Welcome to Faversham

This map has been produced by the Faversham Society to help you find your way around our town, rich in history and with many hidden gems. At the heart of Faversham is a relatively unspoilt market town with a tidal creek waiting for you to discover. Dating from pre-Roman Times and mentioned in the Domesday Book, Faversham has over 500 listed buildings – a heritage to be proud of and to share with visitors. Faversham is not twee; it is a working town with a population which cares passionately for our heritage and for our future prosperity.

Various guides are available from the Visitor Information Centre, 10/11 Preston Street, Faversham giving more information about the historic buildings and townscape in the town centre. You will find a wealth of information there and people learn to share their knowledge of Faversham and Swale. Make time to explore our Parish Church, St Mary of Charity, and the path which leads you past the Tudor Grammar School and the Abbey Community Physic Garden – hidden gems often missed by first-time visitors. Faversham is a proud member of the historic Cinque Ports. The tidal creek, the reason for the settlement which grew to be the town it is today, is important to the history and residents of the town – seek it out.

The Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre and Museum provides an ideal introduction to the history of the town. You will find a wide variety of independent shops, pubs, cafes and restaurants throughout the town. Enjoy your visit and remember that you are welcome to return for one of our restaurants throughout the town. Enjoy your visit and wide variety of independent shops, pubs, cafes and ideal introduction to the history of the town. You will find a wealth of information there and people learn to share their knowledge of Faversham and Swale.

Walking with History Tours 2020

Historic Buildings, Kings and Queens, Bigwigs and Benefactors, Saints and Sinners, Murder most Foul, and much, much more.

Explore Faversham with one of the Faversham Society’s knowledgeable local guides.

90 minute Walking with History Tours start at the Fleur in Preston Street - Adults £5 Children £3.

1st Saturday of the month April to October at 2pm, other Saturdays April to October 10.30am.
Every Saturday in July and August at 10.30am and 2pm, May and August Bank Holiday Mondays at 10.30am.

For further details or for group visits:
Tel: 01795 483289
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www.favershamtownwalks.org

Open Faversham Weekends

T: 01795 534542
Open: Weekends of 11th-12th July & 18th-19th July 2020
www.favershamsociety.org/open-faversham

Each year Open Faversham invites residents and visitors to share in a celebration of our heritage through guided walks, visits, music, drama, talks, displays and exhibitions.

11th July the Coming of the Railway to Faversham - for railway buffs and social historians. The Railway Station, the Railway Inn, Water Tower, the Engine Sheds, and a walk down to Standard Quay along the line of the railway line.

12th July Victorian Faversham - houses, streets, public buildings and the Recreation Ground.

An Open House style opportunity to visit and see the interiors of Victorian buildings, industrial buildings, places of worship, schools, The Assembly Rooms, the Recreation Ground and the new housing in Faversham before and after the coming of the railway; the Cottage Hospital and the Cemetery.

18th July - 19th July Gunpowder in the Town – the industrial archaeology, the housing for the workers, the owners and the managers. Gunpowder works on the marsh and the great explosion, the cemetery, Uplees, Davington Light Railway, Uplees, the Davington Light Railway.

These weekends were still being planned as we went to press, full details will be posted as they are confirmed on https://favershamsociety.org/open-faversham/.

Faversham Open Gardens & Garden Market Day

T: 01795 534542
Open: Sunday 28th June 2020
www.favershamsociety.org/open-gardens

One of the biggest ‘open gardens’ events in the South East, the 2020 Faversham Open Gardens and Garden Market will be held on Sunday 28th June. Gardens all over the market town of Faversham, both private and public, will be opening their gates with a detailed map and brochure providing the entry ticket to all the gardens.

The event attracts visitors from Kent, London and further afield. Come and enjoy discovering gardens behind both historic and newer houses, all within walking distance of the centre of the town. Many of the gardens do teas, or there are plenty of pubs and cafes around the town for refreshments.

The Garden Market has specialist plant stalls along with garden related crafts, vintage gardenalia and other artefacts. Brochures are available to purchase from mid May 2020 from The Faversham Society, 10-13 Preston Street, Faversham ME13 8NS.
Arden’s House
Located Grade II, the guest house of Faversham Abbey. The murder there in 1551 of Thomas Arden by his wife inspired the first English domestic drama, ‘Arden of Faversham’.

Standard Quay
www.standardquay.co.uk
A run of quayside buildings from the Monk’s Goatyard, one of Britain’s oldest warehouses, to the mid-19th century Standard House. Formerly industrial the quay now offers eclectic retail, cafes and traditional boat-morings.

Qare Marshes Nature Reserve
www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserves/qare-marshes
An important wetland reserve for birdwatching, highland cattle and Konik horses. With wheelchair access, the reserve consists of grazing marsh (one of the few left in Kent) with freshwater dykes, open water, ponds, reedbed, saltmarsh and seashore.

Thames Sailing Barges
These majestic barges plied along the coast and up the Thames to London, passing Faversham or Whitstable. As the heart of the gunpowder industry in the south wall.

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12 Market Place was originally part of Faversham Abbey. The murder there in 1551 of Thomas Arden by his wife inspired the first English domestic drama, ‘Arden of Faversham’.

Faversham Creek Footpath
One of the delights of Faversham is the ease with which you can wander along either side of the creek to enjoy the marsh and the views back to Faversham – walk either side of the creek to enjoy the marsh and the views back to Faversham – walk either side of the creek to enjoy the marsh and the views back to Faversham – walk either side of the creek to enjoy the marsh and the views back to Faversham – walk either side of the creek to enjoy the marsh and the views back to Faversham – enjoy the marsh and the views back to Faversham.

Faversham Creek Trust
www.favershamcreektrust.org
Their Purfleet building functions as a training centre, a working mill, and a base for community activities relating to the town’s maritime heritage as a Cinque Port Limb.

Daventry Church
www.daventrychurch.org.uk
The 12th century aisled nave of the Priory church survives in the Grade I listed church. There are two exceptional 17th century brasses in the south wall.

Stonebridge Pond
Built in 1912 as a paddling pool, it became the residence of the celebrated doctor, Sir Sydney Alexander, who was Faversham’s longest serving mayor.

Chart Gunpowder Mills
Chart Mills are the best surviving part of Faversham Home Works, which originally comprised four groups of gunpowder mills located along the formerly wooded Westbrook valley. Chart Mills survive as a standing building with intact milling machinery, associated structures and buried remains. Open April to October, 2pm to 5pm. Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays.

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www.ardenstheatre.co.uk
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13 T5 Hazard
Originally the 15th century Town Warehouse. T5 Hazard is a testament to the town’s importance as a port and limb of the Cinque Ports. It is named after the town’s importance as a port and limb of the Cinque Ports.

14 West Street
Upper West Street is pedestrianised from the Market Place, bustling with independent shops, cafes, restaurants and the Sun Inn which dates back to the 14th century. The Bear Inn on the Market Place is Faversham’s earliest surviving pub.

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16 Heritage Centre and Museum
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17 Faversham Home Works
The factory is one of the best surviving examples of a 19th century industrial building, with its original machinery, associated structures and buried remains. Open April to October, 2pm to 5pm. Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays.

18 Faversham Pools
Faversham Pools was founded in 1887 and became part of the NHS in 1948. Generously funded by public subscription, the indoor pools opened in 1955. The sport centre was extended in 1990.

19 Faversham’s earliest surviving pub.

War Memorial Garden
The granite Celtic cross War Memorial was unveiled in November 1922 to commemorate those from Faversham who fell in WWI, and was subsequently used to commemorate the fallen of WWII.

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