

## FAVERSHAM - IT'S ALL HERE

If you enjoy visiting places with independent shopping; beautiful walks; delicious local food and fascinating local history - then the market town of Faversham is right up your street.

Renowned for its picturesque buildings and historic Market Place, Faversham has been home to a thriving market for over 1,000 years. **Faversham Charter Market** trades on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

The town also boasts an impressive selection of unique shops and businesses, perfect for essential and leisure shopping. You can also enjoy a bite to eat at one of the town's excellent pubs and cafés.

Faversham is the ideal place to combine a spot of shopping with a walk down medieval Abbey Street and along Faversham's beautiful creek. You can visit **Standard Quay** with its terrific selection of antiques shops and lovely places to eat on the way.

The **Visitor Information Centre** at 12 Market Place has excellent information on what to do in Faversham, including a selection of leaflets with self-guided walks around the town centre and nearby villages. For an in-depth insight into Faversham's fascinating history, book to join a **Historic Faversham Guided Walk**, which starts from here.

Faversham has a fine selection of charters including a copy of the Magna Carta, which can be viewed for free at the **Magna Carta Exhibition** located at 12 Market Place.

## NOT TO BE MISSED

A trip to Faversham isn't complete without a tour of the country's oldest brewery, **Shepherd Neame**. Following this, pop to **Creek Creative Gallery** for freshly prepared lunch, surrounded by exhibitions of local artwork.

Learn about Faversham's fascinating history at the charming **Fleur de Lis Museum**, which explores the town's colourful past and day-to-day life of Faversham people over the centuries.

To keep the kids amused, visit **Faversham Pools'** heated indoor and outdoor swimming pools. Its outdoor green spaces are the perfect spot to sunbathe and picnic after your swim. Alternatively, take the family to the **Royal Cinema** and enjoy a film in this traditional, independent cinema.

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### Faversham Passport

Visit local attractions and stamp your passport to earn a badge and Mayoral certificate. Scan QR code for details.

## OUT OF TOWN

With picturesque villages and stunning countryside to explore, Faversham is the perfect place to enjoy a day trip or short break.

Faversham is surrounded by popular attractions, many of which host events, activities and festivals. These include 'A New Day' music festival at Mount Ephraim in August; food workshops at Macknade; workshops at Belmont House and fruit-related events at Brogdale.

**Belmont House and Gardens** in Throwley is an 18th century house containing the country's finest selection of antique clocks. It's set in beautiful grounds including a pinetum, grotto, walled garden and Victorian greenhouse.

**Brogdale Collections** on the edge of Faversham is home to the world's largest collection of temperate fruit trees. Explore the beautiful orchards with a guided tour.

Visit **Doddington Place** surrounded by wooded countryside for stunning gardens featuring immense yew hedges and a large Edwardian rock garden.

Children love **Huckleberry Woods** micro-animal adventures, located just outside Faversham, with its menagerie of cute miniature animals. You can pre-book walks and experiences with pigs, alpacas, sheep and donkeys.

**Macknade Food Hall** on Selling Road is a must for all those who love their food and drink, with an extensive selection of produce from Kent, the UK and Europe.

**Mount Ephraim** at Hernhill boasts ten acres of Victorian landscaped gardens complete with a lake, bridges, rock garden and maze. All overlooking Kent's beautiful orchards and farmland.

Another fabulous spot to take the children is the award-winning **Oare Gunpowder Works**. This nature reserve is packed with wildlife for visitors to enjoy whilst learning about the history of Oare's gunpowder production.



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Scan the code for more information on Faversham's events and attractions, plus details of how to travel to Faversham.

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# WHAT'S ON GUIDE 2024

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# WHAT'S ON IN FAVERSHAM

# 2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

## THROUGHOUT 2024

### Triple Market Weekend

The first weekend of the month, Faversham town centre is home to three different markets - Faversham Charter Market and Best of Faversham Market on Saturday and Faversham Antiques Market on Sunday. The perfect weekend to visit Faversham.

### Alexander Centre

Preston Street

Hosts regular events including live music, comedy and theatre for all ages. An artisan craft market is held here the first and third Saturday of the month, coinciding with Best of Faversham Market.

### Arden Theatre

Leslie Smith Drive

This cosy theatre hosts an impressive selection of comedy nights, musical performances, children's theatre, workshops, plays and more.

