

FAVERSHAM CREEK TRUST

REGENERATING FAVERSHAM'S MARITIME HERITAGE



AGM

Our 2016 AGM will be held on **Friday 25 November** at the Alexander Centre at 7.30. Our speaker following the meeting will be Michael Everard CBE, the last Executive Chairman of the family firm of Everards. The Company once built and owned many of the Thames Barges which plied their trade along the East Coast, as well as many other coastal craft and small tankers.

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

The referendum for the Faversham Creek Neighbourhood Plan has been postponed, pending the outcome of a judicial review of whether the Independent Examiner and Swale Borough Council exceeded their powers in making and accepting the amendments to the Plan. This Review is likely to take place before the end of this year.

Meanwhile, Kent County Council are progressing with their plans for the new Swing Bridge, with the tender documents at an advanced stage of preparation. Once all the funding has been finalised, the project will be put out to tender, with the aim of building it during the winter of 2017-18.

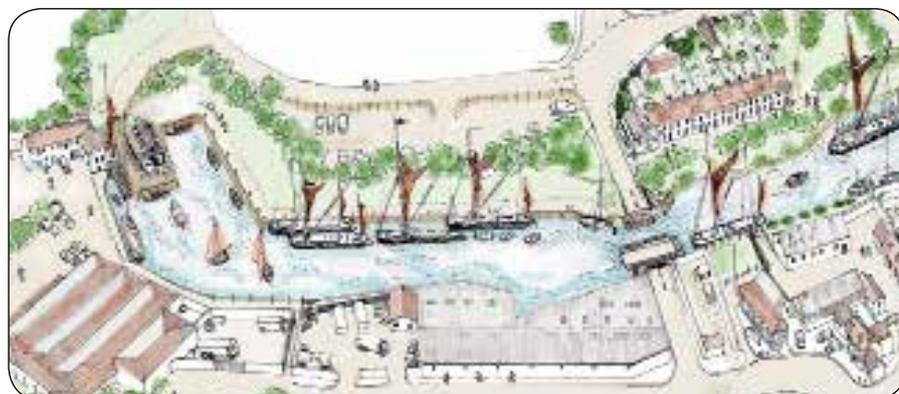
We are working with the Abbey School and other local organisations to involve young people with boats and the Creek. We are holding introductory sessions with groups of teenagers, are helping to organise work experience for them, and are preparing a plan for a 'Boat Camp' when teenagers will have the opportunity to build their own small rowing boat. We are also organising a barge trip for a group of students from the Abbey School, which should take place next July once GCSEs are finished.



NAUTICAL FESTIVAL

The 2016 Nautical Festival was hailed a great success. It was organised by Cllr Peter Flower and the Rotary - a great job. The Trust had successful stands on both banks of the creek. We recruited lots of new members and sold tea-towels, posters, t-shirts, jams and jellies, key-rings and raffle tickets. In addition, we were very proud to have helped Abbey School students to mount an art exhibition

in TS Hasard themed on the creek. The Mayor Cllr Shiel Campbell, accompanied by Kent Deputy Lieutenant xxx xxx xxx visited the exhibition and went on to lunch in the Purifier Building.



MODEL DINGHY RALLY

We have been given a beautiful nearly-antique model dinghy as a fund-raiser and it has already attracted over £200 in bids. It will be on show and you can buy a raffle-number at the AGM. Thanks to Fran and Peter Ward for their generous donation.



DIARY DATES

As we go to press, we have the following dates for your diary. If you would like to volunteer at any of these events - and we need help! - please contact **Debbie on 01795 227706 or dlr.lawther@gmail.com**

Saturday November 12 -

Wine Tasting. Purifier Building 7 for 7.30pm £20 includes ploughman's supper. Tickets from Ann Hill on 01795 590291 or stannsann@gmail.com

Friday December 2 -

Members' Christmas Social Purifier Building 6.30-8.30

Trust Talks Our regular season of Talks will start in the New Year. Not all will be Creek-related, as we have asked some local professors to share their own personal pet topics.....

For Membership and Contact forms etc and for update and further information go to the website.

www.favershamcreektrust.com

BOAT CAMP LATEST

Ten students from the Abbey School recently visited the Purifier Building as part of our Boat Camp programme. They are pictured here with boat builder Alan Thorne illustrating how a rowing skiff is constructed; with master shipwright Simon Grillett and Sue Akhurst discussing Mayhi in the shipwrights hall; and with Gulliver Immink, David Pollock and members of Abbey School staff alongside SB Repertor on the Creek.

As part of our developing training and boat building programme, Alan Thorne has built an interesting two person rowing skiff that can be built by beginners in less than two weeks. It is beautiful and practical as a training aid or as a stand-alone commercial project. Well done Alan.

Bronze rowlock (right) from the Alan Thorne rowing skiff (below) and Abbey School students in the Boat Camp (bottom)



PURIFIER BUILDING

Work continues on the outside of the Purifier Building - the new lime-mortar pointing has met with widespread approval



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