for holding courts, 6,1750, papers and plans regarding wreck of the sea, hereditary rights, site of quays, etc., 1048-1909; Gaa Hall, Hills Church Gate, and Livericks in Ash-next-Sandwich, 1849-1921; Kingston, 1853-1923; Partridgehouse Cheney and Martin, 1639-1848; Wickhambray, 1669-1923.
TITLE DEEDS: about 2,650 mainly for Ash-next-Sandwich, Barham, Beakesbourne, Bishopbourne, Chidlet and Reculver, Kingston, Littlebourne, Partridgehouse, Preston-next-Wingham, Minster, Monkton, St. John, St. Lawrence and St. Peter, all in Thanet, and Wickhambray, 1551-1929; and small numbers for Biffham, Upper Haideas, Ickham, Nackington, Stourmouth and Wingham; for Leicester and Sossington Westerley, 1714-1838, and London, 1731-1840.
ESTATE PAPERS: settlements and wills, 1700-1916; rentals and accounts, 1750-1929; papers relating to mortgages on estate, 1867-1921; surveys and valuations mainly for Minster, 1700-1929, and for Chipstead Place in Chevening (Pobell estate), 1827; improvements, 1862-1919, partly under limited Owners Residences Acts; agreements with Biffham

ESTATE AND FAMILY ARCHIVES

Union for site of workhouse, 1835, and with Thanet Rural District Council regarding new bridge over Stour, 1868-9; estate correspondence, 1818-1921, including many letters to Ellen, Dowager Lady Conyngham; papers, agreements, correspondence, etc., regarding mineral rights and the Kent Coalfield, 1897-1929, including sections for Bourne and Fleet Leasing, 1914; correspondence, etc., relating to South-Eastern and Chatham Railway, 1846-1909; to the East Kent Light Railway, 1910-29, and proposals for a new railway to Sandwich Haven, 6,1901; papers relating to the London estate of Solomon Meredith, deed, (father of Ellen, Countess Conyngham), 1752-76.
LEGAL PAPERS: Carey versus Williams regarding the manor of Minster, 1631-67; various disputes concerning manorial rights of Minster, 1775-1894, concerning Gaa Hall in Ash, 1798, 1843; concerning South-Eastern Railway Co., 1848-68, and concerning the Mid Kent and East Kent District Water Co. Bill, 1913; and Conyngham versus Conyngham regarding the will of the 5th Marquis, 1920.

OVERSEAL PAPERS: poor rate assessments for St. Lawrence, 1641; Minster, 1754; papers regarding sale of Wickhambray poor house, 1861; draft conveyance of site of Minster National school, 1854.
MANS. Ash, 1758; Chidlet, 6,1830, Herne and Reculver, 1798, Ickham, 6,1850, Kingston, 1679, Littlebourne, 1840, Minster, 6,1800, Partridgehouse, 1730, St. Lawrence Thicket, 1724 and 2,1840.



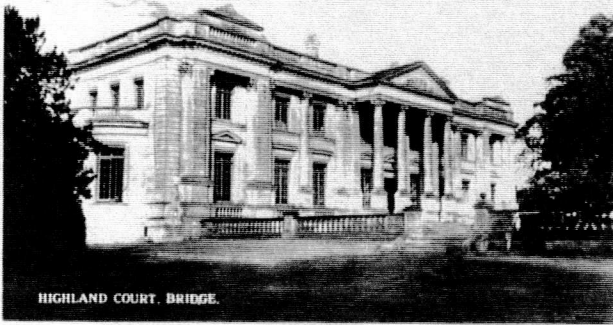
The Countess of a New Field, from the Kentish Gazette, 1893.

Obituary

Marquess Conyngham

The Marquess Conyngham, who died at his residence at Biffham, Kent, on the 1st October 1878, was the son of the late Marquis Conyngham, and was born on the 1st October 1818. He was educated at Eton and at the University of Cambridge, and was a member of the House of Commons from 1841 to 1852. He was a distinguished soldier and statesman, and was created a Marquess in 1852. He was also a member of the Privy Council, and held several important offices in the Government. He was a devoted sportsman and a keen supporter of the game of cricket. He was married to the Countess Conyngham, and they had several children. He died at the age of 60, and was buried in the family vault at Biffham.

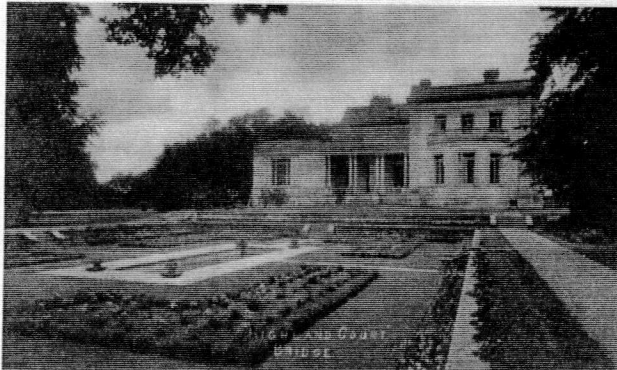
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HIGHLAND COURT, BRIDGE.



Higham, Bridge



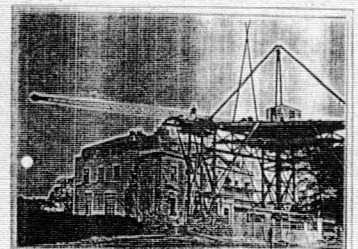
HIGHLAND COURT, BRIDGE



Higham, Bridge

Higham Place - Highland Court

- 1320 First mention of a house of the site
 - 1543 House on the site owned by THOMAS CULPPER eventually passed on to ANTHONY ARCHER.
 - 1726 THOMAS CORBETT (married sister of Archer)
 - 1768 Present house built by IGNATIUS GEOGHOGEN who married 4th daughter of Corbett.
 - 1781 JAMES HALLETT son of a wealthy sea captain from Little Dunmow, Essex bought the house. He bequeathed it
 - 1823 Rev. CHARLES HUGHES-HALLETT who had taken the chaplaincy of Bridge and the Vicarage of Patricbourne in 1813. He died
 - 1846 Rev. JAMES HUGHES-HALLETT eldest son inherited. He was Vicar at Petham with Waltham and originally lived at Bridge Place. Died in 1901 and bequeathed house to nephew who lived in Scotland. The house was sold
 - 1901 WILLIAM GAY London Banker responsible for the walled garden and an orchid specialist. Sold the house
 - 1910 COUNTESS ZBROWSKI who had lived for a while at Bridge Hill House and was the grand daughter of wealthy William Astor. She started to alter and redecorate the house but died 1911 without living in the house. Inherited by
 - 1911 COUNT LOUIS VOROW ZBROWSKI (Born 1895) at the age of 16 together with £5 million from his mother and £5 million from his father. [see other houses] Died in a motor racing crash 1924 and it took four years for the administrator to sort out the estate. The house was put up for sale London Auction Market, Victoria Street by J.D. Wood and Co and bought for £17,500 by
 - 1928 WALTER KENNEDY WHIGHAM of Highland Investment Co Ltd, Crosby Sq, London. He changed the name to HIGHLAND COURT.
 - 1936 The cricket ground was added
 - 1948 Walter F Whigham died and the house was offered to the REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD as an annex to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital of which WK Whigham had been President for 13 years.
 - 1951 Formally opened by Mr K.L. Julian CBE Chairman of the S.E. Metropolitan Regional Board.
 - 1968 Closed due to financial restraints
 - 1972 Reopened as home for Mentally Handicapped
 - 1987 Sold by the S.E. Thames Regional Health Authority for £1.5 million to TILLER INTERNATIONAL
- Since then we believe it changed hands once more and is currently FOR SALE



COUNT ZBOROWSKI

THE CHITTY-BANG-BANGS AND COUNT ZBOROWSKI

At various times there were three cars of this name. The name, adopted by the Count as a whimsical gesture, was derived from the theme of a lewd World War One song. Originally 'Chitti-Chitti-Bang-Bang', it was later spelt with a 'y'.

Count Louis Vorow Zborowski was born in 1885 of English and American parent, was briefly at King's School and also briefly at Eton. His father was killed in 1903 driving a Mercedes at La Turbie hill climb. He inherited Higham House from his mother when he was just 16, along with an 8 million pound legacy from his father and 3 million from his mother.

With this comfortable financial balance at his disposal, he turned to cars and racing with an enthusiasm which resulted in the first of the amateur-built post-war aero-engined track monsters being built at the Higham workshops.

A Maybach aero engine was fitted into a modified pre-1914 Mercedes chassis and a rudimentary body was built by Blythe Bros. of Canterbury. Chitty I was taken to race at Brooklands where its chief rival was a 350 h.p. Sunbeam. During a practice, Chitty crashed and had to be rebuilt, but it was a winner on several occasions at speeds of up to 115 m.p.h.

During 1921 an improved version was being built with the idea of making Chitty II an exciting road car rather than a racer.

At the Brooklands Autumn meeting both Chittys ran but with too severe a handicap were unsuccessful.

A little later, the Count imported from Germany a 26/95 Mercedes chassis fitted with a Mercedes aero engine, which was then turned into a car for continental touring. This Chitty III (sometimes called 'The White Car') was born. On one occasion both Chitty II and Chitty III as 'baggage waggons' crossed part of the Sahara.

When Chitty III had been remodelled, Chitty II was disposed of.

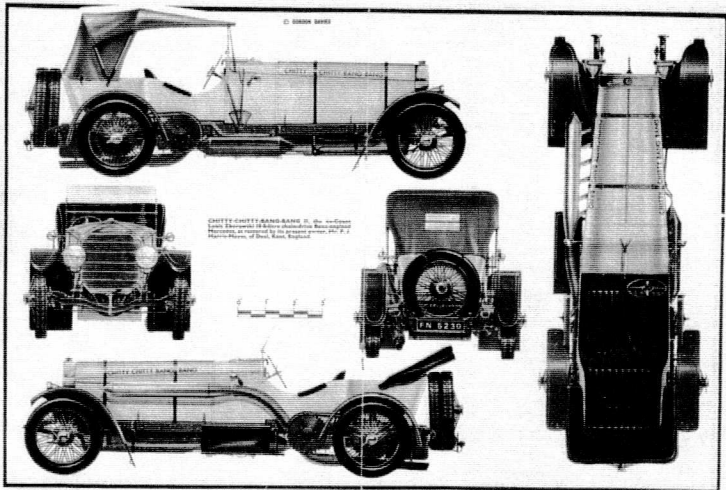
Chitty III was raced at Brooklands in 1924 where it broke the lap record but was beaten by a mere two yards because it slowed down thinking that a tyre had burst.

This was the last time Zborowski appeared at Brooklands in one of the Chittys.

Sadly, on October 11th 1924 the Count was killed at Lesmo during the Italian Grand Prix. Coincidentally, like his father, whilst driving a Mercedes. So came to an end the era of the racing Chittys.

An interesting interlude whilst the Count was at Higham concerns the local fire brigade. In 1920 its chief had complained that their horse-drawn appliance could not reach fires in outlying districts in time to be effective.

The Count, hearing of this, presented them with a car along the lines of the Chittys. Blythe Bros. adapted the body to accommodate 10 men and a mile of hose. With a rating of 75 h.p. and a speed of 60 m.p.h. this was probably the fastest of its kind in the country at that time. For his generosity the Count was made Honorary Captain of the Brigade.



CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG. (L to R) Count Louis Zborowski's 18-horsepower Mercedes-Benz, built at Higham House, Higham, Kent, England.



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East Kent Mercury, January 9, 1937

Tony Arnold recalls a motoring legend
Car that inspired a book and film

1924 of the most famous racing cars of all time - a 26/95 Mercedes-Benz - was built at Higham House, Higham, Kent, England.

Count Zborowski at the wheel of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at Brooklands in the 1920s. Made the first lap record.

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THE CHITTY'S AFTER ZBOROWSKI'S DEATH

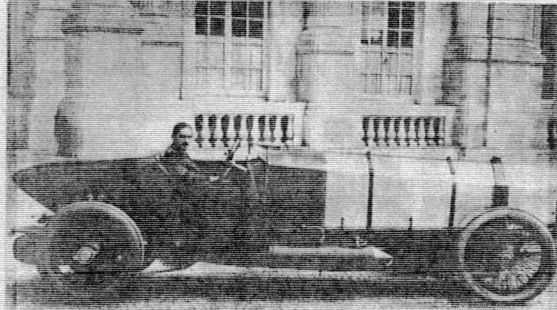
CHITTY I
 Just before the Count's death this had been bought by Zborowski's neighbour, Capt. J.E.P. Howey, but raced only once. It passed to the Corn-Doye brothers and ran in one speed trial. In 1924, being towed and shedding tyres, it was exhibited at Brooklands, then left on the grass at the aerodrome in the hope of attracting a buyer. This didn't happen, the chassis was cut up and Chitty I was soon no more.

CHITTY II
 Believed to have been sold to a Mr. Fowler for £325 with spare engine, it was later owned by David Scott-Moncrieff. Later still, a Mr. Hollis of Dover bought it, didn't like the design of it and left it in a shed at his farm for 20 years. Seen there by Mr. Peter Harris-Mayes of Deal the now dilapidated vehicle was given to him by Mr. Hollis. Mr. Harris-Mayes restored it. It was the subject of Ian Fleming's children's fantasy and film and after a few more years it was sold to an American and now resides in a motor museum in America.

CHITTY III
 Thought to have been bought by Noel and Felo, she was raced at Brooklands in 1929. There is no positive proof that this car was Chitty III because the engine was different from that previously described when raced at Brooklands. Probably Capt. Howey had put in another engine when it was owned by him. After a few more races it passed to Lord Carlou but is then believed to have been broken up.

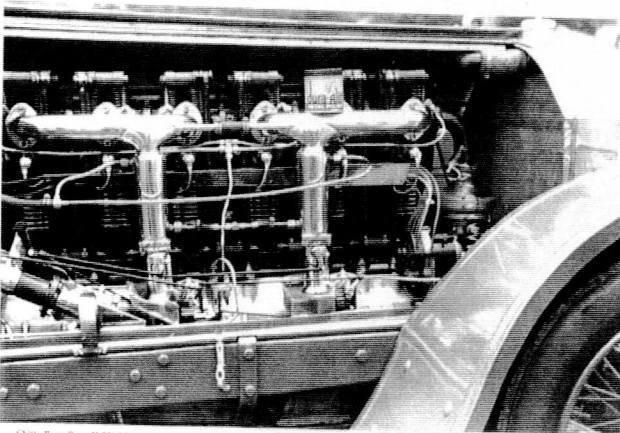


Zborowski Fire Engine 1921 - driven by Hubert Price (Harvey Price father)

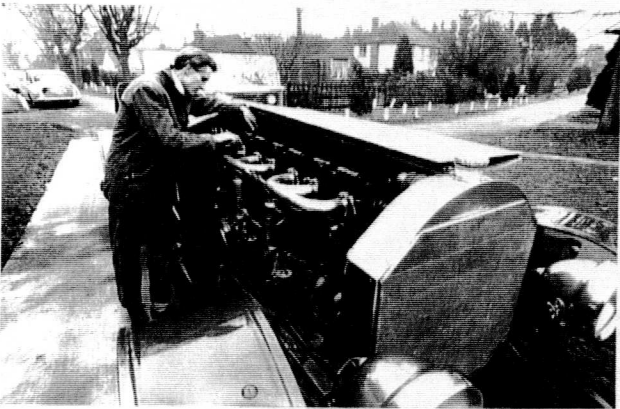


Count Louis Zborowski at the wheel of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, inside the house at Higham - Kent. Right-hand corner - 1924.

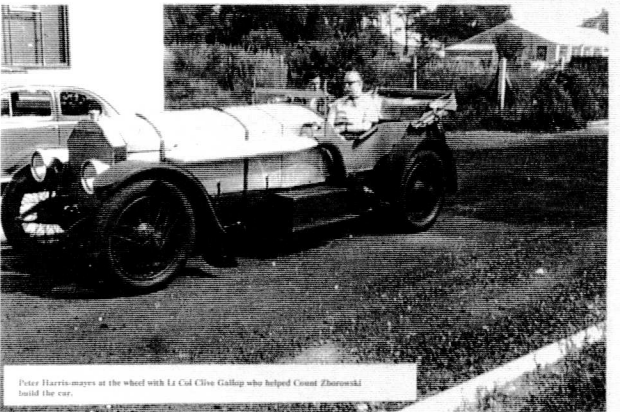
"CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG"



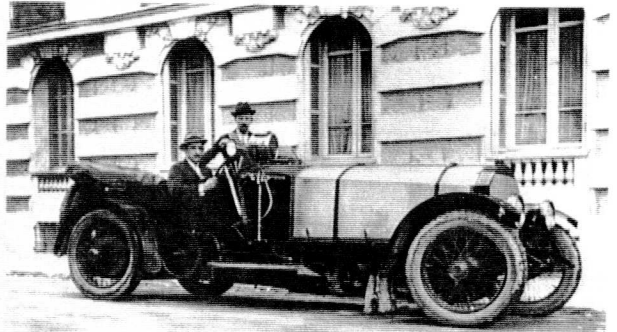
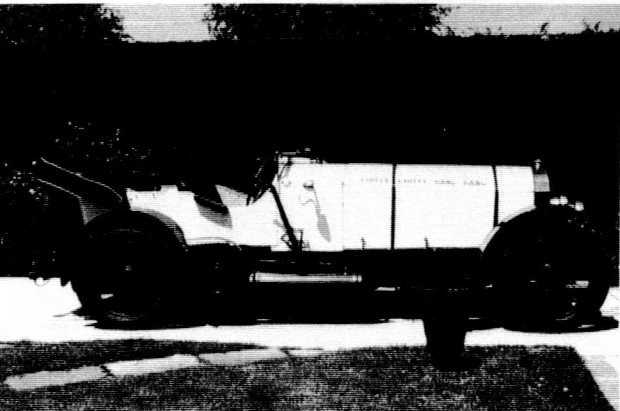
Chitty Bang Bang II 230 Bhp Benz 18.8 litre aircraft engine



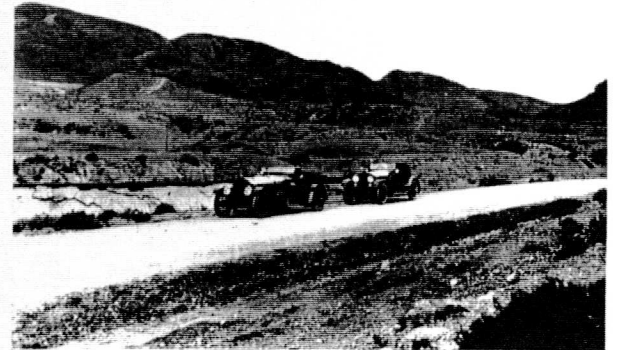
Chitty Bang Bang II with Peter Harris-Mayer



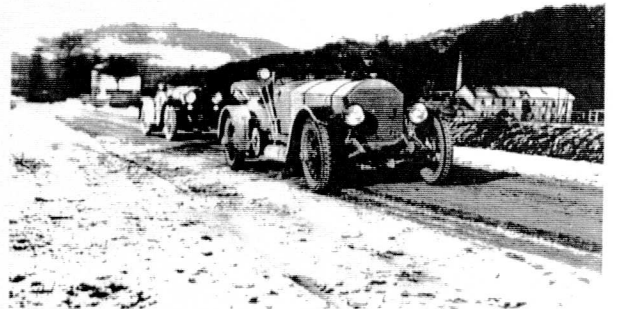
Peter Harris-mayers at the wheel with Le Cid Clive Gallop who helped Count Zborowski build the car.



Outside Negresco Hotel, Nice, January 1922. Count Zborowski at the wheel with Le Cid Clive Gallop.



Chitty Bang Bang II and Mercedes 28/90 with the foothills of the Atlas Mountains.



Chitty Bang Bang II in front with the Count and his wife Violet. Also Mercedes 28/90 (no water and luggage platform. Taken in Algeria en route for Biskra. Note the snow).

Ballaflotcher,
 Jersey,
 18th of Nov. 1923.

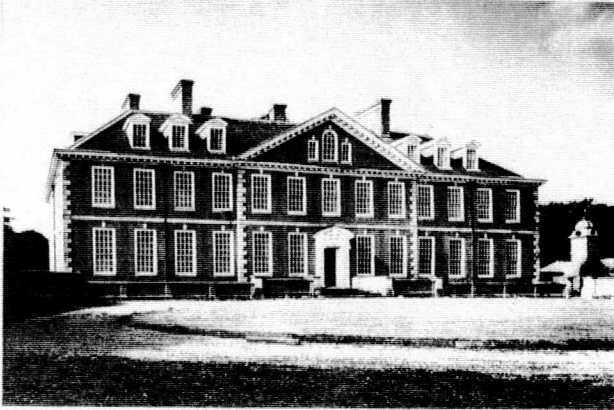
Dear Mr. Franklin,
 Thanks for your letter and S.A.S. but cannot use "foreign stamps."
 Sorry for unavoidable delay. I have had some prints done for you
 which I enclose and you need not return.
 Incidentally the Marquis Chesapeake lives a few miles from me in
 Ramsey.

Hope all goes well with your centenary.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Harris-Mayer

BOURNE PARK



BOURNE PARK, NEAR CANTERBURY, KENT. This Grade I house was bought this year by trustee clients of Humberts, to house the art collection of the 8th Earl Fitzwilliam, who died in 1948



BOURNE PARK

by COLIN G. BRADY

It is pleasant to hear that Bourne Park, which has stood empty for so many years, may again be occupied. It is being converted into flats for retired folk.

The present mansion was constructed in 1701, on the site of an older building, by Isaac Elizabeth Aucher, a descendant of Sir Anthony Aucher, who acquired Bourne in 1545. Sir Anthony was a man of many parts. He was the first Earl of Kent, who fought the Battle of Tewkesbury in 1471, and was employed by Henry VIII as Master of the Hawks, and on the defence of Dover. He was killed at Orleans in 1556, defending his last English stronghold in France against the French.

