



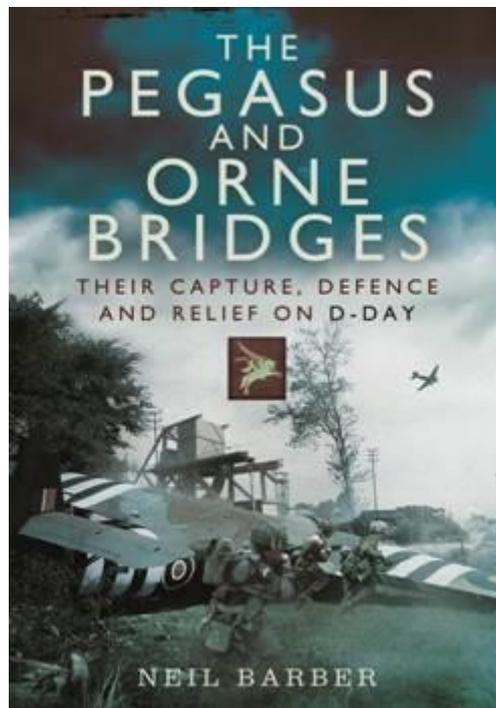
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PWRR ASSOCIATION EAST KENT BRANCH

A Military History Talk with Neil Barber
(In aid of the PWRR Benevolent Fund)

THE PEGASUS BRIDGE ASSAULT – FACT AND FICTION?



As part of the initial D-Day airborne operations, on the night of 5th/6th June 1944, the British glider-borne operation to capture Pegasus Bridge has gained an established place in the annals of warfare.

Courageously led by Major John Howard and his company of Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry it was a superbly daring, brilliantly executed 'coup de main' assault on to the Orne Canal Bridge.

Equally audacious was the defence of the bridges against ferocious German counter attacks over a prolonged period in Benouville by the 7th Parachute Battalion.

Neil Barber has a deep specialised knowledge of the battle area and period. In his books he uses extensive personal accounts to tell this thrilling and inspiring story. He covers events and operations from Ranville in the East to Benouville in the West and

this embraces the fierce fighting by 7th, 12th and 13th Parachute Battalions and reinforcements from the Commandos, sea borne Royal Engineers and the 2nd Battalion the Royal Warwickshires (the Warwicks).

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Neil Barber has been visiting the 6th Airborne Division's Normandy area, east of the River Orne and interviewing the veterans for more than 25 years. This has led to the writing of two books, describing in detail the actions at Pegasus Bridge and the Merville Battery. Each took five years of research (and that research continues to this day). Every avenue of investigation was followed, be it written, audio, photographic, film or walking the battlefield itself in order to get as close to the truth as possible.

Major John Redfern TD, Chairman of East Kent Branch has invited Neil to deliver his talk on behalf of the PWRR Benevolent Fund.

Date: **Thursday 12 March 2020**

Location: 3rd Battalion, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, Leros Barracks, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1HR

Timings:
18:30 for 19:00 Gathering
19:00 – 20:30 Lecture, with a short break
20:30 – 21:30 Curry supper

Cost: **£ 15:00 per head.** Electronic payments to: 09-06-66 41090973 your surname as the reference. Also advise by email/Face book the names attending – reply as below (latest by 06 March 20):

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