

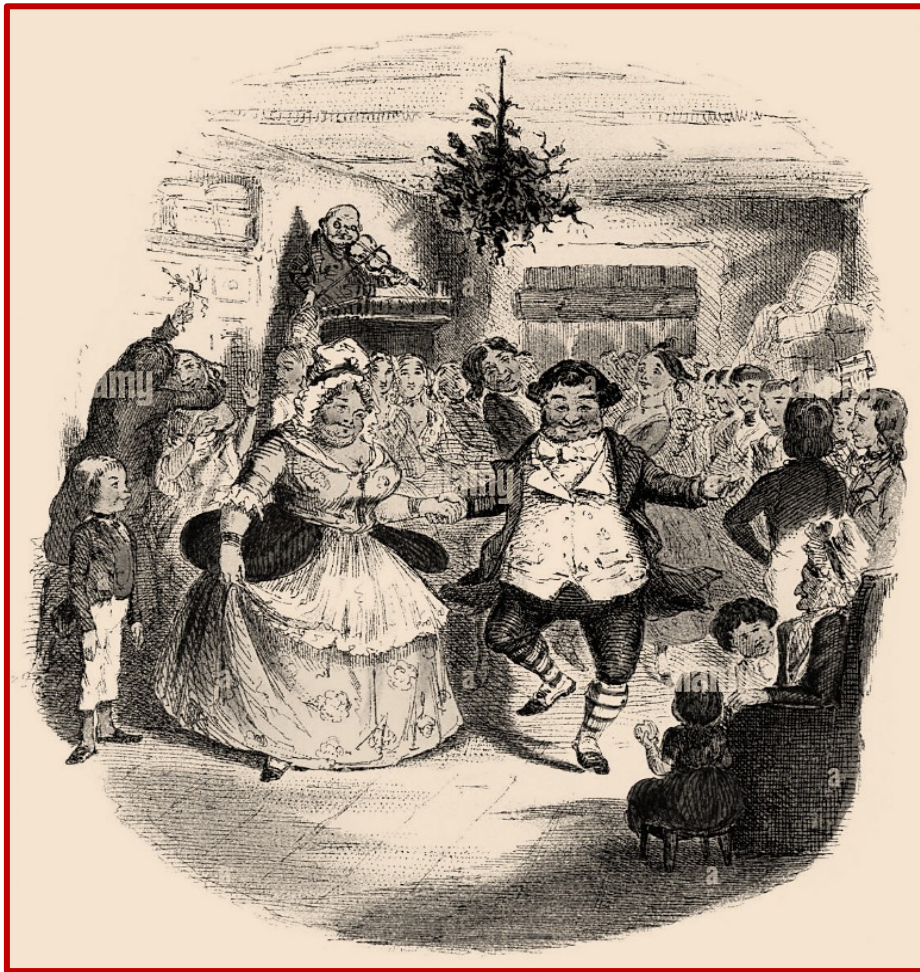


Thursday 15th Dec @ 7.30pm

Pre-Christmas Social

Bridge Village Hall

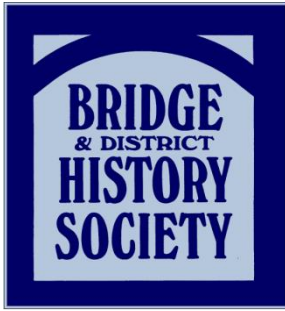
A warm invitation to this social



Mr & Mrs Fezziwig dancing (from Dickens 'A Christ Carol')

Martin Crowther returns to present ~ 'A History of Christmas' using historic artefacts & images to set the scene for complimentary mulled wine & mince pies etc.

Donations invited for Canterbury Food Bank.



Thursday 15 Feb @ 7.30pm

Powers behind the Thrones

Bridge Village Hall

WOMEN OF THE FIRST MILLENNIUM



Queen Bertha from a window in Canterbury's Chapter House.

Imogen Corrigan makes a return visit to talk about women.

20th Century - Many think it was only in the last century that women came into their own. The truth is that Anglo-Saxon women had a surprising freedom in law. They could own land, make wills, sue and be sued.

1st Millennium - We will hear about the influential women of the first thousand years AD. We will meet saintly and worthy women who led with a firm, guiding hand. Perhaps the more interesting ones are known for their monstrous behaviour.

Down trodden and marriage chattels they were not !

All welcome - admission £4 (including refreshments)



Thursday 15 Nov 7.30pm

The 'GRETA' STORY

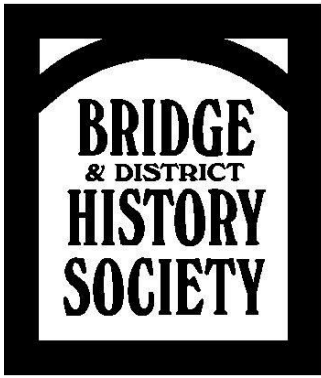
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A TALK BY STEVE NORRIS

Steve is the private owner, skipper and maintainer of 'GRETA' an iconic Thames sailing barge. Built in 1892 she was used to transport cargo (beer, grain, malt & building products) on the River Thames and its estuary. She now works providing day trips and regularly takes part in Thames sailing barge matches.

