



# THE FAVERSHAM SOCIETY

FOUNDED 1962

## FLEUR DE LIS HERITAGE CENTRE

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### Letter from the Chair

For the first time in the Society's history, there will not be a Faversham Society Newsletter this month. Our Honorary Editor is indisposed.

Our VIC and shop has opened in its new location at 12 Market Place. Our Mayor, Cllr Alison Reynolds, cut the ribbon on 26th February – the Charters Exhibition will open on 28th May.

Legacies are significant to the Faversham Society, not least as evidence of people's value of our work. Alan Swan recently left us his remarkable collection of Osborne Plaques along with a gift for insurance and any costs of display and storage. Mr and Mrs Pyatt were members from their arrival in Faversham in the 1970s. Mrs Pyatt's bequest will be ringfenced for a major project and acknowledged.

We have taken a barrister's advice over whether or not the proposed housing development on Abbeyfields constitutes substantial harm. He confirms it does. We have submitted further evidence and his views to Swale. You can find details and a link to all the documents on our policy blog on the website.

Swale is finally making some urgent repairs to the roof of TS Hazard the Town Warehouse, which dates to 1420. The Society continues to press for Town Quay, the Town Warehouse and the old pumping station building to be developed as the core of a new heritage quarter for the town.

Graham Setterfield and Matthew Hatchwell have prepared and submitted a response with the support of the Board to the Water Resources South East (WRSE) Consultation. You can find details on our policy blog on the website.

Do take time to visit the Faversham Museums Together exhibition adjacent to our new VIC & Shop in 12 Market Place – there are some rarely seen items there, a testament to the remarkable richness of our heritage.

Don't miss Catherine Richardson's talk on Arden of Faversham in the Guild Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Shakespeare's birthday.

EELS! Matthew Hatchwell is working with colleagues from the Zoological Society of London and the Environment Agency and is in the process of finalising the arrangements for elver monitoring this Summer on three structures around Faversham, at Oare Marshes, at Thorn Creek, and possibly in the Stonebridge Pond allotments. If you are interested and would like to help, email Matthew at [mchatchwell@gmail.com](mailto:mchatchwell@gmail.com)

The nomination forms for Directors, Chair and Vice-Chair, will be available on our website from Thursday 14th April and more details about our AGM will be in the next newsletter due to be published just after Easter.

Harold Goodwin

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## **VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

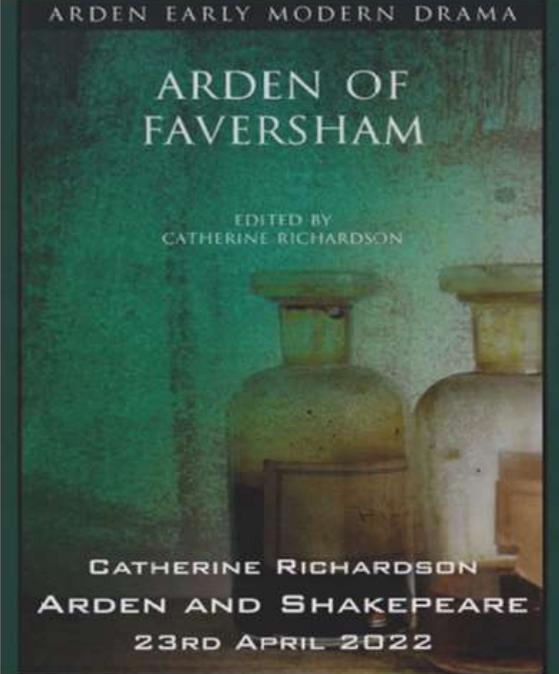
**12 Market Place**

10am to 1pm - Sunday to Wednesday

10am to 4pm - Thursday to Saturday



**Faversham Museums Together have an exhibition of Faversham's Heritage in 12 Market Place. It is open the same hours as the new Visitor Information Centre (see above) until Sunday 27th March - there are some great photos and displays.**



**ARDEN OF FAVERSHAM**

Based on the true story of the murder of Thomas Arden by his wife, her lover and accomplices in 1551, Arden of Faversham is one of the earliest domestic tragedies and a play which has continued to thrill audiences since its first staging.

Prof Catherine Richardson is Director, Institute of Cultural and Creative Industries and Professor of Early Modern Studies in the School of English at the University of Kent.

Catherine will be signing copies of her book, which will be for sale that evening. Copies will be available from 'Tales' on Market Street from 24th February.

Faversham Guildhall  
Saturday 23rd April 2022 - 7.30pm

Tickets available from the Faversham Society's shop and VIC in the Market Place and online: [favershamsociety.org/store/](https://favershamsociety.org/store/)

*Peter Williams, renowned local journalist and the only person ever to have 'interviewed' the Queen has been asked by the Top Hat & Tales bookshop in Faversham to talk about his book 'BEING THERE', on Thursday 21st April 2022. This just happens also to be the Queen's birthday! At The Guildhall, Faversham 6.30pm.*

*BEING THERE - TITANIC, MARLON BRANDO AND THE LUGER PISTOL - to give the book its full title and a glimpse into all the investigative journalism Peter Williams undertook - is highly praised by many top names of television such as Greg Dyke, former Director General of the BBC, Sir Jeremy Isaacs, founder of Channel 4, ITV executive Sir Clive Jones and Prof Michael Irwin of Kent University.*

*As one of them said 'The great virtue of 'BEING THERE' is the fact that Peter really WAS there'.*

*A revelatory book by Kent author and film-maker Peter Williams reveals the inside stories behind some of the world milestone events he has covered during 70 years as a broadcaster and journalist.*

*Tickets available from Top Hat & Tales bookshop in the Market Place in Faversham.*

*No charge for tickets but total numbers limited to 50.*

*'BEING THERE' will be available for purchase at the end of the talk.*