In 1796 Bourne passed to Stephen Beckingham who carried on the Aucher daughter. The Beckinghams also held lands in Wiltshire and in Dorset. One of their tenants at Bourne, Sir Thomas Mann organised a cricket match between Kent and Surrey in 1775, Kent lost. The ground is still in use.

In 1865 Bourne was purchased by Matthew Hall, who had been living at Owells. Hall at once started major alterations. For the Park he engaged Andrew Messfield, an ex-Territorial Army Officer, who had, on retirement, taken up landscape painting and landscaping. Messfield is responsible for the Park more or less as we see it today, with its fine shades of beeches, alms, and other trees. He dammed the Millbourne to form the ornamental lake (also, now dry!) situated at its outlet by the ornamental bridge. The fine level of ground was ploughed up by order during the Second World War. The disease and falling have taken their toll of the plantation and individual trees, but overall effect is still outstanding.

After the death of the last of the Halls (a Colonel in the Rifle Brigade), the house was purchased by the late Sir John Frustrop in 1957. After the latter's death in 1962 the house was purchased by the Postmaster of St. Augustine, for a school, and the parkland by the Bourne (Porter) Estates for farming.

The plan for the school was eventually abandoned about 12 years ago and after several changes of ownership, the house and outbuildings are now being altered for flats (1979). Although the interior may be very different, the fine facade and exterior is to remain the same; as a graded building it is protected against siltation and will long continue as one of the finest examples of Kent's fine historic houses.

Former owners of Bourne were closely connected and concerned with Bishopscourt Church. Let us hope that the new occupants will also be interested.

They will be very welcome.

Mansion is sold again

Bourne Park, the Queen Anne mansion near Canterbury, Kent, has been sold to a new owner, it is reported. The house, which was built in 1701, is a Grade I listed building and is one of the finest examples of the style in Kent. It was built by Isaac Elizabeth Aucher, a descendant of Sir Anthony Aucher, who acquired Bourne in 1545. Sir Anthony was a man of many parts. He was the first Earl of Kent, who fought the Battle of Tewkesbury in 1471, and was employed by Henry VIII as Master of the Hawks, and on the defence of Dover. He was killed at Orleans in 1556, defending his last English stronghold in France against the French.



18th Century Bourne Park, the Queen Anne mansion at Canterbury.



Bourne Park House.

BRIDGE PLACE

We were most fortunate to be given the opportunity of excavation at Bridge Place this summer. Our object was to ascertain the layout of the original foundations of a house built c.1680, three-quarters of which was pulled down at the end of the seventeenth century; the work was of great interest to architectural experts, as few similar houses of the period survive unaltered to the present day. On our Sunday afternoon sessions we managed to excavate the well at the rear of the house, to clarify the layout of the foundations of the house, and to examine foundations at both front and rear. Our warmest thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Pashorn for all their help and interest.

Historic Interest

HAVING disposed of Manor House, Hatfield, Herts, in Lord Selbourn, Mr. Malcolm Pashorn, who is associated with Phillimore & Co., the Farnham genealogical publishers, has succeeded in buying Bridge Place, near Canterbury, from the Hon. Mrs. Neume. Bridge Place, built late in the 17th century, is scheduled as a building of historic and architectural interest.

It is being sold with an entrance lodge and six acres of ground through which runs the Millbourne. The substantial portion of the substantial property built by Sir Alexander Burrell, a Dover merchant, was the seat of the Congreve family. In negotiation Mrs. Neume's agent was F. R. W. Barry, of Canterbury.

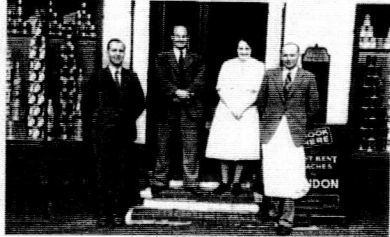


Adriaen Ocker, detail from Bridge Place, Kent, late 1670s

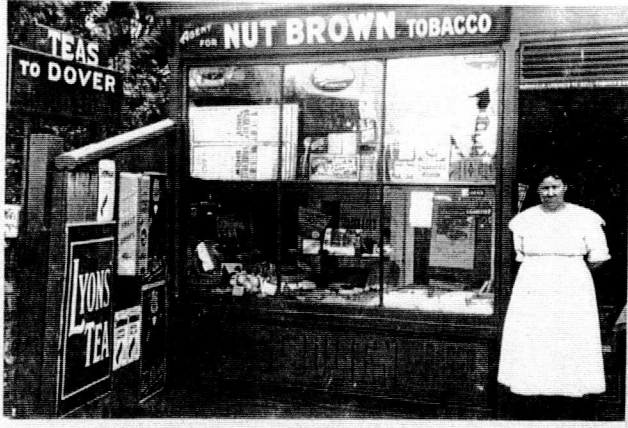
SHOPS



Herbert Price on leave 1915 on a Harley Davidson motorcycle brought by his father.



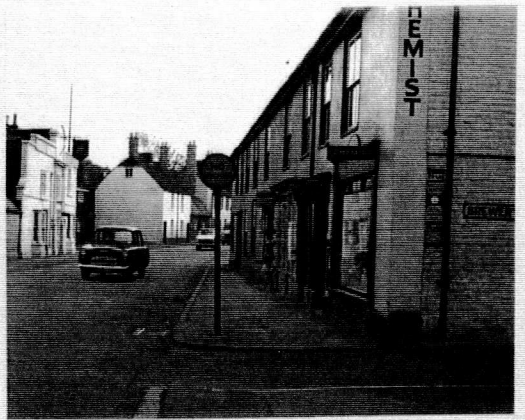
Francis Edwards, The Street Strang



1930 Mrs Johnson Shop by the river, now the site of the Dentists

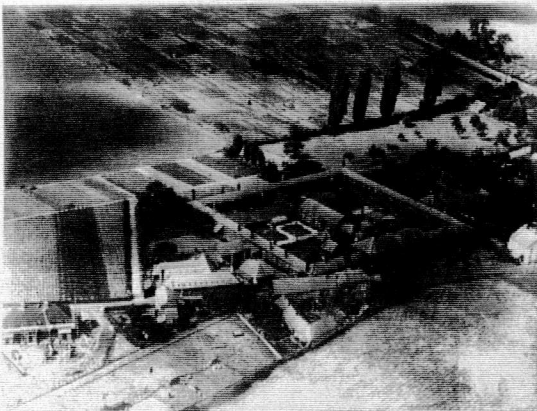


Carstairs Piano Tuners, shop now demolished

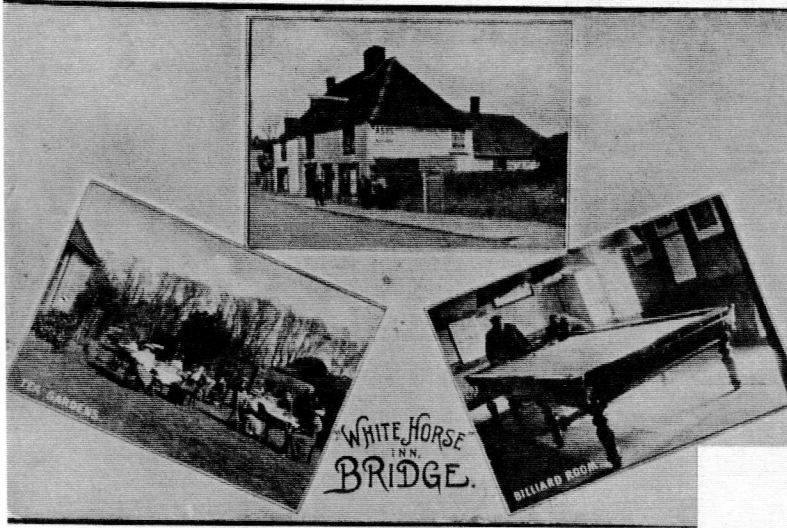


Stockwell chemist

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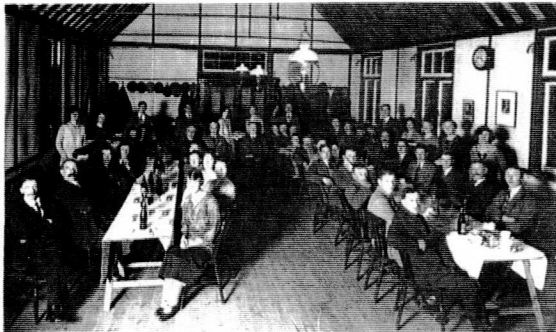


PUBS



White Horse

For Plough & Harrow see 'Fire Brigade' and 'Outings' boards.
For Ship Inn see 'High Street' board.



Red Lion



A pint of porter and steak and oyster pie --- phone the Red Lion Inn on Bridge 20 and book with the bowler-hatted Mr Frank Clayson

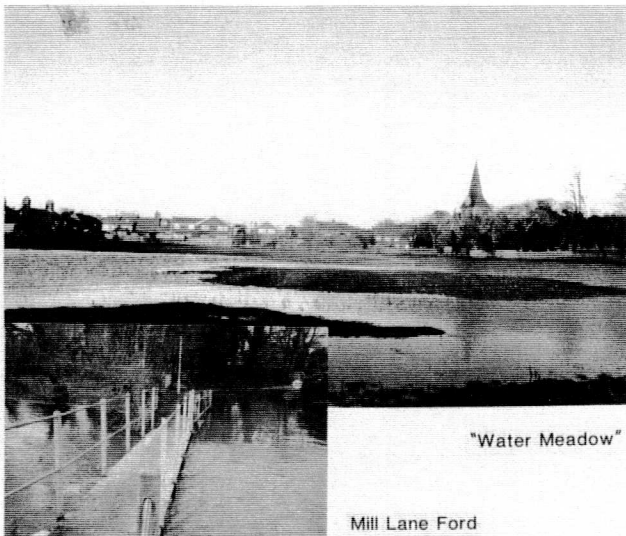
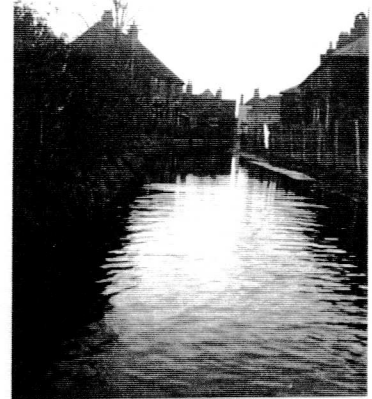
FLOODS



Floods at Bridge



High St



"Water Meadow"

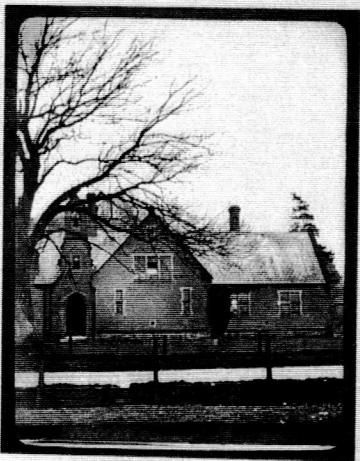
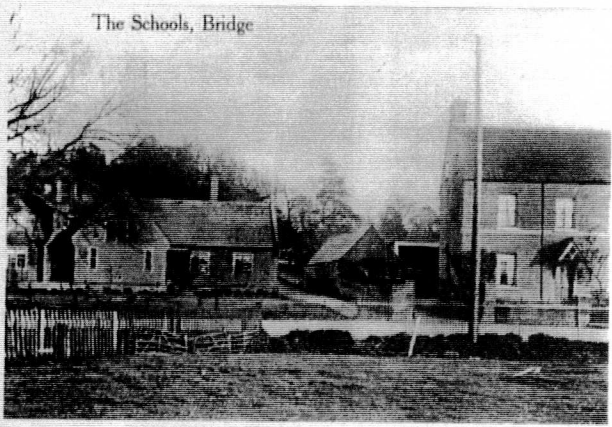
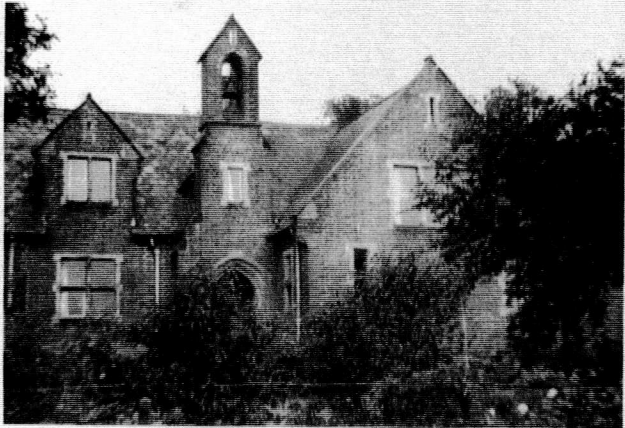
Mill Lane Ford

1988



Brewery Lane

SCHOOL Patrixbourne Road



Bridge & Patrixbourne School 1849

The Conyngnam family displayed considerable interest in the welfare of the villages, seeking to improve the quality of their day to day lives and being instrumental in the setting up of the Bridge and Patrixbourne Schools in 1849. The laying of the foundation stone was an occasion for considerable ceremony and celebration, and as such warranted a lengthy report in the Kentish Gazette.

'On Friday the foundation stone of the new schools was laid, on a well adapted spot of ground on the banks of the Lower Stour, and behind the main street of Bridge, leading to Patrixbourne... The stone was laid by the Dowager Marchioness of Conyngnam, in whose manse the promoters of the laudable undertaking are indebted for the site, as well as for pecuniary assistance... The Marchioness having taken the place assigned to her, and the company and the school children being arranged around the enclosure allotted to them, the Rev. Mr. Stevenson, the worthy and exemplary rector of the parishes reviewed briefly and eloquently the object which had drawn them together, closing his remarks with an appropriate prayer... The stone was then lowered to its place, and the Marchioness struck the stone three times with the mallet. That portion of the ceremony was concluded. The Rev. J. Stevenson once more addressed the meeting, and a hymn, composed for the occasion, was sung by the children and the vast assembly, the reverend gentleman's carols reading the words. Three times three reverend gentlemen's carols reading the words. Three times three hearty cheers were given and a profusion of plain beer distributed amongst the school children by Miss Augusta Conyngnam, the lovely and interesting daughter of Lord Albert. The National Anthem closed the day which will be one long remembered in the neighbourhood.'

In typical fashion, being concerned with the proper display of rank, wealth and quality The Kentish Gazette proudly noted how this function had been attended by Matthew Bell Esq. and his lady, the Hon. C. Yellowacre, the Rev. J. Stevenson and his lady, Captain Winter and family, the Misses Yaswill, the Rev. J. White and his lady, the Rev. Mr. Prosmote, Mrs. Graham, H. Colford Esq. of Newville, and Mr. Fricker. Readers were further informed that the buildings would be erected by Messrs Wilson, assisted by Mr George Homersham, the architect being Mr. Houskiss Marshall.

SCHOOL LEFT TO DIE

By our correspondent.

26.11.75

Behind the former Church of St. Andrew's Primary School at Bridge is a scene of desolation.

The picture

In view

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John I. Fleming
Diocesan Lecturer

C. F. Tombs
Diocesan Secretary

Bridge School

SCHOOL CHILDREN



Charlie SEYMORE, R PUNNETT; JACK DUNK; Palm WEST; Cyril HOGGEN; Teddy COWELL; Lionel SOLE; Stan CASTLE;
 Violet MARTIN; ? ; Betty CARPENTER; Betty BAKER; Beety PHILLPOT; Nora TUCKETT; Peggy TUCKETT; Florie BUSHELL;
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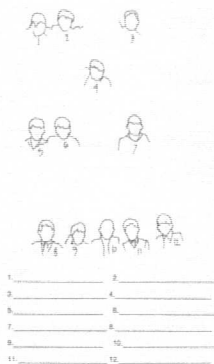
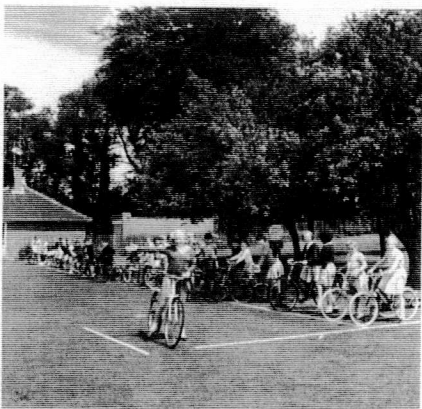
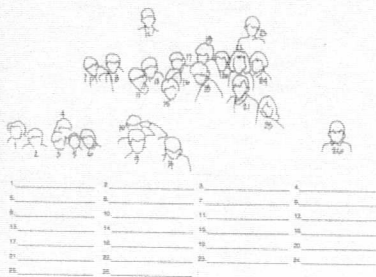
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CAN YOU NAME THESE CHILDREN

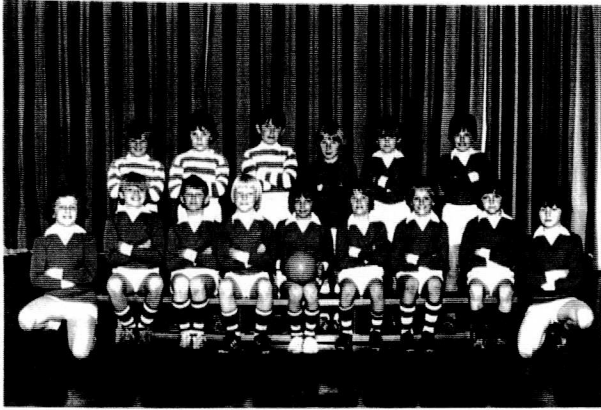
SCHOOL CHILDREN

1963 - 68



SCHOOL CHILDREN

1970's



Darren GLEW; Andrew CRUTTWELL; Martin ARNISON; Mark CREED; Martin REYNARD; Nigel BEVAN
John BOOTH; Simon GILES; John LAMKIN; Jim JAMES; Andrew BUCKHURST; Stephen CLARE; Jason DAVIS
Timothy JENKINS; Anthony BURF



Lesley OWENS; Louise MORSELEY; Mrs PARSONS; Nicola FAIRBRASS; Helen BOODER
Karen NASH; Elizabeth REDFERN; Sarah LANCASHIRE; Enice DAWSON

1977



Lou Round; Jenny Yee; Pat Gulvin; Mary Parsons; Lorraine
Mike Windlass; Barbara Herbert; Mrs Colyer; Wendy Tomlin; Pat Austin

Bridge children over the rainbow

The music and magic of the Wizard of Oz filled the hall at Fairbairn Primary School this week as the school children presented their own Christmas musical.

About 70 pupils, from nine to 11, took part in the production, the second half of an eight-week project. The first half covered many topics within the school syllabus: Reading, creative and factual writing, art and craft, numeracy and science.

The project aimed to stimulate the children's intellect and imagination through their enjoyment, and it was obvious that the Wizard of Oz made an ideal vehicle for doing just that.

Produced by Mr Michael Windlass, the story was adapted to suit the children's skills and talents and it included all the songs made famous in the film that starred Judy Garland.

Parents and friends were invited on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and there was a special show for the village's elderly on Tuesday.

The beautiful costumes and set were the skillful work of teachers Mrs Barbara Herbert and Mrs Jenny Yee, but the children were the stars of the show.

Elizabeth Redfern, Claire Clare, and Eric Lewis were a good choice as the heroine, Dorothy, singing with clarity.

Patrick Stacey mastered a slightly rustic accent for the brain-seeking scarecrow, Simon Giles' performance as the Tin Man was as shining as his costume and the lion in search of courage (he received it in the end as a bottle of ale) was well portrayed by John Lamkin.

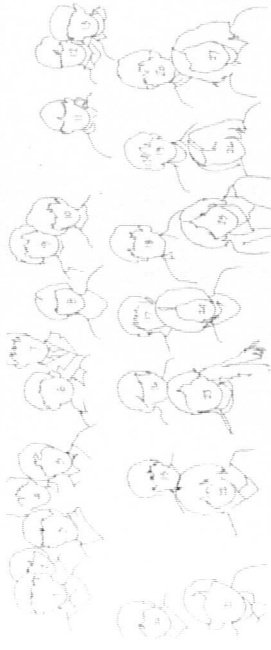
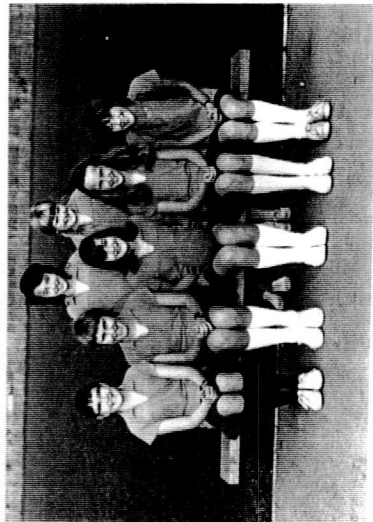
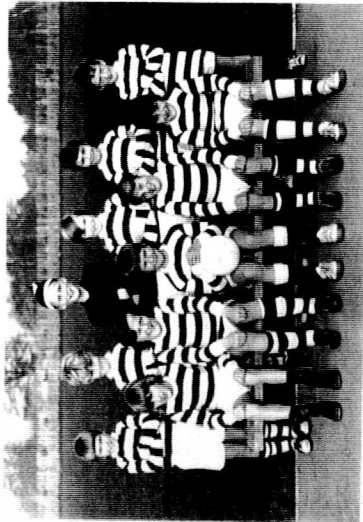
The wicked witch of the East, superbly played by Hannah Stacey, day and night, crumbling and when set upon by the House (Hattie Mitchell) and the equally nasty witch of the West (Hannah Mitchell) met her fate deserts when a bucket of drought-scared water was thrown over her.

Hettina Walker (Jitterbug) danced a lively jig in her leprechaun costume and Gerard Stewart did well as the wise old Wizard of Oz. Comedy was provided by Jim James as 'Hymie', small who tends the bargain brain, heart and courage bought by the trio who accompanied Dorothy on her trial 'Over the Rainbow'.

The good witches of the North and South were played by Jane Manning and Elizabeth Redfern with enthusiasm.