Non-members very welcome £5 (including refreshments)



Thursday 15 Sept 7.30pm

HISTORIC LOCAL FILMS

Bridge Village Hall



Tim Jones, Senior Lecturer from Canterbury Christ Church University will be screening archive amateur film of our local area. Highlights include the flooding in Bridge during 1937 (pictured above), a home movie made by Count Zborowski featuring his mile long 15" gauge railway around the Higham Estate in 1924 and pre-war Canterbury seen in colour.

Talk preceded by our short AGM

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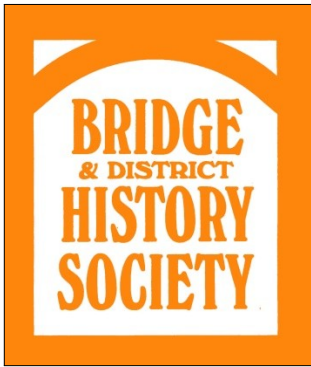
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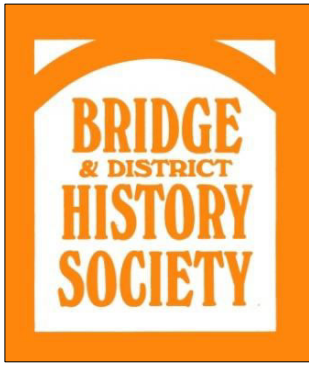
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Thursday 16th Feb @ 7.30pm

Thomas Becket

Bridge Village Hall



A ceiling boss in the nave of Exeter Cathedral showing the murder of Becket

A return visit by Imogen Corrigan, who will talk about Thomas Becket, one of the most famous Archbishops of Canterbury. He came to a violent end by being murdered in his Cathedral on 29th December 1170. Her talk will chart the rise of Thomas Becket from a scholar who loved sports, to one of the most powerful men in the land. It's a story of great drama but nevertheless a human one.

All welcome - admission £4 (including refreshments)

**BRIDGE
& DISTRICT
HISTORY
SOCIETY**

Thursday 16 Jan 7.30pm

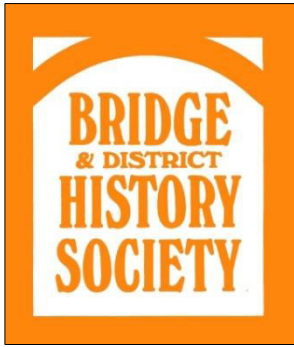
BAYEUX TAPESTRY

Bridge Village Hall



This Illustrated talk about **THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY** given by Imogen Corrigan will take us on a journey through what is an iconic, moral story of kings, chivalry and ambition. Imogen will look at many of the scenes shown in detail on this 230 foot long fabric; and she will explore what can be learned from this depiction of a turning point in our history.

Non-members very welcome £5 (including refreshments)



Thursday 16 Mar @ 7.30pm

Smuggling Stories

Bridge Village Hall

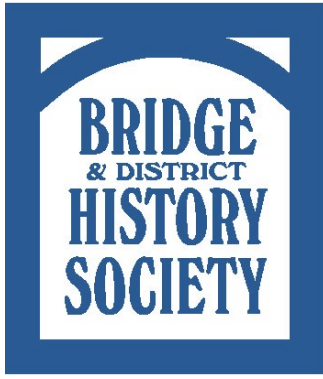
Smuggling on Romney Marsh



A 'fuzzy' cartoon from the London Illustrated News - 25 January 1788

This illustrated talk by Sue Duckworth, a Green Badge Tourist Guide, introduces us to the when, what and why smuggling took place. The smuggling gangs of Romney Marsh are legendary, and we will hear about the characters involved and the locations where their booty was hidden. This talk will also include some local poetry and stories.

All welcome - admission £4 (including refreshments)



Thursday 16 May 7.30pm

LOCAL HISTORY

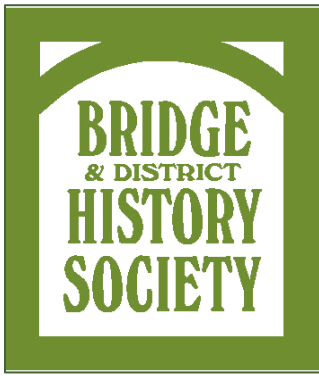
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Edwardian Bridge

Step back in time to see our village through the eyes of a journalist from Dover writing in 1902. Using that writer's words, Alan Barber has added pictures and other details to present an intriguing impression of Bridge around the time of the coronation of King Edward VII.

