

Faversham Society Newsletter

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Jane Beedle (left), finalist in the Great British Bake Off 2016, opens the Faversham Open Gardens and Garden Market Day *See pages 8-9*

From the chairman

HAROLD GOODWIN

One of the primary objectives of the Faversham Society is to educate the public in history, architecture, geography and natural history of the area. The Open Gardens and Open Houses programmes make an important contribution to our educational work, doing a great deal to ensure that people are provided with the opportunity and the information to appreciate our town's remarkably rich heritage.

As the great American conservationist Freeman Tilden said of the importance of education to conservation: "Through interpretation, understanding; through understanding, appreciation; through appreciation, protection."

The small teams that each year mount the Open Gardens and Open Houses programmes attract visitors and residents to experience what lies behind the façades of our townscape and provide an interpretation that increases understanding and appreciation – for without appreciation, there can be no conservation and no protection.

Not only do these annual openings provide education and build the case for conservation, these two programmes also raise significant funds for the society.

The society is grateful to the volunteers who organise and manage these two programmes but also to those residents who open their homes and gardens for others to enjoy. Our town clerk shared with us an unsolicited email that she received

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