Other: Marie Arneson, Gary Bellina, Paul Jobb, Andrew Burf, Andrew Cruttwell, Donald Foster, Peter Haggis, Timothy Hepper, Penny Mullens, Simon Fry, Christopher Baker, Alan Terry, Graham Daniels, Jason Davis, Gary Fisher, Mark Fisher, Grant Hird, Jeremy Pratt, Helen Churchward, Andrew Buckhurst, David Fether, Martin Hayward, Nigel Hevan, Matthew Keverell, Haggabach, Ian Shaw, John Booth, Michael Morgan, Paul Barrett.

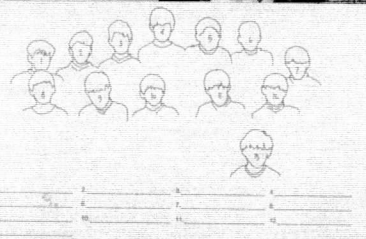
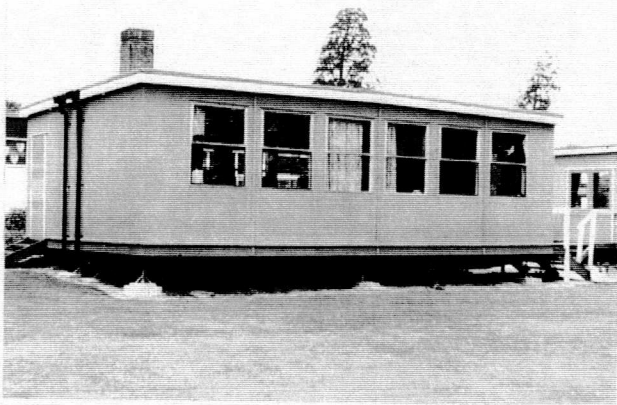
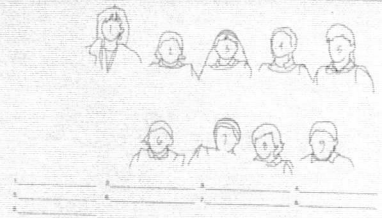
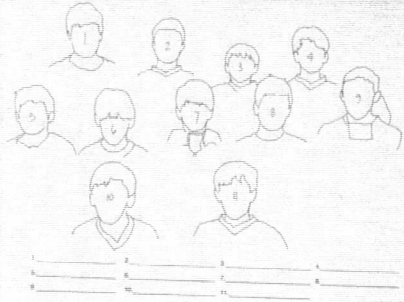




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- 5 William Jordan
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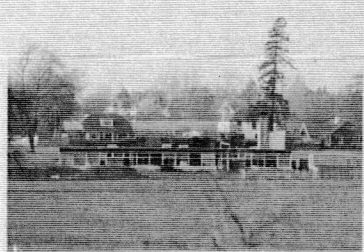
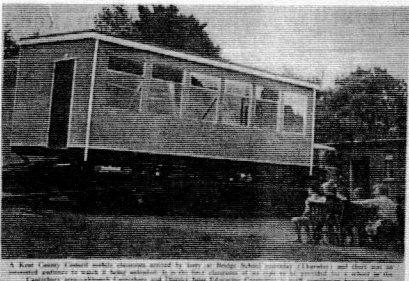
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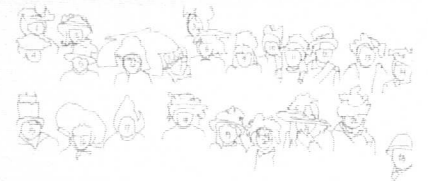


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Maureen Owendon, Barbara Hawkins, Joan Swan



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5. *The Choir in "The Desert Song"*

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6. *Green and the Girls in "Popular Melodies"*
7. *Andrey Stevens will Recite*
8. *"The Masqueraders"*
9. *"The Bishop's Candlesticks" by Norman Macdonald*
10. *Maureen Owendon will Sing*
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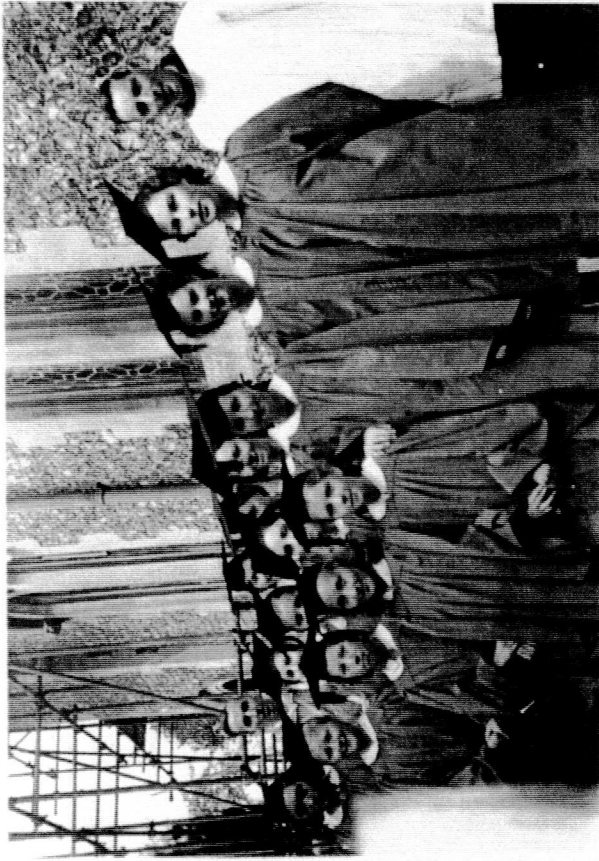
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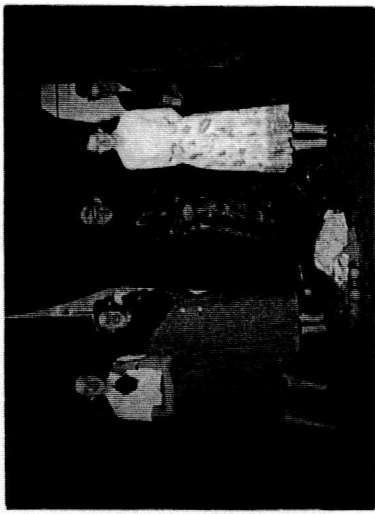
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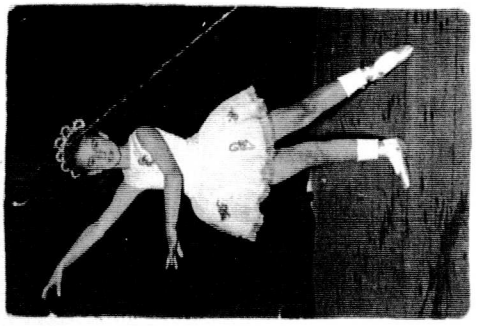
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GUIDES & BROWNIES



1st Bridge Guide Company 1950

Dawn CLEMENTS, Iris SWAN, Pamela BURDEN, Daphne NE'HOLLS, Marian HAWKINS, Valerie FAIRBRASS, Pat STEVENS
 Pamela HONEY, Kathleen SWAN, Joan GRAY, Gillian O'NEVENDEN
 Dorothy REVELL, Evelyn WRIGHT, Rene LAWRENCE



1st Bridge Guides - Guide Band, Emma FIELD young leader

Louisa FAGG, Carolyn EATON, Sarah JOHNSON, Leigh WHITTEN,
 Joanne FAIRWEATHER, Emma MEDHURST, Kate ATKINS, Lucy WILMISHURST



Words and music

Two 1st Bridge Guides have won trophies in a regional art festival. In the girls, the Lincoln and South East England 1st Guides festival entries for a festival of creative art, in which photography, design, writing, music and dance.

Emma Field aged 14 years who entered 'Barbar' class 'In the night' and

Lorraine Gregory aged 14, who is at the Northbrook school, was one of the winners. She won the award for a religious picture and Lorraine wrote 'The Best Day of my Life - No Fun'.

The best religious picture from all entries were chosen to form part of the Festival Concert in the Guild Hall in Lincoln on Saturday, July 11 and Emma performed her 'Barbar' class 'In the night'.

Lorraine's story was first prize in the writing and she is displaying in the Guildhall for the same event.

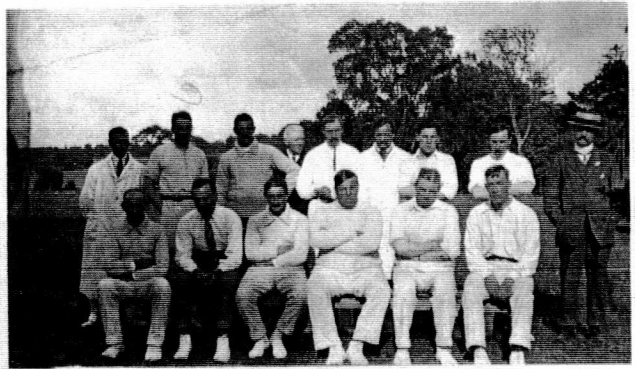
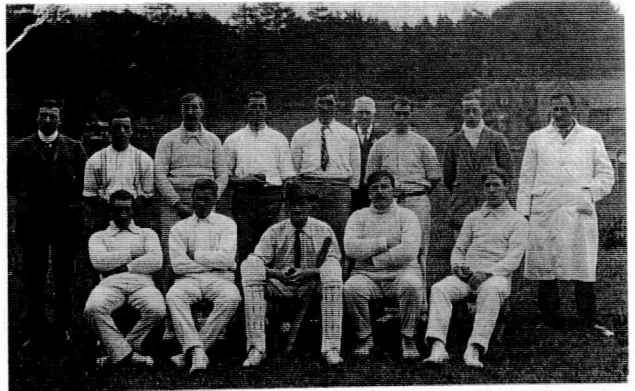
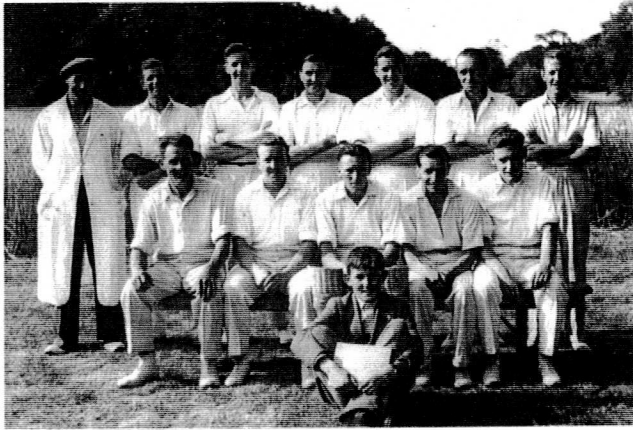
Emma was also made a member of the Canterbury choir.



The Brownies were hosts to the 5th Canterbury (Bridge) Cub Scout Pack at a successful party held in the Village Hall on Saturday, to celebrate their fourth birthday.



SPORTS TEAMS



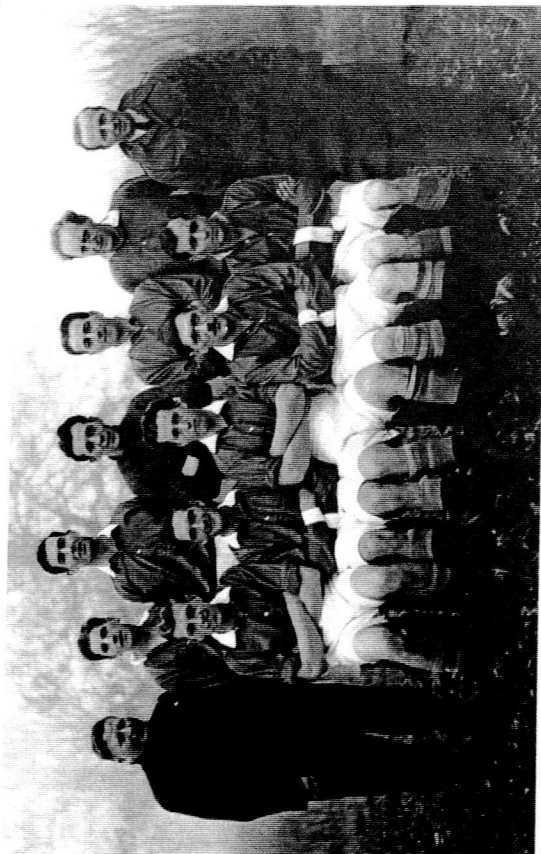
Naming names

A READER who tells me that he attended Bridge School in the days of Skipper Andrews and Amos Hopkins' can name almost all the members of the 1922 village football team in groups in 'last week's' photo-

graph.
Back row: Harvey Phipps, Hugh ...
Charles ... W. Hogben, J. Mann ...
George ... Alan ...
Barham ... K. Bishop ...

He has checked with Mr. Henry Wood, who sent me the ...
and cricket at Bridge 50 ...
years ago and he agrees the ...
but is also unable to fill ...
the gaps.

Another former Bridge resident recognised 'Jimmy' Funn ...
number his brother, Jack, who ...
was killed by the maroon which ...
it was intended to be sent. "In ...
the year the king died." As he ...
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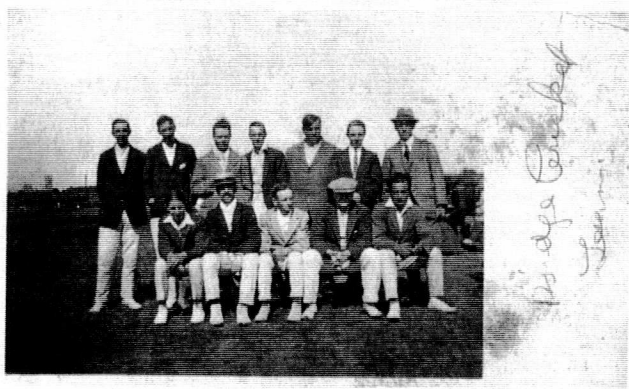
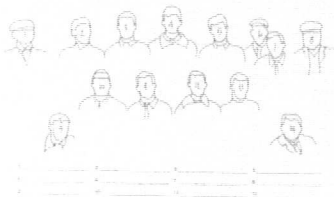
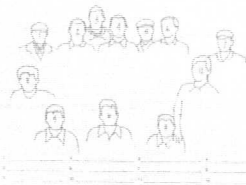
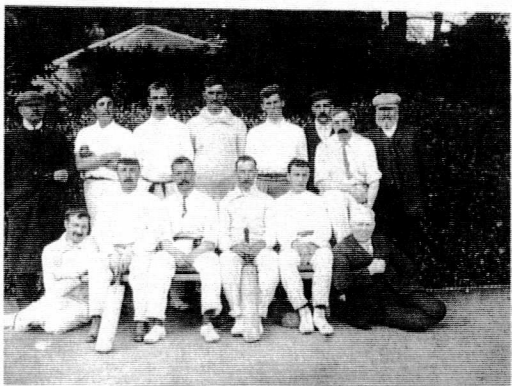
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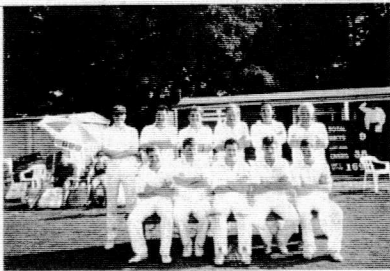


SPORTS TEAMS

Bridge C.C.



Back: A Schofield; R Britton; B Cole; F Lawson; A Fay
Middle: D Johnson; D Castle; D Dolfe
Front: G Bourn; K Fay (Capt); R Cronin 1978/79



Bridge Juniors Football



Stand: Robert Horgan; Peter Slinock; Jason Stokes; Hamish McMillan; Kevin Figg; Timothy Spencer; Stuart Slinock
Kneel: Jamie Green; James Slinock; Matthew Horgan; Mark Thornby; Robert Whitten



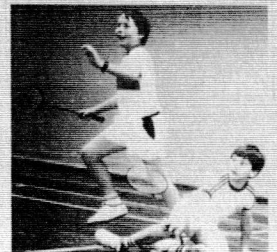
Mike Green; Peter Slinock; Vic Pritchard; Bob Rathmall; ? Pullman; Frank Whitten; Keith Watson; Peter Morris; David Tammit; Brian Middleton; Steve Sutton.



Bridge Junior Badminton



Stephen Clare; Jason Davie; Christopher Clare; Andrew Bockhurst



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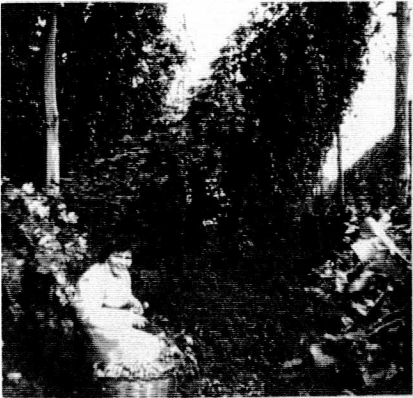
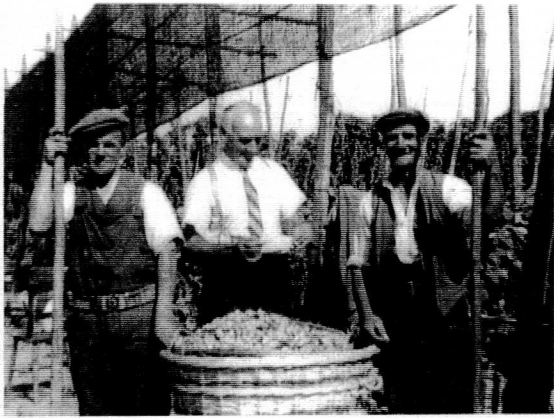
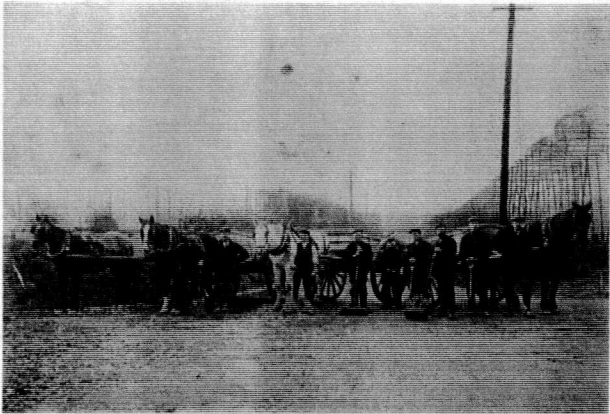


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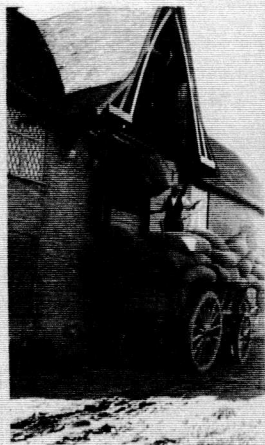
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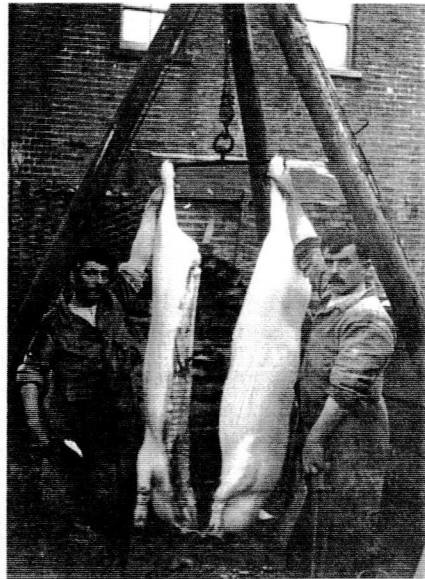
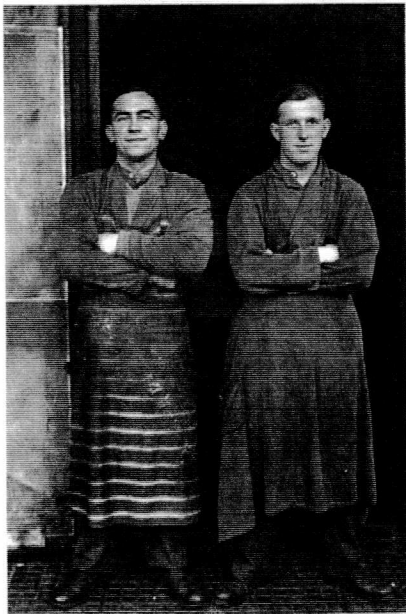


Back: Dolly Bishop, Mrs Alf Vinten, Miss Eva Vinten, Mrs Measday
 Front: Mrs Fairbrass, Mrs Clayson, Mrs Bailey, Lili Stevens, Nancy Edgar



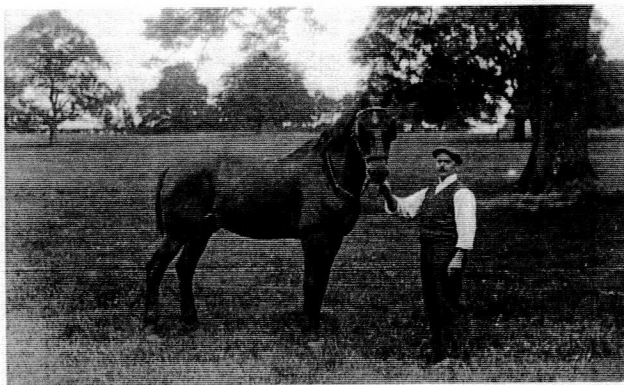
Alf BAILEY Binman

PEOPLE at WORK

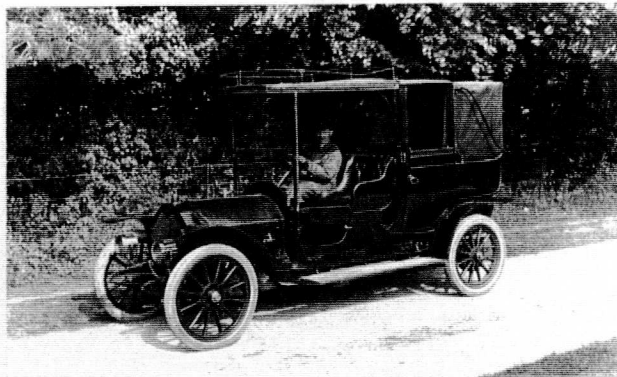


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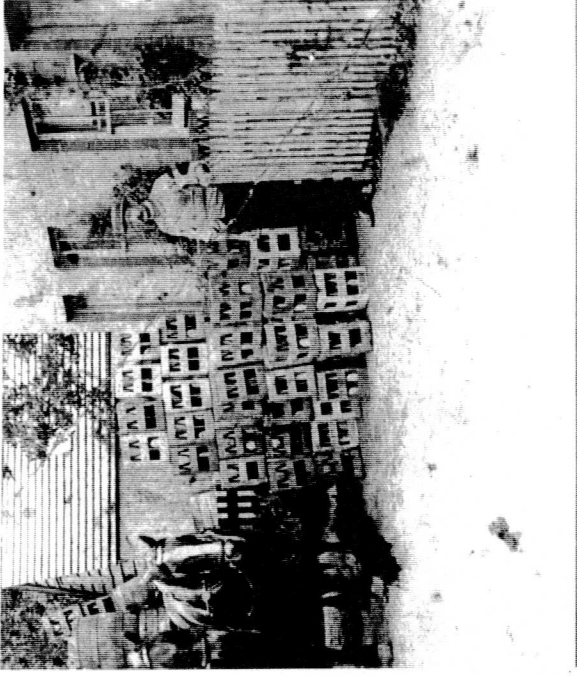
Mrs Minter and Mrs Jarrett in the wuzzels



George Burton at Bridge Down before development



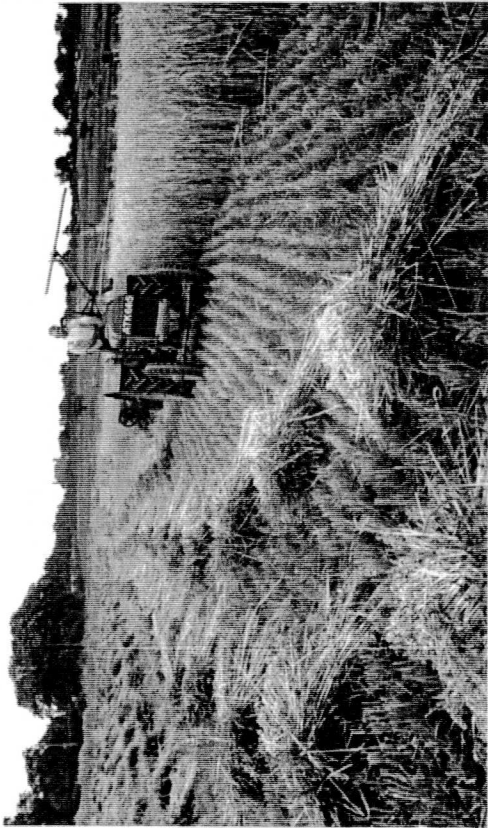
BILL DIVERS taxi driver used to live 61 High St.



