



FELIXSTOWE BOOK FESTIVAL

25th–29th June 2025



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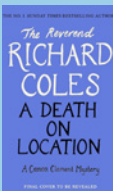
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SATURDAY 28 JUNE

PALM COURT Harvest House Cobbold Rd, Felixstowe IP11 7SP



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Saturday 28 June 10am-11am £15 (£12)

The Reverend Richard Coles *A Death on Location*

The latest in the Sunday Times best seller Canon Clement series returns us to Champton, where a movie set takes over the village. As the actors don their costumes, an ingenious murder interrupts filming. Can Daniel solve the mystery?

In conversation with Nicola Upson

Saturday 28 June 11.30am-12.30pm £12 (£10)

Tracy Chevalier *The Glassmaker*



Venice, 1486. Women are not meant to work with glass, but Orsola Rosso flouts convention to save her family from ruin. She works in secret creating glass beads

knowing her creations must be perfect to be accepted by men. Skipping through the centuries, we follow Orsola as she hones her craft through war and plague, tragedy and triumph, love and loss. Will she ever earn the respect of those closest to her?

In conversation with Esther Freud

Saturday 28 June 1pm-2pm £12 (£10)

Paul French *Her Lotus Year, China, The Roaring Twenties and the Making of Wallis Simpson*



A fresh perspective on Wallis informed by Paul's extensive knowledge of China and his access to archives in China not available to previous biographers.

Her Lotus Year reveals the full story of the transformative year Wallis Simpson spent in China, which was absolutely fundamental to who Wallis was to become.

In conversation with Georgy Jamieson

Saturday 28 June 2.30pm-3.30pm £12 (£10)

Esther Freud *My Sister and Other Lovers*



Esther Freud excavates the most intimate relationships of our lives, laying bare the fear and longing, the secrets and mistrust. *My Sister and Other*

Lovers is an irresistible exploration of love, family, and freedom in all its forms. Can the loyalty of sisters Lucy and Bea to each other transcend the damages of a past that feels almost too dangerous to examine?

In conversation with Tracy Chevalier

Saturday 28 June 4pm-5pm £12 (£10)

Monica Feria-Tinta *A Barrister for the Earth*



Can a planet have legal rights? Could it be defended in a court of law? Recently people have turned to courts around the world seeking justice

for environmental damage: melting glaciers, sinking islands, extinction of species, and more. Monica Feria-Tinta is a barrister who advocates not just for people but also for nature itself.

In conversation with Rachel Sloane



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Saturday 28 June 5.30pm-6.30pm £12 (£10)

Barbara Erskine *The Story Spinner*

A Welsh princess. A Roman general. Their love story lost to time...a spellbinding tale of love, ambition, and secrets that have lain silent for over a thousand years...

In conversation with Mandy Morton

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Steve Favell *Are You a Creative NUT? Celebrating Difference, Understanding Genius & How to Operate in this world*

@Steph Mackentyre



This book looks in-depth at who we are, why we are the way we are, the immense value you can bring and how you can best

operate in this world. It celebrates our differences and explains in simple terms the thinking behind them.

In conversation with Stephanie MacIntyre

Saturday 28 June 1pm-2pm £12 (£10)

Abir Mukherjee *Hunted*

@Stuart Simps



Well known for his historical crime series "Wyndham and Banerjee" Abir Mukherjee's latest novel is a stand alone *Hunted*, a fast

moving contemporary thriller.

It's a week before the presidential elections when a bomb goes off in an LA shopping mall...

In London, armed police storm Heathrow Airport and arrest Sajid Khan. His daughter Aliyah entered the USA with the suicide bomber, and now she's missing, potentially plotting another attack.

In conversation with Ruth Dugdall

Saturday 28 June 2.30pm-3.30pm £10 (£8)

Jessica Duchen Myra Hess - National Treasure

@Corinna Desch



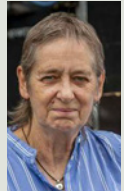
Throughout World War II, Dame Myra Hess, Britain's greatest concert pianist, ran lunchtime concerts at London's National Gallery.

They became the stuff of legend, proving music's power to support us in the darkest of times. This biography is full of insights into Hess' collaborations with towering musicians of her day, and sheds light on her special way of building connection with her audience.