## FEBRUARY

### Faversham Literary Festival

16 - 25 February  
Faversham town centre

A programme of literary events including talks, presentations and readings by high-profile, leading authors and writers.



## MARCH

### Spring Fair

Saturday  
30 March  
Preston Street

Celebrate Easter and the arrival of spring with a busy schedule of activities

including Easter bonnet parade; craft market; street food; morris dancing and entertainment.



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## APRIL

### Faversham Town Council's 50th birthday

15 - 28 April  
12 Market Place

Exhibition celebrating Faversham Town Council's 50th anniversary and half a century of life in Faversham.

## MAY

### Faversham Festival of Transport

18 - 19 May  
Faversham town centre

This popular weekend includes displays of vintage cars, buses, commercial vehicles and motorcycles. There will be live music, market stalls and street entertainment. Don't miss the vintage bus rides on Saturday or the steam engines outside Shepherd Neame on Sunday.



### Concert and Celebration of John Wilson

25 May, 7pm

St Mary of Charity Church  
Marking the 350th anniversary of the death of John Wilson of Faversham. He was an accomplished composer, lutenist, associate of William Shakespeare and musician to the kings.

### Millennium Market

Sunday 26 May  
Market Place

Marking 1000 years of Faversham Charter  
Market with historical stalls, local produce, entertainment and activities celebrating the county's oldest market.

## JUNE

### Faversham in the 40s

Sunday 9 June  
Market Place & Court Street

Commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day, with wartime music and dancing; vintage stalls; military and vintage vehicles and traditional food and drink. Visit the colourful World War II bunting display in 12 Market Place from 3 - 16 June. Created by local residents to mark the VE Day 75th anniversary in 2020.

### Midsummer Night's Feast

Saturday 22 June, 6 - 9pm  
Market Place & Court Street

Celebrate the year's longest day in true Faversham style, with live music, street food and 'A Mid-Summer Night's Dream' themed entertainment.



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### Faversham Open Gardens and Garden Market

Sunday 30 June

Unique opportunity to visit over 30 private and community gardens in and around Faversham. The Garden Market in Faversham Market Place will be selling a selection of plants, crafts and gardenalia.

## JULY

### Faversham Pirate Festival

Sunday 7 July  
Town Quay & Front Bents



Enjoy a day of pirate fun, nautical displays, children's entertainment, sea shanties, local fresh fish and more.

### Faversham Pride

Saturday 27 July  
West Faversham Community Centre

Family fun day followed by an over 18s evening after party. For all the community to have fun and celebrate Pride together.

## AUGUST

### Faversham Safari

Sunday 4 August  
Throughout Faversham

Table top and garage sales outside hundreds of properties throughout Faversham. Coincides with Faversham Antiques Market taking place in the Market Place.

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### Open Faversham

17 - 25 August  
Throughout Faversham & local villages

Showcasing Faversham's built, cultural and natural heritage with a varied programme of exhibitions, talks, demonstrations, workshops and social events.

### Faversham Hop Festival

31 August & 1 September  
Faversham town centre

A popular weekend celebrating Faversham's hop-growing history. Two days packed with live music, street food, family entertainment, funfair rides, parades and morris dancing.



## SEPTEMBER

### Faversham Medieval Festival

Sunday 29 September  
Market Place & Court Street



Step back into Tudor times in Faversham's historical Market Place for an autumnal farmers' market and craft fair. With plenty of historical activities and family entertainment.

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## OCTOBER

### Faversham Fringe

3 - 31 October  
Venues around Faversham  
Fringe festival featuring all genres of the performing arts, including theatre, comedy, magic, dance, poetry and storytelling.

### Faversham Carnival

12 October  
Procession starts from Whitstable Road at 6.30pm  
Floats featuring carnival queens from across the county, along with colourful displays and entertainment from other local organisations.

## NOVEMBER

### Community Christmas Lights Switch on & Night Market

Saturday 30 November, from 5pm - Market Place  
Following a day of festive fun and entertainment, officially kickstart Christmas with an evening of festive music, a visit from Santa and the renowned lights switch on. Followed by live music and food market.

## DECEMBER

### Faversham Christmas Market Weekend

14 - 15 December  
Market Place & Court Street  
A fabulous selection of your favourite Faversham Market stalls appearing in one weekend. Pick up unique and unusual Christmas gifts, decorations and accessories, along with delicious, seasonal food and drink.

