

Victoria prepares tea
for her guests.



Red Cross Week

Because of Faversham's location in southeast England and proximity to continental Europe, the Battle of Britain during World War II played out in the skies above the town. Bombs, air raid sirens and shelters were part of the wartime experience for the beleaguered citizens of the area.

As soon as war was declared in September 1939, the British Red Cross joined forces with the Order of St. John to form the Joint War Organisation to raise badly needed capital under the Red Cross emblem. Throughout the war the Joint War Organisation sent much needed standardized food and medical parcels to allied prisoners of war, improving the health, survival and morale of the men. They depended entirely on volunteers and fundraising, which included yearly Red Cross weeks as well as Flag Days, where people made a donation in return for a flag or badge.



Faversham, located northwest of Dover in the county of Kent, was directly involved in the Battle of Britain during World War II.