

## Notable Houses in Bridge and District (by DR)

**NB** The dates given here are those for which I have found records. It is **not** to be assumed that on intermediate dates the situation is the same as the contiguous dates although this can be assumed in some cases, which will be obvious to the reader.

<b>BRIDGE</b>	1801	42 houses	65 families	pop 325	7.9 per house
	1811	76 houses	81 families	397	5.3
	1821	86	99	432	5
	1831	97	101	543	5.5
	1851	134 households		625	(4.7 - my figure)
	1861	148		727	(4.9)
	1871	167		790	(4.9)

(another source gives the pop as 941 in 1871!)

### Vicars of Patrixbourne with the chapel of Bridge

Patron	Vicar	Date
	James Colesby	1644
	John Fige	1667
	John Mackallan	1667-1698
Margaret Braems	John Bowtell	1697-1753
Mary Taylor, hac vice	Herbert Taylor	1753-1763
Herbert Taylor	Edward Taylor	1763-1798
Edward Taylor	William Toke	1799-

### 5 Albert Terrace

1934	Frederick Beadle, laundry
1940	Mrs F E Beadle, laundry

### 6 Albert Terrace

1910	31 March - Mr John Fenn junior was killed by an exploding fire maroon
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### Alexandra (or Alexander) House

1894	Miss Williams, organist - no address other than The Street
1897 ??	Miss Williams, organist, Private School. (The Street)
1903 - 1907 ??	Miss Elizabeth Williams, girls' school
1911-1913	Miss Williams
1915	Mrs Wiltshier
1918	Mrs Mary Bedingfield. apartments
1924	Miss C A Newman
1940	Alfred Hunt, laundry

### Anne's House / Willow Brook

1927	in use as a dairy
?	Richard & Esther Tilly-Ris. Anne's House restaurant & Tea room opening July 14th

### Bereacre: Great and Little Barahers

1292/93	Walter de Kancia - family called Bereacre or Barahers
1480s	Litchfields - up to 1482/3 - Richard Hart - daughter Margery Hart married William Isaac
1500s	Edward Isaac, in the reign of Henry VIII, sold it to - Petyt and Weekes, who sold it to - Naylor of Renville - Smith and Watkins, sold it to - John Taylor of Bifrons

- Edward Taylor

## Bifrons

- Built early 1600s (1615 says one source) by John Bargrave. He was a local farmers son, a merchant & adventurer - he and his brothers were pioneer settlers in Virginia. Died in 1600 !!
- 1610 John, b1610 (his son, Rector of Harbledown? Canon of Canterbury) Bargrave born at Bifrons (?). Pupil at King's school Canterbury. His famous Cabinet of Curiosities bequeathed to Canterbury Cathedral in 1680. Contains "medals, antiquities, rareties, and coynes" collected during his travels through-out Europe (7 years -4 grand tours) while he avoided the Civil War. Died at Bifrons in 1680.
- 1694 John Taylor (1665-1729) & his wife Olivia. Acquired the house in 1694. from the Bargraves.  
A portrait in the National Portrait Gallery, probably painted in 1696, shows his them and their children: Olive (b 1681), Margaret (b1683), Brook (1685-1731 - a celebrated mathematician, the inventor of Taylor's Theorem; worked with Kepler on the laws of planetary motion; FRS; worked with d'Alembert in Paris on the theory of refraction), Mary (b1690), Upton (b 1696), Nathaniel (b1687), John (b1687) and Bridges (b1698)
- 1720 John Taylor bought the estate in 1720
- 1734-1739 Rev Edward Taylor is vicar of Patricbourne - he is the grandson of John Taylor who bought the estate in 1720
- 1770 Rev Edward Taylor (vicar of Patricbourne 1734-39), pulled down the earlier house and built an elegant Georgian House using some materials from Bridge Place which he owned and had (half?) pulled down.
- 1796 Jane Austen visited Bifrons
- 1820 Sold by Edward Taylor to the Marquis of Conyngham
- 1867 Marquis of Conyngham. Conynghams extended the house. (Marquis died in 1832. The Marchioness lived there until her death in 1861. She was a famous beauty of George IV's court. She had previously resided at Charlton Park, where the King visited her. A large saloon was added to that mansion for the entertainment of his court. Marchioness opened a school for girls at the Lower Lodge Gate. Girls had a uniform like Little Red Riding Hood.. Supported the Free schools of Patricbourne and Bridge, helped towards the formation of a Volunteer Fire Brigade and had a small Gas Works erected to supply the mansion and villages.)
- 1874 Earl and Countess of Mountcharles
- 1893-1897 Sir (?) John A Miller Esq
- 1897-1903 ? Mr Marshall
- 1903-1904 Frank Penn Esq (property of Marquis of Conyngham)
- 1907-1913 Robert Henry Bullock Marsham (property of M of C)
- 1915 Frank Penn Esq (prop of M of C)
- 1918 Frank Penn & Mrs Penn
- 1924-1930 Col. Hon. Milo George Talbot, CB; (rented from M of C) TN Bridge 10  
230 acres of finely timbered park
- 1934 Hon Mrs Milo Talbot
- 1940 EMPTY -still property of M of C
- 1948/9 ? DEMOLISHED. Just prior to this it had been used as a billet for Canadian servicemen and a home for displaced persons.

