

Faversham Society Newsletter

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It's time for the calendar
Faversham Society calendars for 2018 are now on sale at the Visitor Information Centre. The cover features the town sign among the daffodils on Judd Folly Hill

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From the chairman

HAROLD GOODWIN

The diversity of the society's activities is one of the challenges for the board in its management. Maintaining and developing the museum, the Visitor Information Centre and our bookshops and staffing them is one challenge.

We are fortunate to own such fine premises in the heart of Faversham but with ownership comes responsibility. I am pleased to be able to report that we are developing a programme of planned maintenance and that we have set aside substantial funding for the purpose.

The volunteers who staffed the VIC during Faversham Hop Festival made good sales and those who provided teas in the Fleur garden earned the society nearly £600 – a significant contribution to the costs of the building and keeping it open. The

contribution of our volunteers in the Fleur, the Chart Mills and in providing the town walks is invaluable.

Last month I wrote about the importance of our educational work and the contribution so many make to the work of the society through exhibitions, talks, walks and through the Open House and Open Gardens events. The society has a long and valued tradition of generating and sharing knowledge about the town and its hinterland. Over the past 50 years the society has published more than 100 Faversham Papers and books – the latest of which, Arthur Percival's *Faversham Streets and Places*, has sold out and is being reprinted.

John Breeze is one of many historians active in Faversham, beavering away since 1996 researching the family history of employees in the local explosives history.

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