



FELIXSTOWE BOOK FESTIVAL

16th-25th June 2023



Books by the sea.
Events for adults and children.

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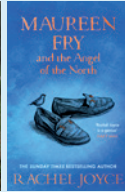
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SATURDAY 24 JUNE

PALM COURT Harvest House Cobbold Rd, Felixstowe IP11 7SP

Saturday 24 June 10am-11am

Rachel Joyce: *Maureen Fry & the Angel of the North*



Ten years ago, Harold Fry set off on his epic journey on foot to save a friend. Now, after an unexpected message arrives from the North, his wife Maureen has her own pilgrimage to make.

Saturday 24 June 11.30am-12.30pm

Robin Ince: *Bibliomaniac: An Obsessive's Tour of the Bookshops of Britain*



The *Infinite Monkey Cage* presenter Robin Ince explores his lifelong love of bookshops and books. If you are a book lover please don't miss this hugely entertaining session.

Saturday 24 June 1.30pm-2.30pm

Esther Freud and Susie Boyt



Festival patron Esther Freud in conversation with her sister, novelist Susie Boyt, discussing their most recent books, *I Couldn't Love You More*, and *Loved and Missed* and the inspirations that lead them to become writers.

Saturday 24 June 3pm-4pm

Angela Harding

©Joanne Crawford



In two recent collections of her work, *A Year Unfolding* and *Wild Light*, acclaimed printmaker Angela Harding shares stories of life as a printmaker and how she creates her beautiful illustrations, as well as revealing her love of Suffolk rivers and countryside.

Saturday 24 June 4.30pm-5.30pm

Louise Doughty: *Platform Seven*

©Max Kennedy



Louise Doughty the author of no 1 bestseller, *Apple Tree Yard*, will talk about her most recent book, *Platform Seven*, and her original BBC One hit series, *Crossfire*.

Saturday 24 June 6pm-7pm

Amanda Craig: *The Three Graces*

©Charlie Hopkinson

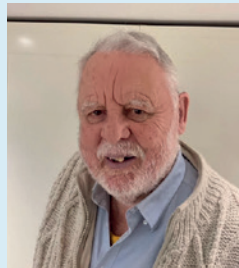


The story of three very different female friends having a last "adventure before dementia" in an Italy grappling with migration from North Africa, and with an oligarch neighbour whom Putin wants to kill.

Saturday 24 June 7.30pm-9.30pm **£15 (£12)**

Terry Waite: *Words and Music*

©Charlie Hopkinson



During this special evening our Festival Patron Terry Waite will read short extracts from his writings interspersed with piano. Music for an evening of calm and reflection.

Except where otherwise stated tickets for The Palm Court cost **£12 (£10 concessions)**

SUNDAY 25 JUNE

PALM COURT Harvest House Cobbold Rd, Felixstowe IP11 7SP

Sunday 25 June 10am-11am

Helen Czerski: *Blue Machine: How The Ocean Works*

©Johnny Ring



Understanding how the ocean has influenced animals, weather, human history and culture is crucial to our

future. *Blue Machine* will transform the way you see the world.

Sunday 25 June 11.30am-12.30pm

Ben Ansell: *Why Politics Fails: The Five Traps of the Modern World & How to Escape Them*



Oxford Professor Ben Ansell's highly accessible book explains why modern politics seems impossible,

and why it needn't be. This is the one book you need to read to understand our tumultuous world.

Sunday 25 June 1.30pm-2.30pm

Sarah Langford in conversation with Lord Deben: *Rooted: Stories of Life, Land and a Farming Revolution*

©Jason Kirker



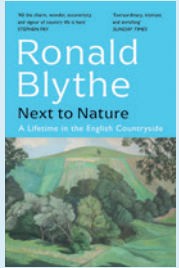
In *Rooted* Sarah shines a light on the human side of modern farming and puts a powerful case that the task of ensuring a sustainable future lies in the hands of those who live closest to the land.

©Sancroft

Sunday 25 June 3pm-4pm

Next to Nature: The Suffolk Life of Ronald Blythe

©Joachim Jacobs



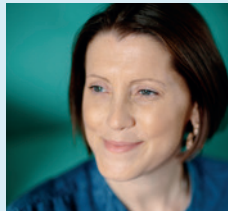
Ronnie is best known for his 1969 book, *Akenfield*. His final book, *Next to Nature*, is a beautiful, illuminating ode to village life and the agricultural year. In this special event for Felixstowe, Ronnie's friend and biographer, Ian Collins, and Suffolk-born author Nicola Upson will look back on a remarkable life and celebrate Ronnie's unique and lasting legacy.

Sunday 25 June 4.30pm-5.30pm

Bev Thomas: *The Family Retreat*



and **Isabelle Broom: *The Beach Holiday***



Two summer page turners to take you on holiday.

