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Tea, cakes and a book

Arthur Percival's final book, *Streets and Places of Faversham*, was launched at the society's 55th anniversary tea party at the Alexander Centre on 18 June.

Dorothy Percival is pictured at the front with daughter Helen. Also in the picture (from left) are: society chairman Harold Goodwin, book co-editor Stephen Rayner, Faversham town clerk Louise Bareham and the society's president,



Richard Oldfield. Dorothy, in her speech to guests, said she was delighted that the book had been finished and was particularly pleased

by the choice of Arthur's photographs with: "no pretty-pretty pictures of the pump of Abbey Street in springtime", instead more unusual images of

the town's secret places.

The book is on sale for £7.95 from the Fleur and all proceeds go to the Arthur Percival Memorial Fund.

From the chairman

HAROLD GOODWIN

Summer has arrived and with it two of the Faversham Society's biggest events of the year – Open Gardens and Open House. As I write, the sun is shining and I hope it will be similarly good weather on Sunday, 25 June. I am sure it will be a resounding success.

The first three Saturdays in July brings the annual opportunity to visit inside some of our most interesting buildings, ranging from the Maison Dieu and the Old Grammar School to the West Faversham

Community Centre. Six properties are new this year (*see page 6*) and the Abbey Barns are rarely open. Don't miss the opportunity. If you have time and could volunteer, please email Moyra Harding moyra.harding@gmail.com

Open Gardens and Open House make a major contribution each year to the core work of the society and they contribute financially to our work.

The society's 55th anniversary tea party was a memorable occasion. We formally launched the Arthur Percival Memorial Fund which, with generous donations from