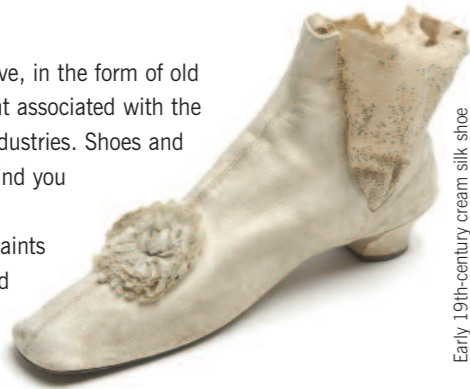


## The Big Shed

Here is treasure trove, in the form of old tools and equipment associated with the area's crafts and industries. Shoes and cobbler's tools remind you that SS Crispin and Crispinian, patron saints of shoemakers, lived and worked here just over 1,700 years ago.

A cooper's workshop recalls that casks and barrels were the all-purpose containers of their day. A hundred years ago the exponential growth of London was fuelled by Faversham's

phenomenal output of bricks, seen in another display. Traditional agricultural gear comes from farms on some of the richest soil in the UK. There's even a working automatic telephone exchange of the pre-electronic variety: watch the relays climbing up and down as you dial your number.



Early 19th-century cream silk shoe  
The Big Shed



Wheelbarrow of Faversham bricks  
The Big Shed



Beyond the Big Shed is our sheltered garden, planted as it would have been in Georgian days.

## The Courtyards

In the courtyards you'll find specially intriguing exhibits. Oldest is an early medieval stone coffin – gruesome! Legacy of the days before piped water is a pump drawing water from a well 10 metres deep. Resonant reminder of Faversham's former role as national centre of the explosives industry is an 18th-century bell from one of its gunpowder factories. See for yourself what the motorist's speed limit was in a local village 100 years ago – and petrol pumps from the 1930s. Old enamel advertisements revive memories of shopping generations ago. As you take a breather on a comfortable old railway platform seat, admire a wall with stone from the town's huge Abbey, destroyed in 1538.



Boughton-under-Blean 1920s speed sign  
Hand water pump  
Both Inner Courtyard



Medieval stone coffin  
Inner Courtyard (base)  
& Long Gallery (lid)



The restoration and conservation of the Courtyards and objects they contain were funded by the Local Heritage Initiative.



## Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre, Museum & Gallery

The Faversham Society, 10-13 Preston Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8NS Tel: 01795 534542 email: fleurmuseum@tiscali.com www.faversham.org/society

Open: Monday to Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-1pm (10am-4pm for special events). Last entry 3.30pm (Sunday 12.30pm)

Museum admission: £5 (seniors £3.50, children £1.50), Faversham Society members free  
Free entry to Tourist Information Centre, Shop and Gallery  
Access facilities to all but first-floor displays (DVD show of these on request)

The Faversham Society is a registered charity run by 100% voluntary effort for the benefit of the community. It exists to help care for the area and its treasures. Anyone who shares its interests can join. Enrolment forms are available in the shop.

FLEUR DE LIS HERITAGE CENTRE takes its name from the inn which for centuries until 1970 occupied the 15th-century building which houses the Museum's core displays. In turn it took its name from the emblem of the monarchs of France. Until 1760 the monarchs of England claimed also to be monarchs of France and incorporated three fleurs-de-lis in their arms.



Victorian sweet jar  
First Floor Shops



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12th century tile from Faversham Abbey Long Gallery

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# Faversham: Unique town, Unique history, Unique Museum – an unmissable attraction



Original painted panels  
Panellled Room

So many surprises await you in the Museum: colourful new displays tell the town's proud 2,000 year story. Bricks to brewing, costume to coopering, gunpowder to a Georgian garden, even a Tudor merchant's chest and a working telephone exchange. Plus a free programme of special monthly exhibitions in the adjoining Gallery.