SATURDAY 24 JUNE

CONSERVATORY Harvest House Cobbold Rd, Felixstowe IP11 7SP

Saturday 24 June 10.30am-11.30am

Siobhan Daniels: Retirement Rebel

©Maggie Daniels



After selling most of her possessions Siobhan, a retired journalist, hit the road in her new motorhome to begin a retirement less ordinary, travelling the country defying stereotypes and spreading a positive-ageing message.

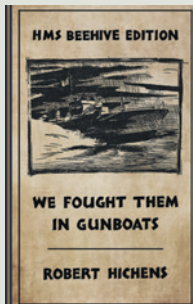
Saturday 24 June 12pm-1pm

Jean Macpherson: 1953: Never To Be Forgotten

©Laura Locke



The testimonies of over 50 people create an account of how the 1953 storm surge, the worse in a century in the UK, affected Felixstowe. There will also be a display of a commemorative quilt and other artefacts.



Saturday 24 June 1.30pm-2.30pm

We Fought Them in Gunboats

A new edition of Lieutenant-Commander Robert Hichens' classic *We Fought Them in Gunboats* to include recognition of men and women who also served at HMS Beehive.

Saturday 24 June 3pm-4pm **£10**

Mandy Morton Tea at Three

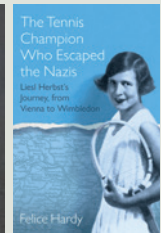


Mandy Morton returns to Felixstowe Book Festival with her popular Tea at Three event featuring her unique, comedic world of cats in The No2 Feline Detective Agency series. *Ticket price includes tea or coffee and scones and a copy of The Windmill Murders.*

Saturday 24 June 4.30pm-5.30pm

Felice Hardy: The Tennis Champion who escaped The Nazis

©Martyrn Payne



This remarkable story of the author's grandparents' escape to London from Nazi-occupied Vienna. The author's grandmother was the 1930 Tennis Champion of Austria and went on to beat Tim Henman's grandmother at Wimbledon. Woven throughout is the author's search for her own identity, growing up with survivor's guilt.

SUNDAY 25 JUNE

CONSERVATORY Harvest House Cobbold Rd, Felixstowe IP11 7SP

Sunday 25 June 10am-11am

Stephanie Butland: *Found in a Bookshop*, with Louise Millar

©Alan Butland



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Loveday Cardew's owner of *Lost For Words* bookshop, realises that she can suggest books to help people during lockdown. Acclaimed crime novelist, journalist and Fellow of The Royal Literary Fund, Louise Millar joins Stephanie to discuss the joy and magic of reading.

Sunday 25 June 11.30am-12.30pm

Senta Rich: *Hotel 21*

©Miles Rich-O'Shea



and Laura Kay: *Wild Things*

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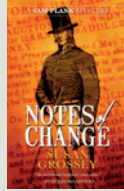


Noelle is an efficient, friendly hotel cleaner. She impresses managers. And she steals from the guests. Will things change at Hotel 21? El needs a major life change and challenges herself to do one wild thing every month for a year. When the opportunity of a lifetime arrives, will El be ready to make the leap? Two sharp, funny, uplifting, heart-warming books about female friendship and new beginnings.

Sunday 25 June 1.30pm-2.30pm

Susan Grossey: *Notes of Change*

©Angela Fitch



Susan has always made her living from crime, for twenty-five years as an anti-money laundering consultant and now as the author of historical crime novels set in 1820's: a few murders but mostly financial skulduggery.

Sunday 25 June 3pm-4pm £10

Rebecca May Johnson: *Small Fires: an Epic in the Kitchen*

©Sophie Davidson



Why do we cook? Is it to feed ourselves and others? Or is something more revolutionary going on? Join Rebecca and Ruth Dugdall for scrumptious conversation about the recipes we choose. *Ticket price includes tea or coffee and scone.*

Sunday 25 June 4.30pm-5.30pm

Peppy Barlow: *Invisible on Thursdays*

©Hazel Richards



Playwright and screen writer Peppy Barlow's memoir of a creative woman's travels in Greece and into her family's history.

Two Sisters Arts Centre

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

Friday 23 June 7pm-9pm **£12 (£10)**

Martin Newell and The Hosepipe Band

Martin Newell and The Hosepipe Band return to Felixstowe Book Festival with new offerings as well as poems and music that have proved popular with audiences in previous years.



Suffolk Showcase

Saturday 24 June 10.30am-11.30am

Slow Puncture: Living Well with Dementia



Peter Berry was diagnosed with early onset dementia when he was fifty. When he's not delivering presentations

with co author Deb Bunt, Peter spends his days cycling around the Suffolk countryside, being the embodiment of his own doctrine of living well with dementia.

