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# The Guildhall Clock, is in Urgent Need of Repairs

*Cllr Trevor Martin*

**When walking through Market Place do you glance at the Clock on the Guildhall?**

'I was surprised how many times I see people look and how often I do' said Cllr Trevor Martin

You may have noticed it is not as accurate as it was, the years have taken their toll and although the clock has been looked after it has not had a major service that anyone can remember.

The Clock mechanism is labelled as Francis Crow Faversham 1814 though it is thought by experts to be the work of the highly regarded turret clock manufacturer, Thwaites of Clerkenwell. In itself a significant historical asset in the town.

The Town Council has approved a restoration program to revive both the clock's functionality and its hourly striking bell, which hasn't rung for years.

The Clock will be taken and fully serviced, whilst undertaking the service and repair an automatic winder will be added and the bell mechanism fitted with a night time silencing system.



This will ensure the clock remains operational for another 50 years, maintaining its role as both a practical timekeeper and a cherished historical artifact.



# Perry Court

*Cllr Claire Martin, Chair of the Environment Committee*

**The Perry Court Allotments and green space, including a community orchard, was transferred late last year from the management company to Faversham Town Council.**



This was a significant move for the town council and the transfer of the green space marks a new chapter for the council. There is a lot of work to be done on the site, including planting new hedging, trees, bulb planting etc. Also, it would be wonderful if we could increase the size of the Community Orchard. We want to encourage biodiversity and also use the space for community events.

The people on the allotment waiting list have been notified and I would like to thank you for your patience. The council's facilities team have been working very hard getting the allotment site divided up into plots, increasing the size of the allotments etc. There has also been a container delivered for storage and there is also a water supply.

As Chair of the Environment Committee, I am delighted to welcome the Perry Court Allotment holders into the fold of the Faversham Town Council and the transfer reflects our commitment to supporting our local green spaces and also promoting sustainable living by residents being able to grow their own fruit and veg.

Faversham is incredibly lucky to have a number of allotment sites in the town, which are all very different and special in their own unique way.

The Perry Court Allotments are already oversubscribed, but if you would like to join the waiting list for this, or one of our other allotments, please email or telephone for an application form:

✉ [joseph.hannah@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:joseph.hannah@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk)

☎ 01795 503286



# Faversham Healthy Futures Project



*Gill Wagstaff and Laurie McMahon, Joint Project Leads - Faversham Healthy Futures*

It is sometime since we last updated you on the project. You may recall we held an exhibition in the gallery at the Town Hall, Market Place in May 2023. You can see the report on the Town Council website <https://favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk/directory/faversham-healthy-futures/>. The report was circulated to various departments within the Integrated Care Board, Kent and Medway NHS. The response was favourable and we have had a number of meetings with them to discuss the way forward.

Last July we were invited by the Faversham Society to give one of a series of 4 "Live Talks". This was well attended and we received many good ideas and positive feedback. Again, the report is on the Faversham Town Council website.

In October 2024, we presented the project at a symposium organised by Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board. The theme for the symposium was 'Prevention' and as well as presenting our project we were able to challenge the attendees to come up with ideas on how to prevent childhood obesity. This is an increasing and serious problem throughout the UK which can lead to life-long and life-threatening conditions. Again, the report is on the Faversham Town Council website.

Our next intended step is to hold another open meeting but cannot do this until we receive some relevant information from the local NHS. Those of you who have registered an interest in the project will be emailed with details of the meeting. If you haven't registered but would like to be included please send your name and email address to [fhf@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:fhf@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk).

Since starting this project, and as we all know, there has been a change of government and their proposals have slightly affected the direction of the project. However, we continue to collaborate



with the Centre for Health Service Studies (CHSS) at Kent University and to meet with senior members of the Integrated Care Board for Kent and Medway. We hope to be able to give a progress report in the next FTC Newsletter.