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Frontline Folkestone

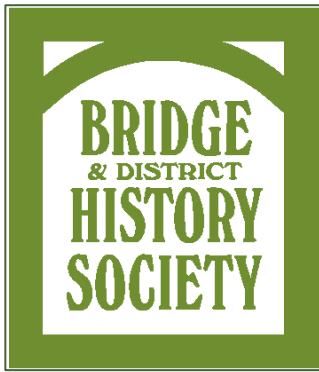
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A talk by Hilary Tolputt on FRONTLINE FOLKESTONE (the name given to the town in WW1) will follow our brief AGM.

Hilary will illustrate the reasons why Folkestone got that name. Her talk includes the welcoming of Belgian refugees, the importance of the harbour, the requisitioning of houses for Rest Camps, the Canadians at Shorncliffe, and the Gotha Raid of 1917. (Hilary is due to lead a BDHS walk around some parts of Folkestone next summer.)

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Master Masons

Bridge Village Hall



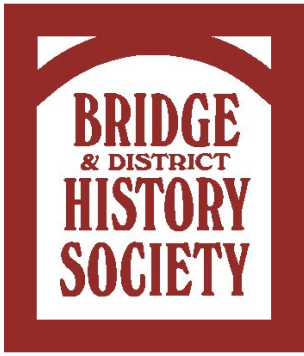
A Norwich Cathedral roof boss clearly showing a mason

Imogen Corrigan makes a welcome return to talk about

The Master Masons who built our Cathedrals

**In this illustrated talk Imogen will answer the question:
“how, why and for whom did ordinary human beings build
these delicate, decorated, dazzlingly high buildings?”
We will meet the men who designed them, who ran the sites,
who sourced the materials and the workers,
whilst creating heaven on earth, many centuries ago.**

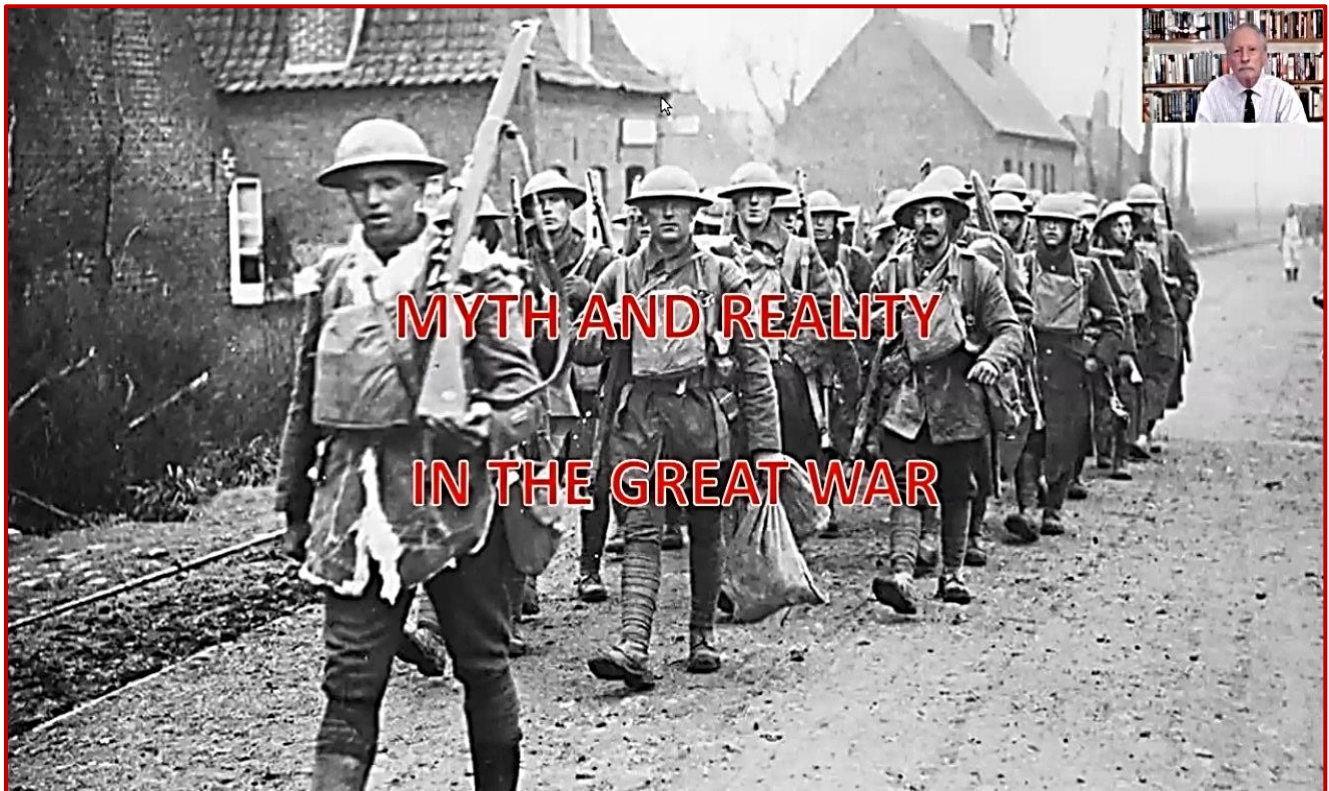
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Thurs 17 June 7.00 for 7.30pm

