

# Faversham Society Newsletter

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**The organ is lifted by crane from the 'the Hot Tin' – St Saviour's Church, in Whitstable Road, in the mid 1970s. This image is from the Peter Stevens collection. The new owners of the building plan to restore the building and use its main hall as a showcase for talent in film, architecture and event production. It will be among the 44 properties in the society's Open House in July**

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## From the chairman

HAROLD GOODWIN

After the society's AGM members were treated to a talk by our president, Richard Oldfield, who shared with us some of what he has discovered in the tin boxes stored in the attics and cupboards of Doddington Place.

We were all fascinated and often moved by extracts from the letters, the poems and the ephemera that Richard had been researching. It was a powerful reminder that history is made by individuals and that their contribution and experiences is invaluable.

Family history is an important way of understandings where we have come from as individuals, families and as societies. The Faversham Society has long recognised the importance of family history and we have a great deal of material in our archives.

The new Faversham Society History Group has organised a drop-in workshop with John Breeze whose records of 2,500 gunpowder workers are an important resources for understanding the evolution and impact of the gunpowder industry in Faversham and for those interested in their own family history.

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