## Bourne Lodge

- 1897 Henry D Hirst Esq
- 1903 Captain Henry Hirst
- 1907-1918 Herbert James Bell
- 1924 Mrs Parker
- 1930-1940 Francis R W Berry AAI; J C Quested - listed in 1931

## Bourne Park

- 1545 Hautbourne (Bourne) was bought by Sir Anthony Aucher in 1545 (He was Master of the Jewels to Henry VIII and was employed on the defences of Dover- killed at Calais in 1558. He was descended from the first Earl of Kent, who fought the Danes at Thanet in 853.
- 1701(or 1705?) Bourne Park built on the site of Hautbourne by Dame Elizabeth Aucher - descendant of Sir Anthony Aucher.
- 1756 Stephen Beckenham (or Beckingham), married to an Aucher daughter, acquired the house from the Aucher family.
- 1765ish One of their tenants, Sir Horace Mann (1744-1814), friend of Sir Robert Walpole, the first English Prime Minister, organised one of the first cricket matches in Kent. Caused formation of the first Bourne Park cricket club in 1766 - ground still in use.  
MP from 1774-1807. Twice played cricket for Kent. Brought prominent players to Kent.  
Mozart stayed there (aged 8) for a week in July 1765 - 24th July to 1st August as a guest of Sir Horace Mann (aged 21). he gave a concert in Canterbury with his sister and in the presence of his father. He visited the Barham races.
- 1845 Matthew Bell bought it. Lived at Oswalds at least some of the time. Landscaped the grounds & created the lake - grounds by Nesfield. Was responsible for the railway being put in a cutting and the roofed to form a tunnel. Built several cottages - diamond paned windows; some have his arms on them.
- 1893-1904 Matthew Bell Esq, D.L., J.P., Chairman of the Gas Company-offices at the Red Lion
- 1903 !! Death of Mr Matthew Bell, aged 87, at Bourne Park. Director of Equitable Life Assurance Society. Left estate of £33997 net.
- 1904 Matthew Bell Esq, D.L; J.P. William Homersham
- 1907-1918 Walter Turner Toynbee JP (tenant of Capt. Matthew Gerald Edward Bell (grandson of Matthew Bell) - where is he living? "Bourne Park is the seat of Capt. M.G.E.Bell, lord of the manor"- see Oswalds)
- 1924 Lt.-Col Matthew Gerald Edward Bell, OBE, JP, lord of the manor. (also listed as owner of Lenhall Farm)
- 1927 Sir John Prestige, bought house from last of Bell family (a colonel in the Rifle Brigade).
- 1930-1940 Major Sir John Theodore Prestige, lord of the manor; Robert Bruce listed in 1931
- 1957 by this time house empty & very run down. Prestige owned it until his death in 1962. ( Preservation order on house soon after - Grade 1 listed)
- 1963 Mr R D Neame, bought on his behalf by the trustees of his late uncle, Lord Forteviot. Estate of 300 acres
- 1964 Outpost of monastic order of St Augustine based at Minster near Ramsgate. Plans to turn it into a monastery & schol for 100 boarders did not happen. (46 acres)
- 1969 on market
- 1971 proposal to turn it into a residential retirement club for the over 60's
- 1972 Sold
- 1973 on sale as 3 housing units
- 1974 on sale as 19 luxury suites
- 1975 proposal to turn into a fully equipped private hospital
- 1977 considered for use as offices, showrooms & home
- 1978 proposed to turn it into a luxury hotel (Land reduced to 7 acres by this time)
- 1983-present purchased by Lady Juliet & Mr Somerset de Chair (father was an admiral at the battle of Jutland in 1916 and then Governor of New South Wales). Much restoration work carried out. Lady Juliet is the only daughter of 8th Earl Fitzwilliam of Wentworth Woodhouse. Title defunct in 1979; Lady J inherited paintings, antiques and objet d'art. Somerset de Chair (died in 1995) - flamboyant author (eg "The impending storm" 1931) , Tory MP, war hero, collector of