Aunt Bessy's Hill - Priebeff Off Licence



Mr. & Mrs. Baker



Sonny Jones and Ron Hawkins

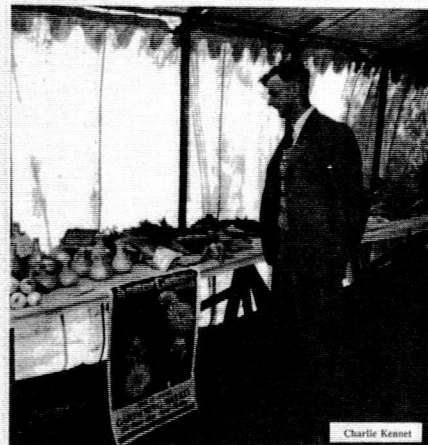


Mr & Mrs Harry Hawkins and Mrs F Downy

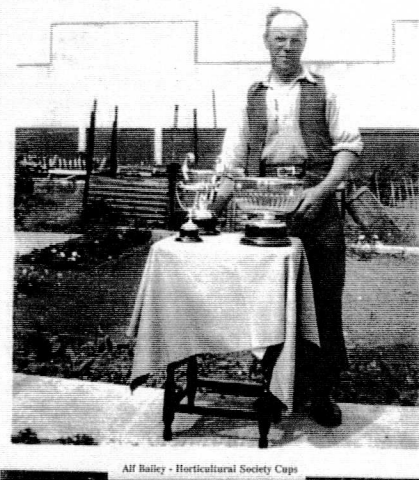
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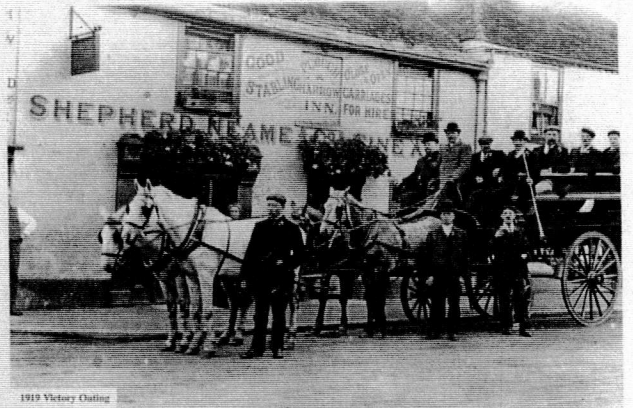


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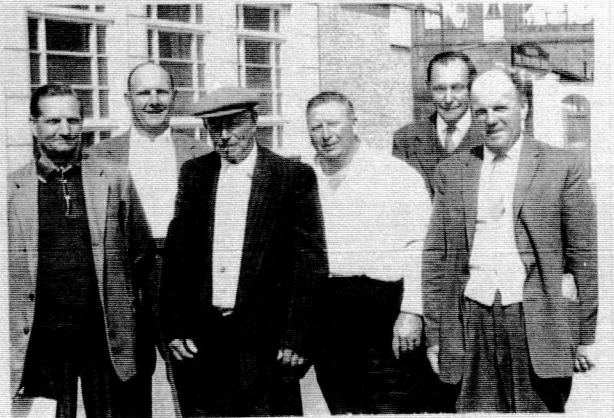
Mrs Mullinger's Welcome Home Party 1946



Nobby Lanning; Ted Baker; Arthur Gambrell; Arthur Weller; Frank Swan; Ted Osborne



Back: A Bailey; Mrs Benson; Wm Jarrett; Geoff Jarrett
Middle: Ted Osborne; D Vaughan; Les Cowell; R Stevens; A Stevens; Nobby Lanning
Front: Mr Crawley; F Swan; Mr Benson; Mrs Graham; A Stevens



J Swan; F Swan; Nobby Lanning; A Gambrell; A Bailey

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BRIDGE

Bridge is a parish and head of a union, giving its name to a rural deanery; it derives its name from its situation in a valley on the Roman and modern road to Dover, at a bridge over a feeder of the Stour, with a station on the Canterbury and Folkestone line of the Southern railway, and is 1½ miles south from Bekebourne station on the same system, and 3 south east from Canterbury, in the Canterbury division of the county, 1½ miles south of Augustine's Canterbury, county court district of Canterbury. The village of East Bridge and archdeaconry and diocese of Canterbury. The village is situated on the bank of the Stour, and is a suburb of Canterbury. The church is a fine, in the Norman style, with some additions of the Early English period, and has a tower with spire, containing a clock and 4 bells; the windows are stained; within a recess is a recumbent effigy of a man in robes, in low relief; the church was repaired and partly rebuilt about 1860, and affords 350 sittings, 80 being free. The register dates from the year 1558. The living is a vicarage, annexed to the vicarage of Patricbourne, joint net yearly value £330, with 38 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of the Marquess Conyngham, and held since 1897 by the Rev. Hubert Knight M.A. of Christ's College, Cambridge, who resides at Patricbourne. A war memorial was erected in 1920 by public subscription in the north-east of the churchyard, to the memory of 13 men of the parish who fell in the Great War, 1914-18. The Wesleyan chapel, built in 1894, is of corrugated iron and wood, and seats 150 persons. The principal landowners are the Marquess Conyngham, who is lord of the manor, Earl Somers and the Hon. Mrs. Matthew Bell. The soil is chalky; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and hops. The area is 1,171 acres; rateable value, £3,885; the population in 1921 was 699.

Post, M.O., T. & T.E.D. Office. Richard Castle, sub-postmaster. Letters through Canterbury.

Bridge Fire Brigade: engine house, Plough & Harrow P.H.; consists of a motor engine & trailer & about 1,200 feet of hose; Charles Ellis, T., & sec. number of men 10.

Assistant Overseer & Clerk to the Parish Council, Ernest G. Wood A.L.A.A. 21 Burgate Street, Canterbury.

BRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

The parishes in the District are the same as form the Union

Council meets at the Guardians' Board room, Bridge, the third Thursday in each month at 11 o'clock.

Chairman, Spencer William Mount, Patricbourne.

Officials

Clerk, Lionel James Williams, Bridge.
 Treasurer, Richard Henry Newman, Lloyds Bank Ltd. (C. & C. Branch, Canterbury.)
 Medical Officer of Health, James John Day O.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., 52 Whitstable Road, Canterbury.
 Building Surveyor, Herbert Keswick Blundell, Bridge.
 Highway Surveyor, Septimus Sladden, Littlebourne.
 Sanitary Inspector, Herbert Keswick Blundell, Bridge.

BRIDGE UNION

Board day, the third Thursday in each month at the Board room at the Poor Law Institution, Bridge, at 12 noon.

The Assessment Committee meets on the first Saturday in each month at 21 Burgate Street, Canterbury, at 2 p.m.

The Union comprises the following parishes, viz.—
 Adisham, Barham, Bekebourne, Blahopbourne, Bridge, Chatham, Fordwich, Harbledown, Ickham, Kingstons, Littlebourne, Lower Hardres, Milton, Nookington, Patricbourne, Peham, St. Nicholas Hospital, Stodmarsh, Tauxington Without, Upper Hardres, Wattham, Wickhambreux & Womenswood.

The area of the union is 41,798 acres; rateable value, £76,012; the population in 1911 was, 11,194 & in 1921 was 11,236.

Chairman of the Board of Guardians, Spencer William Mount.
 Clerk to the Guardians, Lionel Jas. Ellis, Bridge.
 Treasurer, Richard Henry Newman, Lloyds Bank Ltd. (C. & C. Branch) Canterbury.

Collector to the Guardians & Retaining Officer, William Hutchings Wass, Bridge.
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 Medical Officers & Public Vaccinators,

No. 1 district, Henry Octavius Preston L.R.C.P. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng., Lower Bridge Street, Canterbury (public vaccinator); Hugh George Rastleigh L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., Chatham.

No. 2 district, Henry Octavius Preston L.R.C.P. Edin., Lower Bridge Street, Canterbury; E.B. Mercer M.B., Ch.B. Edin., Littlebourne.

No. 3 district, David Ivor Rees, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., Elham.

The Poor Law Institution is a structure of red brick, built in 1835, to hold 200 inmates; Percy William Honey, master; Rev. Hubert Knight M.A. chaplain; Arthur Thomas Wilson M.B., B.Ch., medical officer; Mrs. Honey, matron.

BRIDGE REGISTRATION DISTRICT

Superintendent Registrar, Lionel James Williams, Bridge; deputy, Herbert Keswick Blundell, Bridge.
 Registrar of Births & Deaths, William Hutchings Wass, Bridge; deputy, Percy William Honey, Bridge.
 Registrar of Marriages, W.J. Martin, Chatham; deputy,

Public Elementary School (mixed & infants), for the joint parishes of Bridge & Patricbourne, for 110 boys & girls & 86 infants; William John Billing, master; Miss M. Bell, infants mistress. The school is under the control of the Kent Education Committee.

Carriers to Canterbury pass through daily. Conveyance - There is a frequent service of motor omnibuses, which run through from Canterbury to Dover & Folkestone. Railway Station (Southern Rail), Peter William Petyfer, station master.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS

Anderson, George Knox D.L., J.P., Bridge Hill House.
 Berry, Frances R.W., Bourne Lodge.
 Blundell, Herbert, Ivy House.
 Collard, Thos. Louis, Little Bridge Place.
 Crowl, Mrs. E., Vine Cottages.
 Holness, Frederick Robert, 1 Sutton Villas.
 Jordan, Miss, Great Pitt.
 Jones, Mrs., River House.
 Mummary, Frank, Roseate Villa.
 Newman, Miss C.A., 4 The Terrace.
 Penn, Mrs. Ethel, Alexander House.
 Ramsay, Miss, Bridge Place.
 Sargant, Norman, East Bridge House.
 Sperring, Misses, Linton House.
 Tassell, James, Rose Bank.
 Tassell, Miss, Weston Villa.
 Wilson, Arthur Thomas, M.B., Wycliff Elm.
 Wilson, Mrs., The Terrace.
 Worrell, Charles Henry, High Street.
 The Terrace.

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 Churchyard, Henry, Boot & shoe dealer
 Collard, Thos. Louis, clerk to the Bridge sub-committee of the
 Kent Local Pension committee & Old Age Pensions Committee
 Decent, Walter, Grocer
 Down, Frank, Cycle dealer
 Edwards, Bertram Willie, Butcher
 Fairbairns, Charles, Plumber
 Fern, John, Plumber
 Fife, Norman, Farmer, Little Pitt Farm
 Gilbert, Sidney, Blacksmith
 Hatcher, Hy Edwin, Farmer, Middle Pitt Farm
 Hawkins Geo., Draper
 Hogben, Frederick John, Saddler
 Holland, Chas., Contractor, Mill house
 Honey, Percy Wm., deputy registrar of births & deaths & registrar
 of marriages for Bridge district
 Jones, Albert Edward, Brickmaker
 Mummary, Frank, Laundry
 Nelson, Thomas, Plumber
 Price, Henry George, Grocer
 Reading Room (Mrs. Cowell, caretaker)
 Richards, Philip, Grocer
 Rogers, Archibald Wm., Motor engineer
 Siddons, Wm. Chas., Plumber
 Snelter, Aubrey James, Motor garage
 Stockwell, Victor G., M.P.S., Chemist
 Stone, George, Dairyman
 Sutton, Jane (Mrs.), Woodman's Arms P.H., Pitt Bottom (lettings
 through Lower Hardres, Canterbury)
 Taylor, Henry & Son, Coal merchants
 Turt, Etiz (Mrs.), Dress maker
 Upton, William, Farm bailiff to F.R. Holness esq., Great Pitt Farm
 Wass, William Hutchings, Collector to the guardians, relieving
 & vaccination officer & registrar of births & deaths for Bridge district
 Washar, John Thomas, Red Lion P.H.
 Wentzell, Geo. Rt., White Horse P.H.
 West, Charles, Butcher
 Williams, Lionel Jas., Clerk to the Bridge board of guardians
 & assessment committee of Bridge Union & Bridge Rural
 District Council & supl-registrar
 Wilson, Arth. Thos., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.Dub., Medical officer Bridge Union
 & medical officer of Bekebourne Sanatorium
 Wood, Ernest, Flanmonger
 Wye, Robert, House & insurance agent

Population 1881 .. 857 including 128 officers and inmates in the work house
 Parish Clerk - William Henry HERDNER
 Post William PERRY receives letters from Canterbury by mail cart 6.00am & 12.45pm dispatched at 10.00am & 8.00pm
 Bridge Volunteer Fire Brigade Engine House, Red Lion consists of Merryweather Manual Engine and about 750 feet of hose, Marquess of Conyngham Captain number of men 14
 National School for the joint parishes of Patricbourne and Bridge for 80 children, average attendance 64 boys, 55 girls and 53 infants. Robert Wyo master; Mrs Susan Ennaine Kize mistress; Miss Fanny Wyo infants mistress.
 Carriers to Canterbury pass through daily
 Railway Station (S.E.R.) Thomas KERSBY station master
 Workhouse a building of red brick built in 1835 to hold 350 inmates
 School attendance committee meets at the Board Room Bridge monthly on Thursday at 12 noon.
 Rural Sanitary Authority meets at the Board Room Bridge every alternate Thursday at 11 o'clock.
 M.P. John Hamner HEATON, 38 Eaton Square, London, Carlton & St. Stephens & Savage Club.

COMMERCIAL

Austin, Charles, Beer retailer
 Redingfield, Frank, Grocer
 Bridge Gas, Coke & Coal Co Ltd
 Caples, John, Charles Giss Secretary, Hallett, Overy & Fowey
 Colgate, Jane Miss, Solicitors, North St. Ashford
 Collard, Catherine Msk, Registrar of Births Deaths & Marriages
 Fairbairns, George, Relieving & Vaccination Officer
 Colgate, Jane Miss, Ladies School
 Collard, Catherine Msk, Coal Merchant S.E.R. Station
 Hinds, Thomas Flaher, Tailor
 Fire, Stephen, Farmer, Little Pitt Farm
 Fogarty, William Henry, Surgeon & Veterinary
 Ford, Kim, Carpenter & Wheelwright
 Francis, Henry, Bootmaker
 Friend, Richard, Coal Merchant S.E.R. Station
 Gilbert, Thomas Richard, Blacksmith
 Hordner, William Henry, Watchmaker
 Hordner, Thomas, Coal Merchant S.E.R. Station
 Hinds, Thomas Flaher, Red Lion
 Howard, Clara William, Veterinary Surgeon
 Kennell, Jas Newport, White Horse
 Johnson George Edward, Plumber
 Miles, Frederick, Plough & Harrow
 Moss, Alfred, Carriage proprietor & Livery stable
 Grocer & Baker
 Page, Alfred Josiah, Butcher
 Pegden, George, Carrier
 Perry, Annie & Elsie Miss, Coal Merchant S.E.R. Station
 Parry, William, Grocer & Provision Dealer
 The Post Office
 Schon, Charles Henry, Surgeon & Medical Officer
 Public Vaccination for Bridge Union
 Taylor, Joseph, Bricklayer, plasterer, plasterer etc
 Taylor, George Robert, Saddler
 Vigder, George, Brickmaker
 Wale, William, Farmer & Hog Grower, Middle Pitt Farm
 White, William, Miller
 Wills & Son, Richard, Bakers
 Wilson, John G, Chemist
 Wood, William, Bootmaker
 Wye, Robert, Assistant Overseer

JUBILEE 1935



BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
 May 28, 1935.
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Bridge and Patribourne

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Mr. W. K. WICHAM

Mr. W. K. Wicham... the village of Bridge and Patribourne... the village of Bridge and Patribourne...

The Sports

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The Wine-Weavers

The wine-weavers... The wine-weavers... The wine-weavers...

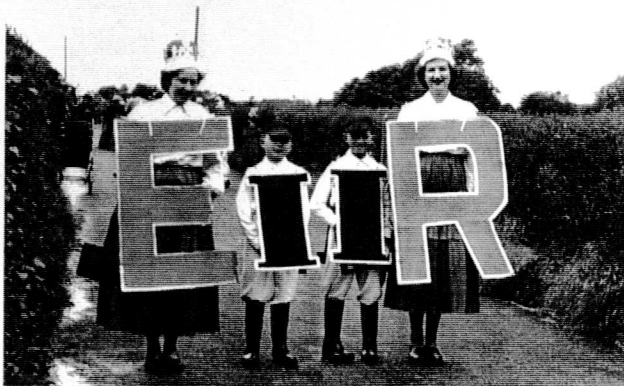
The Responsible Committee

The responsible committee... The responsible committee... The responsible committee...

CORONATION 1953 CARNIVAL 1956



Elsie Apps; Mrs H.Hawkins; Win Kennett; Mrs Joyce Beadle



Mrs Decent; Roger Decent; Peter Decent; Mrs Pam Honney



Roger Bishop



Dr Hunter leading Daughter Diana on horse.

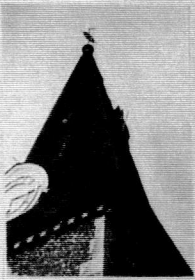


Margaret Tritton; Win Kennett (Mrs J. Tamsitt); Barbara Hawkins



Mr F.W. Berry; Mrs Berry; Mrs Clark; Gwen Lemar

LIGHTNING STRIKES 1985



Steeple in a storm

Like many storms it began on a quite ordinary day. Bridge was either at lunch or doing after 6. The children were in the playground waiting for afternoon school to begin. Then it happened — an almighty clap of thunder simultaneous with lightning. The children squealed and rushed indoors as the rains came, and the village found itself the target of one of the most violent thunder storms in many a long day.

At the time Ernest Cassell was washing up in the kitchen of his Brewery Lane home. He glanced up and saw pieces of timber splintering from the church spire. Realising it had been hit he watched to see any signs of fire. Mercifully none appeared and he put through a call to the vicarage to report matters to me.

A preliminary inspection in torrential rain revealed a gaping hole in the steeple about sixty feet up and a considerable quantity of debris littering the churchyard.

Counting the Cost

Nothing much could be done until the rain stopped, save for telephoning churchwardens and the architect John Clague of *John Clague & Partners*. A heavy site meeting was fixed for when the storm was over but the sound of the fire brigade tearing along Bridge High Street found me back at the church, happily to discover we were not the object of their attentions. Does anybody know who was? Unconfirmed rumour said it was Highland Court!

Acting with great speed two representatives of *John Clague & Partners* were on site and had arranged for a builder to stand by for emergency repairs. Unfortunately the damage was beyond their reach but thanks to the telephone the architects were able to contact a steeplejack and he was on the job first thing the following morning. By an odd coincidence he was due to survey the weather vane at St. Mary's, Patricbourne on the Friday.

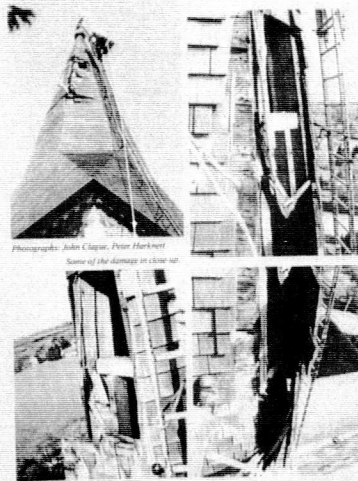
It could have been worse!

