



# FELIXSTOWE BOOK FESTIVAL

25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022

With preview events  
from 11<sup>th</sup> June

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## Felixstowe Book Festival Launch Weekend at The Two Sisters Arts Centre

Saturday 11 June 7-9pm, £10 (£8)

### **Martin Newell and The Hosepipe Band**

return to the Felixstowe Book Festival with new offerings as well as poems and music that have proved popular with audiences in previous years.

Sunday 12 June 7pm, £10 (£8)

Felixstowe Book Festival in association with Black & White Productions present

### **Michael Pennington – In My Own Footsteps**

Michael performs extracts from his memoir of his life acting in theatre, film and TV.

## Felixstowe Book Festival Events in The Palm Court, Harvest House

Saturday 25 June 10-11am, £10 (£8)

### **Tessa Hadley in conversation with our Festival Patron Esther Freud**

about *Free Love*, her most recent compulsive novel about one woman's sexual and intellectual awakening in 1960s London.

Saturday 25 June 11.30am-12.30pm, £10 (£8)

### **Patrick Gale – Mother's Boy**

Patrick Gale returns to Felixstowe to talk about his latest novel, *Mother's Boy* an evocative, absorbing, engaging historical novel of Cornwall, class, desire and two world wars.

Saturday 25 June 1.30-2.30pm, £10 (£8)

### **Stephen McGann – Call The Midwife, a Labour of Love**

Stephen McGann (Dr. Turner) presents this beautifully illustrated 10th anniversary book with anecdotes and insights from the cast.

Saturday 25 June 3-4pm, £10 (£8)

### **Justin Webb – The Gift of a Radio** My Childhood and other Train Wrecks

Memoir of journalist and broadcaster Justin Webb set against the background of Britain in the 1970s - Led Zeppelin, Janis Joplin, strikes, inflation and IRA bombings. It is a story of hope and how the gift of a radio changed the life of an unhappy little boy.

Saturday 25 June 4.15-5.15pm, £10 (£8)

In the Harvest House Conservatory

### **Shamser Sinha**

Join playwright Shamser Sinha to discuss *Who Can Tell Whose Story?* *'While I want to tell stories, what is considered my story to tell is put upon me and other brown writers. Theatres often want the 'migration story' or the 'identity story' as they see it. But what about if I want to write outside of what my story is considered to be? What about if I want to write a rural story about a young woman who is neurodiverse and a young man who lives in a shed? Am I allowed to do that?'*

Saturday 25 June 4.30-5.30pm, £10 (£8)

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the Felixstowe Book Festival is holding a Royal event at this year's Festival on 25th June:

### **Three Generations of Royalty**

Frances Dimond on "Queen Alexandra: Loyalty and Love".

Jane Ridley on George V.

Alexander Larman on the Abdication and the Windsors at War.

Saturday 25 June 6-7pm, £10 (£8)

### **Dame Stella Rimington – The Devil's Bargain**

The new spy thriller from the former head of MI5.

## Sunday at Harvest House

Harvest House Cobbold Rd, Felixstowe IP11 7SP

Sunday 26 June 10.30-11.30am, £10 (£8)

### **Margery Allingham: a celebration**

Her biographer Julia Jones and novelist Nicola Upson, whose latest book, *Dear Little Corpses*, features Margery as a character, celebrate her life and work.

Sunday 26 June 12-1pm, £10 (£8)

### **Nicci French – The Unheard**

The latest psychological thriller from husband-and-wife-team Sean French and Nicci Gerrard.

Sunday 26 June 2-3.40pm

### **Blake Morrison and The Hosepipe Band**

*The Ballad of Shingle Street* and other Suffolk poems.

Sunday 26 June 4.15-5.15pm, £10 (£8)

### **Carol Drinkwater**

Carol talks about her books, and her career as an author and actress and her recent TV series about her life in Provence.