In conversation with Catherine Larnier

Saturday 28 June 4pm-5pm £12 (£10)

A Mind to Murder: Celebrating PD James



We celebrate the life and work of PD James, one of our greatest crime writers. Nicola Upson and Mandy Morton look back on her extraordinary achievements and lasting contribution to the genre. The talk will be illustrated by Mandy Morton's audio archive, in which PD James discusses her work and reads from some of her most popular novels. Both Nicola and Mandy enjoyed a long friendship with the author, and this very special event will give a unique insight into her creative process and legacy.

Please see our website for more details of the events and to check for any last minute changes to the programme or venue.

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Sunday 29 June 10.30am-11.30am £12 (£10)

Jenny Boyd *Icons of Rock in Their Own Words*

©Steve Bainbridge



Jenny Boyd has her roots in the 60's music scene: sister in law of George Harrison, married to Mick Fleetwood, Inspiring Mick Jagger and Donovan

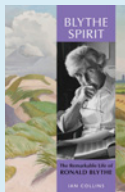
to write songs about her she lived in the heart of the rock and roll world. This book contains candid conversations with legends, including Eric Clapton, Mick Fleetwood, Joni Mitchell and George Harrison.

In conversation with Mandy Morton

Sunday 29 June 12pm-1pm £12 (£10)

Ian Collins *Blythe Spirit: The Remarkable Life of Ronald Blythe*

©Keith Roberts



Ronald Blythe is considered one of the greatest writers on the English countryside. He is best known for *Akenfield*, his powerful and

poetic account of life in a Suffolk farming community. Drawing on unparalleled access to letters, notebooks, published works, drafts, and conversations from decades of friendship, Ian Collins tells the full story of Ronald Blythe for the first time.

In conversation with Nicola Upson

Sunday 29 June 1.30pm-2.30pm £12 (£10)

Robin Ince *Normally Weird and Weirdly Normal: My Adventures in Neurodiversity*

©Trent Burton



Robin uses his own experiences to explore the neurodivergent experience and to ask what the point of "being normal" really

is. Packed with personal insights, intimate anecdotes and interviews with psychologists, neuroscientists and many neurodivergent people, this is a quirky and witty dive into the world of human behaviour.

Sunday 29 June 3pm-4pm £12 (£10)

Ben Chu *Exile Economics: What Happens if Globalisation Fails*

Courtesy of BBC



Ben Chu explores how isolationism weakens the global economy and lays out the dangers of the current obsession with isolationism.

By focusing on some key internationally traded commodities – agriculture, energy, metals and high-technology – he demonstrates just how thoroughly enmeshed and almost unfathomably interconnected our economies have become.

In conversation with Francis Wheen

Sunday 29 June 4.30pm-5.30pm £12 (£10)

Elly Griffiths *The Frozen People*

©Heather Cutter



A new series from the author of the Dr Ruth Galloway Mysteries. Ali Dawson is a police officer working on old crimes. Using a process pioneered by a mysterious Italian physicist, her team are able to travel back in time. Ali travels back to London in 1850. Soon she finds herself in extreme danger. Even worse - she appears to be stuck, unable to make her way back to the present, to her life and to her son, Finn.

In conversation with Catherine Larner

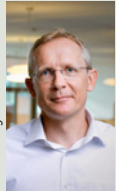
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Tim Minshall *Your Life is Manufactured: How We Make Things, Why It Matters and How We Can Do It Better*

Courtesy of the author



Tracing the surprising journeys taken by everyday items to reach us, Tim Minshall reveals the seismic impact

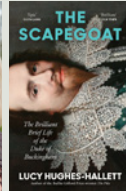
manufacturing has had on our lives and the natural world, exploring how it could offer us a path to a truly sustainable, more equitable future.

In conversation with Catherine Larnier

Sunday 29 June 1.30pm-2.30pm £10 (£8)

Lucy Hughes-Hallett *The Scapegoat: The Brilliant Brief Life of the Duke of Buckingham*

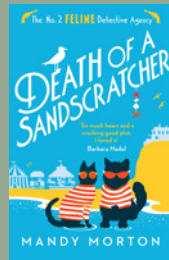
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The Scapegoat is an extraordinary story of the meteoric rise and fall of George Villiers, the first Duke of Buckingham, one of the most flamboyant and enigmatic

Englishmen at the heart of seventeenth-century royal and political life. Favourite of James 1st and Charles 1st, detested by Parliament, acclaimed as the most beautiful man in Europe, and eventually murdered by a Suffolk man.

