

THE FLEUR DE LIS

The name is taken from a centuries-old inn which was one of three buildings that now house the Faversham Heritage Centre.

As well as a museum and archives, there are bookshops and a gallery, together with a well-equipped Visitor Information Centre – the only one in the borough of Swale.

You'll find a unique selection of books, pamphlets and maps in our Kentish Heritage Bookshop.

We also have a second-hand bookshop, just around the corner in Gatefield Lane, which is a cornucopia of books on just about everything.



The centre is owned by the Faversham Society and run entirely by volunteers, with all proceeds being used to support the work of the Society.

MUSEUM ENTRY CHARGES

Adults	£5.00
Concessions	£3.50
Children (5 -16 years)	£1.50
Full-time students	£1.50
Faversham Society members	Free

Normal opening times: Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm.
Sunday, 10am to 1pm. Last entry 30 minutes before closing.

A TICKET LASTS ALL YEAR

Visit as often as you like over a period of 12 months.
The museum is open all year round
(apart from a short break in early January).



Faversham is within easy reach of London, Canterbury and Dover.

Road: M2 J6 or J7.

Rail: direct from London, Canterbury, Dover, Ramsgate.

www.southeasternrailway.co.uk

Bus: from Canterbury, Maidstone, Sittingbourne.

www.arrivabus.co.uk or www.stagecoachbus.com

The Museum is a two-minute walk from the central car park (ME13 8PW for satnav) and five minutes from the railway station.



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FAVERSHAM FLEUR DE LIS MUSEUM



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PREPARE TO BE SURPRISED

Faversham may be a small town, but it has played a big part in the history of our nation – and our museum may look small from the outside, but there's an astonishing treasure trove within. Interesting, enjoyable, well-presented, wonderful, lovely, excellent, fascinating, informative, lots to see, great, helpful, amazing, brilliant! – these are the words our visitors use most often to describe their experience. We hope you agree.



“Superb displays – I’m starting to enjoy history.”

“A wonderful, hands-on, ears-open, informative experience.”

“Kids loved it.”

“Really cool. The phones were the best.”

“Loved all the interactive bits, really good.”

“We’ll be back.”



LIFE STORIES

If you have connections with Faversham or its surrounding villages, you can use our Life Story Bank to research your family history.



A CHARACTER ALL OF ITS OWN

The Fleur de Lis museum tells the story of Faversham from the Stone Age to the 20th century. There are kings and queens, merchants and manufacturers – but mostly it's a story of Faversham people and their everyday lives through the ages. This is not a *look-don't-touch* museum. It's a museum that brings history to life, in sight and sound, for adults and children alike.



Our friendly and knowledgeable guides will take you round, or you can explore on your own if you prefer. We suggest you allow at least 2 hours to make the most of your visit.

If you don't have time to see everything, or you want to come back to see things in more detail, no problem – a standard ticket allows unlimited visits for 12 months, and we're open all year round.



Most of the museum is wheelchair-accessible, except for one first-floor area. A virtual visit of this area is available on the ground floor.



MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

The Faversham Society has a collection of some 40,000 objects and archives focused on the history and archaeology of Faversham and the surrounding area, particularly local industries and agriculture, and domestic and social history. There is far too much to be displayed in the museum, but the collection can be accessed on request for scholarly research.



BEYOND THE MUSEUM

See where history happened, on one of our guided town walks through Faversham's picturesque streets. Visit Chart Gunpowder Mills, the oldest of their kind in the world, or the medieval Maison Dieu, once a landmark on the pilgrim route to Canterbury and now a museum of remarkable local Roman and Saxon finds. See the Stone Chapel, an ancient ruined church built on a Roman pagan site. You'll find more information on our website or when you visit the Fleur de Lis.