ZOOM TALK

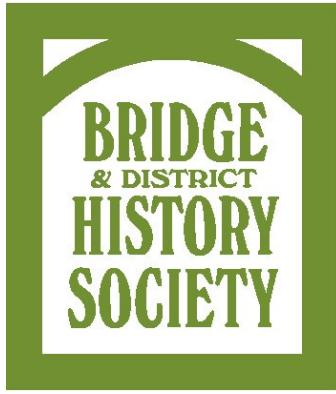
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Examining the public perceptions of WW1

Gordon Corrigan, author of the bestseller *Mud, Blood and Poppycock*, will show that the popular view of WW1, based on TV's *Blackadder* - 'incompetent Generals sending brave young men to their death' was wrong. He will demonstrate that anyone who lived through those war years would not recognise the way that their generation is depicted today.

**Admission to the Zoom Talk is free to all
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Thursday 17 May @ 7.30pm

Kent's Cinque Ports

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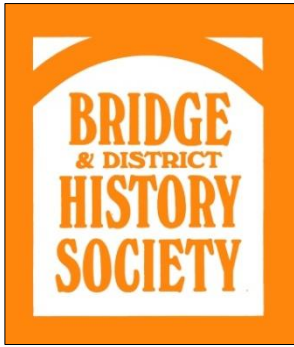
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Thursday 17th Nov @ 7.30pm

Francis Bennett-Goldney

Bridge Village Hall

**Canterbury in the 19noughties
and some Naughty Goings On**



Mayor (Bennett-Goldney) & Town Clerk (Henry Fielding) in the Proclamation Procession May 1910

Francis Bennett-Goldney (1865-1918) in full mayoral attire seen next to Major Fanshawe, with his plumed cocked hat.

Ian Osterloh (a Bridge resident, Cathedral Guide and Canterbury City Guide) takes us back to 1900 and describes how Bennett-Goldney shocked the local elite, but he also championed the heritage of his adopted city. Was he also a thief? The controversies continued long after his death.

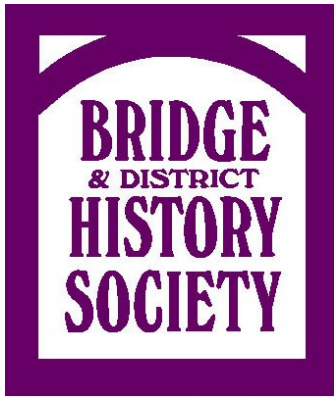
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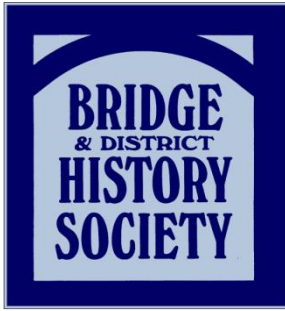
Thursday 17 Oct 7.30pm
CANTERBURY HISTORY
Bridge Village Hall



Our city in less than 100 objects

Join local historian and curator Martin Crowther as he investigates and uncovers the fascinating stories behind 20 local 'Finds'. They range from the Ice Age to the Baedeker Blitz, and include the objects shown in the montage displayed above.

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Thursday 18 Jan @ 7.30pm
Special Operations Executive
Bridge Village Hall

CARVE THEIR NAMES WITH PRIDE



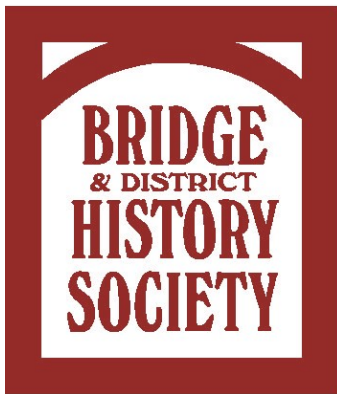
Original film poster from 1958

Juliette Pattinson* uses personal accounts, official documents & film to examine the role of 39 female members of the Special Operations Executive (SOE) that worked with the Resistance in Nazi-Occupied France in WW2.

Juliette follows their story into the infiltration of occupied France, exploring their operations and (for some) their arrest and incarceration in concentration camps. She also looks at how the SOE veterans are portrayed in the post war years.