In conversation with Catherine Larnier



Sunday 29 June 3pm-4pm £12 (£11)

Mandy Morton *Tea at 3*

Join festival favourite Mandy Morton to enjoy a cream tea as she reads from her latest No. 2 Feline Detective Agency adventure, *Death of a Sandscratcher*. This time, Hettie and Tilly investigate a series of fun fur murders in 'Felixtoe' - with cat-a-strophoic results! Tea and a free copy of the new book are included in the ticket price.

Sunday 29 June 12m-1pm £10 (£8)

Kate Weinberg *There's Nothing Wrong With Her*

©James Rawlings



A comical, tender, and highly original novel about mental health, the certainties of medicine, buried trauma, love, death and time lost in the crushing - and comical - hopes of modern life.

In conversation with Ruth Dugdale

Sunday 29 June 4.30pm-5.30pm £10 (£8)

Julia Jones *Stars to Steer By*

©Ruth Elan Jones



Entertaining and inspiring, this book celebrates the 20th Century women sailors, adventurers, racers, travellers, workers and will appeal to people with a general interest in women's history as well as those who love sailing.

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Paul French	1pm-2pm	Abir Mukherjee
Esther Freud	2.30pm-3.30pm	Jessica Duchen
Monica Feria-Tinka	4pm-5pm	PD James Event
Barbara Erskine	5.30pm-6.30pm	

Over our festival weekend our friends at Two Sisters Arts Centre will offer these events:

Friday 27th June 7.30pm £12

AN EVENING OF POETRY & MUSIC

featuring singer/songwriter and self
confessed bibliophile Paul Armfield,
prolific local author Virginia Betts &
guest poets

Sat 28th 7.30pm £15/£13

DB INFUSION

- a dynamic, high energy instrumental
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with elements from Latin, Flamenco,
Classical, Middle Eastern and African
music to produce a rich, melodic and
highly original sound.

Tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/two-sisters-arts-centre

For further information please see www.twosistersarts.co.uk

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Ben Chu	3pm-4pm	Tea Party
Elly Griffiths	4.30pm-5.30pm	Julia Jones

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Other Events

Sunday 18 May 2pm-5pm Tickets £42pp, includes cream tea and hot drink.

Onboard the Orwell Lady departing from Orwell Quay (IP3 0FS)



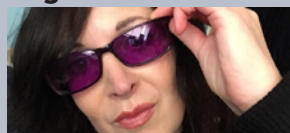
Felixstowe Book Festival patron Sir Terry Waite is a renowned human rights lawyer and activist, as well as the co-founder and President of the charity Y Care International, Co-founder and Chair of Hostage UK, and President of Emmaus UK, the charity for the homeless. He has met numerous prominent figures, including General Idi Amin of Uganda and Colonel Gaddafi. This will be a unique opportunity to listen to and meet an extraordinary individual. An afternoon not to be missed.

For more information and to purchase, go to orwelllady.co.uk/afternoon-sir-terry-waite/

At Felixstowe Library

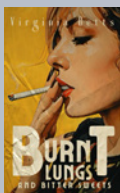
Thursday 26 June 7pm-8pm £8

Virginia Betts



Local author Virginia Betts' new book *Burnt Lungs and Bitter Sweets* is a gritty, dark tale of four friends, is set in Ipswich and takes us from the late 1970s punk era up to the present day.

In conversation with Georgy Jamieson



Wednesday 27 June 7pm-9.30pm and repeated

Sunday 29 June 10am-12.30pm £5

Writing Workshops

Orwell Writers Workshop:
Creating believable characters

An exploration of what constitutes a back story for your characters. As writers, what do WE need to know about our characters that will enable them to react consistently to different scenarios/events?

Essex Book Festival and Felixstowe Book Festival

Venue: Electric Palace, King's Quay Street, Harwich, CO12 3ER

Ferry across the water for more festival delights...

Our friends at Essex Book Festival are presenting a wide variety of book-related events throughout the month of June. Catch the ferry to see what they are offering in Harwich on 28th May as part of the national Beach of Dreams project.

www.essexbookfestival.org.uk



TO BOOK TICKETS FOR FELIXSTOWE BOOK FESTIVAL:

Tickets on sale from Saturday 5th April and can be purchased through our website...

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

BOOKING BY PHONE: Telephone **0333 666 3366** to buy tickets over the phone.
Concession prices are available to Over 65s, Students, Under 27s and Unwaged.

Disclaimer: Dates and locations correct at the time of printing. Please check our website as there may be unforeseen changes.

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