

FAVERSHAM - A GREAT PLACE TO VISIT

Whether you're looking for boutique shopping, beautiful countryside and gardens or fascinating local history - the market town of Faversham is the perfect place to visit.

Famous 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 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 cafes.

The **Visitor Information Centre** at 12 Market Place has plenty of 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, you can 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 Café** and enjoy freshly prepared food surrounded by work from local artists.

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

Enjoy a walk down medieval Abbey Street and along Faversham's beautiful creek, where you can visit **Standard Quay** with its antiques shops and lovely places to eat.

To keep the kids amused, visit **Faversham Pools'** heated indoor and outdoor swimming pools. The site's outdoor green spaces are the perfect spot to sunbathe and picnic after your swim.



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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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OUT OF TOWN

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

Here are some nearby attractions you can enjoy.

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 with a pinetum, grotto, walled garden and Victorian greenhouse.

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

Visit **Doddington Place** for stunning gardens including topiaries, woodland and a 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. Allow plenty of time to enjoy something to eat at their café or outdoor food court.

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

Another fabulous spot 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.

NIGHTS OUT IN FAVERSHAM

If you're visiting Faversham for one of its fabulous town centre events, why not stay and enjoy a night out too? The town boasts many venues offering live music, talks, shows, comedy and other performances.

The Alexander Centre, **The Old Brewery Store** and **The Hot Tin** are all unique Faversham venues hosting busy schedules of live music and evening entertainment. The cosy **Arden Theatre** also hosts a selection of plays, workshops and children's theatre. Alternatively, visitors can enjoy a film at the **Royal Cinema**, Faversham's popular independent cinema.

You'll be spoilt for places to eat and drink too with pubs and restaurants to suit everybody's tastes. If you're planning to stay the night, you'll find a number of hotels in Faversham including **The Sun Inn**, **The Quay**, **Premier Inn** and **Judd's Folly Hotel**.



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WHAT'S ON IN FAVERSHAM

2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

THROUGHOUT 2026

Triple Market Weekend

Market Place
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 the month.

Alexander Centre

Preston Street
Beautiful venue regularly holding fairs, workshops, children's entertainment and other daytime activities for all the family. An artisan craft market is held here on the first and third Saturday of the month.

FEBRUARY

Faversham Literary Festival

20 February - 1 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

International Women's Day

6 March, 10am - 12pm
12 Market Place
Charity stalls and delicious refreshments provided by Faversham Gunpowder WI.

Spring Fair and Easter Bonnet Parade

St Mary of Charity Church
28 March, 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. Bonnet Parade takes place at 1pm.

MAY

Active Walking Month

Watch out for a timetable of fun activities encouraging people to leave their cars behind and explore Faversham on foot.

Faversham Festival of Transport

16 - 17 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 on Sunday.



JUNE

Active Cycling Month

Initiatives throughout Faversham to help you dust off your cycle helmet and rediscover the joys of travelling by bike.

Thomas Becket

5 - 6 June
St Mary of Charity Church
Talk on the Becket Chapel in the parish church, 7.30pm on Friday. Walk from the church to Canterbury, 10am on Saturday.

Faversham in the 40s

14 June, 10am - 4pm
Market Place & Court Street
Commemorate this bygone era with wartime music and dancing; vintage stalls; military and vintage vehicles plus traditional food and drink.



ECO Fair

21 June, 9am - 2pm
Market Place & Court Street
Join local businesses, charities, and activist groups, showcasing community power and celebrating local climate action.

Faversham Open Gardens and Garden Market

28 June, 10am - 4pm
Market Place & Court Street
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

5 July, 10am - 4pm
Town Quay & 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.



Artists in the Woods

19 July, 10am - 4pm
Oare Gunpowder Works
Follow the art trail and discover works by local artists in the beautiful nature reserve and country park at Oare Gunpowder Works.

Faversham Pride

25 July, 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.

POSTPONED

AUGUST

Faversham Safari

2 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

4 August, 10am - 2pm
Front Brents Green
12 August, 10am - 2pm
Faversham Recreation Ground
Entertain the children during the school holidays with free activities arranged by Faversham Town Council - with face painting, activities, crafts and more.

SEPTEMBER

Hop Festival

5 - 6 September
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.

Guildhall Wedding Fair and Open Day

12 September, 10am - 2pm
Guildhall, Market Place
An opportunity for couples planning their big day to meet a selection of Faversham's wedding-related businesses. Held in Faversham's gorgeous historic Guildhall.



Open Faversham

16 - 19 September
10am - 5pm
St Mary of Charity Church
From Source of the Westbrook to the Sea. Exhibition celebrating the contemporary, cultural, built, industrial and natural heritage of our waterway.

Scarecrow Trail

19 & 20 September, 10am - 4pm
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.

Medieval and Tudor Festival

27 September, 10am - 3pm
Town Quay & Front Brents
Step back into Medieval and Tudor times in historic Faversham for a full day of historical reenactments, immersive history and family entertainment.



OCTOBER

Faversham Carnival

17 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

31 October, 10am - 1pm
Faversham Recreation Ground
Dress up your furry friends in their scariest Halloween costumes and take part in the annual Howl-O-ween Dog Parade.

NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day Parade and Service

8 November, 10.30am
Faversham War Memorial Garden, Stone Street
St. Mary of Charity Church
There will be a parade and service of remembrance to honour the armed forces and their families.

Christmas Lights Switch On

28 November
Lights Switch on in Market Place, 5pm
Preston Street Christmas Market, 4pm - 8pm
Kickstart Christmas with Faversham's famous Christmas Lights Switch On, with festive live music, a visit from Santa plus stalls selling gifts, crafts & street food.

DECEMBER

Faversham Christmas Market Weekend

11, 12 & 13 December
9am - 4pm, Friday & Saturday
10am - 3pm Sunday
Market Place & Court Street
Shop for unique gifts, decorations and accessories, along with seasonal food and drink. Enjoy festive music and entertainment as well as a cuddle with the Happy Endings donkeys.



Carols in the Market Place

23rd December, 7pm
Celebrate the magic of Christmas with a good old sing-along to festive music, accompanied by Faversham Mission Brass.