

FAVERSHAM CREEK TRUST

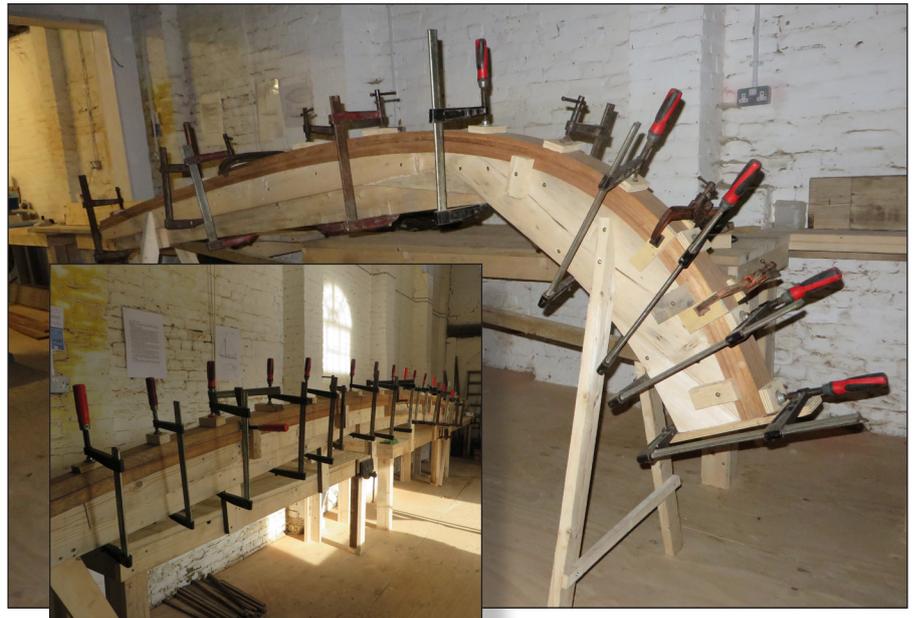
REGENERATING FAVERSHAM'S MARITIME HERITAGE



SHIPWRIGHTS TO START ON BOAT-BUILDING

Our Shipwrights' Hall is ready for the trainees to start work. The wonderful old yacht 'Mayhi' has been removed for her first successor to be built in her stead, and our Master Shipwright, Simon Grillet, has made the 4 workbenches where our students will start to 'learn their craft'. Using drawings that can be followed by students and apprentices, the keel and stem post of the first new vessel have been cut, steamed and assembled. This will be followed by the ribs and frame which will start shortly. The key to the work is its repeatable nature - not unique but again not something that you will see very often. Go and have a look! We will be advertising for the first trainees at the end of November.

How a boat is born - and why shipwrights need a lot of clamps!



CREEK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Chairman Chris Wright spoke at the well-attended special meeting at the Queen Elizabeth School on Monday 13 October, called by Faversham Town Council to consider their Steering Group's report on the Creek Neighbourhood Plan. He raised questions about how the Council had not taken notice of public responses to the proposed Plan. However, despite strong opposition from the public, the report was amended and accepted by the Council. It has now gone to the Borough Council for a further round of 'consultation'. Comments can be sent by email to the Planning Policy Manager, SBC, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne ME10 3HT. Closing date is 22 December. <http://www.swale.gov.uk/planning-policy/>

CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY

We are delighted to be part of a successful application for funding from the Department of Work and Pensions to run a 6-week programme of training, guidance and support for unemployed people in Faversham which started on 3 November. This was set up by the Brents Community Association, and is unique in focussing on the Creek. The project includes building a punt for use in maintaining the Westbrook and Stonebridge Pond (and that's being done in the Purifier Building), helping with a wildlife warden scheme alongside Kent Wildlife Trust, and other opportunities including sailing on a Thames barge. For more details contact Jude Sach on 07599 927758 or creek.learning@gmail.com The programme is free for those who qualify, and we hope it will be repeated.

AWARD

Another source of pride is the announcement that the tremendous work put in by all our volunteers was recognised by English Heritage with one of their Angel Awards. It is gratifying that our project is receiving such attention at a national level. We also held a thank-you lunch for the volunteers who have worked on the Purifier project.

PURIFIER PROGRESS

Work continues at the Purifier Building. Windows and two front doors are under contracts, the Tiled Room kitchen is installed complete with fridge, hot water is available for loo and both kitchens, and the enclosure of the first floor staircase is under way (for fire safety).



EVENTS AT THE PURIFIER

It's satisfying to be able to run community events and other meetings in the Tiled Room in the Purifier Building at last. We ran a pop-up cafe during the Hop Festival, staffed entirely by our volunteers serving tea and coffee and delicious home-made cakes and biscuits, and offering tours of the building. We recruited some new members and raised £500 from this project, and would like to thank everyone concerned - the fare was absolutely delicious. If you would like to put your name on our Cake Makers list, please get in touch

Pop up Cafe



ART SHOW

We also welcomed a group of six local artists known as 'Diversi' who had their works on display during the East Kent Artists' Open Studio festival in October. The works included sculptures, paintings, prints and photographs and were all for sale.



Art Show



SEA SHANTIES

Another very successful fund-raising evening was arranged for us by member **Tony Cartwright**. The Kentish sea-shanty group **Swinging the Lead** had offered to come and sing for us, and were joined by local singer-songwriter **Helen North** and others. The concert was held in the Assembly Room and was packed to the gunnels. The evening raised £900 and our

hearty thanks go to all concerned.

www.swingingthelead.co.uk

In future, all Events at the Purifier will be booked using a standard form, whether this is an internal meeting or something booked by an external organisation. This will allow us to manage the costs and fees for the use of the room, and make sure we don't get double-bookings.

All enquiries to Griselda Mussett on:

mussetts@btinternet.com

New name board



HAND CARVED

You may have seen a beautiful carved board mounted over the new roller door leading to the Shipwrights' Hall. This was made for us by Michael Leal, who specialises in fine traditional carving - he came to our attention when he had a stall on the Brents during the Nautical Festival. This name board is carved in solid oak and graces the outside of the Purifier Building. www.michael-leal-carvings.co.uk/index.htm

AGM

Our AGM will be held at the Alexander Centre on November 25th at 7.30pm, and members are also invited to stay to hear Hugh Perks' give one of his fascinating talks about the history of our Creek.

MEMBERSHIP

We are always keen to welcome new members, donors and sponsors. A membership application form can be downloaded from our website www.favershamcreektrust.com Please do pass this newsletter on to anyone you think would be interested in our project, and if you would like to know more, just ask. **Thank you.**



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