Juliette Pattinson is Director of the Division of Arts and Humanities, Professor of Modern History in the School of History University of Kent, and author of 'Behind Enemy Lines' 2011.*

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Thursday 18 Mar 7.30pm

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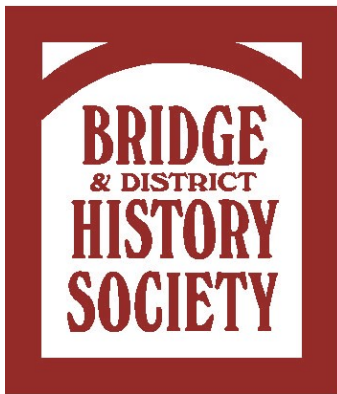
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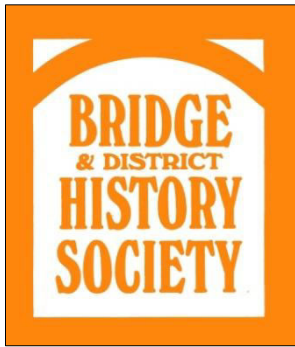
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Thursday 18 May @ 7.30pm

LOCAL HISTORY

Bridge Village Hall

The Elham Valley Railway



Bridge Station in 1936 (Courtesy of Stations UK & the John Mann Collection)

**Alan Walton tells the tale of this 'Wannabe Railway'.
The story of this line is packed with intrigue and fascination;
from its opening in 1887 to its closure on 1 October 1947.**

**It was built to compete for Cross Channel business by
linking Canterbury and Folkestone via Cheriton.
Its tale opens with a battle between rival railway companies,
followed by skirmishes with local landowners
during the planning and construction of the railway.**

This line had a short and commercially unsuccessful life.

All welcome - admission £4 (including refreshments)



Thursday 18 Nov @ 7.30pm
Rupert Bear & Friends
Bridge Village Hall



Martin Crowther makes a welcome return to tell the story of Rupert Bear and his creator Mary Tourtel.

Martin's talk will continue our *'trip down memory lane'* as we hear about the work of the TV production company based in Blean, *Smallfilms*, whose fine animators Oliver Postgate and Peter Firmin created programmes including *Bagpuss*, *Ivor the Engine* and *The Clangers*.

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Thursday 18 Oct 7.30pm
SOMETHING DIFFERENT
Bridge Village Hall

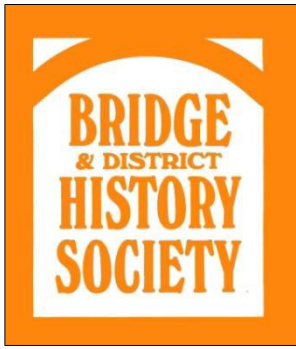


A TALK BY GEOFF DOWNER

Geoff is well known as a local amateur geologist, a speaker, a writer and for leading walks. His talk will include various links to Kent.

It features three 16th century Arctic expeditions, along with what was probably the biggest financial scandal that occurred during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I - and also pirates!

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Thursday 19th Jan @ 7.30pm

Hovercraft History

Bridge Village Hall

30 Years of Bother on the Hover

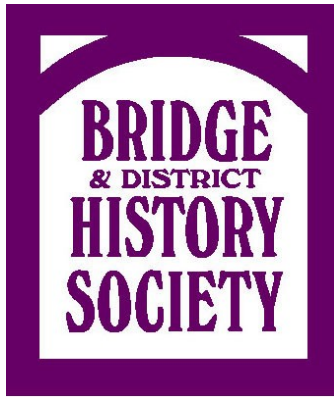


Brian Laverick-Smith is a retired hovercraft pilot. He will give us a humorous behind the scenes look at the world's biggest hovercraft *.

It operated across the English Channel from Dover.

Wikipedia* - a hovercraft is an amphibious craft able to travel over land, water, mud, ice and other surfaces. It uses blowers to make a large volume of air under the hull just above atmospheric pressure.

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Thursday 19 March 7.30pm

WICKHAMBREAUX

Bridge Village Hall

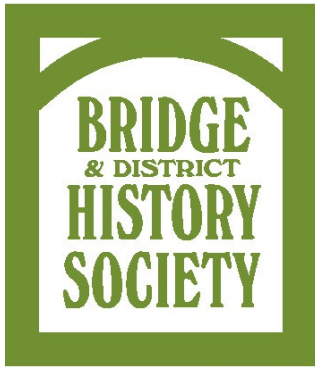


OASTS AND ARCHANGELS

Dick Bolton makes a return visit to tell us about the history, architecture and people of **WICKHAMBREAUX**.

This beautiful village was already well established by the time of the **DOMESDAY BOOK** in 1086.

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Thursday 19 October 7.30pm

BRIDGE CHURCH

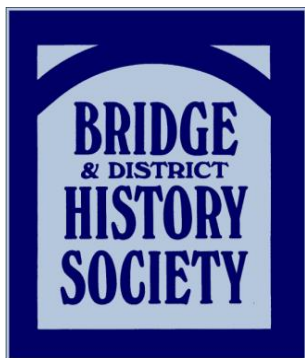
In Bridge Parish Church



The history and fabric of St Peter's Church (shown above) will be unveiled here by Alan Barber and other members of the society in an illustrated anthology presentation.