Steeplejack Peter Harknett had ladders up to the weather vane with incredible speed and to the astonishment of villagers, who had never seen the like. His is undeniably a highly-skilled profession. 'How does he do it?' was the question on everyone's lips!

An immediate and thorough inspection of the steeple, inside and out, produced the reassuring news that it could have been worse. The basic structure was untouched, the bulk of the damage being to the surface wooden shingles. However the beam that supported the enormous clock weight had been quite seriously split necessitating its replacement once the clockwork had run down and the weight come to rest at ground level.

Before starting his repairs Mr. Harknett made a comprehensive record of the storm damage, some of his pictures appearing here.

Left: Mr. Harknett ascending



Photographs: John Clague, Peter Harknett
Some of the damage in close-up



Weather Vanes re-seated

Also discovered in the inspection of the spire was considerable decay in the vertical timber in which the weather vane was imbedded, so it was decided to have this put right while the other work was being done. Once the four feet long post had been removed evidence of charring was revealed where the metal rod had passed through it, showing how near the spire was to catching fire. Had it done so we would have undoubtedly lost the whole steeple, which is made entirely of wood.

Observant people will have spotted the ladders up the steeple at Patricbourne, and once the more urgent job at Bridge is completed Mr. Harknett will be moving along to St. Mary's to replace some missing shingles and also the weather vane, which is suffering from the same trouble at St. Peter's.

The lid off Lightning

Was it a thunder bolt that caused the damage or common or garden lightning? Is there such a thing as a thunder bolt? What is lightning? To find out the answers to these questions, I spoke to Dr. John Strange, a Physicist at the University of Kent.

He told me that a thunderbolt is simply a poetic way of speaking about lightning and is anachronism to scientists as is the notion of ball lightning.

Lightning is a rapid discharge of electricity from hundreds of feet up in the clouds that is trying to get to the ground by the shortest and easiest route. It takes the way of least resistance and travels easier to a wet surface, though it is not helped on its way by falling rain, which comprises individual droplets.

Dr. Strange was not chancing his arm as to the area affected, which is not measurable, nor would he put a figure on the voltage of the charge, but he did make the interesting observation that one flash is enough to light the whole of Canterbury for several hours.

I asked him what accounted for the shingles being flung over a wide radius and he recalled the magnetic principle, which I remembered from my school days. The charge of lightning is of one polarity, so that when it meets an object it charges that object with the like polarity. Like poles repel (try it with a pair of magnets), consequently with the tremendous power of lightning striking adjacent objects, even ones fixed together, the magnetic force causes the component parts to fly away from each other, hence the hole in the spire and the flying splinters.

A further spin-off from this concerned the electric flux that passes from the church tower to the baptistry beneath and which provides light for the chap who winds the clock. Though it was not connected to the power supply we discovered that the plug on the bottom end of it had been blown clean off and shattered; also the result of like polarity.

End of science lesson, but I thought you would like to know. I am grateful to Dr. Strange for his information.



High living

Portrait of a Steeplejack Steeplejack is a Londoner by birth, the son of a Steeplejack. He came to work on the spires at Bridge and Patricbourne from his home in Petersfield, Hants and through the good offices of *John Clague & Partners*, our church architect.

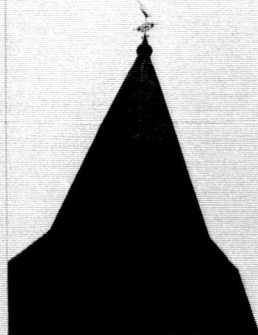
Peter, as a church repairing steeplejack, is one of a rare breed, but would not do anything else. He says he makes a good living at it but not a lot of money; he earns less than a bricklayer or carpenter. It is pure job satisfaction with him, and he despairs of the current approach to a trade that is purely money-based. The controlling body is the National Federation of Master Steeplejacks, and whereas it has an apprentice school at King's Lynn recruitment to the trade is very meagre, due again to the poor financial returns, and not to a lack of men with a head for heights.

The official definition of a steeplejack is a man who climbs without scaffolding and our villages have had abundant evidence of Peter's skill in scaling ladders. He believes the church could save itself millions if its advisers could get away from the scaffolding syndrome and quote a job he did on Chichester Cathedral for £7,000 as against the £50,000 asked for the same job with scaffolding.

Bridge spire is only the second he has been on following a lightning strike in over thirty-five years in the trade. The first was on the Isle of Wight in 1948, when he was with his father.

He is amazed our spire did not catch fire and although the photographs which he took close to before commencing work are startling, the spire's basic structure was so well fitted it withstood the strike with the minimum of damage. Peter is generally in favour of lightning conductors with the reservations that (a) they only lessen a strike, they do not take all the electricity, getting blown off the wall in the process, and (b) few steeples get struck by lightning anyway.

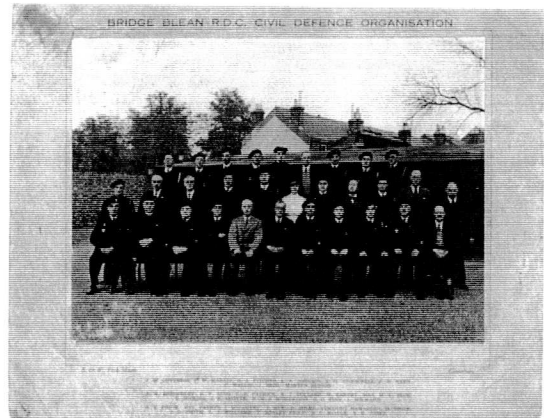
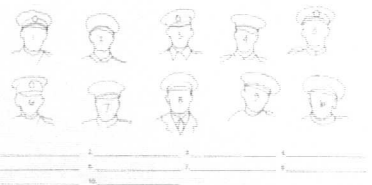
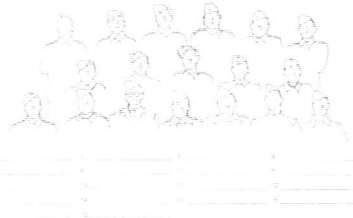
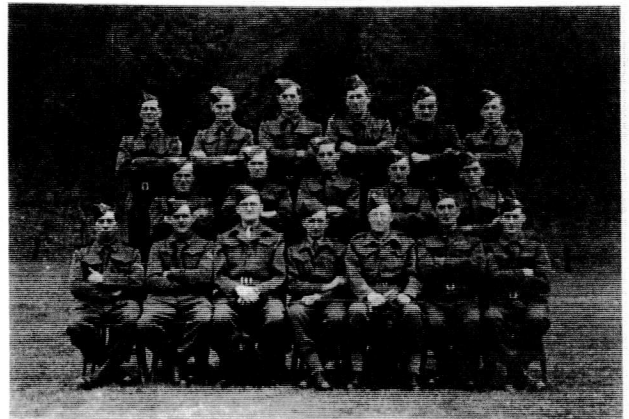
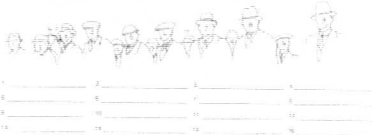
The village's spire is now as good as new, thanks to Peter Harknett's expertise in working to a high standard just from ladders and a bouret's chair. He has left his mark on our village also by putting in an airtight and light-tight compartment at the top of Bridge and Patricbourne steeples a copy of this edition of *On The Nail* together with one or two other postings that will ensure a record of village history for our successors up to two hundred years hence. There's fame for you!



HURRICANE 1987



UNIFORMS



A Special job in Bridge

The Special Constabulary (Bridge Section) is seven strong, with five special Constables and two special Sergeants.

Our duties are varied, covering such things as weddings, funerals, church services, bonfire nights, polling duties, traffic control and visiting business premises etc.

Two of our members travel over from Canterbury to do duties throughout the summer on Saturdays and Sundays. The Section have always had the pleasure of receiving thanks for their efforts, but many people say that the Police are never around when they are most wanted. This proves the point that when they are around few incidents occur. The Police are under-manned and this is where the Specials can help out, the uniform itself helping to deter crime.

May an appeal be made to all residents of Bridge, that if they do happen to see something suspicious to report it straight away. Do not worry if it proves to be a false alarm, the Police will thank you anyway.

Let parents help to stamp out any vandalism they may see. Many villages are suffering from this type of crime today. The old Bridge School is a good example of what damage youngsters can do in a very short time. Let vandalism in Bridge be controlled before it is too late.

May I end by stating that if at any time our Section can be of any service to you, please notify either

S/Sgt. John Buckmaster
 'Joanette', Patrisbourne Road
 or S/Sgt. Bill Pierce,
 7 Windmill Close, Bridge

Bill Pierce



WOMENS INSTITUTE



Girls Friendly Society
Post Office



Mother Union, High Street
Mrs Phil Richards; Mrs Bert Edwards;
Mrs Castle; Mrs George Hawkins



Mrs N Gray;

Women's Institute
Miss Eva Vinton

Mrs Southon; Mrs Bailey;



E.K.F. Women's Institutes Drama Competition 1934
Bridge & Patrixbourne W.I.
Scene from "The Taming of the Shrew"
Obtained 100 marks & First Prize.



FOR HOME AND COUNTRY
Bridge & Patrixbourne Women's Institute

PROGRAMME TO DECEMBER, 1935

Meeting Fridays - 8th & 15th 10.15 to 11.30. Committee Meetings - Last Tuesday.

*President: Mrs. MURPHY. Vice-Presidents: Mrs. H. W. Young & Mrs. F. Jones.
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. MILLER. Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. RICHARDS.*

Executive Committee:
*Chairman: Mrs. M. J. Jones. Vice-Chairman: Mrs. G. H. Jones.
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 Hon. Members: Mrs. A. B. Jones, Mrs. C. D. Jones, Mrs. E. F. Jones, Mrs. G. H. Jones, Mrs. I. J. Jones, Mrs. K. L. Jones, Mrs. M. N. Jones, Mrs. O. P. Jones, Mrs. Q. R. Jones, Mrs. S. T. Jones, Mrs. U. V. Jones, Mrs. W. X. Jones, Mrs. Y. Z. Jones.*

GOLDEN THREAD FOR THE YEAR - 'HOME AND GARDEN'

Wednesday, July 31st, at 6.30 p.m.
"The Garden of the House" - Mr. Gentry.
A Short Drama by local Institute of Mrs. P. Jones.
TALK - "The Year of the Rose" - Mr. A. Jones.
REPORT of E.K.F. Annual Meeting - Mrs. M. Jones.

Wednesday, August 12th, at 6 p.m.
"The Garden of the House" - Mr. Gentry.
A Short Drama by local Institute of Mrs. P. Jones.
TALK - "The Year of the Rose" - Mr. A. Jones.
REPORT of E.K.F. Annual Meeting - Mrs. M. Jones.

Wednesday, September 18th, at 6.30 p.m.
COMPETITION - One lot of Cornish Ice.
DEMONSTRATION - Candy.
Honors: Mrs. Jones.

Wednesday, October 14th, at 6.30 p.m.
"The Garden of the House" - Mr. Gentry.
A Short Drama by local Institute of Mrs. P. Jones.
TALK - "The Year of the Rose" - Mr. A. Jones.
REPORT of E.K.F. Annual Meeting - Mrs. M. Jones.

Wednesday, November 11th, at 6.30 p.m.
COMPETITION - One lot of Cornish Ice.
DEMONSTRATION - Candy.
Honors: Mrs. Jones.

Wednesday, December 2nd, at 6.30 p.m.
ANNUAL MEETING - Report of the Year's Progress - Done very short.
COMPETITION - One lot of Cornish Ice.
DEMONSTRATION - Candy.
REPORT of E.K.F. Annual Meeting - Mrs. M. Jones.

Wednesday, December 11th, at 6.30 p.m.
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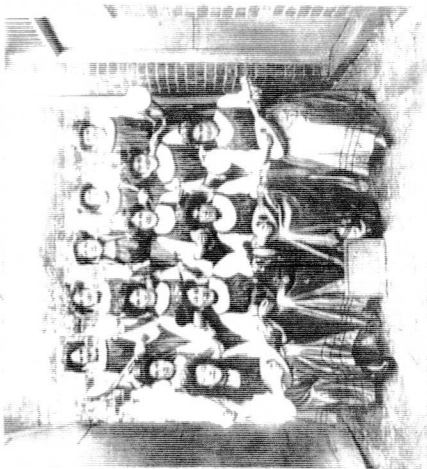
Wednesday, December 20th, at 6.30 p.m.
ANNUAL MEETING - Report of the Year's Progress - Done very short.
COMPETITION - One lot of Cornish Ice.
DEMONSTRATION - Candy.
REPORT of E.K.F. Annual Meeting - Mrs. M. Jones.

Wednesday, December 27th, at 6.30 p.m.
COMPETITION - One lot of Cornish Ice.
DEMONSTRATION - Candy.
Honors: Mrs. Jones.

Thursday, December 28th, at 6.30 p.m.
COMPETITION - One lot of Cornish Ice.
DEMONSTRATION - Candy.
Honors: Mrs. Jones.

Friday, December 29th, at 6.30 p.m.
COMPETITION - One lot of Cornish Ice.
DEMONSTRATION - Candy.
Honors: Mrs. Jones.

Saturday, December 30th, at 6.30 p.m.
COMPETITION - One lot of Cornish Ice.
DEMONSTRATION - Candy.
Honors: Mrs. Jones.



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A new seat has been placed at the side of the River Nidborne, at Bridge, thanks to the village's Young Wives' Group. It was handed over on Wednesday to Mr. Peter Lawrence, chairman of the Parish Council, who thanked members for their gift.



THE CLOSE UNION ROAD

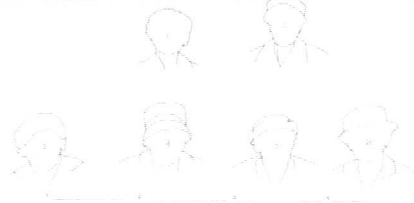


THE BRIDGE BOARD OF GUARDIANS
(Parish Represented)
1934

Back Row: G. Bunn, T. Bailey, M. Jones, W.H. West, J. Pinner, W. Haverhill, A.J. Rice, P.M. Henry
(St. Michael's), (Chairman), (Clerk), (Registrar), (Organist), (Worshipful), (Steward), (Master)

Middle Row: H. Francis, A.D. Cullum, K. Chapman, Canon B. Potts, Maj. W.H. Bradford, Col. G.F. Howell FR
(St. Andrew's), (St. Andrew's), (St. Andrew's), (St. Andrew's), (St. Andrew's), (St. Andrew's)

Front Row: J. Waters, S.W. Mount, G. Brice, L.J. Williams
(St. Andrew's), (St. Andrew's), (St. Andrew's), (St. Andrew's)



Fight to save The Close from closing

BRIDGE villagers are battling to save their old people's home The Close from closure.

A plan of action was drawn up at a public meeting at the village hall on Monday, called by Mr. John Purchase, who appears headed the A2 Group's by-pass campaign.

A committee was set up to lead the fight against closure and action will include a petition, car stickers and meetings. Villagers will lobby county councillors at a meeting on



The Close, Bridge. Villagers are determined to save it from closing.

Maidstone in January when a decision about The Close's future will be made.

Mr. Purchase told villagers the County Council decided a year ago to shut The Close because of its

inadequate state. Following protests from the Parish Council, the county, on April 22nd

residents could see that new money was being put into the village. But in October

villagers learned of plans to demolish the old village and to build a new home at Military Road, Canterbury, and to shut

The Close next year.

"It looks as if we will have to fight to retain The Close in the area it serves," said Mr. Purchase, "people who work at the home live locally and there are strong connections with the village."

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very finite! Both are a long way from people who may want to visit them.

He continued: "If they do move our residents they will only have to move them back when our new house is ready in a few years. It is my belief that if we let these people go to get them back."

"It would be a disaster and a negation of our duty as the old people if we let them be sent three miles away."

A County Council spokesman said The Close would definitely not be ready when the new home in Military Road was ready. The County residents would be moved to Canterbury and the remaining 14 would be found places elsewhere.

He added that the council's social services committee had decided to build a replacement home for 40 residents at Bishop Park, Bridge. Work should start next year with an opening in the summer of 1985.

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Demolition of Vagrants and Tramps accommodation originally part of The Close



Elderly ferried to new home

SEVEN of the elderly residents of The Close have been ferried to their new homes at Bishop Park, Bridge. The new homes are a modern, well-equipped residential complex with a central courtyard and a range of facilities. The residents are being moved to the new homes as part of a scheme to improve the living conditions for elderly people in the area. The new homes are being built on the site of the old Vagrants and Tramps accommodation, which was originally part of The Close. The residents are being moved to the new homes in a series of stages, with the first group of seven residents moving in last week. The new homes are being built by the Canterbury City Council and are being funded by the Government. The residents are being moved to the new homes as part of a scheme to improve the living conditions for elderly people in the area. The new homes are being built on the site of the old Vagrants and Tramps accommodation, which was originally part of The Close. The residents are being moved to the new homes in a series of stages, with the first group of seven residents moving in last week. The new homes are being built by the Canterbury City Council and are being funded by the Government.



Mrs Honey and Daughter (Mrs Whitaker)



Late Georgian style

ACTING for WSPF First Home Housing Association, George & Co. has just placed on the market 24 terraced houses and two studio apartments in Bridge Lane (illustration below).

The buildings date from 1828 and are in late Georgian style. The houses are built of brick and have a full gas-fired central heating system. The studios are built of brick and have a full gas-fired central heating system. The houses are built of brick and have a full gas-fired central heating system. The studios are built of brick and have a full gas-fired central heating system.



JONES FAMILY



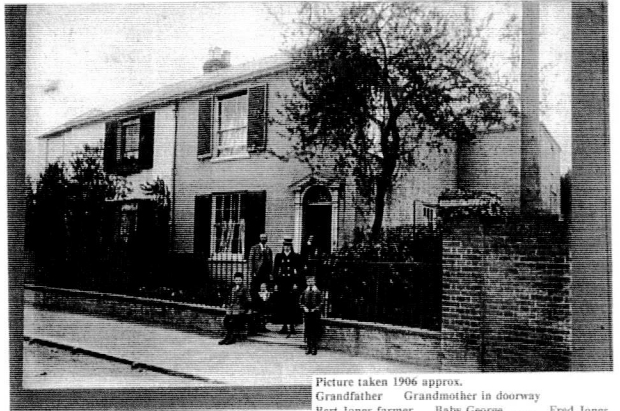
Grandfather, master boot maker to Cavalry Barracks at Canterbury



Grandfather Jones with son Fred (killed in 1914/18 war)



Jones family house



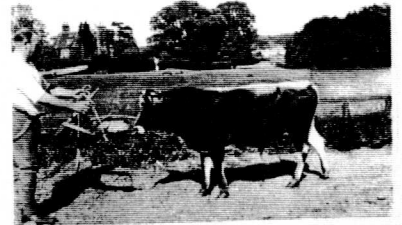
Picture taken 1906 approx.
Grandfather Grandmother in doorway
Bert Jones farmer Baby George Fred Jones
at Brickfield Farm



Early Photo of Bridge Post Office



Brickfield Farm



Uncle Bert, farmer at Brickfields Farm, with a bull formerly owned by Miss Pomfrey of East Bridge House, given to Farmer Jones as she couldn't bear to have it slaughtered Note Bridge Place in the back ground.



Doris Jones giving Pony rides at Flower show in Faggs Field

GODDEN FAMILY



Clients of the school preparing for a ride.

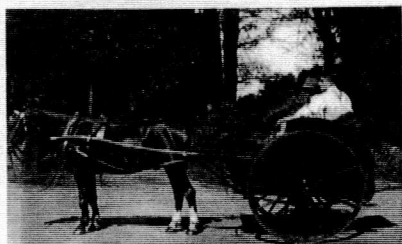
Jim Godden's father was Head Groom at Capt. Maslin's stables and subsequently at Bifrons House before the War. Bifrons at that time was occupied by Mrs Talbot and her daughter, see photo.

Jim was at Bridge School and left in 1936 to go to "the Langton".

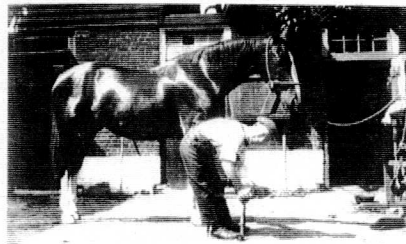
The family moved away but, on hearing of the Exhibition, kindly sent these photos. He says "I am sorry the quality of the snaps is so poor but 60 years ago it was only a box Brownie, not a Nikon".



Dad again 'grooming' a horse. Gentlemen with hands in pocket is either Capt. Maslin or his brother. Building behind him backed on to the river and trout were sometimes caught from a window in the rear!



This PC suggests the Maslin stables were still in business because I think it is Capt. Maslin in the trap with my father and he may have sold the trap to Bifrons. It was used to take the laundry to Bifrons private laundry (which you know well!) The horse was called Sportsman and he was the only one to have nipped me!



The post-card shows my father, who would have been known to the locals as Toby Godden, tending to a horse.



Father leading them off.



15th May 1994

Dear Mr Hill,

I am sorry it has taken so long to send the enclosed photographs, but I seem to have run out of time since returning from Kent.

A separate list indicates the subject matter of each snap but of course accuracy after many years cannot be guaranteed.

Searching for the old AMP certificate that I mentioned turned up a school report from Bridge school and if its photo copy is of any interest you are welcome to use it. This was the last report before I came to the Langton - incidentally I do have photographs taken on Langton school trips should the old school ever commemorate an anniversary.

Myrtle House is a delightful one, but unfortunately could not be found and most of the old school reports are down elsewhere - attended about a dozen schools in all!

With best wishes and I do hope you were not offended by the small change left under the tray - it was left by mistake.

Yours sincerely,



Miss S. Talbot with my father riding "shot gun" at a local meet.