## Harvest House Conservatory

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Saturday 25 June 11.30am-12.30pm, £10 (£8)

### **Sian Conway-Wood –**

### **Buy Better Consume Less**

Create Real Environmental Change

*Buy Better, Consume Less*, practical tips on how to stop consuming and advice on how to see through corporations' greenwashing.

Saturday 25 June 1.15-2.15pm, £10 (£8)

### **Brian Butterworth –**

### **Can Fish Count?**

What Animals Reveal About Our Uniquely Mathematical Mind

Brian unveils just how widespread intelligence is in nature where every species shares the ability to count.

Saturday 25 June 2.30-3.30pm, £10 (£8)

### **Richard Smyth – The Woodcock**

*The Woodcock* is set in a fictional coastal town and combines beautifully descriptive nature writing with an engaging exploration of relationships, secrets and the price that is to be paid for pleasure.

Sunday 26 June 11.45am-12.45pm

### **A New Suffolk Garland**

Published for The Festival of Suffolk and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Contributions from 90 authors and 45 artists and photographers encapsulate all that is special about Suffolk.

Sunday 26 June 1.30-2.30pm, £10 (£8)

### **Richard Firth-Godbehere –**

### **A Human History of Emotion**

How the Way We Feel Built the World We Know

Drawing on psychology, neuroscience, philosophy, art, and religious history, Richard Firth-Godbehere explores the role emotions have played in human societies around the world and throughout history.

Sunday 26 June 3-4pm, £10

### **Tea at three with Mandy Morton**

Join Mandy Morton for afternoon tea and a reading from *The Cat and the Pendulum*, the latest case from The No. 2 Feline Detective Agency series. Featuring Agatha Crispy! A cream tea and a copy of Mandy's new book will be included in the ticket price. (Gluten free alternatives).

# Two Sisters Arts Centre

Two Sisters Arts Centre 200 High Rd W, Trimley St Mary, Felixstowe IP11 0SP

Saturday 25 June 2022

## Suffolk and the Sea Day

Authors talking about the shifting shape of the Suffolk coast, the sea as a means of artistic and intellectual exchange, for exploration and trade as well as invasions and warfare, the bravery of volunteer yachtsmen in WW2, and the healing power of wild swimming.

Sunday 26 June 2022

## Felixstowe Book Festival and University of Suffolk – Emerging Writers' Day

With workshops and talks on short fiction, writing for children, the path to publication, neuro diversity in writing.



## Other Events

Felixstowe Book Festival in association with Black & White Productions present two plays by Suzanne Hawkes.

Sat 18 June 7.30pm Two Sisters Arts Centre  
**Mrs Simpson in Felixstowe**  
and

Sat 25 June 7.30pm Two Sisters Arts Centre  
**Daniel Defoe –  
The Lockdown Diaries**

Sunday 19 June  
**Writing Workshops**  
Two Sisters Arts Centre

Sunday 26 June 10.45am  
**Sea Sagas of the North**  
Felixstowe Museum

## ONLINE AND FREE TO VIEW

Wed 22 June 7pm ONLINE Session

A special digital Felixstowe Festival event in partnership with Untold's Write Afghanistan project to celebrate the publication of

***My Pen Is the Wing of a Bird: New Fiction by Afghan Women,***  
the first anthology of short fiction in translation by Afghan women.

Contributors of the book join Untold Narratives' Founder and Director Lucy Hannah to discuss these vital, unexpected short stories that are both unique and universal – stories of family, work, childhood, friendship, war, gender identity and cultural traditions and how this anthology was developed.

*'Men always want to speak on behalf of Afghan women, but now it is time for Afghan women to speak for themselves. Without fear, we want to share our stories with the world!'*

## TO BOOK TICKETS

Tickets on sale Friday 29 April, can be purchased online through our website [www.felixstowebookfestival.co.uk](http://www.felixstowebookfestival.co.uk) or by phone from the New Wolsey Theatre, 01473 295900.

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