art and antiques. Author of 30+ volumes of contemporary history, poetry, autobiography, biography, historical novels. Translated & edited Napoleon's memoirs. MP for SW Norfolk 1935-45. 1938 commissioned in Royal Horse Guards. 1941 fought in Iraq. Invalided out in 1943. MP for Paddington South 1950-51.

#### **Bourne Park Gate**

1893-94	George Gammon
1897-1904	Charles Alfred Apps
1911	F.H.Pilcher

#### **Bridge Farm**

1859	James Richardson. Landowner, Rev Richard Barham
(1874	Barn fire at the farm of Mr Collins - not necessarily Bridge Farm)
1897	F Miles
1913-1918	William Holman
1931	W D Terry
1940	William Fagg
1962	DEMOLISHED to make way for a housing development. A 15th century wagon entrance was uncovered. Was probably originally part of the estate of Bridge Place.

#### **Bridge Hill**

1859	Captain Charles Winter - no house given. Employed Elizabeth Griggs, daughter of the village blacksmith	
1890	Captain Charles Winter	
1893	William Griggs	
1894	William Griggs	William J Milles (Bridge hill)
1897	William Griggs (Bridge hill)	William J Miles (Bridge hill)
1903	Mrs Winter	

#### **Bridge Hill House**

1824	Charles Louis Secondat, Baron Montesquieu, died at Bridge(1749-1824). Also of Chateau de Labreade nr Bordeaux. Settled in England after the Revolution. Fought in the American War of Independence. Decorated by George Washington with the Cincinatti Medal. Returned to France. Fled to England in 1790 & married Miss Anne McGeoghegan O'Neill - Irish descent. Left the house to his wife (Marianna) in his will drawn up in 1822. After her death it was to go to his godson Charles.
1849	Rev Edward Gregory (curate of Lower Hardres 1815-1829)died (b1789, son of Elizabeth Beckingham of Bourne Park & first cousin of Mrs Edward Taylor of Bifrons). He probably built the present Bridge Hill House. ??
1853	Mrs Gregory named as the chief supporter of the infants school. Presented new plate to the church in 1850. Restored Bridge church in 1859/60.
1861	Mrs Gregory(B1788), from Cheshire(daughter of Nathaniel Pattison of Congleton and whose grandfather founded the first silk mill in Congleton in 1752), widow, landed proprietor & fundholder. Had 10 servants in 1861:- butler, resident cook, lady's maid, governess, kitchen maid, footman, groom, housemaid, page, gardener. Died in 1867
1867	For sale (+30 acres) by executors of Mrs Gregory ("Times" June 6th 1867: "it is entered through a spacious conservatory with fernery at side, and contains 10 principal and secondary bedrooms, two dressing rooms, sitting room, water-closet, and a suite of rooms in wing, consisting of a large bedroom, small room, dressing room, sitting room, and water-closet on the ground floor, entrance hall, excellent dining room, drawing room, communicating with a library, and opening by folding casements with a verandah; conveniently arranged domestic offices, detached servants hall, laundry, washhouse, two men's rooms, stabling for four horses, coach-



house, brewhouse, granary, and other useful outbuildings, large walled kitchen gardens, two greenhouses and vinery; beautiful pleasure grounds, lawns, and ornamental flower beds" 30 acres. 1700 foot frontage on highroad from Canterbury to Dover.

Mrs Gregory was responsible for the restoration of Bridge Church

Mrs G employed more than 9 servants.

- 1870 Major Castle - keen on amateur theatricals  
1890-1897 Mrs Castle  
1903 Mrs Castle (Bridge house) ??  
1904 W H Peto Esq  
1907 Countess Zborowski (house belonged to Mr Ralph Peto)  
1913-1940 George Knox Anderson DL; JP (called Bridge House in 1931)

### Bridge Place

on site of ancient Court Lodge

Garwintons of Bekesbourne owned it, the last of whom was Thomas Garwinton who died in the 11th year of the reign of Henry IVth (c1411).

