

1152

Royal burial at Faversham Abbey

Queen Matilda of Boulogne dies and is buried at Faversham Abbey. Her son Eustace dies the following year and is interred here too.



Victorian depiction of Queen Matilda, *Illustrated London News*, February 10, 1855.

1153



Davington Priory established

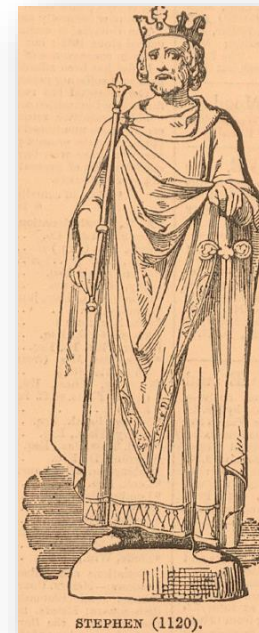
Davington nunnery was founded by Fulk of Newnham. St Mary Magdalene and St Lawrence Church was once a part of the Priory Church and is now the oldest building in Faversham.

Nun of Davington in J. Lewis, *The history and antiquities of the abbey and church of Favresham in Kent*, 1727
Medieval arch at Davington, photograph P. Connell, KAS. Postcode: ME13 7EJ

1154

Royal burial at Faversham Abbey

King Stephen dies and is buried at Faversham Abbey. He is succeeded by his nephew Henry II.



Victorian depiction of King Stephen, *Illustrated London News*, February 10, 1855.

1170



Archbishop Thomas Becket murdered

Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral by four knights of Henry II on the 29th December, 1170.

The Martyrdom of Thomas Becket, late twelfth-century Psalter, British Library, Harley MS 5102, f. 32r

1189



Oyster Fishery company founded

Now considered a delicacy, oysters were a staple food of people's diets. Faversham Oyster Fishery company is one of the oldest still in existence today.

1201

King John in Faversham

King John stayed in Faversham in March this year.

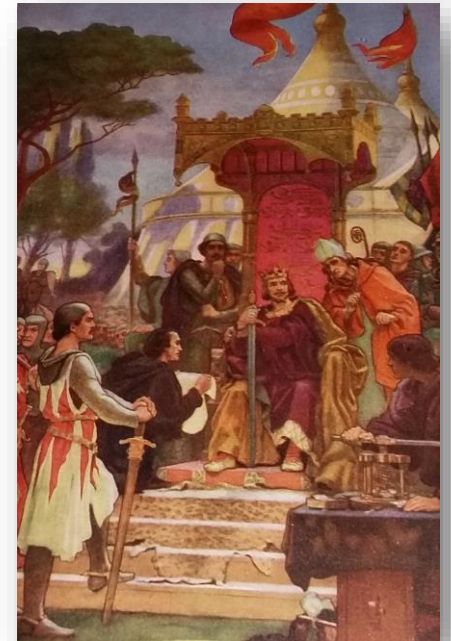


Depiction of King John in Matthew Paris, *Historia Anglorum*,
British Library, Royal MS 14 C VII

1215

Magna Carta issued by King John

In 1215 England was enveloped by civil war. Magna Carta was issued by King John in June this year as a result of the pressure put on him by his nobles. Faversham holds a copy of the 1300 version of the Great Charter.



1229

Faversham – a Cinque Port

Faversham joined the Cinque Port confederation as a 'limb' of the port of Dover.

Photograph of the Cinque Port Flag at Maison Dieu, Dover



1252



Faversham granted the 'Cinque Ports Charter'

Granted by King Henry III in June 1252, the Charter gave the town freedom from all tolls on buying and selling in England and Normandy

1261

Second borough charter

Sealed by King Henry III, a royal letter patent gave the king's approval to an agreement between the Abbot and Barons of Faversham.

Henry III's First Great Seal

