



Felixstowe Book Festival Monthly Spotlight



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Happy September, FBF Friends!

As our baking hot summer comes to a close and September soothes us with some much-needed rain, it's hard to believe that over two months have passed since the wonderful festival weekend. We hope you enjoyed the events as much as we did and, if you're like us, you've been enjoying your new reads in a sunny spot over the summer!

Festival Weekend 2026 Round-Up



Dame Jacqueline Wilson (interviewed by Mandy Morton)

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all at our launch event at the Two Sisters Arts Centre, where guests were treated to a fantastic blend of poetry from acclaimed writer Blake Morrison and music from The Hosepipe Band.

Dame Jacqueline Wilson set the tone for a memorable day of events on Saturday, sharing stories from her remarkable career and books that have inspired generations of readers. Other highlights included insightful talks by Sarah Perry, Juliet Nicolson and Katie Da Cunha Lewin, among other fascinating speakers.

Harriet Tyce set Sunday's events off with a bang, discussing her most recent legal thriller *Witch Trial* and her appearance on the BBC reality show *The Traitors*.

We were treated to a celebration of the life and work of John Constable in *Constable's Year* by Susan Owens, a beautiful exploration of *Words From The Hedge* by Richard Negus and a deliciously chocolatey celebration of *The Tabby in Black* at Mandy Morton's Tea at 3.

Local author, Ruth Dugdall, brought the weekend to a stylish close with her most recent edition to the acclaimed *Cate Austin Crime Series*.



Robin Ince



Harriet Tyce



Ruth Dugdall



Sarah Perry

Thank you!

Our sincere thanks go to all the amazing guest authors and speakers, our engaging interviewers, our festival team and volunteers, our sponsors, Harvest House and, as always, our book-loving audience.

A big 'thank you' to everyone that completed a feedback form and returned it to our stewards. Your insights are appreciated and help us bring back an even better festival next year.

Looking ahead to Felixstowe Book Festival 2027!

Save the Date: 25-27 June 2027

After our short break, we are already working hard to bring special plans together to celebrate our 15th anniversary at the Felixstowe Book Festival 2027, starting with the exciting announcement of our first author...

Somerset Maugham Award-winner and
acclaimed biographer of Agatha Christie and Nancy Mitford



Laura Thompson



Join acclaimed author Laura Thompson as she delves into *Eleven Days*, her gripping new book that unravels one of the greatest literary mysteries of the 20th century: Agatha Christie's unexplained 11-day disappearance in 1926. Recreating Christie's movements and exploring the sensational media storm that captivated the nation, Laura brings this enduring mystery vividly to life.

The conversation will be led by festival favourite Mandy Morton, making for an unmissable event for crime fiction and biography lovers alike.

*Thanks for joining us for our September edition.
Don't miss our monthly bookish blog by Louise Millar,
available for free on our website.
See you in the next chapter,
Hayleigh x*

Coming Up ...



*Look out for our October Spotlight when we
will explore spooky reads for Halloween and
will announce a special event with festival
favourites,
Mandy Morton and Nicola Upson*

