

Faversham Society Newsletter

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Our hoard of old glass

Some of the pieces of 18th-century glass excavated in Preston Street. Now an expert is needed to help to catalogue it

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From the chairman

HAROLD GOODWIN

We have been working to reinstate the Faversham Society's monthly lecture series and the occasional coach excursions that I know many of our members value greatly.

Tim Stonor and I introduced the first of this series of talks in early October and, much to our surprise, we sold 80 tickets, the limit that the hall is licensed to hold.

We have talks coming up from Tim Acott on the contribution that fishing and marine life can make to a community's sense of place (20 November, *see page 6*) and from John Blackford on the legacy of Henry Wreight (11 December).

On 28 November we have Lord Boyce, lord warden of the Cinque Ports, coming to speak in St Mary of Charity Church on Faversham's maritime and naval history and our status as a Cinque Port (*see page 11*). On that occasion, John Blackford will be talking about Faversham as the King's

Port from the medieval origins to the 18th century. Will Palin, director of conservation at the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich will talk about the maritime and naval connections between Greenwich, Chatham, Sheerness and Dover. This event is organised jointly with St Mary of Charity and there will be a withdrawing collection.

Welcome, Maria We are pleased to welcome Maria Newman as our new membership secretary. Her work is important to the society and to our communications with our members.

At our heart We have two members' evenings coming up on issues important to the future of the town one looking at freight traffic on 24 October (*see page 3*) and one how we might enhance the Heart of Faversham (*see page 10*). Please do come along, listen and tell us what you think.

Sheppey success Our society excursion to Sheerness to visit Blue Town, the Naval