# Cross Town Walking Route Takes Shape

*Cllr Julian Saunders*

**Kent County Council's contractors have made significant progress on the implementation of the Faversham East West Cross Town Walking route, the major Active Travel England funded project which Kent County Council, the local highway authority, made a successful bid for in 2023, with support from the Town Council.**



At the end of last year, a small group of town councillors and council staff were treated to an informal walk through of the work that has been done so far. The visit gave an opportunity to review its impact of the work and raise outstanding residents' concerns.

From what we saw it was clear that the work carried out along Lower Road– introducing informal crossing points and speed cushions, widening pavements, narrowing junctions and properly marking bus stops has slowed traffic and created a far more pedestrian friendly environment. It was also exciting to see the new zebra crossing on South Road, which I know many residents have been looking forward to, and which is already contributing to an easier journey for pedestrians and those with assisted mobility needs who want to cross here.

While the road works required to implement the project have caused some disruption, now that some of the interventions have been completed, I hope most residents will agree that they are resulting in a safer environment for pedestrians, assisted mobility users and cyclists, while having very little impact on vehicle users who drive to the speed limit.

The Town Council supported the Cross Town Walking Route bid because we are committed to making our streets safer and more enjoyable for pedestrians. We also want to encourage compliance with the town wide 20mph scheme which residents gave overwhelming support to in a public



consultation back in 2021. Lower Road was one of the few roads in Faversham where KCC remained concerned about vehicle speeds, so it has been good to see work going on to reduce speeds.



The overall scheme is a set of highways improvements aimed at making it easier for pedestrians and those with assisted mobility needs to travel safely across Faversham. The route runs from the junction of Lower Road with Wallers Road, along Lower Road, South Road, Cross Lane, Gatefield Lane and William Street to the entrance of Faversham Recreation Ground. It involves pavement widening, road junction narrowing, new zebra crossings, informal crossing points and traffic calming measures like speed cushions. Work is due to be completed during the first six months of 2025.

Kent's contractors have now moved onto the interventions which will improve safety at the road junctions between Newton Road the Recreation Ground. As Town Councillors we are hoping that the introduction of new crossing points on Newton Road as part of this stage of the project, including one near the entrance to Solomons Lane, will have a particularly positive impact on vehicle speeds and pedestrian safety on another road where residents have been concerned about non-compliance with the 20mph speed limit.

Faversham's

# Annual Town Meeting

This is YOUR meeting!  
Talk Openly, Share Opinions  
& Ask Burning Questions



From 6.30pm come and visit  
local groups and organisations  
who received grants in 2024

**TUESDAY  
18 MARCH 2025**  
at The Assembly Rooms  
Doors open 6.30pm  
Meeting commences 7.30pm

**Agenda items include:**

- AWARD PRESENTATIONS
- COMMUNITY LOTTERY
- CHEQUES PRESENTATION
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - YOUR AGENDA ITEMS

**More information:**  
[www.favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk)



# Faversham's Water Quality

David Hadley and Ken Pugh, FAVWAT

**Faversham Creek is a precious amenity in the heart of the town, the source of our maritime heritage as a royal port, a great place to go for locals and visitors and it is horribly polluted.**

Faversham and Villages Water Quality Testing – **FAVWAT** – a group of citizen scientist volunteers have been investigating the state of the creek and local waterways for 3 years now. Since June 2024 they have been testing for E.coli from human and animal waste.

Some E.coli is toxic to humans, so coastal bathing water quality is classified as 'poor' when levels reach 500 cfu/100ml. The Olympic triathlon swim was postponed last year when the Seine measured 1,000 cfu.

**FAVWAT** have found levels of E.coli greater than 10,000 cfu at Town Quay every month they have tested at high tide since last June. Tests done lower down the Creek on the rising tide show that nearly all the pollution comes from the sewage works and up.

Yes, there is a sewage works.



It pumps up to 7 million litres of partially treated sewage into the Creek every day. This is added to by regular storm sewer overflows of untreated sewage.