Bridge Place went to a daughter of his by marriage to the Hauts of Hautbourn and by another female of that name to the Isaaks, who had also some estate here many ages before that.

From this family [art of it went somehow to the Lawrences.

- 1545 Henry Lawrence held the court lodge in the 36th year of the reign of Henry VIII
- c 1680 about the middle of Queen Elizabeths reign they both joined in a sale of it to William Patrick Esq; grandfather to Soir Edward who parted with it and the manor to Mr Arnold Braeme of Dover.
- 1638 was the property of Sir Edward Partherich (Patrick?) and his wife.
- 1638 Manor of Blackmansberry bought by Sir Arnold Braems from Partherich. Braems was from a family out of Flanders, ie Flemish. His father(Charles) was a merchant in Dover. Sir Arnold was elected MP for Dover in 1660 and was knighted at Canterbury on May 27th 1660 for services to King Charles II. He pulled down the ancient Court Lodge and built Bridge Place. Bankrupted himself by so doing. Built of hand-made Dutch bricks brought over from Holland and landed in Sandwich. Died at Bridge Place in 1681. Married first Joanna, 2nd daughter of Walter Henflete (or Septvans) of Bekesbourne, secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Dudley Digges, Master of the Rolls, & thirdly, Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Palmer, of Wingham, Bart. During his life Bridge Place often visited by the artist Cornelius Janssen. **Nov 15th 1660 Samuel Pepys** records a meeting with Sir Arnold Brames. "And did myself walk homewards (hearing that Sir W Pen was gone before in a coach) to overtake him and with much ado at last did in Fleet Street, and there I went in to him, and there was Sir Arnold Brames, and we all three to Sir W Batten's to dinner, he having a couple of servants married today" They all had dinner and then made offerings of money - Pepys gave 10 shillings & thought most of the others gave more. **Dec 27th 1660 Pepys diary**:- "This afternoon there came in a strange lord to Sir William Batten's by a mistake and enters discourse with him, so that we could not be rid of him till Sir Arn. Breames and Mr Bens and Sir W. Penn fell a-drinking to him till he was drunk, and so sent him away." **Oct 5th 1661 Pepys diary**-"And at night Sir W. Penn and I alone to the Dolphin, and there eat some bloat-herrings and drank good sack. Then came in Sir W Warren and another and staid a while with us, and then Sir Arnold Brames, with whom we staid late and till we had drunk too much wine. Subsequently owned by his son, Colonel Walter Braems who died in 1692- heirs could not afford it's upkeep. In the 17th century it was the largest country house in East Kent after Chilham castle - had a large deer park and aviary.

c1680 visited by the artist Schellinke. Described the house as containing, in addition to Braems's own fine residence, a large number of rooms, chambers, halls and other good appartments. The grounds were 'very well kept pleasure grounds with fruit trees, well wtered by a fast flowing stream of wonderfully clear sweet water, (the nailbourne). This splits up into several branches and rivulets; also some fish ponds in which ... trout is bred. There are also some vineyards. .. also a brewery, bakery, wine-press, hop garden, barns, stables, oxen, cows, shep, pigs, geese, ducks ....'

1704 sold to John Taylor of Bifrons by Sir Thomas Braems- pulled it all down apart from one wing. Held by the Taylor family until .....  
purchased by the Marquis of Conyngham.

1849 R Brice Esq, vice-chairman of Board of Guardians of the Union

1857 Tombstone in churchyard - sacred to memory of George Athill Esq of Bridge Place

1878 Contents of Bridge Place auctioned April 2nd - property of Walter Gippes Esq - leaving the neighbourhood.

1890-1897 Oscar de Satgé

1903 Mrs Wilson

1904 J B E Wilson Esq, Mrs Wilson

1907 Mrs Wilson (an Arthur Thomas Wilson M.B.,B.Ch was physician & surgeon, medical officer & public vaccinator No.1 district, Bridge union & medical officer of Bekesbourne sanitorium. Any connection?)

? Dr Wilson (GP for Bridge & surrounding villages) & his brother Mr J Wilson : sons of Mrs Wilson above. members of a well-known Irish family? Another brother called Sir Samuel Wilson- not in Bridge.

