

# Newsletter

Autumn 2017



Whilst Faversham can find plenty of excuses to hold a festival, it is fair to say that the Hop Festival is the Daddy of them all. On a beautiful weekend at the beginning of September the whole town is given over to the people, to enjoy the music, the entertainment, the food and the drink whilst celebrating our hop traditions. This year was as good as ever, with a fantastic atmosphere throughout the town as people meandered through enjoying the scene. It was a treat to be able to host a reception for visiting Mayors from other Kent Towns and our twin town Hazebrouck, all envious of this Jewel in our Crown. I was privileged to be able to "open" the whole festival and give out the Window Dressing Cups, 1<sup>st</sup> prize went to new kid on the block "Compton's Furniture" in Preston Street, well done! During the afternoon I wandered through the town chatting to visitors and locals, traders and stewards, the atmosphere was wonderful. Then the next day, when the parade arrived at the Brewery Stage there was a blessing of the Hops, followed by a procession along to the Church of St Mary of Charity where a special Hop Festival service was held. Afterwards, still in Mayoral Robes and Chain, the Deputy Mayor and myself walked among the crowds pausing for photos with people from near and far, it all added to the personal touch that can make someone's day. By the time you read this, the Food Festival will also have taken place, I am looking forward to the Landing of the Fish on Friday morning, then all the stalls, demonstrations and trails that make the Food Festival such a wonderful "hands on" affair.

**The Mayor, Cllr Shiel Campbell**

## KALC COMMUNITY AWARDS 2018

The KALC Community Award is to acknowledge and give recognition to a resident or group in Faversham who has made a significant contribution to this town over a period of years. If you know of someone who merits an Award then please do nominate them. The person must live or work within the Town Council boundary.

Nominations are invited from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 inclusive.

Nomination Forms and full Terms and Conditions are available from the Town Council office or via social media and [www.favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk)

Public voting will take place during December.

The winner will be announced at the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday 22 May 2018.



Deputy Mayor of Faversham, Cllr Trevor Abram, Mayor of Faversham, Cllr Shiel Campbell and Town Sergeant, Mr Nigel Field

## DIARY DATES

Community Services Wed 11 Oct 5pm  
**Faversham Carnival Sat 14 October 7pm**  
Planning Mon 16 October 6pm  
**Full Council Mon 16 October 7pm**  
Policy & Finance Wed 18 October 7pm  
**Community Litter Pick Sat 21 October**  
**10am Meet at Faversham Rec**  
Faversham Rec Consultation Day Sat 21 October  
**Town Hall Talk Thurs 26 October 7pm on**  
**Faversham's Custumal**  
Planning Mon 30 October 6pm  
**Planning Mon 13 November 6pm**  
Full Council Mon 13 November 7pm  
**Christmas Lights Sat 25 November 5pm**

**Litter Picking** Earlier in the year as part of The Great British Spring Clean, Faversham Town Council the Mayor, Town Clerk, 6 Councillors and a number of volunteers met at The West Faversham Community Centre.

In just under 2 hours over 30 bags of rubbish had been collected, which was a fantastic achievement, also found were some larger items such as some metal, hubcaps and even the legendary sink! This was all collected by Biffa.

In early Summer, The Brent's Community Association (BCA) held a litter picking morning along the Brent's and part of the North Preston Estate. This was well attended by residents and the two ward councillors (myself and Cllr Martin).

As Ward Councillor, I would like to take this opportunity in thanking the (BCA) for organising this litter pick and hope that it will become a regular date in the calendar.

Faversham Town Council would like to complete one more litter pick in the town before the bad weather and Winter sets in. This will be the east side of town on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. We would like to meet at the Recreation Ground car parking area for a 10am start. Please come along even if you can only stay for an hour (it's never more than 2 hours long!). The more people that support us the bigger area we can cover.

Councillor Claire Belsom

## 12 Market Place

The first exhibition was on display in 12 Market Place over the weekend of the Hop Festival when the Kent Archives Service brought their exhibition on Hopping in Kent to the Town. This exhibition showed how 12 Market Place is an ideal venue for such exhibitions and displays.

Building work on creating the new Town Council Offices and providing disabled access to the building is expected to start early October 2017 with the new offices open by April 2018. Plans are already underway for temporary exhibitions in 2018.



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Faversham Town Council's Allotment Management Group has been successful with an application for the Tesco 5p Bags of Help scheme to help with the clearance and maintenance of the St. Nicholas Road Allotment Gardens. At present this site is derelict and we would like to bring it back into community use.

Please will you show your support from September until the end of October for this worthwhile project in store and use your token wisely!

**Cllr Claire Belsom, Chair  
The Allotment Management Group**

## Moving Forward For Safer Roads

Many Faversham people have said they want 20 mph speed limits on local streets and progress is being made. Over the summer, Kent County Council's Highways Department has, at long last, said it will approve a 20mph scheme for Faversham. The working group has met Highways officials. The next step was to get objective evidence about current speeds on local roads. 16 roads were selected, as a representative sample of the town, for speed surveys which took place in September.