There are other possible sources of E.coli: from the residential boats on the creek; from





run off from the fields from cattle and manure spreading. More detailed testing would be needed to isolate these.

E. Coli aren't the only problem. Nitrates and phosphates from the sewage works, which does not treat specifically for these, and from fertilizer run off from the fields are also a threat. This is not to humans but to the ecology of the creek and the Swale Estuary. These are nutrients that can lead to oxygen starvation and mats of algae that suppress other life forms. **FAVWAT** tested the outflow of the sewage works over a year and found levels of nitrates and phosphates that would pose a threat to a sensitive environment.

Faversham Town Council have now formed a Water Quality Working Group to include **FAVWAT**. This brings together the interests of various groups using Faversham Creek, freshwater courses and water bodies as amenities for the benefit of all.

**FAVWAT** are supported by the Faversham Creek Trust, they are working with the Friends of the Westbrook and Stonebridge Ponds to investigate water quality in the chalk streams and waterways feeding into the Creek and are also engaged with the Zoological Society of London and their project "Restoring the Thamescape" with the particular ambition to restore seagrass meadows. Favwat are planning more detailed testing with training from The Environment Agency.



Are you interested in helping out with water quality testing? Or helping publicise results through social media? Even just a few hours once a month would be a great help. No experience is necessary as training can be provided. Contact David at [davhad@hotmail.com](mailto:davhad@hotmail.com) or Ken at [kipugh@mac.com](mailto:kipugh@mac.com).



# Faversham Community Networking Group

Faversham Community Network Group (FCNG) was established to provide a forum for local charities and community groups to meet, share ideas and network. The group has grown and now has 60+ members from health and wellbeing backgrounds. Our mission is to improve the lives of local residents in Faversham and the outlying rural areas by informing and linking them to the wide range of support that exists.

Over the last year FCNG has worked on a number of projects locally:

- FCNG z-fold wallet card enables easy access to information on support organisations and services available within our community. It's available from shops, cafes, community centres etc as a wallet card or in electronic form: <https://favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Z-Fold-PDF-Version-for-Website.pdf>
- We were proud to award Volunteer Badges to over 630 local volunteers to acknowledge their hard work, and to say thank you for all they do.
- FCNG hosted drop-in 'chatty benches' in the town centre and took part in the One Swale Roadshows. We helped people find the right support for domestic abuse, loneliness and isolation, debt support and benefits advice. We linked people to support to remain independent in their own homes.

To find out more about FCNG, please contact: [comms.fcng@gmail.com](mailto:comms.fcng@gmail.com)

FCNG thanks Faversham Town Council for its generous support which enables us to continue delivering projects for the benefit of our local community.



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## Shaping Our Community's Future

Faversham Town Council is committed to ensuring that the voices of residents are heard as we look toward the future of our community. Over the next few months, we will be conducting a series of surveys to gather your insights on various topics that will help guide the town council's decisions, particularly regarding local government reorganisation. Your feedback is essential in shaping the way services and resources are managed within our town.

This survey is designed for residents of the four wards served by Faversham Town Council: Abbey, Priory, St Ann's, and Watling. We appreciate your time in completing this survey, as your input will directly influence decisions that impact our shared future.

***Thank you for your participation!***

Please help us by completing the survey on the opposite page and returning in an envelope to FREEPOST Faversham Town Council or dropping it into our offices at 12 Market Place.

Alternatively, you can complete the survey online here:

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/favershamtowncouncil>**



Faversham Town Council is embarking on a series of surveys over the coming months to gather your insights on various topics. Your feedback will help us make informed decisions in relation to any future local government reorganisation. This survey is intended for residents who live within the four wards which are the responsibility of Faversham Town Council. These are Abbey, Priory, St Ann's and Watling. Thank you.