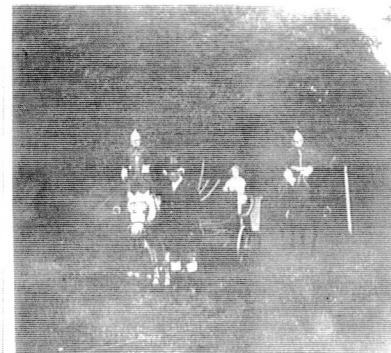
This Kentish Express picture shows a horse called Dolphin winning a Point to Point. The horse was owned by Miss S. Talbot from Bifrons, trained by my father and ridden by a local farmer named Tom Long.



Arthur Swan from Bridge who worked as stable lad at Bifrons, probably



Specif at Bifrons with Middletons Garden an entry in Canterbury Carnival.



I think these show Capt. Maslin & his brother dressed as lifeguards and Dad as the driver, the occasion may have been the 1935 Jubilee but Dad was not working for the Capt. then, however he had returned to Patrixbourne by 1935 and the Maslins may have still been in business

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE SCHOOL, MIXED DEPT

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 J.H. Bennett
 Head, Bridge & Patrixbourne

LOCAL PEOPLE and PLACES

From the collection of Mrs Peggy ROBERTS



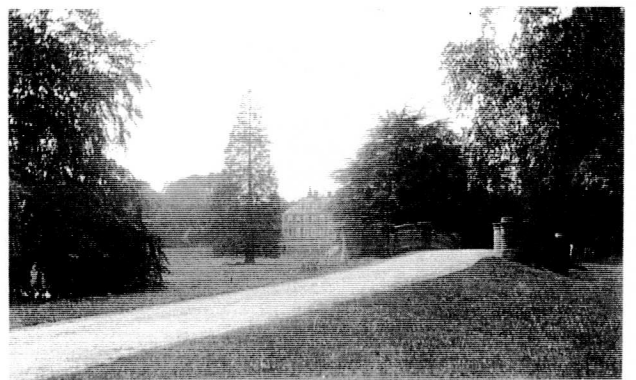
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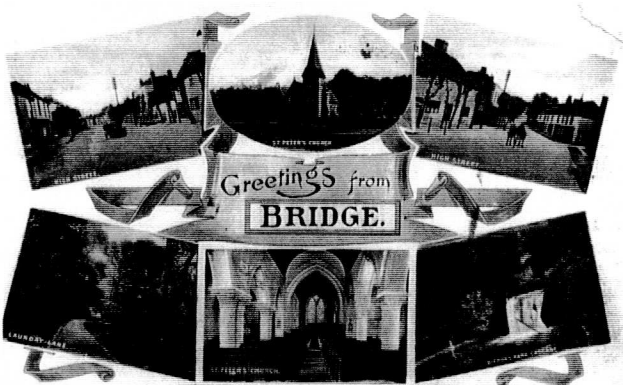
1911 ? Thomas Whale standing right of stage



High Street, Gilberts Forge to right, Daddy Faggs Farmhouse to left



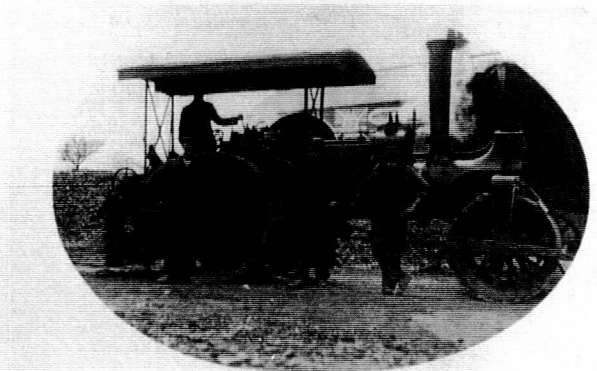
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The Close, Union Road



Bridge Blean Rural District Council Road Repair Gang
Mr T. Whale standing second from left.



Bridge Blean Rural District Council
Different steam driven road roller

BY-PASS

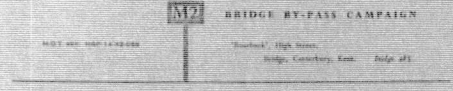
DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE

Support the movement to reduce the traffic menace in Bridge by writing your comments to: **MR. G. DAVIS, THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT**, at St. Christopher House, Southwark St., London, S.E.1. - Ref. HGP/14/42/668.

He is the Official in charge of Bridge's traffic difficulties.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Bridge By-Pass
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PLEASE FOLLOW UP THE KENT
 POLICE FIRST RADAR SPEED CHECK.

Nearly 30 motorists were caught at 30 m.p.h. plus last Tuesday.

WRITE TO MR. DAVIS TODAY!

CAMPAIGN STARTED 1962

Published by John Furber, High St., Bridge, Kent.

View of the village at the time



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
 St. Christopher House, Southwark Street, London S.E.1
 Telephone: TWENTY LONDON TALKS
 Telex: WATERLOO 7999, ext.

29 November, 1962.

Dear Mr. Furber,

Mr. Davis who is a member in my branch has shown me your personal letter to him of 17th November. I wonder if I might try to clear up the doubts you seem to have about where responsibility lies for dealing with bridge's road traffic?

As I am sure you will have appreciated it is the Minister who has been given certain powers and responsibilities for roads. In turn, the Minister answers to Parliament. It is the duty of officials to advise the Minister as he may require, and that advice must be put together with many considerations to mind, and it must often include the specialist advice of engineers and others.

It was therefore quite impossible for you to have described Mr. Davis as "the official in charge of bridge's traffic difficulties", or to have led people to believe that he was the person to be persuaded to build a by-pass. In fact, the official who on some occasions was deputed to reply to your letters, in other occasions, others had that responsibility.

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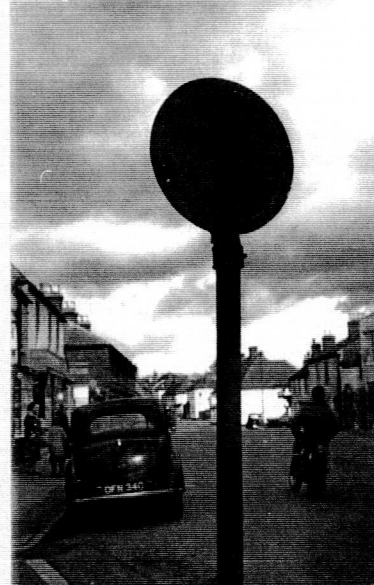
I hope that you will accept this as an effort to clear up any misunderstandings that may have arisen. I would not of course, wish to imply that you intend writing further to the Ministry in the pursuance of your views especially as the Minister has only recently written fully to Mr. Thomas on the subject. It would be quite out of order for me to seek to influence you in any way in this regard.

But if you should write to the Ministry I would like to explain that after your letter has been fully considered the final reply will be signed by the appropriate official who might or might not be the particular one mentioned by Mr. Davis.

Yours sincerely,
 E. G. FRASER

John Furber Esq.,
 "The By-Pass"
 High St.,
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One civil servant was upset



M2

The letters 'M2' are the Ministry of Transport's designation for the new Maidstone Town by-pass, opening next year.

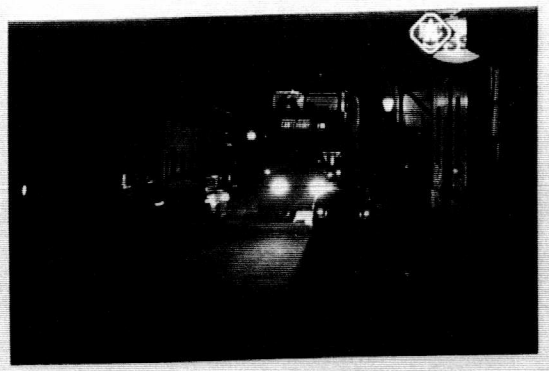
You have experienced already the heavy traffic through this village, but M2 will mean a roadless road. With possible Common Market links, the Dover Road will become a national importance. Vehicles will now pass day and night.

The Ministry refuse to see any danger. They have not so repeatedly, in writing. Our children and elderly folk must be protected from a "Race-track High Street"!

DON'T YOU AGREE?

Please become a supporter for

BRIDGE BY-PASS



BY-PASS

STILL GOING 1964-65

THE A2 GROUP

Organiser: John Parshen, Campaign for Brian A. Lewin,
 Chairman, High Street, Weston Villa, High Street,
 Bridge. Tel. Bridge 471. Bridge. Tel. Bridge 114.

Mr. Donald, M.P.,
 House of Commons,
 London, S.W.1

Dear Mr. Donald,

This past weekend has seen the first warm days of the year, and the traffic has once more stepped up to summer level through the villages and bliss spots of the A2. It seems an appropriate moment to write to you to bring you up to date with the activities of the Group.

The Committee members so far elected are listed on an attached sheet for your convenience. You will note, Sir, that the first five names are those of constituents of the Faversham Division - your colleague Mr. Boston's territory - and the second five names are constituents of Sir Leslie's (Thomas') Division. We are at the moment still getting support in the Dartmouth area to be able to hold elections there, and after the completion of this middle section we shall be turning our attention to Linton and the lower end of the road. This will clearly take some time.

In the meantime we are pressing the Ministry of Transport for answers to questions put to them about the increase in commercial and holiday traffic along A2, and have indicated that if their answers are not prompt we shall have to march to London again to draw attention to their complacency.

I personally, Sir, am delighted if you and Sir Leslie Thomas, with a view to presenting a question to the Ministry regarding their road conditions along A2, at the moment, from Ministerial letters on statements, it looks as though they intend widening the road between the warffle blue spots to one 24' carriageway - the 1 lane carriageway found to be an ideal road layout - and intend ignoring the village blackspots, a fatal combination of planning we feel.

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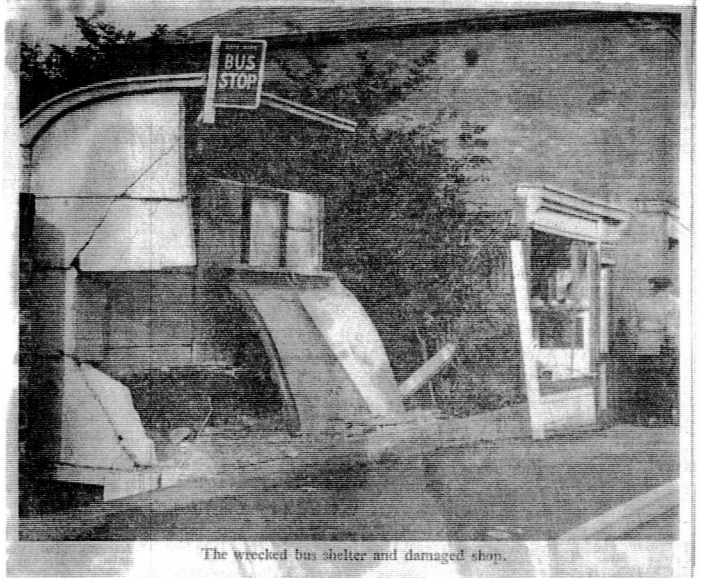
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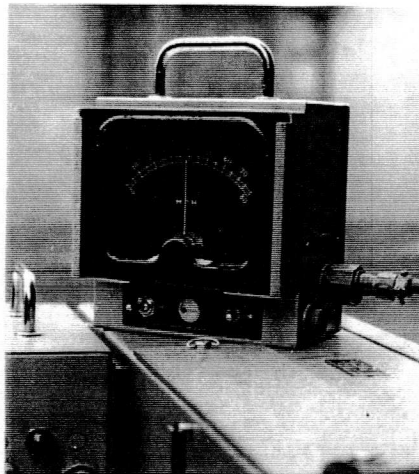
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* Chairman of Dungeness and Bridge Parish Councils respectively.

20 Kentish Gazette, October 16, 1964



The wrecked bus shelter and damaged shop.



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Police called to carry away A2 demonstrators

Four arrested at Bridge

HEAVY traffic on the A2 has been causing delay this week and a group of villagers at Bridge and Begbroke set about to block the road on what they have called a "death ride".

The group, which included several children, was seen by police officers who called for assistance from the village. The demonstrators were carrying signs and banners and were blocking the road at the bridge.

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VILLAGERS PLAN MORE A2 BLOCKAGES

MORE demonstrators on the A2 are planned for the weekend, it is believed, as the villagers at Bridge and Begbroke plan to block the road again.

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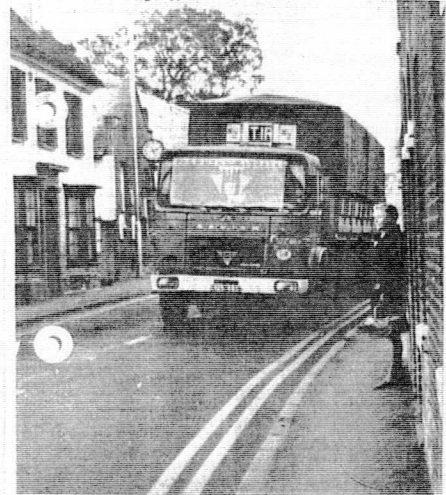
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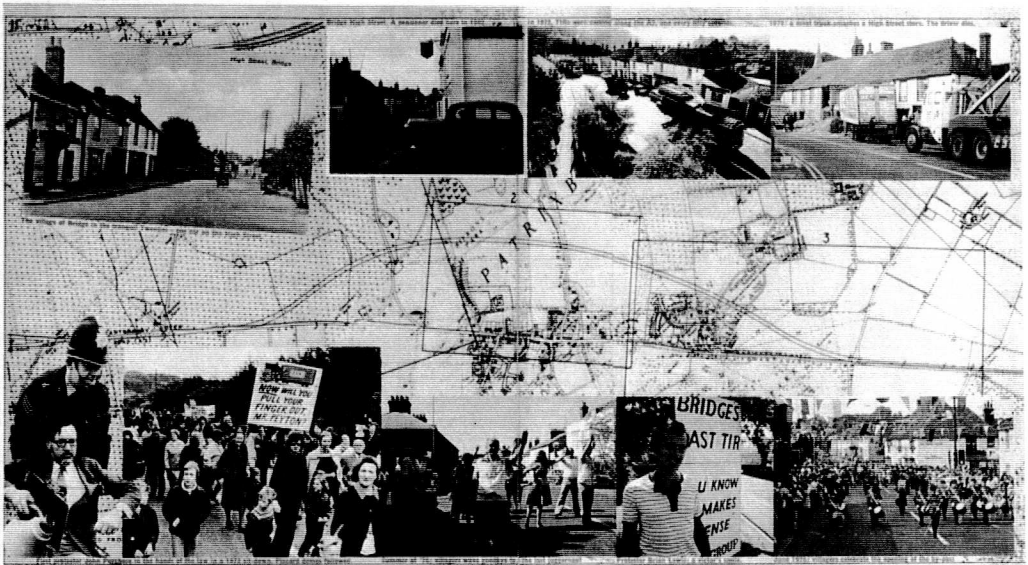
A WARY PEDESTRIAN stops and stands with her back against the wall to allow a heavily-laden foreign lorry to pass. There have been many accidents at this point in recent months. The road is at its narrowest here.

TAKING TO THE STREETS



BY-PASS 1976

NATIONAL PUBLICITY



THE VILLAGE THAT BENT THE A2

The Romans started it all. They put Bridge, a settlement in Kent, on a road from London to Dover. As trade with the Continent the juggernaut came along the A2, slicing the village in half, bringing death, destruction and pollution. This, after 14 years of protest, a by-pass was opened. Michael Hill tells how the villagers sustained their campaign.

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REALITY

BRIDGE Village A2 By-Pass

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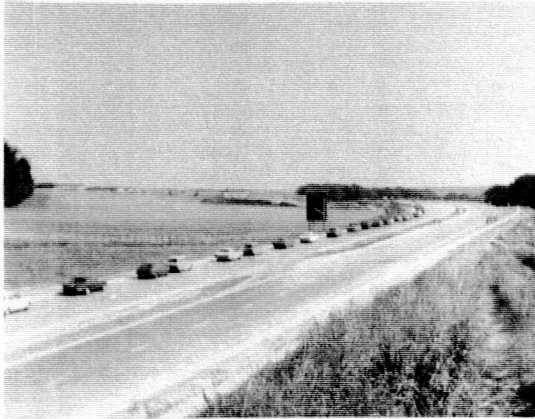
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CELEBRATIONS



BY-PASS BOONANZA Programme	
1.45 - 1.50	WOMEN DANCING - THE RANTLES MORRIS MEN
1.55	FOLK DANCING - THE PARADISE FOLK DANCE CLUB
2.25	CHURCH BELLS PEAL
2.30	CARNIVAL PARADE - led by Mrs. Gwyneth Lane
	OFFICIAL OPENING by DAVID CROUCH, M.P., Member of Parliament MALCOLM SETFORTH
3.00	TEA PARTY in Village Grounds for Senior Citizens
3.15	PARTY in Green Court for Draper School Children
3.30	DECEASED PRAM RACE: Start by the Plough and Horse: start, High Street, Western Avenue, the Ford Jimmy Lane, finishing at the bridge in the High Street
4.00	MARCHING DISPLAY in the High Street by the Band of St. Dunstons, THE GLENENT REGIMENT (C.S.M.R.)
4.30	MAJORETTE DISPLAY in the High Street by the CARROLLS
5.00	RAFFLE RESULTS: corner of Western Avenue and the High Street
	SUSTAIN RACE
★ MANY STALLS AND SIDESHOWS HOLD THROUGH THE AFTERNOON in the Village Hall	
★ VILLAGE BLACKSMITH	
★ POTTYEY VHS WHEEL	
★ ANTIQUE MARKET	
★ LOCALLY MADE JEWELLERY	
★ BY-PASS COOPERATIVE MUGS	
★ STRAWBERRIES (subject to availability)	
★ ICE-CREAM	
★ RAFFLE AND TOMBOLA	



BRIDGE-COMMUNITY JOY

AT THE OPENING OF THE BY-PASS ON JUNE 29th, AND THE BOONANZA HELD ON JULY 3rd



The Mayor, Canon Colin Perry, leads the prayers for all who use the new bypass.



The Minister gives out a cheque which will be the shape of the village and the road. It was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Purchase and her mother Mrs. Averi! (bottom).



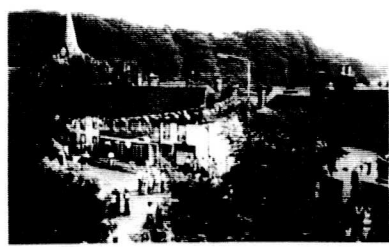
On Saturday July 3rd the Boonanza celebrations were observed by the M.P. Mr. David Crouch, who came over specially to the village to join the thousands of young farmers here. He said that the village should be proud of its achievement in gaining the bypass, and having received half of the Boonanza should be proud to contribute to the village's needs. The top comment was echoed by the Bishop of Dover, the Rev. Aubrey Traversell, at the annual service of thanksgiving held the following morning at St. Dunstons Church. He said that we lived in a divided world, and bridge, with some sense that means in the past, now was the chance to build a really happy united community. The village was full of people of good will - close to the challenge of continued increase in cars.



The man who was seen to Tom from Canterbury Rugby Club. The pusher who did all the work was Hugh Southwell.



Two items of the better villagers had a tea party which was set up under an awning along the vicarage drive.



And a picture which sums up all that had been achieved - a quiet village where groups of people were and many with the child of St. Dunstons Church, celebrating its 100th anniversary in the background. Let us remember that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Donald Coggan, wrote to us at the beginning of the year saying he would like to see the village and would be pleased to see the church was so well served and happy and well as a witness to the building of a better community.

ODDS & ENDS



Golf Cottage - Pru & family



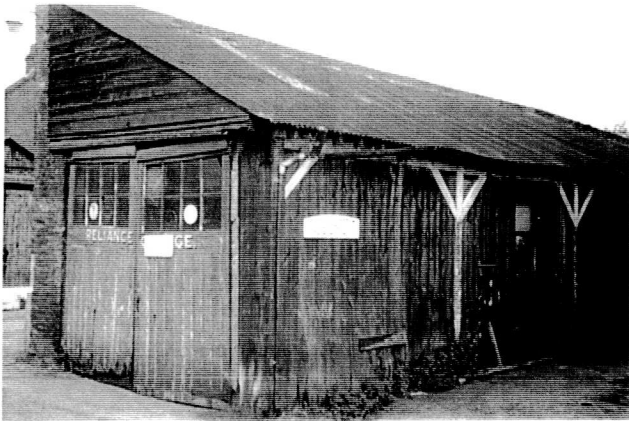
Golf House, Barham Downs



Fire Brigade pumping out flood



Rear of Forge Cottage, High Street



Old Fire Station - Brewery Lane
(Reliance Garage, Henry Ford)

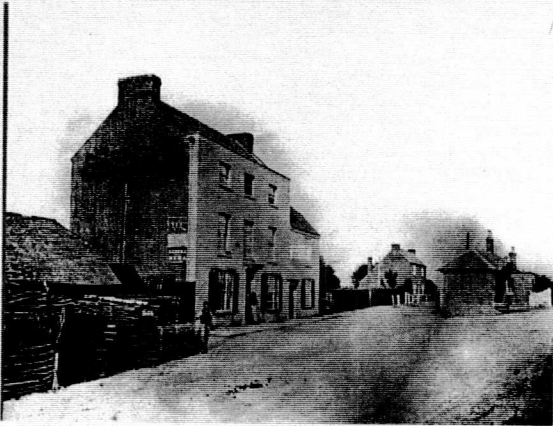


Mrs Raak's Pre-school nativity



P.T.A. Bonfire preparation

POWDER PUFF



The Gate Inn in 1890s. (then in Bridge). Note toll gate.



The Gate Inn after 1910
Home of Brinkendon family

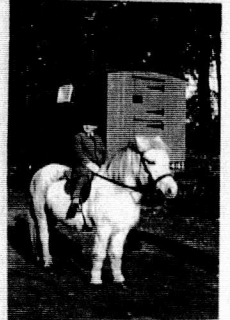


Certificate awarded to Lilian Brinkendon (age 3) for attending school every day without absence. One of 16 children see and panel

Plaque from stall in the stables shown in photos below taken when the stables were demolished in 1972.