Saturday 24 June 12pm-1pm

J.M. Hewitt: *The Other Son*



J.M. Hewitt's writing combines the complexity of human behaviour with often enchanting settings.

Saturday 24 June 2pm-3pm

Darren Bruce: *The Skinned Man*

©Barbara Hamilton-Bruce



The Skinned Man, in which DS Annie Bryce investigates a series of horrendous murders, is the first novel by award-winning retired Detective Sergeant Darren Bruce.

Saturday 24 June 3.30pm-4.30pm

Simon Loxley: *A Geography of Horror*

©Sarah Loxley



A Geography of Horror examines how M R James's ghost stories make use of the Suffolk landscape.



Sunday 25 June 10am-4.30pm **£10**

Orwell Writers' Cosy Crime Workshop

A fun and informal all day workshop exploring the cosy crime genre, with specific focus on Agatha Christie. Your imagination and devious thinking/problem solving skills will produce a satisfying solution to a given crime/mystery. Suitable for new and experienced writers alike.

EVENTS FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND TEENS

All events are in Felixstowe Library

Please note that for all events children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
Unless otherwise stated children and adults require tickets for events.

Friday 16 June 10am-10.45am
AND Saturday 17 June 1pm-1.45pm



Free but ticketed.
(No ticket needed for accompanying adult.)
Step Into A Story

Local actor and story-teller James Franklin leads a fun and interactive session.



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Saturday 17 June 9.15am-3.45pm **£4** to enter



The Big Library LEGO® Challenge

For ages 5-14
Two hours to design and build a model library.
Prizes to win.

Saturday 17 June 10am-11am
£4 Children (Adults free)

Shifty McGifty with Tracey Corderoy and Steven Lenton



Interactive storytelling, live illustration, drawing, games.

Saturday 17 June 11.30am-12.30pm



Free but ticketed
Let's Talk Fantasy 11+

Local author Ally Aldridge and avid reader Phoebe Storer talk about fantasy fiction.

Saturday 17 June 1.30pm-2.30pm **£4**



Tales of Mischief, Romance and Adventure with Laura Wood 11+

Laura talks about her writing.

Saturday 17 June 3pm-4pm **£4** Adults/children



Doughnuts, Chips and Writing Tips with Mark Lowery 8+

Magic tricks, silly wigs and lots of fun.

Sunday 18 June 10.30am-12 noon
£5 Children (accompanying adults free)

Teaching Pets to Play Football with James Campbell and Rob Jones Ages 6-10



Workshop
James and Rob show you how to come up with amazing ideas for characters and scenarios and then get them onto paper.

Sunday 18 June 11am-2pm **£5**



Rock, Paper, Scissors – Zine Making Workshop 10+

Drop in.
Craft your own zine – a magazine on any topic you like.

Sunday 18 June 1.15pm-2.15pm



£4 Adults/Children
Creating fantasy worlds with Dominique Valente

Hear about how Dominique creates magical worlds.

Sunday 18 June 2.30pm-3.30pm

£4 Adults/children

Comedy Show: The Funny Life of Football with James Campbell



James Campbell, comedian and author, talks about his latest book.

Other Events

Sunday 14 May 2pm-5.30pm

River trip with Louis de Bernières

©Ivon Bartholomew



Your chance to meet and to chat with *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* author Louis de Bernières. He'll be discussing his latest book *Light Over Liskeard* as part of this picturesque cruise on board the popular *Orwell Lady*.

Tickets for this special event are strictly limited. For more information and to purchase, go to www.orwelllady.co.uk

Felixstowe Library

Wednesday 21 June 7pm-8pm **£8**

Lily Graham: *The Last Restaurant in Paris*



A haunting and compelling story of love, strength and sacrifice in Nazi-occupied Paris as one brave young woman risks everything to save the lives of those around her.

Saturday 24 June 11.30am-12.30pm **£8 Adults £4** 11-25 year olds

Felixstowe Library – Room at the Top

The Hidden History of Women's Writing with Ana Sampson

For ages 11-adult



Join Ana for a fascinating discussion, looking at female literary gems who didn't make the bookish big time purely because of their gender, alongside other fabulous female writers who managed to buck the trend. Ana will take us on a journey through history, bringing us up to speed with the most influential female writers of the current moment, all of whom are celebrated in her brilliant anthologies, *She is Fierce* and *She Will Soar*.

TO BOOK TICKETS

Tickets on sale from 1st April and can be purchased through our website...

www.felixstowebookfestival.co.uk

Tickets will be available to purchase in person at Felixstowe Library, between 10am and noon, every Thursday commencing 20th April. Cash only.

BOOKING BY PHONE

Telephone **0333 666 3366** to buy tickets over the phone. There is a £2 charge for this service.

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