1. If you are registered with a doctor, please indicate where the surgery you visit is located.

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faversham     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specific) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sittingbourne | <input type="text"/>                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whitstable    | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above       |

2. If you or a member of your household, have attended a hospital appointment in the past 12 months, please indicate which hospital(s).

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Darenth Valley      | <input type="checkbox"/> QEQM                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kent and Canterbury | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maidstone           | <input type="text"/>                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medway              | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> William Harvey      |   |

3. If you are employed, please indicate which town your main place of work is located. If you work remotely, either all or part time, please use the word home, as well as your location, if applicable.

4. If you have children of school age that live with you, either on a part-time or full-time basis, please indicate where they attend school.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ashford       | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitstable             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canterbury    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faversham     | <input type="text"/>                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Herne Bay     | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sittingbourne |   |

5. This question asks about your shopping habits. Please tick all those you have visited, as least twice, in the past 12 months?

- ☐ Ashford, including Designer Outlet
- ☐ Bluewater Shopping Centre
- ☐ Canterbury town centre and/or retail parks
- ☐ Faversham town centre
- ☐ Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre



- ☐ Sittingbourne high street and/or retail park
- ☐ Westwood Cross Shopping Centre
- ☐ Other (please specific)
- ☐
- ☐ None of the above

6. This question asks where you are most likely to spend your leisure time, such as eating out, visiting the cinema or theatre, meeting up with friends?

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ashford                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sittingbourne                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bluewater Shopping Centre | <input type="checkbox"/> Westwood Cross Shopping Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canterbury                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faversham                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medway                    | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above              |

7. Generally, if not in Faversham, which town or area would you say you spend most of your time?

8. Please tell us your age

- |                                   |                                |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44    | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 65-74    | <input type="checkbox"/> 75+   |                                |

9. What gender do you identify as?

- |                                     |  |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male       | <input type="checkbox"/> Female            | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Binary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Listed | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |                                     |

10. Please indicate the 5<sup>th</sup> digit of your postcode – ME13 \*

I would like to sign up for future surveys

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please provide your details below:

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Name             | <input type="text"/> |
| Address or Email | <input type="text"/> |

Please return this survey to Louise Bareham, Town Clerk, Faversham Town Council, 12 Market Place, Faversham, ME13 7AE by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025.



# GP Practice Patient Survey Results Unveiled

Faversham is home to two GP practices, Newton Place Surgery and Faversham Medical Practice, both of which have active Patient Participation Groups (PPGs). Towards the end of last year, the PPGs teamed up to conduct a survey, asking patients about their experiences. Over 200 patients took part.



The results show that patients generally appreciate the surgeries' friendly, kind and professional staff. Out of a maximum rating of 5, 59% of participants rated their own practice between 4 and 5. Many respondents expressed an understanding of the extra demands on their practices due to new housing developments in the area.

Despite the positive feedback, the survey highlighted several areas for improvement. One major issue was the difficulty in getting GP appointments, often resulting in longer waits or a scramble to secure an appointment on the day. Patients from both practices suggested revisiting the appointment systems to make the process easier, fairer and less time-consuming.

There was also concern about the difficulty of getting appointments with a named GP, especially among older residents and those with ongoing health issues. Three other areas were also identified: a lack of focus on providing regular health checks and monitoring; a sense of inconsistent communications back from the practices when a health issue is either ongoing or needing a referral; and the very varying usage and views on the online platform, E-Consult.



An important takeaway from the survey was the immense value patients place on the Urgent Treatment Centre, recognising its support for both the town and the GP practices.

The two PPGs are sharing the results with the practices with the aim of further bolstering the wellbeing of Faversham residents and a further progress update will be in the next newsletter..



# Nominate Someone Who Deserves to be Recognised in Helen Whately MP's New Unsung Hero Awards

Helen Whately MP ✉ [helen.whately.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:helen.whately.mp@parliament.uk) ☎ 0207 219 6472

As an MP I hear from people about the problems they face and I often think about the challenges for our country. On the other hand, almost every week I meet someone who is doing something to make a difference and I am reminded that there's so much good in the world.