1913-1915 Seymour L Harries

1924-1940 Mrs Ethel Penn TN 8

1927 Mr Wiliam Howard - conflict of dates. Tenant of Marquis of Conyngham.

?? General & Lady Bing. The Duchess of Albany, daughter of Queen Victoria, stayed there after opening some official event in Canterbury

1954 Bought by the Hon Mrs Neame

? sold by Mrs Neame to Mr Malcolm Pinhorn (genealogical printer) with an entrance lodge and 6 acres of ground

### Bridge Union

1835 erected at a cost of £4,500 for the accommodation of 350 inmates.. Mr John Weeks, first Governor; Mrs Weeks, Governess.  
Memorial in Bridge church records "the memory of Mr William Forth' who, from the formation of the Union, a period of 30 years, performed the duties of Relieving Officer, **Master**, and finally, Clerk" Clerk 1840-1865. Died in 1865 aged 70. Was he the second Master?

1859 James Betts, master

1893-1897 Thomas Chapman, master; Mrs T Chapman, matron

1903 Walter Marshall, master; Mrs Ellen Marshall, matron

1904 Mr and Mrs J Marshall

1907 Mrs Ellen Croft, deputy registrar of births & deaths for Chartham sub-district, Bridge union. (did these two live here?)  
Percy William Honney, master; Mrs Honney, matron

1911-1934 Mr & Mrs Honney, master & matron. 1915, Percy Honney is deputy registrar of births and deaths for Barham sub-district. PH is Registrar of Marriages in 1918.  
In 1934 L Guy Honney is listed as deputy registrar of marriages.

### Brookside Lodge

1893-1913 Richard Friend, coal merchant and fly proprietor; Parish councillor

1932-1934 H Johnson (listed in 1932); Express Transport Company (Canterbury) Tel Bridge 43  
W T M Johnson, insurance agent Tel Bridge 43



1940	William Johnson
<b>Church House</b>	
1931	H G Laming; Robert Stephen Laming
<b>East Bridge House</b>	
1893	Captain Charles Winter
1894	Captain C Winter
1897	Mrs Winter
1904-1907	Captain Henry D Hirst, member of Board of Guardians of Bridge Union
1911	Major Henry D Hirst
1915-1918	Lieut.-Col Henry Hirst
1924	Misses Ramsay TN 4 - Meadow Close was part of their orchard
1930-1940	Miss N M Ramsey
<b>Eversley House, Union Rd</b>	
1911-1918	Victor Abeloos. artist
<b>Fairview</b>	
1918-1934	William Hutchings Wass, collector to the guardians, relieving and vaccination officer & registrar of births and deaths for Barham sub-district, Bridge district.
1940	listed as living at 10 Union Rd
<b>Filmer House</b>	
1904	A F Boyce, assistant overseer for Bridge
1907	William Hutchings Wass, collector to the guardians, relieving & vaccination officer & registrar of births & deaths for Barham sub-district, Bridge union.
1911	___ Foord
1931	Miss Foster; P C Seymour
1940	Miss Foster
<b>Gas works</b>	
1859	erected near to the school - on Patrixbourne side where the bottom of the wood now is.
<b>Gordon House</b>	
1924	Miss Tassell
1931	George Vidgen
1940	Stephen Hogben
<b>5 High Street</b>	
1940	Roger Bennett Hunter MB; BCh; BAO.
<b>Higham</b>	
1320	Large house existed in the parish of Patrixbourne during the reign of Edward II, owned by De Hegham
1500s	Known to be a house on site
1543	House bought by Thomas Culpeper Aucher family followed Culpeper. Elizabeth Aucher married Thomas Corbett.
1768	Present house built by Ignatius Geoghegan who was married to Antonia, daughter of Elizabeth Aucher.
1781	bought by Hallett family
1867	Rev Charles Hughes Hallett, died in 1846
1890-1897	Rev James Hughes Hallett, Vicar of Petham
1901	House put up for sale by Col. J W Hughes-Hallett of the Seaforth Highlanders.

1901-1909 William Gay Esq - developed the gardens, grew orchids, raised pedigree highland cattle. His French wife developed the decor and furnishings in French style. Entertained lavishly. Countess Zborowski from Bridge Hill House was a visitor to the house.

