

1300

Magna Carta

Faversham receives a copy of the last reissue of *Magna Carta* by Edward IV's chancery.

Faversham's copy of the 1300 Magna Carta

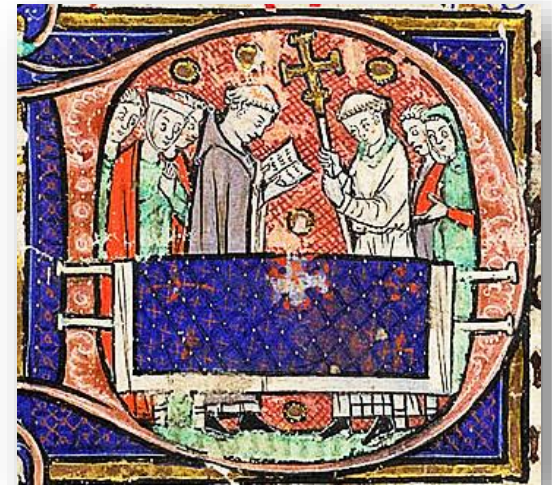


1301

Trouble in the Town

When St Augustine's Abbey replaced Peter de Milstead as Vicar of Faversham the townspeople were outraged and damaged the church. They fought with St Augustine monks over the body of a parishioner concerning burial rights and dues.

Funeral scene from a late thirteenth-century Book of Hours, England, British Library Egerton 1151, fol. 118



1348-50

The Black Death

The Black Death (also known as the Great Pestilence in the Faversham Chronicle) killed around 40% of the English population.

'Dance of death' with plague victims. Woodcut from the *Nuremburg Chronicle*, CUL Inc.0.A.7.2, 264r.



1381

The Peasants' Revolt

Faversham was involved in at least three rebel attacks.

Richard II meets the rebels. Image from Jean Froissart's *Chronicles*, held at the *Bibliothèque Nationale de France*, Paris



1389

Death of John of Bridlington

The great prophecy maker Saint John of Bridlington dies. His prophecies are copied in the Faversham Custumal.

Manuscript painting of Saint John of Bridlington, British Library - MS Royal 2 A. xviii, fol. 7v

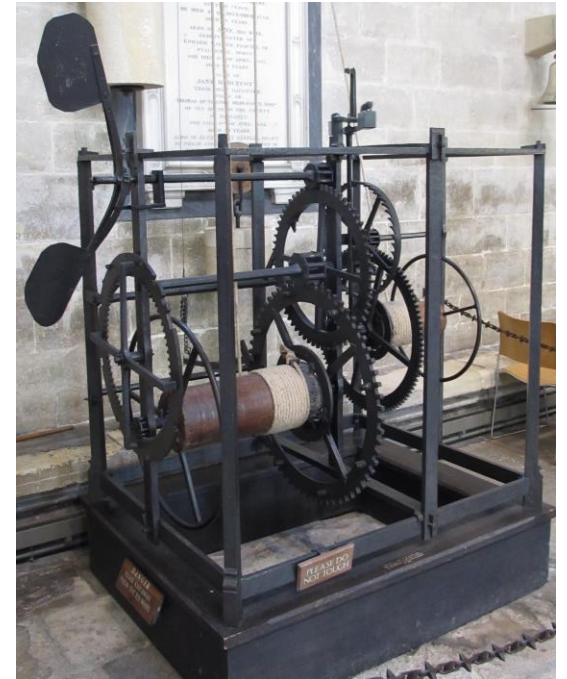


1400s

Faversham's Town Clock

Faversham was one of several Kentish towns to have a town clock. These clocks were predominantly located in parish churches. They mark the turn from 'bell' or church time to 'clock' or commercial time.

Salisbury Cathedral Medieval Clock mechanism c. 1390



1405



Harry Paye and the Pirate Wars

Harry Paye of Poole was commander of the Cinque Ports fleet which, with Admiral Lord Berkeley's ships, defeated a French squadron sent to support Owen Glendower. Although more a pirate than a privateer, he was a popular hero.

Drawing of Harry Paye's ship by Arthur Bradbury for Poole Pottery.

Detail of brass in Faversham parish church of Harry Paye, who died in 1419.

Social and Economic Themes



1446

The Town Crane

The town crane is mentioned in the Ward Mote Book in this year.

Detail from Henry VIII Map, British Library Cotton Charter XIII.12



1450

Cade's Rebellion

Jack Cade led a Kent revolt against Henry VI's advisers which reached London but then dissipated; Cade was killed in a later skirmish. He was immortalised in Shakespeare's play *Henry VI, pt II* in scenes now believed to have been written by Christopher Marlowe. Several Faversham men took up Henry VI's pardon although they may not have been rebels.

1400-1500

Timber-framed Warehouse

This large warehouse is a rare survival of late medieval industrial urban architecture. Faversham thrived in the early fifteenth century but later suffered in the 'Great Slump' a general economic decline, due to pestilence, poor harvests, wars, and silver coin shortages which all affected trade.