I am sure you know some of the people I mean. Whether it's someone who gets people together who would otherwise be lonely, gives local kids the chance to play a team sport, transforms a wasteland into a nature reserve, organises the community Christmas lights, runs an outstanding community business or any number of things I haven't even heard about, there are hundreds of people making a difference without expecting anything in return. In fact, maybe you are one of these people yourself.

I know these people do what they do out of the goodness of their hearts, but as their MP I would like to make sure they are recognised and thanked on behalf of us all. That's why, I have launched my first ever Unsung Heroes Awards.

So, if you know someone who makes a difference, no matter how big or small, please nominate them. I promise the nomination form on my website only takes a second to complete!

You may wish to nominate an individual, a group, an organisation or a business. They might be doing something for the community that helps people, nature or animals, improves our environment, looks after our heritage, makes things better in the here and now or looks to the future. There are no hard and fast rules about what counts.

You can nominate as many individuals, community groups and businesses as you like but please ensure they have consented to be nominated. Nominees must live or be based within the constituency of Faversham and Mid Kent or what they do must benefit this area. If you're not sure, just pop their postcode into [www.writetothem.com](http://www.writetothem.com). Winners will receive a certificate and a monetary donation to their cause or a charity/good cause close to their heart.

The nomination form is on my website <https://www.helenwhately.org.uk/>

Please check my website in the Spring or sign up to my newsletter at [www.helenwhately.org.uk/newsletters](http://www.helenwhately.org.uk/newsletters) to keep up-to-date about the awards and my work as an MP in general.

I look forward to receiving the entries and announcing the winners in the Spring. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for everything they do that makes Faversham and Mid Kent the special place it is. And thank you for nominating!

Best wishes, Helen Whately MP.

**The Helen Whately MP**

# UNsung HEROES AWARDS

**Recognising people making a difference locally – no matter how big or small**

**NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**

**Please nominate anyone you think deserves to be recognised**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT: [WWW.HELENWHATELY.ORG.UK](http://WWW.HELENWHATELY.ORG.UK)**



# Discover Faversham's Nocturnal Wildlife with Our Bat Detectors!

Bats hunt for insects at night, using a high frequency system called echolocation. Bat calls are usually pitched at too high a frequency for humans to hear naturally, but they can be heard or recorded using a bat detector. Individual bat species emit calls with specific characteristics related to their size, flight behaviour, environment and prey types. This means that with the aid of bat detectors we can identify many species by listening to their calls or recording them for sound analysis on a computer.

Faversham Town Council now has 12 Magenta Bat 5 Bat Detectors for loan to groups and individuals. The detector converts high frequency ultrasound to lower sounds, which can be heard via the built in loud speaker. To book the bat detectors, please call Rob on:

✉ [rob.gibbs@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:rob.gibbs@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk)

☎ 01795 503286

Bat detecting is best undertaken between April and September at sunset. More information is available on our website.



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FAVERSHAM

Weddings

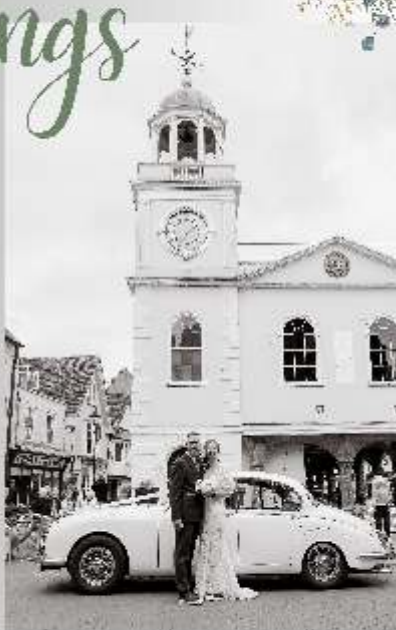
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CEREMONY AT  
THE HISTORIC  
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TOWN COUNCIL

THE GUILDHALL, MARKET PLACE, FAVERSHAM, ME13 7AG

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## Two Local Charities Join Together to Provide Vital Medical Equipment for the Town

The Friends of Faversham Cottage Hospital and Community Medical Centres along with Faversham Rotary have kindly provided the town with a Defibrillator and an emergency Stop the Bleed machine both of which have been installed at Faversham Medical Centre in Bank Street.





