

Faversham Society Newsletter

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From the chairman

HAROLD GOODWIN

This has been a busy month. Open Gardens was at the end of June, thoroughly enjoyed by visitors and hosts alike.

As I write this, the second Open Houses Saturday has been completed with 44 properties open. I managed to visit only a few but hear enthusiastic reports of many of the new ones this year as well as old favourites.

The Old Pharmacy Courtyard is a favourite of mine, and I was delighted to see The Hot Tin, St Saviour's Church (built in 1885), open for the first time. Careful restoration is under way, and Mike and Romana are hosting artist's workshops, exhibitions and showing old footage of Faversham – they are also filming some new oral history – we need more, much more, of that.

The society has made its 20-page response to the consultation on the Cleve Hill Solar Park. Initially many of us were conflicted – the society remains committed to renewable energy. At the first members'



The rescued bawley fishing boat *Thistle RR2* made a welcome appearance at Faversham Nautical Festival See page 2

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Late news: Saxon discovery

PAT REID

Faversham Society Archaeological Research Group has at last found the Saxons – in the garden of the Market Inn in East Street.

We have found a lovely pin-beater – a beautifully made bone object used in textile

production on the warp-weighted vertical loom used by the Saxons in the fifth to ninth centuries. We have also uncovered Saxon pottery, glass and iron slag (indicating manufacture), plus bits of Roman tile and pottery raided from the ruins of nearby villas. Very exciting!

See page 4. More details next month

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