1909-1911 Countess Zborowska (granddaughter of William Astor) bought the house and moved here with her 14 year old son, Louis Vorow Zborowski-and started to refurbish - died of influenza before completed . Louis 16 years.

1911-1924 Count Louis Zborowski(1895-1924), very wealthy ( mother was granddaughter of William Astor, father, killed in a car accident in 1903 when Louis was 8 yrs old, was of Polish/American descent, his grandfather owned real estate in New York & Eastern US), married Violet Elizabeth Leicester, a Gaiety Girl, in 1924; killed in 1924, aged 29,while competing in the Grand Prix in Monza. (He had replaced the villages horsedrawn fire engine in 1920 with a custom built vehicle)

1928-1940 Walter Kennedy Whigham , bought the house for £17.000, renamed it Highland Court

**Hill Side House**

1890 Mrs Morant  
 1894 Mrs Morant (Hillside)  
 1897 Harold E Chapman (Hillside)  
 1903-1918 Col. Charles Edward Beck (Hillside house)  
 1931-1940 Mrs M A Chapman (Hillside)

**Hill Cottage**

1893 Mrs Aldworth  
 1894 Mrs Aldworth

**Ivy House**

1903-1907 Thomas Chapman, registrar of marriages & deputy registrar of births and deaths for Barham sub-district.  
 1911 Thomas Chapman, Mrs Caplen(Ivy house?)  
 1913- 1918 Thomas Chapman  
 1924 Herbert Blundell  
 1931 George Maslin  
 1940 Humphrey George Maslin

**Little Bridge Place**

1893 William White; W White jun., - Secretary of Bridge Friendly Society - meetings at The Red Lion  
 1894 William White, miller; W White jun., - .. .. .  
 1897 William White, miller;  
 1903 Herbert H Mount  
 1904-1927 Thomas Louis Collard, 1907- valuer, clerk to the Bridge board of guardians & assessment committee of Bridge union, to Bridge Rural District Council & the Bridge local school attendance committee. &,in1915, to the Kent Local Pension committee. 1918, Building surveyor to Bridge R D C. (1918 attended at an office at 21 Burgate Canterbury on Saturdays - in capacity of clerk to guardians of Bridge union.)  
 1930-1934 (Lt.-)Col. Joshua Henry Miles Jebb, DSO

**Little Eaton Farm**

1893 Edward Tuff  
 1894 Edward Tuff  
 1897 J Fairbrass, Parish Councillor.  
 1904 S. File  
 1911-1931 John File

**Little Pett Farm**



Part of Manor called "Bereacre" with Great Pett farm, later called Little Barakers.

1890-1904 Stephen File, farmer  
1907-1934 Norman File, farmer  
1940 Henry E Baylis, poultry farmer

#### **Lynton House- mid-late 18th century**

1903-1907 William Perry  
1911 Commander Guy Gamble RN  
1913 Percy Thomas Baker  
1918 William Perry  
1924 C P Tomlin  
1930- 1940 Albert Taylor, also listed as Taylor & Son, coal merchant  
1998 on sale for £315,000

#### **Middle Pett Farm**

1890-1897 William Wells, farmer and hop grower  
1904 F H Pilcher, bailiff  
1907-1918 William Lewis, farmer  
1931 ? Clark  
1940 Harold Burchett; John File

#### **Motor Garage**

1918 Désiré Henri Faure  
1924-1930 Aubrey James Sneller TN 12  
1930-1940 Archibald William Rogers, motor, general & agricultural engineer, & petrol filling station