# Faversham Town Council



## Precept - £755,000

The precept is our share of the Council Tax, paid to Swale Borough Council, required to meet our budgeting commitments.

## Band D - £101.33 per year

Band D is the average Council Tax Band used to demonstrate the medium council tax rate, which in Faversham is £101.33 a year or £1.95 per week.



## Openness and Transparency

We are committed to openness and transparency, ensuring residents have access to clear and timely information about our decisions and activities.

## Community Engagement

Thank you to those who responded to our 2024 Residents' Survey. We will be running a number of resident surveys throughout 2025 to help inform our priorities for the forthcoming years.



## Community Grants

We continue to target funding for community grants, youth and events.

## Town Council Meetings

Dates of our future meetings can be found in this newsletter and our website. Please join us and make your voice heard.



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# 2025-2026 BUDGET

| INCOME                              | £       |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Precept                             | 755,000 |
| Interest                            | 6,000   |
| Moorings                            | 6,000   |
| Events                              | 7,000   |
| Guildhall                           | 8,300   |
| Lottery                             | 6,000   |
| Community Bus                       | 5,500   |
| Charter Income                      | 1,100   |
| Bike Hangars                        | 300     |
| 12 Market Place Rental              | 3,500   |
| Movement from Earmarked Reserves    | 19,000  |
|                                     | 817,700 |
| EXPENDITURE                         | £       |
| Civic                               | 4,600   |
| Staffing and Administration         | 498,710 |
| The Guildhall                       | 29,750  |
| Front Brents Jetty and Mooring      | 2,700   |
| Heritage, Buildings & Creek         | 12,000  |
| Facilities Management               | 8,050   |
| Grants                              | 45,000  |
| Community and Youth                 | 41,000  |
| Community Bus                       | 9,840   |
| Tourism & Visitor Development       | 5,500   |
| Magna Carta & Charters (exhibition) | 29,100  |
| Events                              | 30,500  |
| Environment                         | 17,250  |
| Active Travel                       | 10,000  |
| Special Provision                   | 3,500   |
| 12 Market Place Premises            | 70,200  |
|                                     | 817,700 |

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WED 2ND - SAT 5TH APRIL

## Pericles

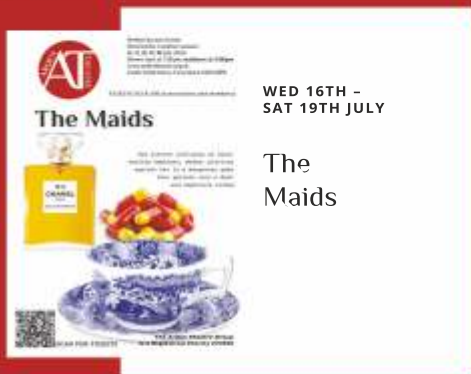
Embark on an epic journey with a seafaring prince as he navigates a lifetime of thrilling adventures filled with danger and delight, love and loss, triumphs and traumas, ruin and redemption. Along the way, encounter a vibrant array of characters—knights and magicians, royalty and fisherfolk, pirates and prostitutes. Like a 1600s version of Doctor Who, this play brims with boundless energy and unexpected twists, all while exploring the timeless question: what does it mean to be human?

