

Bridge of the Month No42, June 2014 Roxford Bridge, Hertford

This is a very ordinary little bridge in many senses, but it does raise some interesting issues and has at least one unusual feature. It is on [St Mary's Lane](#) SW of the centre of Hertford. I have only three photos but they show a bridge that has a few distinct features.

The first is that the ring is built in soldier courses, something I have never seen before.



That raises a question of date and there is a date on the key stone here of 1838 and that doesn't really seem to hang together. It doesn't look like an 1828 bridge either here



Or here where the mortar is still filling the joints. It doesn't look like repointing either.

I had a sight of the record for the bridge which shows a semi elliptical span. There are rumours of a 1930s rebuild and that seems to fit the appearance much better.