All proceeds are for repairs to the church building

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Thursday 19 Oct @ 7.30pm

Founding America

Bridge Village Hall



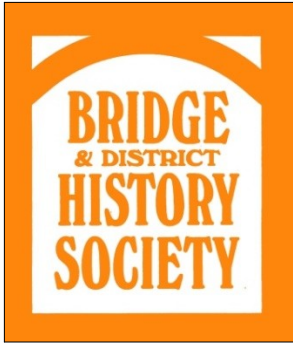
Wall advertisement at 6 Palace Street Canterbury

Cushman, Canterbury & the Mayflower

Martin Crowther returns to explain the religious intolerance and upheaval of the 16th & 17th centuries in England.

The persecution and martyrdom of the *Radical Christians* (called the *Separatists*) caused them to seek a fresh start in a place where they could set their own conventions. We call them the *Pilgrim Fathers* and they sailed to the New World.

All welcome - admission £4 (including refreshments)



Thursday 20 April @ 7.30pm

The Black Prince

Bridge Village Hall

Was the Prince a hero or villain?



The Black Prince's tomb in Canterbury Cathedral (Courtesy of Jon Arnold Images Ltd)

This talk by Peter Genower, a Cathedral Guide, will explain that the Black Prince was the classic romantic knight at the height of the age of chivalry. He was a national hero and military genius, the warrior prince who never became king.

But do fatal flaws in his character cloud the reputation and legacy of Edward Plantagenet the Black Prince?

Peter will cut away the hype and present a clear-eyed view of the man beyond the legend.

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Thursday 20 Jan @ 7.30pm
Tudor & Stuart Women
Bridge Village Hall



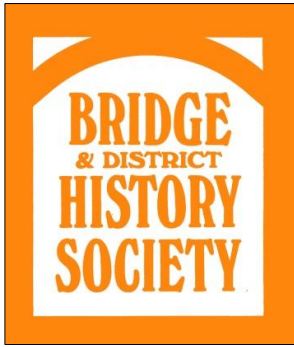
Jackie Eales makes a welcome return to talk about
The Working Lives of Women in
Canterbury and Kent 1500-1700

The educational opportunities for these women were very limited. They could not pursue a professional career, their labour was seen as unskilled & pay was less than men's.

NEVERTHELESS

The fascinating evidence from various sources shows the wide range of jobs open to women and the perils they encountered in entering the early modern labour market.

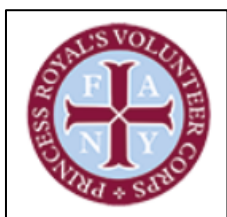
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Thursday 20th Oct @ 7.30pm
Aristocratic Amazons in Arms
Bridge Village Hall



The First Aid Nursing Yeomanry Corps



Generally known as 'FANYs' this WW1 picture of nurses and ambulances in the Corps sets the scene for a talk by Juliette Pattinson (Professor of Modern History at the University of Kent) about the FANYs from 1907 to 1918.

Juliette talks about the FANYs (the earliest quasi-military female force) formed in 1907, using members' memoirs, FANY records and newspaper articles. They were the first to staff a Regimental Aid Post near the WW1 frontline and the first women's ambulance convoy for the British Army.

All welcome - admission £4 (including refreshments)



Thursday 20 Sept 7.30pm
TALK (after brief AGM)
Bridge Village Hall



WITCHCRAFT AROUND KENT

The 16th & 17th century Witchcraft Trials in Canterbury & Kent have attracted a lot of historical attention and misunderstanding. In the course of her talk Jackie Eales, a professor at Canterbury Christ Church University, will examine how witchcraft accusations in Tudor & Stuart Canterbury and Kent, can be interpreted in the light of recent research.

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Thursday 21 April 7.30pm



SIR THOMAS MORE

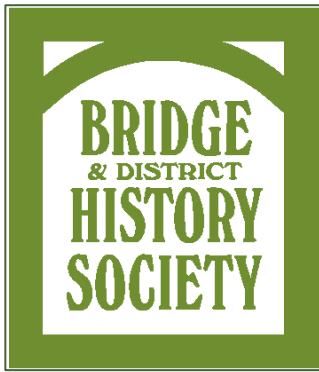
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Deserving execution or canonisation?

Alasdair Hogarth talks about Sir Thomas More (born in 1478, executed 1535 & canonised 1935) and explores the question of how we should judge those events today. Of local interest, he was beheaded for treason by Henry VIII; and his severed head was returned to Canterbury by his daughter Margaret Roper, who had it placed in their family vault at St Dunstan's Church.

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Thursday 21 April @ 7.30pm

Joan - Fair Maid of Kent

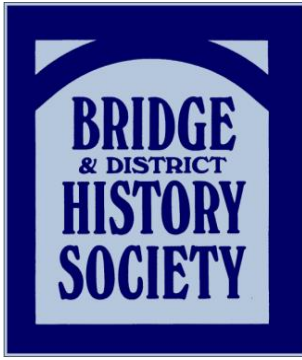
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A roof boss of Joan in Canterbury Cathedral (north nave aisle)

An illustrated talk by James Dickinson with the intriguing title **THE IN-LAWS** in which he tells the story of Joan, the Fair Maid of Kent. Born in 1328, she married Edward the Black Prince in 1361 and became the first Princess of Wales. This talk also features John of Gaunt (the Black Prince's brother) who was called '*the most hated man in England*'.