The surveys mechanically measured the speed of all vehicles passing in either direction. Surveys were collected over 7 days and funded by the Town Council. The data obtained will be useful to Faversham not only for assessing 20 mph suitability and all sorts of other future work to make local roads better for all.

The current speed will affect the cost of implementation. Kent's policy is that if the current speed is below 24 mph then only signs need to change. If it is more than 24 then steps to slow cars down must be considered. These do not always have to be speed bumps; there are alternatives.

The main reason for backing 20 mph limits is to make our roads safer for all. You may always drive safely but others do not. Slower speed gives more time to react.

Each year, on built up roads, around 150,000 people are injured or killed. We all know of terrible local examples. The Royal Society for the Prevention of

Accidents have found that you are 5.3 times less likely to be killed by a car at 20mph than 30mph.

We know that not everyone will always obey a 20mph limit. Not everyone obeys 30mph limits. The point is that enough people will drive more slowly than now to make our roads much safer. Whether walking or driving, you will be less likely to be hit by a car and less likely to be killed or injured if you are.

Driving at 20 mph will not greatly extend journey times. In the 1 to 2 mile journeys that many of us make across Faversham or getting to the highways to go further afield, it would take one minute more to travel a mile at 20mph and 2 minutes more to travel 2 miles. Journey times may, in fact, improve. There will be fewer accidents. A single accident can close a road for hours. Slow speed will also help people coming out of minor roads to find a gap.

Some people have, quite reasonably, raised the issue of ambulances. They will still be able to go 20mph above the speed limit on blue lights. It will make at most a 17 second difference over a mile (40mph versus 50mph). The National Institute for Clinical Excellence and medical associations support 20 mph limits taking all factors into account.

Fewer accidents may also see insurance prices in our area become cheaper. Slower speeds will make more people, residents and visitors, feel confident to walk or cycle, which is good for our health and environment.

**Councillor Antony Hook  
Chair 20's Plenty Working Group**



## Swale Borough Council Adopts the Faversham Creek Neighbourhood Plan

At the meeting of Swale Borough Council held on 28 June 2017 the referendum version of the Faversham Creek Neighbourhood Plan, that had been approved by residents of Faversham in a referendum held on 4 May 2017 when 88% of voters cast were in favour of it, was adopted as part of the local development plan for Swale Borough Council.

This means that after many years of work by the Faversham Town Council, and over 40 years after commercial activity on the Creek ceased, there is a blue print for the future which will be used by Swale Borough Council when considering planning applications for the area of the Plan.

The Town Council would like to thank everyone who made the effort to vote in the referendum. There are very few Neighbourhood Plans that have been adopted in the Country and the finalisation of this Plan was a considerable achievement.

At the meeting of Swale Borough Council Cllr Gerry Lewin, the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning, thanked the community of Faversham and all volunteer groups for their work. Thanks were also recorded to Cllr Nigel Kay for his work as Chair of the Steering Committee, Cllr Mike Cosgrove Cabinet Member for Regeneration, and other Members of the Steering Group including Anne Salmon, Janet Turner, Sue Akhurst, Brenda Chester and the late Hilary Whelan. Thanks were also expressed for the work of Jackie Westlake, formerly the Clerk to the Faversham Town Council, and Senior Planner Natalie Earl of Swale Borough Council Planning Department for their work and determination.

The adopting of the Plan is very good news for Faversham and will facilitate the preservation of Faversham's heritage and the redevelopment of the Creek.

**Councillor Nigel Kay**



### Improvements to Faversham Rec

**Take part in the Consultation and View the Emerging Plans at the Consultation Day on October 21st**

Swale Borough Council is now working on the second and final stage of their bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) following their success in the first round with their proposals to improve Faversham Recreation Ground. The plans are currently being refined and developed in more detail, which if successful, would see work start on improvements in winter 2018/19.

The proposed improvements include space for public performance events, new fencing along Park Road and Whitstable Road, control of parking on the Rec, restoration and repairs to The Lodge and Pavilion buildings, better public toilets and changes to the play areas. The bid will also include a phased 5-year programme of various events and activities to broaden what is on offer at The Rec and help it serve a wider audience.

Suggestions for a park café, new entrances from Jubilee Way, outdoor gym, nature area, improved parking and lighting are also under consideration.

A consultation day was held at the Rec on 9th September and was very well attended. If you missed this event it is not too late to have your say, you can give your views in the on-line questionnaire by following this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/favershamrec>

The emerging design plans will be shown at the second consultation day to be held in The Rec, Saturday 21st October.



The consultation day held at The Rec Saturday 9th September

## WORLD WAR ONE CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS

1918-2018

Over the following pages we believe we have listed all from Faversham, who were killed during WW1, with their correct initials and names. However, if you know your relative's name or initials are not correct please contact us. We would also be interested if you have a photo or further information about your relative.