Captain MASLIN leading 'Powder Puff' (known as Puffy) in Biffons Park on the footpath leading from the Stables at the top of Laundry Lane (now Conyngham Lane) down to the little white bridge, Ian Gracie as a young boy riding. 7th September 1934

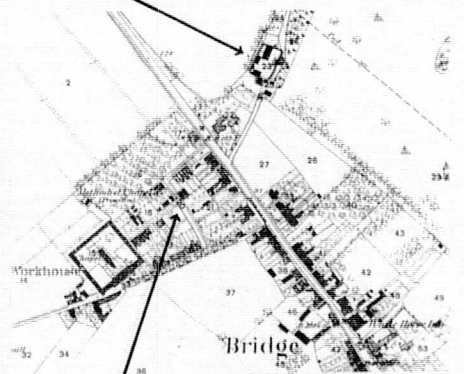


Powder Puff taken at Captain Maslin's stables with a Bridge Bisan Council wagon behind 1935



Lad on pony (no name) at the stables 1938/9
Provided by Ian Gracie Farmer, Little Pott Farm

CONYNGHAM LANE STABLES



1920
Old Methodist (Primitive) Chapel in Dering Road used as a dwelling house until demolition in 1951.
Mr A Bailey's father standing in porchway.

METHODIST CHAPEL

ACCOUNTS

Handwritten accounts and lists of names with associated numbers, likely a ledger or record book.

18 & 19 Vict. c. 81, to be signed in duplicate by the Party certifying

TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES IN ENGLAND.

I the undersigned (William Redwood Jones) of London Road, Canterbury, in the County of Kent Do hereby, under and by virtue of an Act passed in the Nineteenth year of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to amend the law concerning the certifying and registering of Places of Religious Worship in England," certify that a certain Building known by the name of (The Wesleyan Methodist Chapel) situated at (Bridge) in the County of Kent within the Superintendent Registrar's District of Bridge is intended to be used, as a Place of Meeting for Religious Worship by a Congregation of persons calling themselves Wesleyan or Methodist and I request that this Certificate may be recorded in the General Register Office pursuant to the said Act. Dated this 20th day of June 1910.

(Signature of the Party Certifying) W. Redwood Jones
 Minister

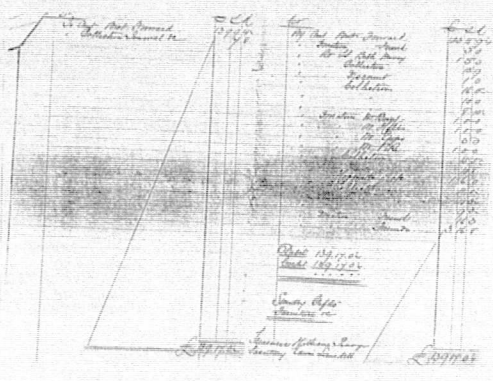
Of the Place of Meeting above described.

N.B.—When the Building to be Certified as a place of meeting for Religious Worship is intended to be used in lieu of a building previously Certified in, and recorded by the Registrar General, a form of "Notice of discontinuance" of the latter building should also be submitted to the Registrar General.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL COMMITTEE

1. That except as specified in sub-section 2 of section 20 of the said Act, no person shall use or cause to be used any premises as a place of meeting for religious worship unless the premises are certified as a place of meeting for religious worship by the Registrar General.

2. That should any person, circumstances or number be necessary to alter the proposed plans, or to transfer the application upon which an order is made in accordance with section 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 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METHODIST CHAPEL - BRIDGE

Short History
 The first record of Methodism in the Village is a minute dated 1823 authorizing one William Forester to rent a house for Methodist Meetings, "at no more than 2/6 per week". He was obviously successful as a Methodist Society was formed with 14 members in 1825. The Month Preaching Plan of 1827 shows that services were held on Sundays at 10.30 am and 6.30 pm, and on Saturdays at 2.30 pm on alternate weeks. Thus began the gradual build up to 1874. However the first non-conformist Chapel in Bridge was built by the Primitive Methodists in 1864 (The original Trust Treasurers Book is still available) This was situated in Dering Road almost opposite Flamer Road and was built of wood.

The Wesleyans meanwhile continued to meet in the rented house until the 'Iron Chapel' was built in 1874. There was some controversy with the Chapel Committee in Manchester, who preferred a brick built structure as more economical in maintenance, and if this choice were made, were prepared to advance a loan to assist finances. However, should the Trustees persist in their choice of an 'Iron Chapel' then no loan would be forthcoming, furthermore they decreed that all the money for the Chapel must be raised before permission would be given for the opening. It must be noticed, the Wesleyans of Bridge were staved in greater fund-raising efforts, and by dint of lot of hard work raised the money.

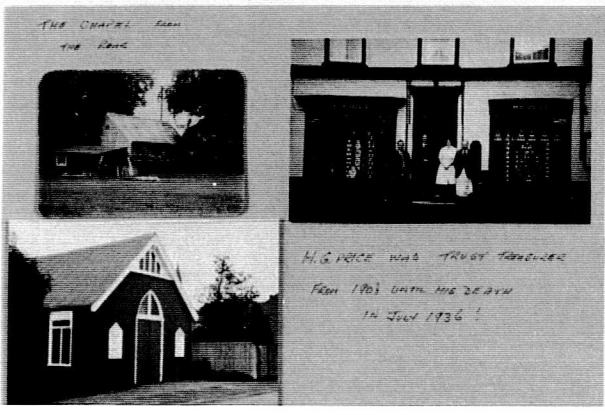
The cost of the building, seating, hymn books, mats and oil lamps amounted to £120-17-6 (The finishing is shown in the costing for seating, carpets etc £11-4-9)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS from that momentous occasion for those humble men and women, the church is still used for worship regularly, and many village organizations have made good use of the premises. During the Second World War the baby clinic operated from the chapel and continued until 1947. From oil lamps and coal burning stoves, to gas lamps and fire, to electric lighting and power, gas fired convective heaters and double glazed windows, the church has moved with the times, and plays its part in the community.

Fel Grant.

A PLAN OF THE WESLEYAN PARAGON IN THE CANTERBURY CIRCUIT, FROM MARCH 1880, UNTIL 2 JULY 1885.

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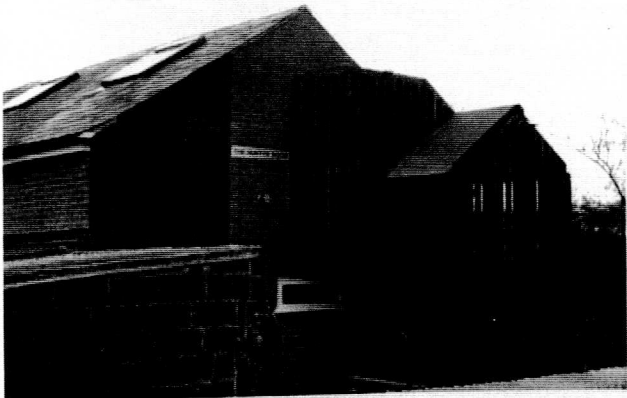
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Extension to Village Hall - 1982

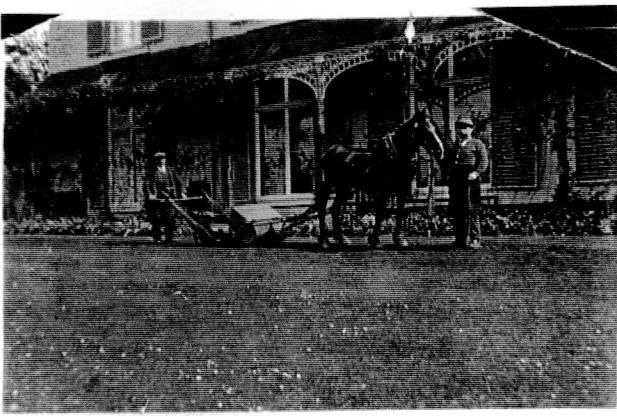


The hall in 1960's



Archbishop Ramsey leaving the hall after a meeting.

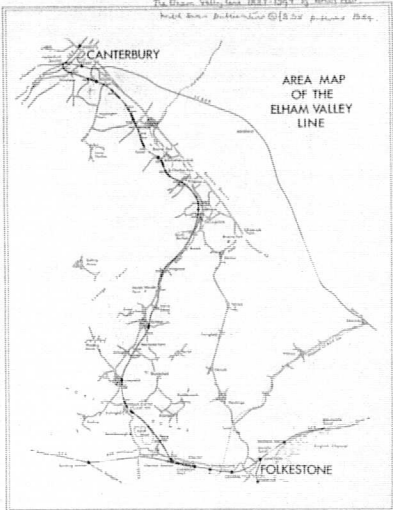
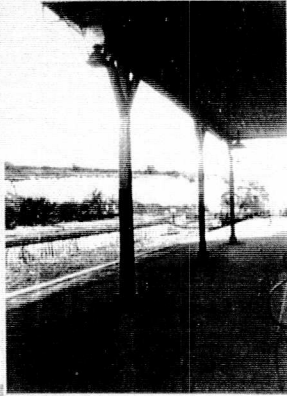
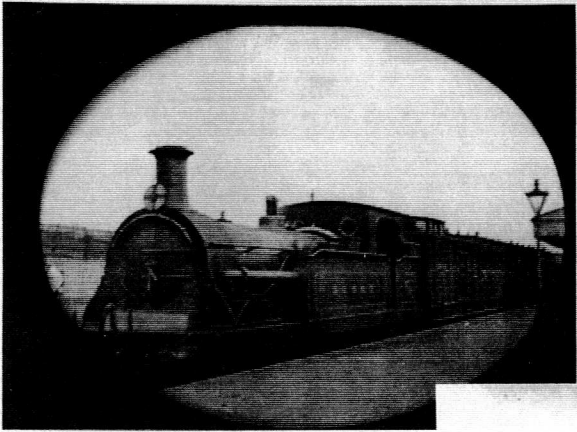
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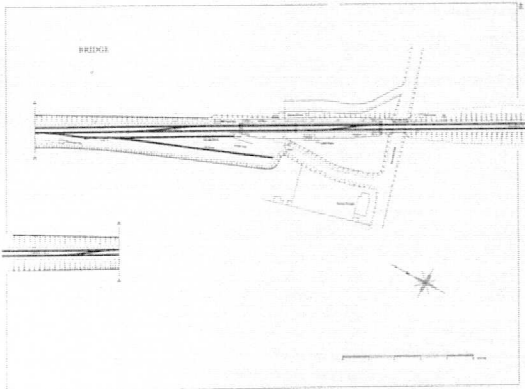
Bridge Hill House - Mr Ovenden leading Mr Pegden on mower



THE RAILWAY



A view of the station from the old 'top' platform.



As with Canterbury South, Bridge topped the station of photographs before 1939 and the only remaining view given an impression of a distant station station as a single line, in the Elham Valley of the Elham Valley line, before the Great War, it may be assumed that the station was a full station of traffic, although the passenger facilities were probably the highest of all the stations. Again, with the considerable quantity of coal and other materials, serving from Folkestone through Elham, considerable traffic was carried on the line from the 1840s onwards. From 1939 onwards, with the main line from the main line on the line.



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CLOSING OF THE ELHAM VALLEY LINE

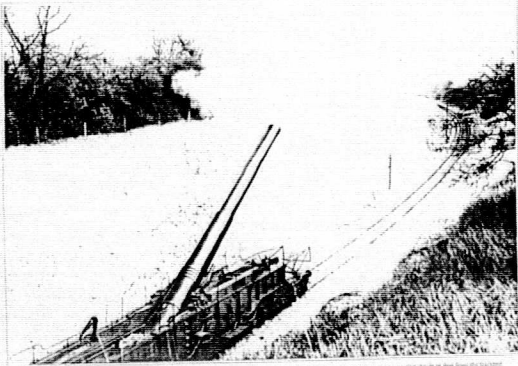
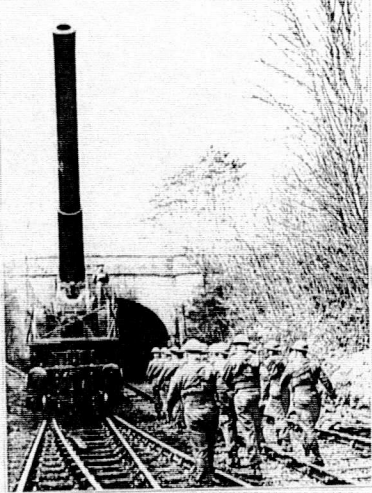
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LYMINGE

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A. H. HARRIS



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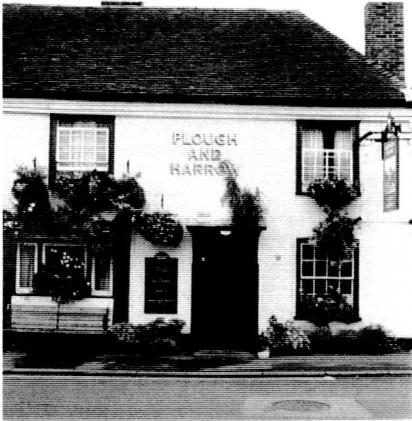
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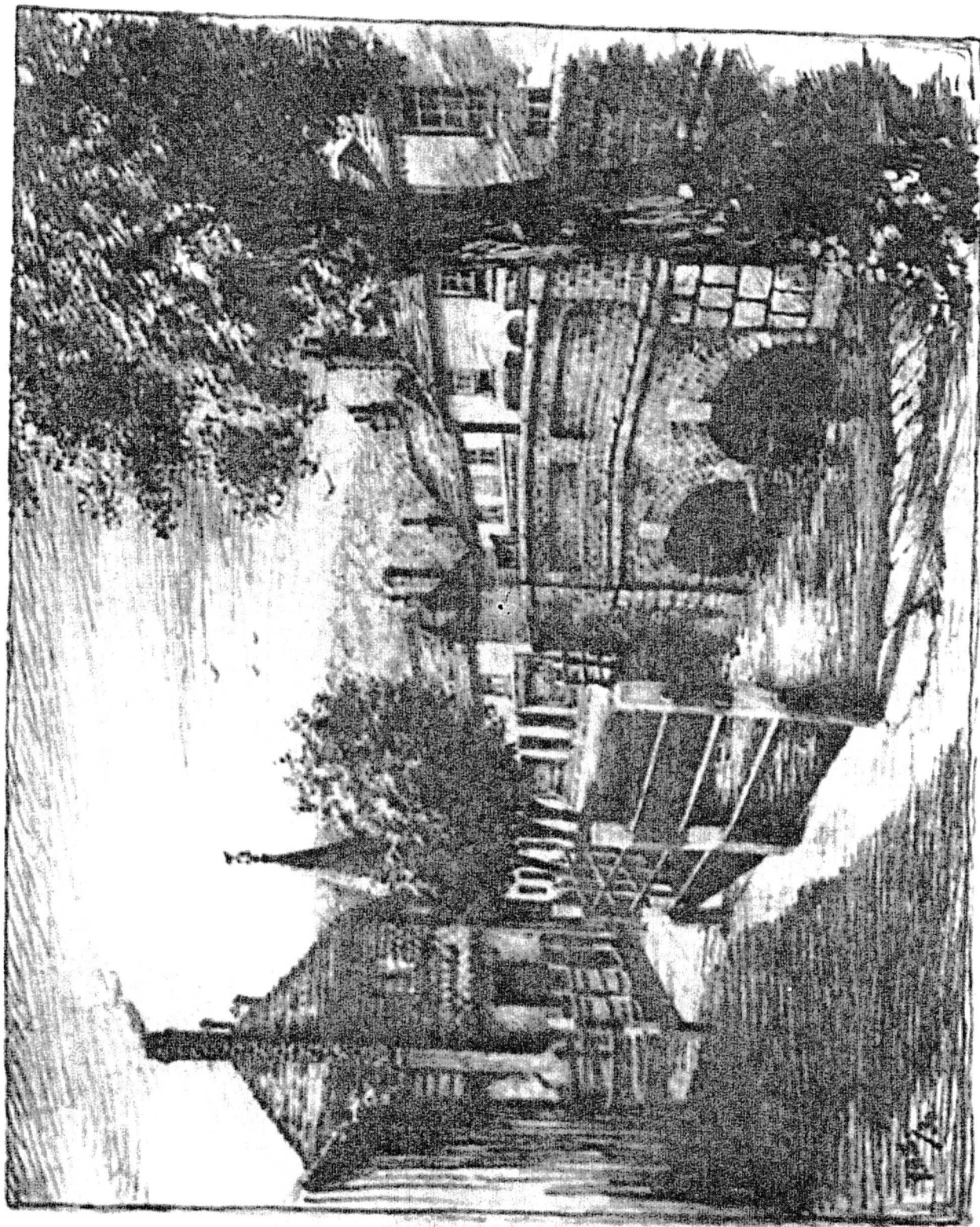
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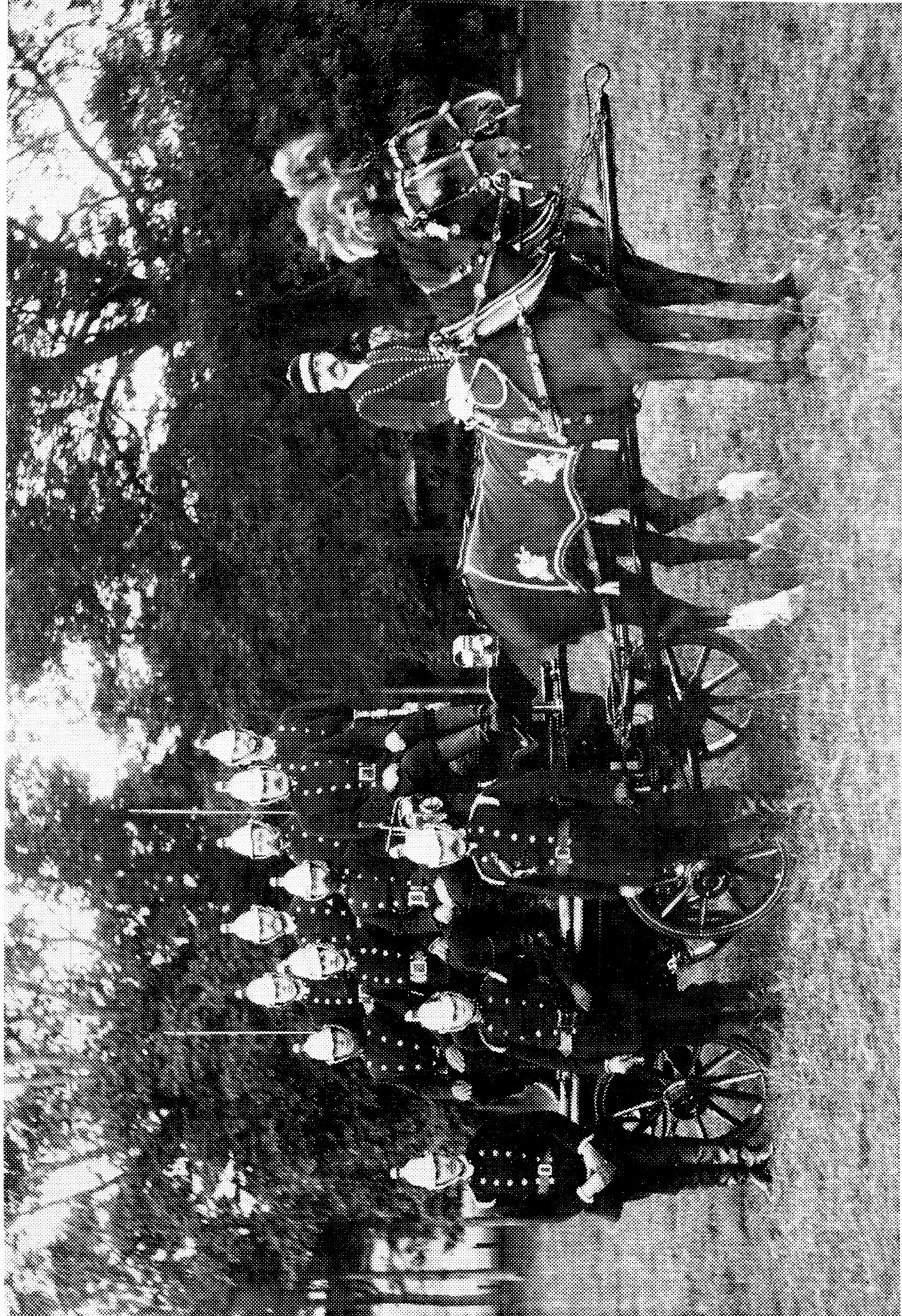
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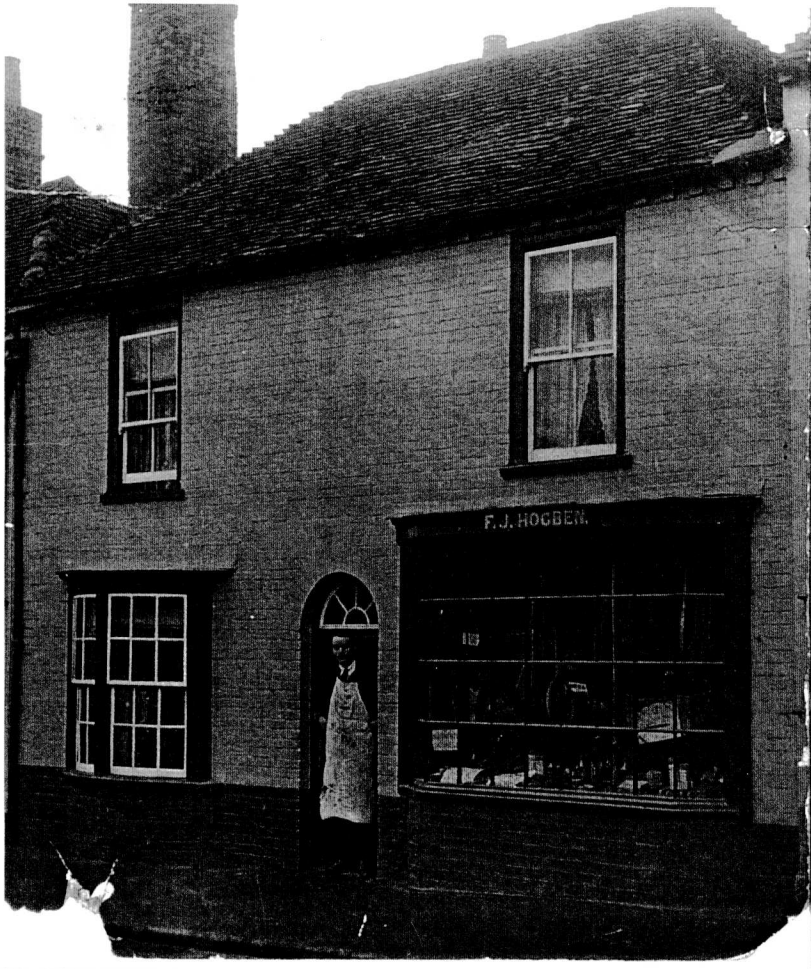
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LOCAL PEOPLE

HOGBEN



Saddlery Shop owned by Fred HOGBEN
now 84 High Street, Bridge.