All welcome - admission £4 (including refreshments)



Thursday 21 Dec @ 7.30pm

Pre-Christmas Social

Bridge Village Hall

A warm invitation to this social



An illustration from G & F Doel's book 'A Kent Christmas'

Christmas Ghost Stories with Geoff Doel

Geoff refers to an essay by Charles Dickens about 'telling ghost stories around the Christmas Fire', which he explores through stories, songs and old traditions. Followed by complimentary mulled wine & mince pies etc.

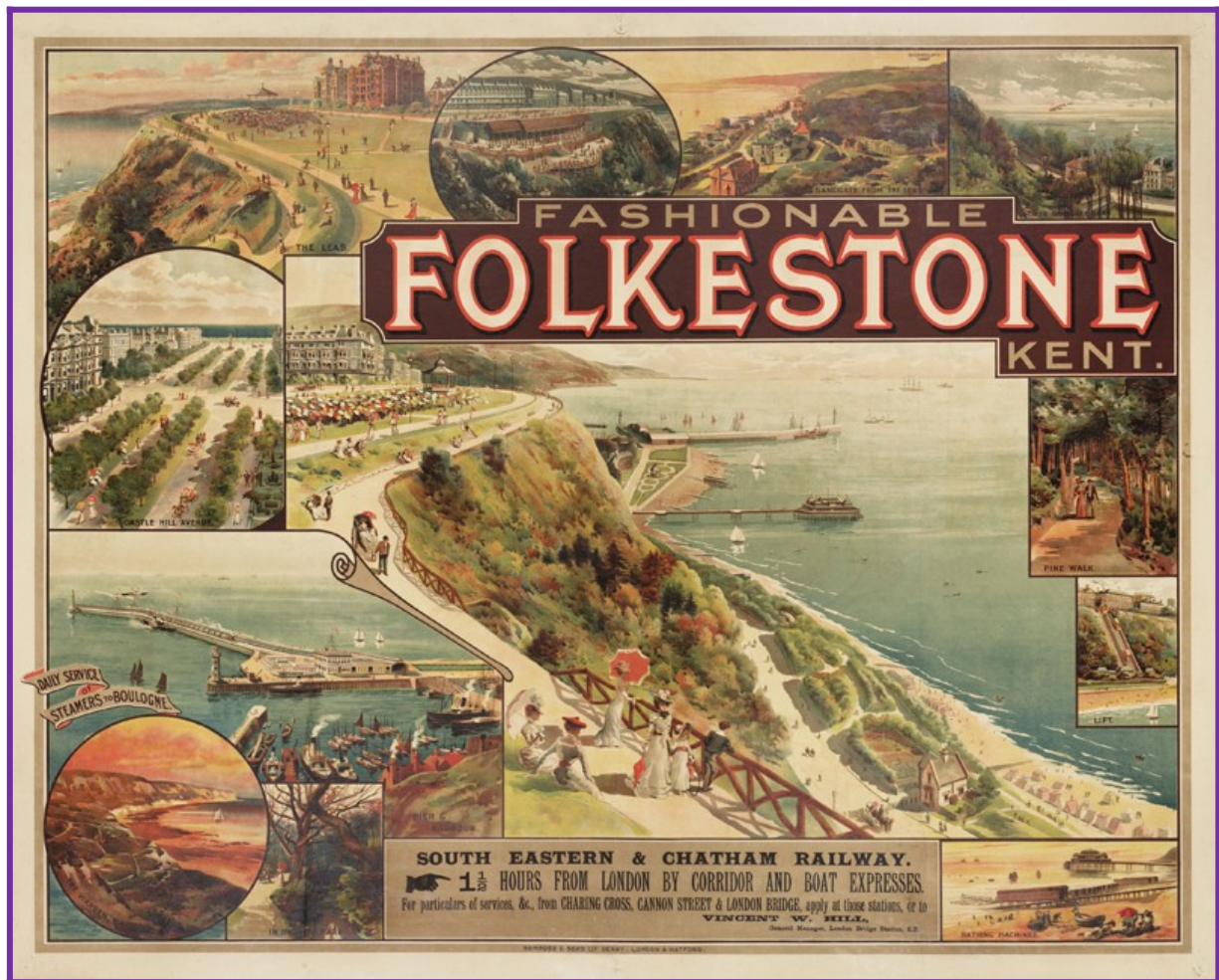
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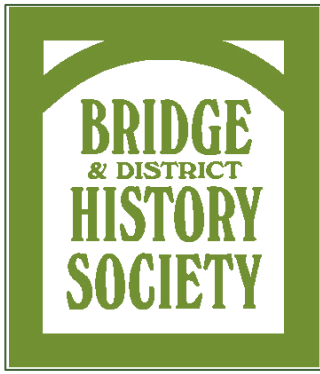
Pre WW1 FOLKESTONE

Bridge Village Hall



This wonderful poster for **FASHIONABLE FOLKESTONE** sets the scene for a talk by Hilary Tolputt. She will answer questions about 'why it was so called, and how it came about'. Her talk will be illustrated by pictures of the town in its heyday.