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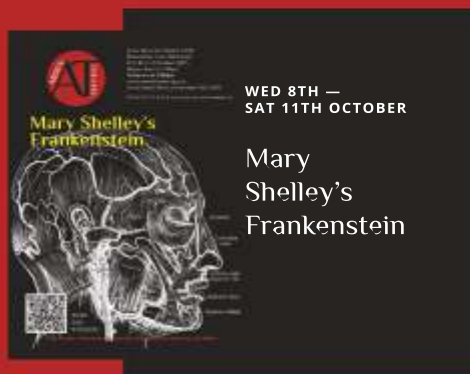
WED 21ST - SAT 24TH MAY

## Blues Remembered Hills & The Musicians



WED 16TH - SAT 19TH JULY

## The Maids



WED 8TH - SAT 11TH OCTOBER

## Mary Shelley's Frankenstein



WED 3RD - SUN 14TH DECEMBER

## A Christmas Carol



[ardentheatre.org.uk](http://ardentheatre.org.uk)



## FAVERSHAM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY LOTTERY

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[favershamdistrictlottery.co.uk](http://favershamdistrictlottery.co.uk)



Since going live in 2021 our amazing local lottery has raised

**£145,000**

for local good causes

Join for just £1 a week, with a chance to win up to £25,000

Choose your favourite local good cause from over 60

**A BIG thank you to all our supporters, past and present**



## MEETING CALENDAR 2025

|   | Start Time | Feb      | Mar      | Apr      |
|---|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Town Council (2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon)                            | 7pm        | 10       | 10       | 14       |
| Planning Committee (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon)  | 6pm        | 10<br>24 | 10<br>24 | 14<br>28 |
| Active Travel Committee (1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs)               | 7.30pm     | 6        | 6        | 3        |
| Community Committee (3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon)                     | 7.30pm     | 17       | 17       | 28       |
| Environment Committee (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed)                   | 7.30pm     | 12       | 12       | 9        |
| Heritage, Buildings and Creek Committee (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed) | 7.30pm     | 5        | 5        | 2        |
| Policy & Resources Committee (1 <sup>st</sup> Mon)            | 7.30pm     | 3        | 3        | 7        |

**ABBEY WARD**  
Cllr Josh Rowlands (Mayor of Faversham)  
Cllr Laura Coniam  
Cllr Charles Gibson\*  
Cllr Hannah Perkin\*

**PRIORY WARD**  
Cllr Alex Eyre\*  
Cllr Peter Cook

**ST ANN'S WARD**  
Cllr Rob Crayford  
Cllr Kieran Golding\*  
Cllr Robert Newman  
Cllr Julian Saunders

**WATLING WARD**  
Cllr Becky Jones  
Cllr Ben Martin  
Cllr Claire Martin (Deputy Mayor)\*  
Cllr Ben Martin\*

Cllr Carole Jackson\*  
SBC Member only, for St Ann's Ward  
[carolejackson@swale.gov.uk](mailto:carolejackson@swale.gov.uk)

Cllr Antony Hook  
KCC Member for Faversham  
[Antony.hook@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Antony.hook@kent.gov.uk)

\* Swale Borough Councillors

All Town Councillors can be contacted through the office on **01795 503286** or our website has details of their email addresses [www.favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk).



## 2025 EVENTS CALENDAR

THROUGHOUT 2025  
Triple Market Weekend

The first weekend of the month is the perfect time to visit Faversham town centre, with Faversham Charter Market and Best of Faversham Market trading on the first Saturday and Faversham Antiques Market on the first Sunday of each month.

## Alexander Centre

## Preston Street

Beautiful venue hosting regular events including live music, comedy and theatrical performances for all ages. An artisan craft market is held here on the first and third Saturday of the month.

## 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

21 February - 2 March  
Venues throughout Faversham town centre



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

## MARCH

## Wedding Fair

15 March,  
10am - 2pm

## Guildhall, Market Place

An opportunity for couples planning their big day to meet a fine selection of Faversham's wedding-related businesses.

