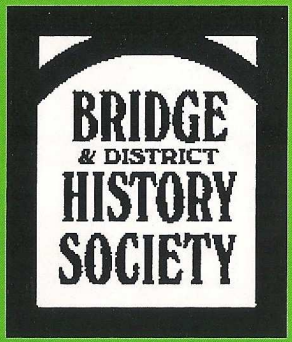


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Programme 2015-2016



THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The first meeting of the year will be followed by a short Annual General Meeting, to review last years programme and to hear the Treasurer's report, this will also be an opportunity for you to have a say in what you would like the Society to do for you.



Bridge & District History Society was formed in 1995 to promote interest in aspects of local history in and around the villages of Barham, Bekesbourne, Bishopsbourne, Bridge, Kingston and Patrixbourne.

County-wide aspects are served through the Society's membership of the Kent History Federation.

The evening meetings are informal and sociable. Transport and or escorts can usually be arranged with other members living nearby.

On trips by members cars, those without transport can usually be accommodated in the spare seats. Please contact the organiser of each event for arrangements. Please contact any Society officer or committee member if you need any help.



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THURSDAY 19 MAY 2016 MEDIEVAL QUEENS

In the Middle Ages, Canterbury Cathedral enjoyed strong connections with England's queens and where, on occasion, queens were crowned (like Isabella, wife of King John), married (like Eleanor, wife of King Henry III) and buried (like Joan, wife of King Henry IV). It was also a popular pilgrimage destination for English queens. Louise Wilkinson introduces some of the royal women who visited Canterbury.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall.
Members £4.00, non-members £5.00, including refreshments.

THURSDAY 16TH JUNE 2016 DOVER WESTERN HEIGHTS

This 200th anniversary year of the battle of Waterloo is an appropriate time to visit the Napoleonic fortifications on Dover's Western Heights. A visit led by Keith Parfitt will encompass the Drop Redoubt and the Grand Shaft staircase

Meet at Dover Western Heights 2.30 pm.
Members £5.00, non-members £6.00.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is annual commencing in September. Rates are: £8.00 single, £14.00 double and £6.00 for each additional person residing at the same address.

Newsletters with a record of previous meetings and advance notice of the next events will be sent out by email as required.

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2015
THE DOVER BOAT

Paul Bennet of Canterbury Archaeological Trust will give an illustrated talk on the latest developments and discoveries about the Bronze Age boat excavated at Dover in 1992 and which has undergone 7 years of restoration and preservation.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall.
Members £4.00, non-members £5.00, including refreshments.

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2015
STAINED GLASS

Leone Selinger, who is a leading expert in stained glass, will be talking about the windows in Canterbury Cathedral and the recent discoveries made during their restoration.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall
Members £4.00, non-members £5.00, including refreshments.

THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2015
MAGNA CARTA

In this important 800th Anniversary year, Richard Eales, a foremost expert on the Magna Carta will give a talk on this document and of how important it is to us in relation to Canterbury and Kent in 2015.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall.
Members £4.00, non-members £5.00, including refreshments.

TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2015
CHRISTMAS EVENING

Our annual Christmas Social evening will take place at the White Horse this year and there will be a photo quiz (with larger photos) and a raffle. Choice of menu and a drink on arrival (glass of wine or soft drink) included.

White Horse Inn Bridge 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.
Members £20.00, non-members £25.00.

THURSDAY 21 JANUARY 2016
THE MARY ROSE

A talk by Prof. Alan Chadwick on Henry VIII's ship which capsized in Portsmouth Harbour and preserved many of the artefacts that reveal the way if life on a Tudor ship. This talk will cover the history of the *Mary Rose*, the discovery and raising of the wreck, and the problems it has presented to the conservators.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall.
Members £4.00, non-members £5.00, including refreshments.

THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2016
MEMBERS' EVENING

An unusual talk by member Roger Bickerton on his father's part in World War I, most of which was spent in the Middle East and of the battles he took part in which were the fore-runners of similar battles in World War II.

7.30 pm White Horse Inn, Bridge.
£7.50 members, £9.00 non-members, including buffet.

THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2016
METAL DETECTING

Dr Andrew Richardson of Canterbury Archaeological Trust will give a talk on the 'Treasure Act' and more generally about spectacular finds and improvements to the archaeological record through the work of responsible metal detection, including the **Bridge Iron Age helmet**.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall.
Members £4.00, non members £5.00, including refreshments.

THURSDAY 21 APRIL 2016
SIR THOMAS MORE

The head of Sir Thomas More who was executed by Henry VIII in 1535 and canonised in 1935, rests in St Dunstan's Church, Canterbury. How should we judge his life today - deserving of execution or canonisation? A talk by Alasdair Hogarth explores this question.

7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall.
Members £4.00, non-members £5.00, including refreshments.

SATURDAY 11 JUNE 2016
KHF ONE DAY CONFERENCE

The annual Kent History Federation One Day Conference will not take place this year. If at a later date there is a change in this position we will be able to advise you if a conference is organised.

Please complete the slip on the Visits Booking form if you would like to attend if a conference is organised.