#### **National School**

1859 Richard Wells, master, National School, Mrs Sophia Sayer, mistress  
1871 Mr Robert Wye, Head of Boys & Mrs Mary Wye, Head of Girls - first government teachers of the National school. Came from Shepton Mallett schools. In December 1871 Miss F Wye, Roberts sister, was appointed Head of Infants school  
1874 Robert Wye, Mrs Mary Wye, Miss Ellen Wye  
1878-1890 Robert Wye, master; Mrs Susan Emmeline Wye, mistress; Miss Fanny Wye, infants mistress.  
1893 Robert Wye, master, assistant overseer and collector of Tithes and Queen's taxes; Miss G F Wye, assistant mistress, boy's school; Mrs Wye, girls' mistress; Miss Wye, infants' mistress.  
1894 Robert Wye, . . . . . ; Miss G F Wye, . . . . . ; Mrs Wye . . . . . ; Miss Wye . . . . .  
1897 Robert Wye, >> >> + Collector of Rents, Clerk to the Parish Council; Miss G F, Miss, and Mrs Wye ..  
1900 Mr and Mrs R Wye retired from the school. Tombstone - Susan Emily Wye Dec 5th 1929 aged 85; Robert Wye, June 26th 1935 aged 88  
1903 John George Andrews, master(probably did not live in the school house); Miss Fanny Wye, infants' mistress;  
1904 Mr J G Andrews, mixed; Miss Wye, infants' mistress; Robert Wye (no longer teaching-in 1911 he was living in Weston villas) Assistant overseer for Patixbourne & Bekesbourne, Collector of taxes for the above and Bridge, Bishopsbourne, Kingstone, Nonington, Womenswold, Upper & Lower Hardres; School Attendance Officer; house agent; rent and tithe collector; agent for Scottish Equitable Life assurance; Licensed Lay Reader; Parish Councillor.  
1907-1913 John George Andrews, master; Miss Fanny Wye, infants' mistress (JGA may have lived in the school house if FW lived with her father in Weston villas)  
1914 Miss Fanny Wye retired as Head of Infants School  
Tombstone - Fanny Wye, sister of Robert, Oct 30th 1944, aged 94

1918	John George Andrews, master; Miss Constance Gwendolyn Wye, infants' mistress.
1924	William John Billing, master; Miss M Bell. infants' mistress (school under the control of KCC)
1931	Miss Wye, infants' mistress
1940	Public Elementary School (senior mixed and infants) H H V Bennett, senior master; Miss W M Bell, infants' mistress

#### **Oswalds - 17th&18th century**

1913-1915	Captain Matthew Gerald Edward Bell, lord of the manor
1918	Lt.-Col M G E Bell, lord of the manor
1919-1924	Joseph Conrad. (Village Hall erected in Bishopsborne in 1926; memorial panel added in 1928 in memory of the writer, Joseph Conrad, who died here)
1931	C M Graham
1931-1933/4	Alec and Evelyn Waugh
1940	Hon Mrs Spence OB
1954-1970	was the village rectory
1995	on sale for £450,000. Previous owners had been there for 25 years

#### **Pett Farm**

	Part of Manor of "Bereacre" with Little Pett farm, later called Great Barakers
1859	John Collins, farmer - Petthouse farm
1874	Barn fire at the farm of Mr Collins
1893	Miss Collens
1894	Miss Collens
1897	William Harvey
1900	tombstone in Bridge - 'Emily Edmonds of Pett Farm' (aged 70)
1903	Ernest Malcolm Plommer, farmer
1904	H M Baker, Col. Hegan
1907	Fraser Bostock, farmer; Great Pett Farm
1911	H.M.Baker Admiral H.C.Kingsford, Pett Farm House
1913	Captain Edward Halhed Hugh Elliot, Great Pett House
1918	Spencer Collard, Great Pett, agent for special manures and fertilisers William Uden, farm bailiff to H Minter Baker Esq., Great Pett Farm
1924	Spencer Collard, Great Pett, hon. sec. Canterbury Horse Show; sec. National Farmers' Union, Canterbury Branch. William Uden, farm bailiff to F R Holness, Great Pett farm
1930-1931	Walter Deverson, farmer, Great Pitt(Pett) farm.
1934	Walter D Terry, farmer, Great Pett Farm
1940	Gordon Collard, Great Pett Farm

#### **Plough and Harrow**

1828	not mentioned as a pub in records for that year
1853	recorded as a Malt House and Brewery, not a Public House
1860	Mr Richard Mutton applied for a licence to sell spirits. Had 3 servants in 1861
1871(Sept)	sale by auction of public house and brewery under the will of Mr William Williams deceased. Let on lease to Messrs Edward and Edmund Gibbs at £58 per year.
1890	Frederick Miles
1893	Charles H Bean
1894	Charles H Bean
1897	R J W Sisley
1903-1913	William Brice
1915-1924	Mrs Hannah Lydia Brice
1930-1934	George F Ford
1940	Philip Ralph Mullinger



**Post Office**

1914?	Lord Kitchener sent his first dispatches from here at the start of the First World War
1955	Mr Roberts - post office in his own house - where?
early 1950s	Mr and Mrs Samuel Shirley - present (1999) building Lawrence Shirley