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## APRIL

## Easter Bonnet Parade

Starting from Court Street

19 April, 2pm

## Easter Craft Fair

St Mary of Charity Church  
19 April, 10am - 2pm

Have fun creating beautiful bonnets for the Easter parade and celebrate the arrival of spring with a craft fair in the grounds of St Mary of Charity Church.



## MAY

## Faversham Festival of Transport

17 - 18 May, 10am - 4pm

## Faversham town centre

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 display outside Shepherd Neame on Sunday.



## Open Faversham

24 May - 1 June

## Throughout Faversham &amp; local villages

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

## JUNE

## Active Travel Day

1 June, 10am - 4pm

## Faversham Recreation Ground

Learn about active travel with fun activities and displays along with stalls selling food and crafts.

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## Faversham in the 40s

8 June, 12pm - 4pm

## Market Place &amp; Court Street

Commemorate the 80th anniversary of



Victory in Europe Day with wartime music and dancing; vintage stalls; military and vintage vehicles plus traditional food and drink.

## Magna Carta Celebration

14 June, 10am - 4pm

## 12 Market Place

Marking the anniversary of the sealing of the first Magna Carta with a celebration of Faversham's fine selection of charters, including its very own copy of the 1300 Magna Carta.

## Midsummer Night's Feast

21 June, 6pm - 9pm

## Town Quay

Celebrate the year's longest day in true Faversham style, with live jazz, street food and 'Midsummer Solstice' themed entertainment.

## Faversham Open Gardens and Garden Market

29 June, 10am - 4pm

Unique opportunity to visit over 20 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

13 July, 10am - 6pm

## Town Quay &amp; Front Brents

Enjoy a day of pirate fun, nautical displays, children's entertainment, sea shanties, local fresh fish and more. Cannons will be fired at 11.30am & 2.30pm.



## AUGUST

## Faversham Safari

3 August, 9am - 6pm

## Throughout Faversham

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

## Family Jam-boree Days

5 August, 10am - 2pm

## Front Brents Green

13 August, 10am - 2pm

## Faversham Recreation Ground

21 August, 10am - 2pm, Perry Court, Brogdale Road  
Entertain the children during the school holidays with free activities arranged by Faversham Town Council - with face painting, activities, crafts and more.

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## Faversham Pride

16 August, from 12pm

## West Faversham

## Community Centre

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

## Hop Festival

30 & 31 August

## Throughout

## 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

## Scarecrow Trail

13 & 14 September

## Throughout Faversham

Residents and businesses will be creating and displaying their fabulous scarecrows for visitors to enjoy. Follow the scarecrow map and vote for your favourite.

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## Faversham Medieval Festival

28 September,

10am - 3pm

## Market Place &amp; Court Street

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



## OCTOBER

## Faversham Fringe

## Throughout October

## Venues around Faversham

Fringe festival featuring all genres of the performing arts including theatre, comedy, magic, dance, poetry and storytelling.

## Faversham Carnival

11 October

## Procession starts from

Whitstable Road at 6.30pm

Floats featuring carnival queens from across the county, with colourful displays and entertainment from local organisations.

## Howl-O-ween Woof Fest and Dog Parade

25 October, 10am - 3pm

## Faversham Market Place

Dress up your furry friends in their scariest Halloween costumes and take part in the annual Howl-O-ween Woof Fest and Dog Parade.

## NOVEMBER

## Remembrance Day Parade and Service

9 November, 11am

## Faversham War Memorial

## Garden, Stone Street

There will be a parade and service of remembrance to honour the armed forces and their families.

## Christmas Lights Switch on and Night Market

29 November, 6pm - 9pm

## Market Place

Kickstart Christmas with an evening of live bands and a market serving delicious street food.

## DECEMBER

## Faversham Christmas Market Weekend

13 & 14 December, 9am - 3pm

## Market Place &amp; Court Street

Shop for unique gifts, decorations and accessories, along with seasonal food and drink. Enjoy festive music and a cuddle with the Happy Endings donkeys.

