

Faversham Society Newsletter

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Some of the hundreds of enthusiasts at the history fair on 3 February *See page 2*

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From the chairman

HAROLD GOODWIN

Work has begun on the next edition of the Swale Plan which may need to make provision for another 15,000 houses. With the pressure from developers to build in and around Faversham, we need to look out for the future of our town.

The Rev Simon Rowlands and I have helped organise presentations from Swale planners and the Duchy of Cornwall to hear some ideas about how we, as the citizens of Faversham, might seek to shape our town's development.

We need to address more than just housing if we are to avoid becoming a dormitory town. Come along to St Mary of Charity Church on Thursday, 8 March,

to hear some ideas about how we might effectively have a say in how our town develops. *See page 9*

The meeting we organised on Really Affordable Housing packed the Guildhall – it was standing room only. The meeting appointed a community land trust steering group, and we have begun the process of establishing a community land trust to develop really affordable housing for Faversham people. If you would like to assist us, we are looking for volunteers.

The society has been asked to provide input to the Swale landscape assessment for the next five-year plan. We have a members' evening to look at this on 26 February. Come along if you have ideas to contribute. It's in the Fleur hall at 7.30pm.

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