Long Gallery • Elizabethan Room • Panellled Room • Fleur de Lis Gallery • Gunpowder Experience • Shops from the Past • Everyday Life in Victorian Faversham • Civic Pride • War Zone • Sports & Entertainment



18th-century polonaise dress  
First Floor, Stairway



Goal running banner  
Sports Display, First Floor



Faversham's Spitfire  
War Zone



Sir William Courtenay – leader of the last armed rising on English soil, 1838  
Panellled Room



Gunpowder flask  
Gunpowder Experience



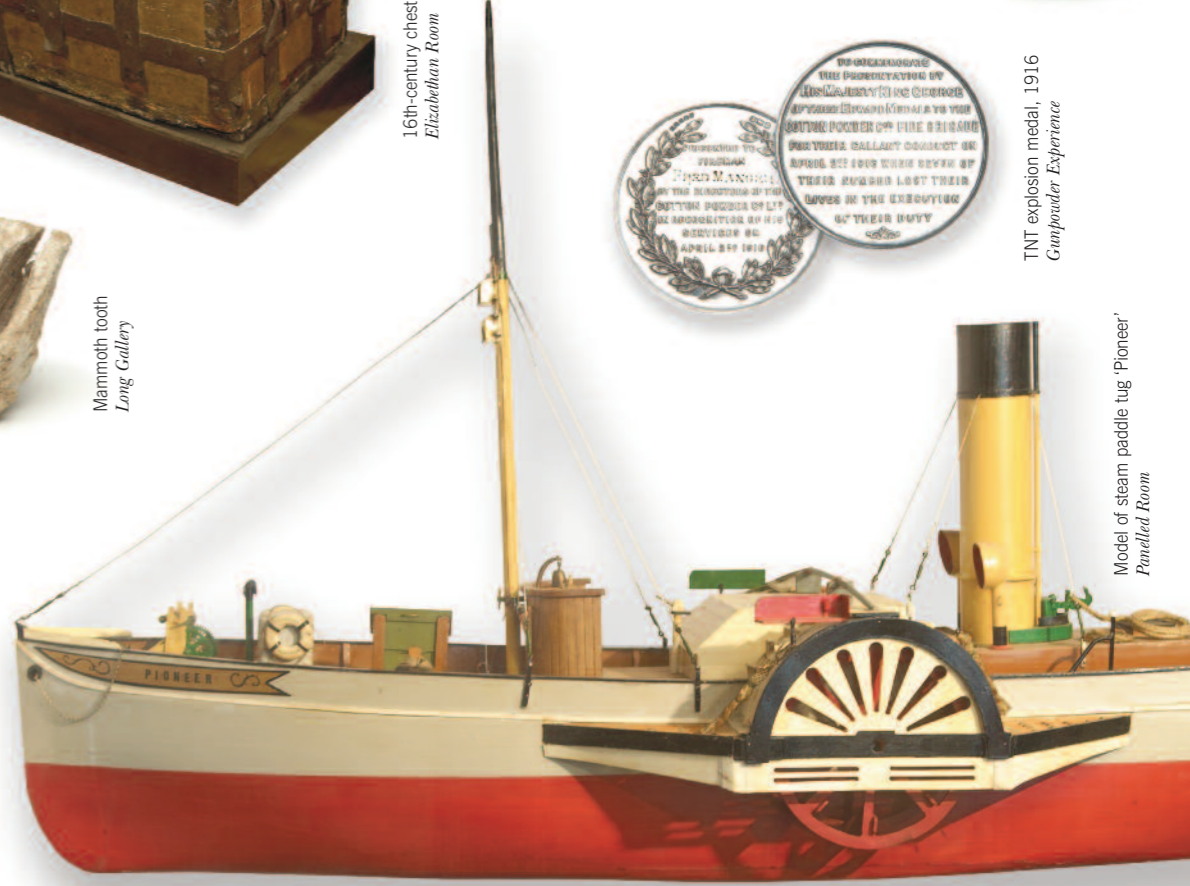
Mammoth tooth  
Long Gallery



16th-century chest belonging to Henry Hatch  
Elizabethan Room



Osborne 'Ivorex' plaque  
Panellled Room & Gallery



Model of steam paddle tug 'Pioneer'  
Panellled Room



TNT explosion medal, 1916  
Gunpowder Experience



19th-century policemen's batons  
Civic Pride, First Floor