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The Pubs of Bridge
Bridge Village Hall

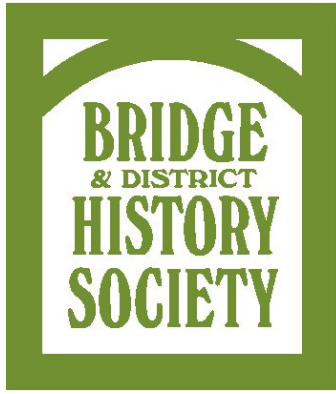


The Red Lion Inn (Publican J Friend) and a contingent of the East Kent Mounted Corp in WW1

Come and *'Raise a glass'* with Alan Walton (a former landlord at the White Horse Inn) to our 3 pubs in Bridge.

Alan will lead us on a fascinating 'virtual' Pub Crawl through the histories of the 3 pubs in Bridge. He will tell us about the characters that have frequented them and the many events that have been celebrated within their bars.

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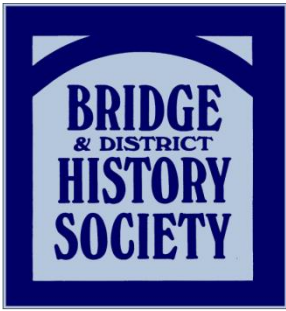
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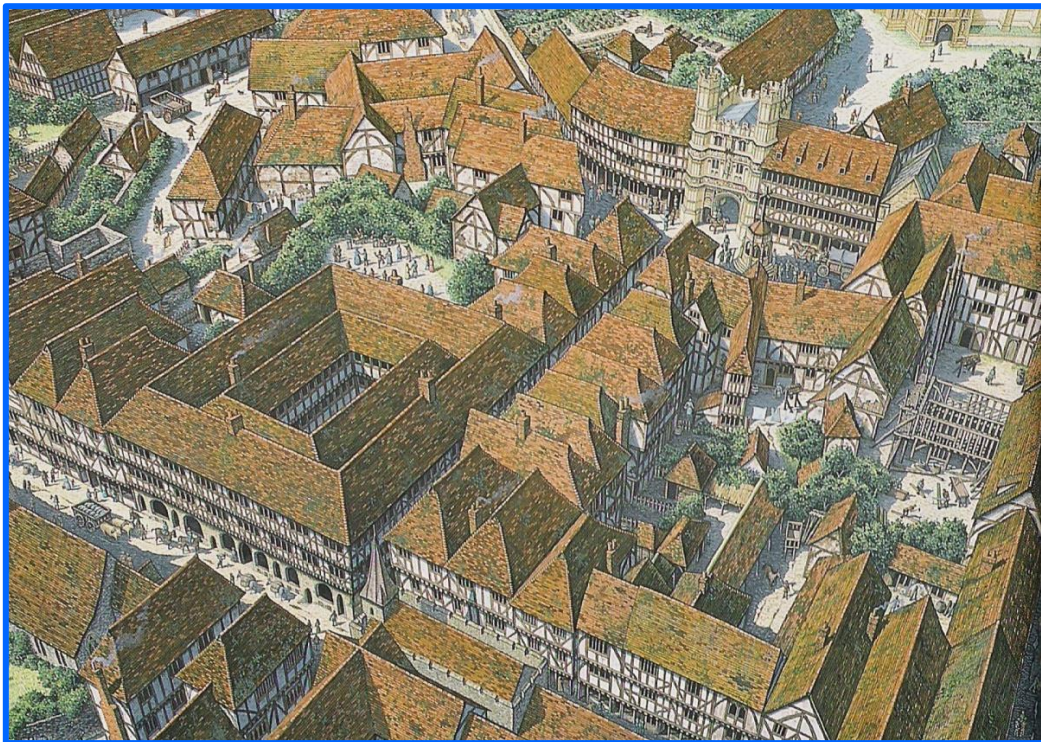
The New Season

Bridge Village Hall

Chairman's Report on Last Season

followed by

Canterbury's changing society from 1500



An impression of Tudor Canterbury © Canterbury Archaeological Trust

In this return visit Doreen Rosman will chart 500 fascinating, but often over-looked years, in Canterbury's history.

Her talk will cover major events from the dissolution of the monasteries to the Second World War, its aftermath and beyond, and how they changed the lives of its citizens.

The later expansion of higher education and tourism brought about further changes that produced the city we know today.

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