**Primrose Alley /The Ship(pe)?**

1500s	oldest house in Bridge. 16th century frame house - timber beams filled in with bricks. Once a single house - divided into houses for several families
1894	Thomas Carpenter, John Jarvis, Charles Stokes, William Swan
1897	Thomas Carpenter, George Elgar, John Jarvis, William Rye
1904	William Jarvis, George Kennett, Robert Pierce, William Rye, Timothy Wilson
1911	Albert Gray, George Kennett, Robert Pierce, Mrs H Wilson
1931	Harry Wonfor (No. 1), H Amos, George Kennett,
1997	Wally Turner died. His sisters continue to live here. House contains a brick vaulted oast.

**Red Lion**

1820-1874	Joseph Eyres, employed at least 2 servants i.e. a stableboy and a coachman; had livery stables and a carriage business. 2 servants in 1861.
1828 ???	Thomas Hawkins ??
1890-1897	Thomas Fisher Hinds
1903	Frederick Anderson, Red Lion inn and jobmaster
1904-1911	Frank Clayson (1911 has Tele.20)
1913-1918	John Friend
1924	John Thomas Watson
1930-1931	R S Ansell/Ansell
1934-1940	George Burton

**Riverdale**

1907-1924	George A Hawkins, draper
1927-1934	Mrs Mary E Hawkins, his widow, draper
1934-1975(?)	Harry Hawkins, their son, draper and newsagent
1975	Eric Hawkins, son of Harry, gave up the drapers business. Continued as newsagent until .....
1989	Mr D Redfern veterinary surgeon. (82 High St)

**Riverside House**

1903	Thomas Louis Collard (Collard Bros.), auctioneer & valuer, clerk to the Bridge board of guardians & assessment & school attendance committees of Bridge union & to Bridge Rural District Council
1904	Kentish Gazette reports that Mr Edward L Gardener is offering the house for sale (£380) at the Red Lion. No takers!
1907	Mrs Innes
1911	Richard Sherrard
1913-1924	Mrs Beatson
1931	? Lines; ? McDougall

**River House**

1940	Lewis William Townsend
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**Rose Bank**

1894-1897	Lieut.-Col E C Haynes
1903	Mrs Haynes
1904	J C Mercer Esq
1911	Percy T. baker, solicitor (Mercer and Baker, Canterbury)
1915-1934	Misses Spurling or Sperling

1940	Miss Violet Clark, principal, Rosebank School
<b>Rose Dale Villa</b>	
1893-1918	Charles Edward Jones Esq
1924-1930	Mrs Mary Jones
1931	Albert Jones
1934-1940	Mrs Mary Jones
<b>Sunnyside Cottage</b>	
1893-1897	John Amos
1904-1911	Miss Kearney
1931	W G Hogben (Sunnyside); P E Wright (Sunnyside)
1934-1940	Walter Hogben, poultry farmer (Sunnyside), Tea rooms in 1940
1998	Sunnyside for sale for £295,000. Address given as 2 Dering Road.
<b>Village Hall</b>	
	presented to the village by the Marquis of Conyngham on the coming of age of his son
1878	increased to present size.
<b>Wayside</b>	
1940	George F Ford
<b>Wesleyan Chapel</b>	
1894	Originally (?) in Dering Road. Demolished in 1951. Built
<b>Weston villa</b>	
1918	Miss Tassell
1930	Mrs Carling
<b>White Horse Inn</b>	
1590ish	famous brawl recorded in the Church Archives of Christopher Applegate, a contemporary of Christopher Marlowe.
1828	served as post office. Frederick Colegate
1853	Richard Sherrard - postmaster (in 1890 & 1896 the post office was at the grocers shop (Mr Perry). In 1955 it was in Mr Roberts own house - where it is now in 1999?)
1859	Charles Fortescue Hornsby
1878	Mr Webb
1890	James Newport Kennett
1893-1894	George Vincent
1897-1907	George Shail
1911	W.G. Taylor
1913	Timothy Thorne
1915	Edmund John Collingwood
1918	Mrs Dora F Goddard
1924	William Chidwick
1930-1931	Andrew Frank Dean
1934-1940	William John Fairservice TN 49 (White Horse Hotel -1940)
<b>Wych elm</b>	
1918-1924	Percy John Tassell
1930-1931	Miss Tassell
1934-1940	Mrs Trouton/Troughton