Ethel Hogben
married Bert Price

Wife of Fred Hogben

Winifred Hogben

Walter Hogben

Fred Hogben
Owner of saddle shop

Relations of George HOGBEN of Bridge, picture taken in front of building in Brewery Lane used as a Smithy for shoeing mules during 1st World War (now Dave Clarks Motorcycles)

LOCAL PEOPLE

Fairbrass.



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WHO ? 7 Ethel Johnson

LOCAL PEOPLE

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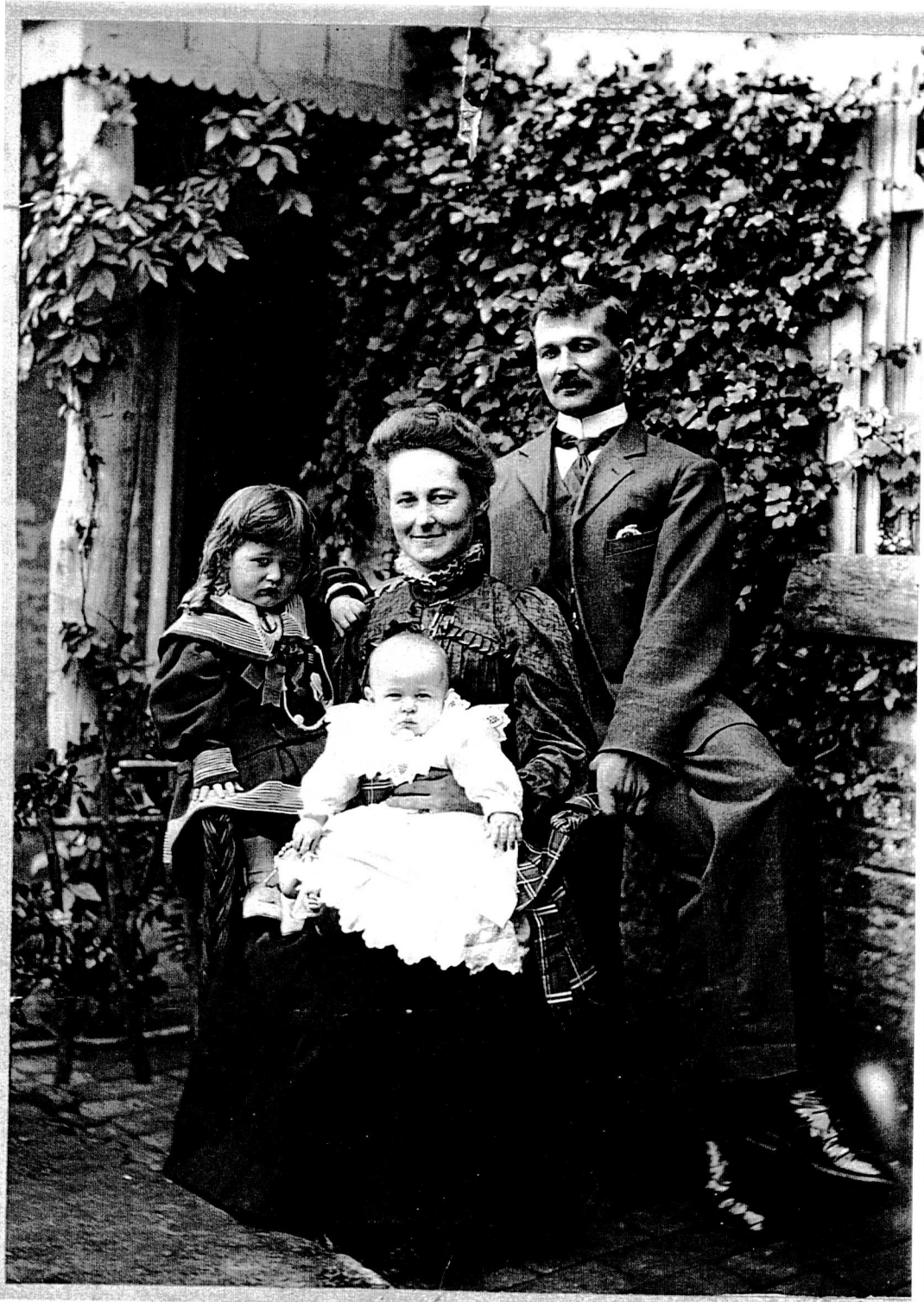
VINTEN



VINTEN FAMILY - 1906
Charles Henry and wife
Caroline Jane
with children
Eddie, Charlie, Alf, Eva
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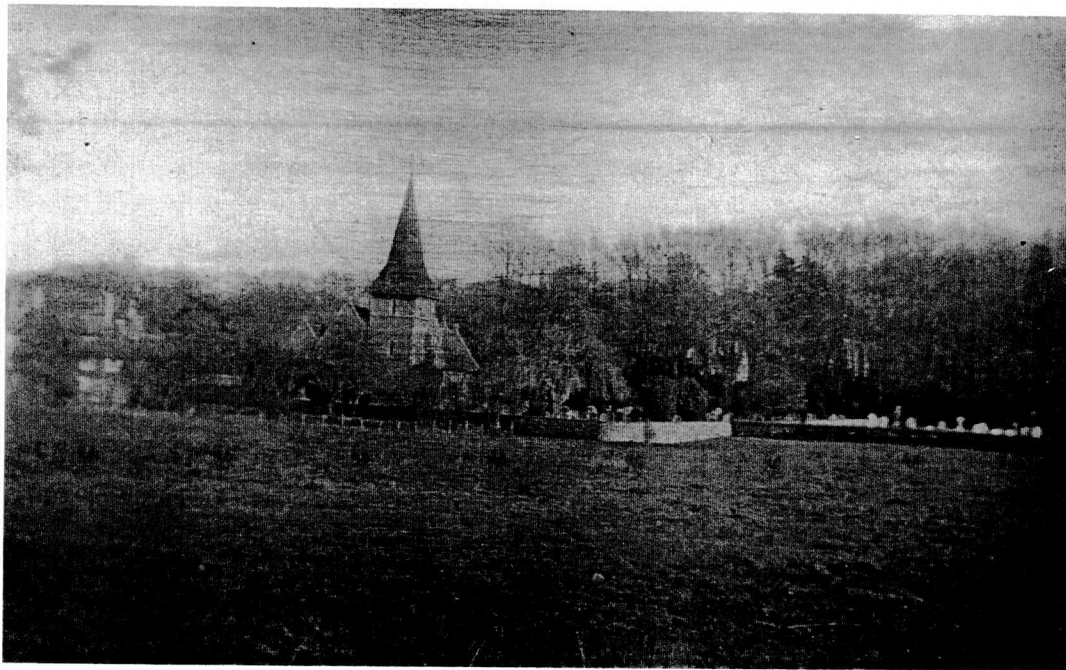
Local barber sketched customers.

G.S. Danton

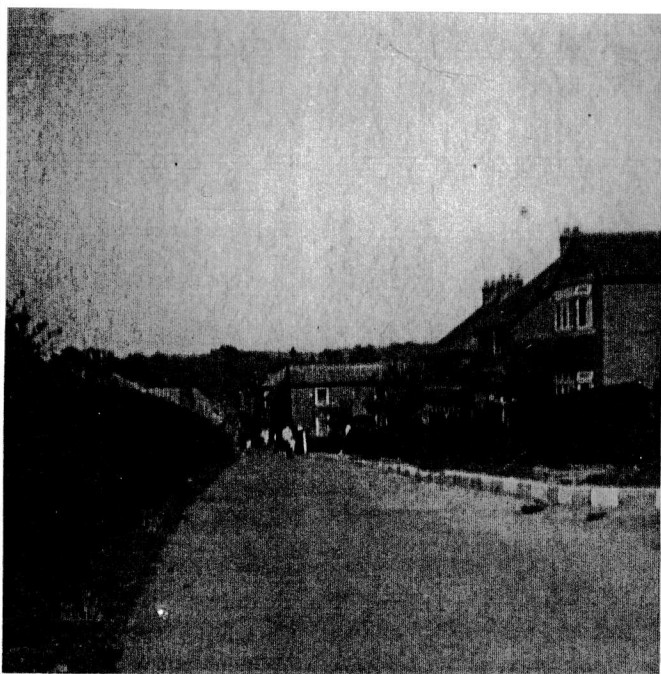


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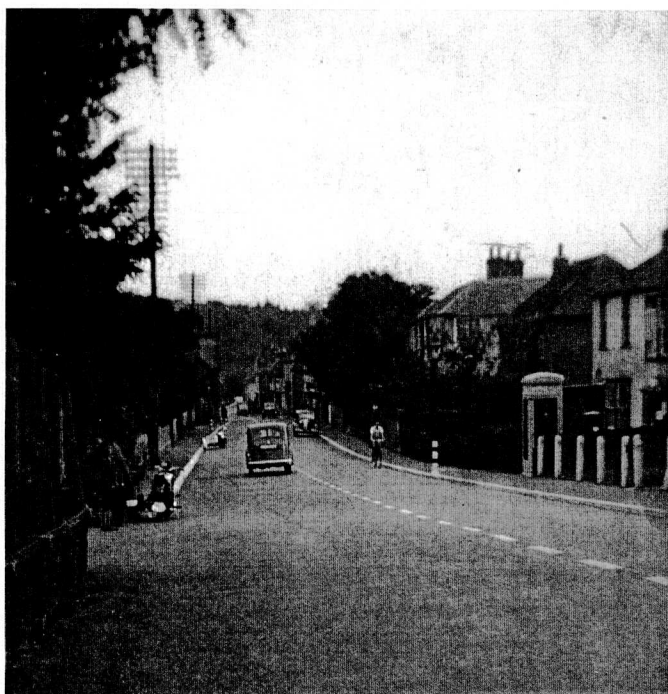
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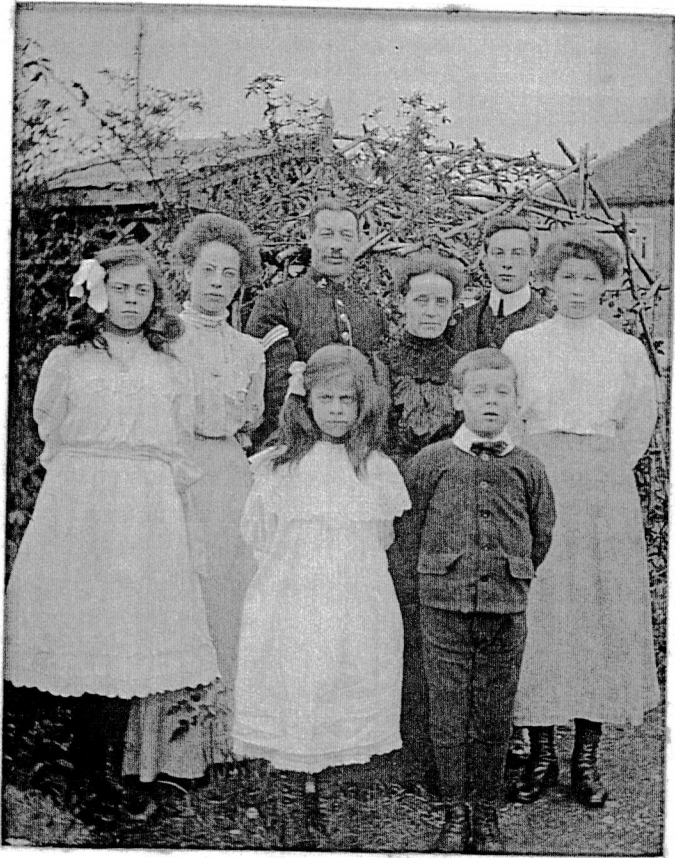


Union Road 1939



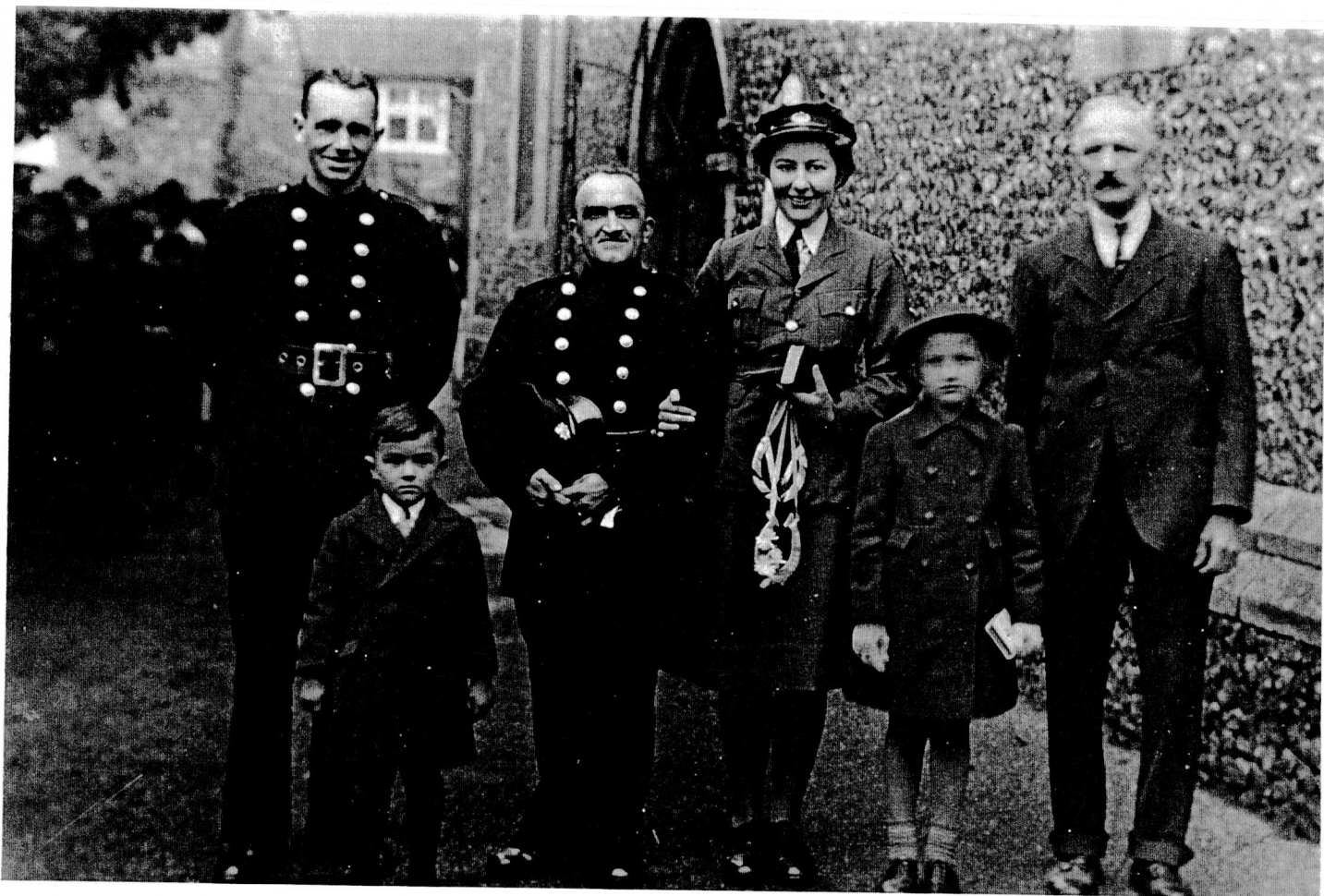
High Street 1939

LOCAL PEOPLE SKINNER



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PURSSORD



Parish Councillor

LOCAL PEOPLE

STOCKWELL

Recd 18/94 MJG



*Howard the King
London*

Victor J Stockwell,

Chemist in Bridge, Parish Councillor until 1952

My father was a Parish Councillor and R.D.C. (Bridge/Blean) Councillor for many years starting before the war although I cannot remember exactly when. He was also a Church Warden.

Bridge/Blean Council offices were in Union Rd and the Clerk for many years was Lionel Williams who lived at Liandogo, Patricbourne Rd. He had two sons, Robert who worked at South Coast Cast Concrete at Chartham and Dennis who had an electrical business in the little shop on the Canterbury side of the bridge. If they are still around they might be able to help.

Bridge/Blean was of course incorporated in Canterbury at some stage so they may have some records.

I enclose a rather large photo. of my father in case it is of interest. There is one photo. of our property as it used to be before the accident and rebuild. At that time the baker was Arthur Castle, the motor, cycle etc. shop was Frank Down and the chemist was my father. Partly shown next to the Plough & Harrow was shoemaker Hogben.

Two photos show late 20's floods being pumped into the river by the Bridge Volunteer Fire Brigade whose headquarters was in Brewery Lane next to the P.M. yard.

The photo. do n Bridge Hill shows how busy the main London/Dover road was 60 years ago!

The other flood picture is Brewery Lane. The two hop harvest photos are (I think) of a farm (name forgotten) which lay to the west of Bourne Park. The hop pickers huts were close to the old railway line and the pickers were mainly not from London but from places like Dover, although many were local people. This farm could be reached by the track shown in the little photo of Bourne Park Cottages.

There are two small photos of the rail bridges near Bridge Station in the days of the Elham Valley Line.

The other small photos show the flooding of Brewery Lane up near the entrance to Bridge Place (featuring my mum and our dog), and my father with a well known character of the 1920/30s Jack Friend, and my mother with Jack and his wife. In spite of his obesity Jack was wicket keeper for Bridge Cricket Club and a fine batsman although he insisted on batting no. 11 because of self-consciousness; consequently he was rarely got out and had a batting average which probably rivalled Brian Lara.

Three other small photos show the house and part of the grounds of Higham, owned by the Dowager Countess Zbrowski whose son, the Count, was the original owner/driver of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and killed himself at Brooklands. He is reputed to have given Bridge its first motor fire engine on the understanding that he would be the driver! In my time the drivers were Bert and Harvey Price, sons of Henry G. the grocer where you once had your offices.

Higham became Hyland Court when it was bought by a Mr Wigham - apparently he could not face being Wigham of Higham. I suppose it has all gone now.

The fire brigade was captained for years by "old" Charlie Wills who owned 88/94 High St and most of the rest of the village. They were called out by firing a maroon in Brewery Lane and left for the fire as soon as a driver and one or two of the crew arrived - the rest followed by bike, motorbike, thumping a lift etc - but they were good.

We had two policemen, a P. named Seymour for most of my time and a sergeant Castle. Seymour played both football (in Bifrons Park) and cricket (in Bourne Park) for Bridge and he was a bit feared, not to say feared, by the boys of the village.

There were three grocers, Henry G. Price, Decent and Richards, two butchers West and Edwards, a green grocer (name forgotten) a coal merchant, Albert Taylor, dairies, Jones at Bridge Farm almost opposite the White Horse and now built all over - he carried his milk around in two large cans suspended from his shoulders by a wooden yoke, and the second was Miss Stone who pushed round a home made three wheeled hand cart.

Just past the White Horse towards Canterbury was the farrier and blacksmith Mr Gilbert - his shop was the warmest place to wait for a bus in winter and the horses he shod were working horses.

The doctor was Dr Wilson, an Irish batchelor with a nervous laugh - you could be told "there's no cure Ha Ha". He was succeeded by Dr Hunter.

The village "handyman" was Bill Sidders who carried his gear and his mate, Cyril Hocken, on a motor-cycle combination.

The Post Office and Bridge Telephone Exchange (manual) was run by the Castle family, mainly the son Dick.

I find I have lost my copy of a photo of our property with the lorry embedded in the front - perhaps Colin Lewis may have a copy or film, that the local press could probably find one in their files for 1972 and if you get one perhaps you could get another for me.

It was this accident which was used to press for the bypass. I have just realised that there is an etching hanging on the wall by an artist, F.H. Swaffer, who lived for a time at the White Horse so I enclose that as well.

If I can help in any other way please let me know, bearing in mind that I lived in the village full time from late 1925 up to 1934 and then for week-end visits up to 1939 and spasmodically after 1946.

Brian Stockwell

LOCAL PEOPLE PRATT

Sergeant GEORGE PRATT

1911 - 1992



Unexploded Bomb on Bridge Hill

Awarded Long Service Medal

Village Bobby 1959 - 65

Bridge Police Station



LOCAL PEOPLE



WHEN _____

WHERE _____

WHO ? _____

LOCAL PEOPLE



WHEN

H.H.
EVA VINTEN

WHERE

HOP PICKING.
CENTRE, BACK ROW - MRS. OSBOURNE

WHO ?

2ND LEFT, FRONT ROW - MRS. FAIRBRASS
MRS. FURNEAUX, ? EVA VINTEN, MRS. G. BROWN

LOCAL PEOPLE



WHEN Plough & Marrow

WHERE Robert Bishop John Bishop
Mr. Fairbrass Frank Swan

WHO ? A Gore 2. Pat Mullinger Landlord

6 (Fair) Fairbrass

Doreen Mullinger

LOCAL PEOPLE



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THEN & NOW