As part of Faversham Town Council's planned commemorations we can now announce the launch of the **WW1 1918-2018 Bunting Project**, which will commemorate one of the fallen on each piece. We are inviting everyone to take part, either as an individual or part of a group, school, club etc. Perhaps you have a family member on our list and would specifically like to make a piece of bunting for them. Once you have registered to take part, you will be provided with the template details and assigned a name. You will have until May 2018 to complete your piece. The bunting will be displayed in The Guildhall throughout November 2018.

To provide further information, or to register for WW1 projects, please contact the Town Clerk, Louise Bareham, either in writing or by dropping into the Town Council office; emailing [louise.bareham@favershamtc.co.uk](mailto:louise.bareham@favershamtc.co.uk) or telephoning 01795 503288.

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J ABBOTT	P H BOSELEY	G A CLACKETT	H DAVY
B ADLEY	W BRETT	W J CLACKETT	A J DE VERE
J AKHURST	A H BROADHURST	G CLARKE	G H DUNEY
A J ALLARD	A W BROWN	T A CLEMENTS	W DUNGEY
N G R AMIES	G S BROWNE	J N COLEMAN	F E EASON
W S E AMOS	S G BENNETT	C S COOMBS	A T EDWARDS
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F ANDREWS	A BRENCHLEY	J CORNELIUS	F H ELY
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S BALDOCK	J R BUNTING	H C COX	T H FOOTE
T W BALLARD	R F G BUNTING	J COXEDGE	H E FOX
H F BARBER	S A BURROWS	C A COVENEY	W J FOX
C BARKER	H CARD	F S CROUCHER	H C FREEMAN
W H BERRY	G CARLTON	R G CROSSE	E FRIGHT
C BELSEY	G E CARLTON	T L CROSSE	J FULLAGER
F L BINGHAM	H T CARRIER	A E CURRY	J T GAGE
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H BOORMAN	W G CHAMBERS	F DAVISON	

R J GAMBLE	A KNIGHT	H W PARTRIDGE	W R SHRUBSHALL
L GANGE	G A KNIGHT	J F W PAY	G SKEER
C J GODFREY	J F LAKER	C F PAYNE	F J SMITH
S GOODBAN	W H LAKER	F J PAYNE	H R SMITH
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F R GREEN	S LEIS	N G PEPPER	S J SPOONER
W GRIFFEN	A G LINES	W PEPPER	B F SPRINGFORD
A E GURR	A LINKIN	J E PETERS	J STEEDMAN
A H HADLOW	W H LONG	I J PIERCE	W J STEVENS
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S E HANDS	A R LUCKHURST	S PORDAGE E. KENT	H TAYLOR
H HARLOW	C I LUCKHURST	S PORDAGE R.E	T J TAYLOR
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P J HORTON	T M MUIR	W READ	A WELLER
H F HOWLAND	F MUTON	F RICKARD	A A WELLER
F J HULSE	E H NEWMAN	G J RIGDEN	E WHITEHEAD
P J HULSE	R C NEWMAN	S A RITCHIE	F C WHITENSTALL
J W HUNT	P NICHOLS	S ROOK	S A WHITENSTALL
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## *A letter to Faversham Residents*

*Dear Neighbour*

### *Helping to Remember*

*I have lived in Faversham all my life, and it has been an honour to be President of the Faversham branch of the Royal British Legion for the past nine years.*

*Like so many residents, I wholeheartedly support the project to publicly remember the 243 servicemen killed in The First World War and the 140 in The Second World War, by creating their names on inscribed tablets in the Memorial Garden in Stone Street.*

*This will be part of the national centenary commemoration of the end of the First World War in 2018, that is supported by many organisations including The Royal British Legion.*

*Harry Taylor was born in Faversham and served on The Western Front for four years. He died just after the war ended. His great nephew would like his name to be remembered in the Memorial Garden.*

*The garden itself has been a memorial garden since 1922 and now needs some sympathetic restoration. The project will improve disability access; and include benches and a replacement gate.*

*So if you feel as I do, that those servicemen, like Harry Taylor, who marched away never to return, deserve a place in an English country garden, please help by giving a donation to this very worthwhile project. Some further information is overleaf.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Tom Gates*

*President, The Royal British Legion, Faversham Branch*





# A GARDEN TO REMEMBER

## Charity Gift Aid Declaration – Single Donation

**Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate**

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

**In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:**

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £\_\_\_\_\_ to:

**Name of Charity: BENSTED'S CHARITY WAR MEMORIAL FUND**

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current Tax Year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

**My Details:** Title \_\_\_\_\_ First Name or Initial(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please notify the charity if you**

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment Tax Return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your Tax Code.

**Return to Mrs S J Bayford Clerk to The Trustees, Bensted's Charity, The Almshouses,  
5 South Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 7LU**

