

A DAY OUT WITH THE DOVER SOCIETY TO FAVERSHAM & CANTERBURY

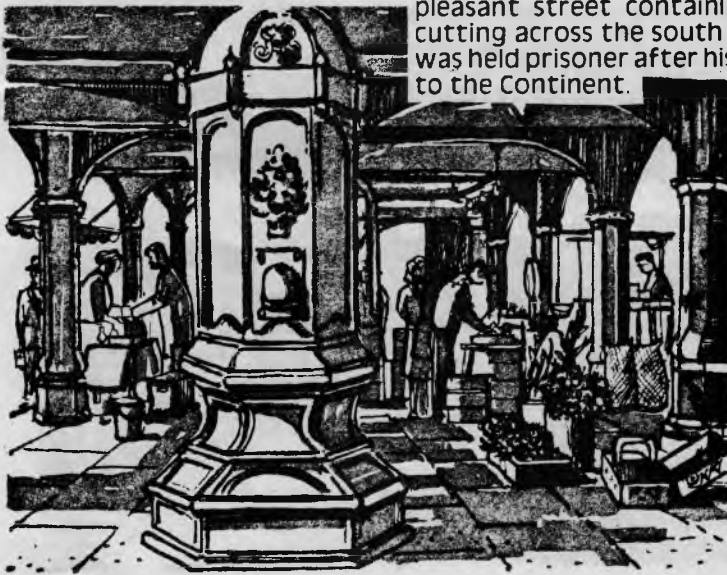


The Faversham Society was founded in 1962 and has some 600 members. In 1964 the KFAS (Kent Federation of Amenity Societies) was formed at a meeting in the town. In 1971 the Society bought the FLEUR DE LIS which was opened as a HERITAGE CENTRE in 1977, with a Tourist Information Centre incorporated in 1978.

On 30 June we are organising a visit which will include FAVERSHAM. See p. 7 for details. Please apply by JUNE 6 at latest if you wish to join the trip. Here is a taster:

THE MARKET PLACE

In the centre of the town, at the junction of three of its oldest streets, stands the Guildhall, a building of mixed 16th and 19th Century parentage raised on pillars. The paved area beneath and immediately around it forms the Market Place. At the north end of this is Court Street, a broad and pleasant street containing many 17th and 18th Century houses, whilst cutting across the south end is Market Street. Here, at number 12, James II was held prisoner after his capture by local fishermen, attempting to escape to the Continent.



PARISH CHURCH AND 15th CENTURY BRASS



Amongst the historic buildings of Faversham the parish church of St. Mary of Charity must rank as one of the most impressive, not the least on account of its surprising size and unusual aisled transepts. Although restored in the late 18th Century, it retains many Norman features. The distinctive crown spire dates from 1797 and the elegant nave from slightly earlier. Features which should not be missed are the grotesque misericords beneath the choir stalls, the brightly emblazoned tomb of Edward Fagg and the 14th Century frescoed octagonal pillar.



WEST STREET

At the west end of the Market Place the road leads downhill in a gentle curve. This is West Street and in it may be found many buildings dating from the 16th and 17th Centuries. Of particular interest is number 121, decorated externally with panels of ornamental plasterwork, dated 1697. Almost opposite, at the junction with Market Street, is the Ship Hotel, an 18th Century coaching stage which still retains many Tudor features, among them carved beams and a fine decorative ceiling. There are more than 400 listed buildings in Faversham, the centre of which is recognised as an outstanding conservation area.

