



# OFCA NEWS

## June / July 2024

### Newsletter of the Old Felixstowe Community Association

*The Community Centre, Ferry Road, Felixstowe, IP11 9NB*

*Registered Charity No. 1163286*

### Update from the Chair

We had a long wait, but the warmer weather is now with us, thank goodness!!!

As you know we are no longer delivering the newsletter by hand, and this is the first issue available solely online. I am happy to report that several more people have subscribed to the newsletter via the OFCA website. If you know of a neighbour or friend who has no internet access, would you be so kind as to print off a copy for them.

With the new arrangements we are no longer collecting a membership fee, but donations will be gratefully received, and these can be made to the following account:

TSB Felixstowe  
Old Felixstowe Community Association  
Sort Code: 30 93 22  
Account number: 22584960

*Roll up roll up - Summer Fair 8th June  
10am – midday*

Please join us on Saturday 8th June as we hold our annual Summer Fair. Organisations that regularly use the Community Centre run a stall and all money raised goes to the Association. It is a great event for all the family so do come along and show your continued support. The theme this year is Gold as we continue to celebrate 50 years of OFCA.

Our Community Markets are going from strength to strength and with Councillor Steve Wiles offering advice and the Parish Nurses in attendance it really is a community event. As ever we are most grateful to Brackenbury WI who provide delicious cakes and sausage rolls to accompany your cup of tea or coffee. The raffle is proving to be a big draw, no pun intended, and donations of raffle prizes are always gratefully received.

# OFCA

## Summer Fair

Old Felixstowe Community Centre, Ferry Rd IP11 9NB

**10-12 am, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Celebrating OFCA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Our theme is Golden



Prizes for best decorated stall,  
Best adult & child costume

**Games Raffle Produce Books  
Crafts Refreshments Free Entry**

In aid of OFCA funds Registered charity 116326

Bookings at the Community Centre remain buoyant and if you would like to make a booking for a private function, please contact the Administrator on 07494 599265 or email [ofcabookings@gmail.com](mailto:ofcabookings@gmail.com). The bookings calendar can be viewed via our website at [www.olderfelixstoweca.org.uk](http://www.olderfelixstoweca.org.uk).

Best wishes,  
Celia Page

## Martello Ladies

In April Rachel Sloane (who for many years was a broadcaster on local radio) came to tell us about her trip "Round the World in 80 days". This voyage followed the route of the famous Jules Verne novel. We were treated to beautiful slides of the many countries she visited.

We didn't meet in May because of the voting which took place. However we are looking forward to our trip to the "The Thatchers Needles Pub" and on to the "The Grange Musical Collection".

Our meeting in June is entitled "History of a Bluebell" and in July "Bloomers of the Rose". Interested? Then why not join us. We are a friendly group who meet at the centre on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm and visitors are always welcome.

*Rosey Freeman*



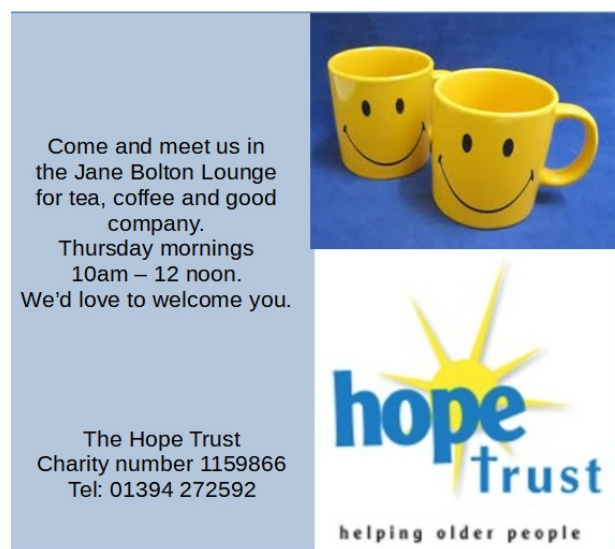
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Come and meet us in the Jane Bolton Lounge for tea, coffee and good company.  
Thursday mornings  
10am – 12 noon.  
We'd love to welcome you.

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Charity number 1159866  
Tel: 01394 272592

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helping older people

## Brackenbury WI

We continue to have an enjoyable series of walks, coffee mornings and lunches which are well attended. Our speakers recently have been Kiln Farm Nursery, Medical Detection dogs and most recently Steph McIntyre, a local broadcaster with so many strings to her bow. She has met and interviewed so many celebrities and also appeared as Pudsey at the Spa.

We are planning a visit to Glemham Hall in June, and the ferry across to Harwich to include lunch in July. Our Group meeting this year is at Kirton Church Hall where the Haughley Hoofers will be entertaining us.

I hope you enjoy this new format.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30, you are welcome to come and make new friends.

*Liz Sampson*

## Items for sale (for OFCA funds)

Filing cabinet  
£10



Bricks – approx. 200 bricks  
£75



Please phone Eleanor Clark (07774 547671)  
to arrange view.  
Cash only. Buyer to collect

### Felixstowe & Villages Carers Group

We are a friendship group for carers, who are looking after a loved one or a friend. Caring can be very isolating - we are a friendly group where you can relax and be yourself. We welcome new members, come and join us.

We have recently been working with ArtLink who are holding a series of six monthly sessions with us, which are really enjoyable. So far we have designed our own poster, made some poetry and explored drawing, all of which have been easy and good fun for all concerned.

We meet on the second Monday of each month (next meeting 10th June) at the Community Centre in Ferry Road from 1pm to 4pm, £3 including refreshments.

Contact Dennis Weston, 07712672289, dennisweston.49@btinternet .com, or why not just come along?

### ALL GARDENING – ALL SORTED

Grass cutting, shrubs, hedges & bushes pruned

General garden maintenance – lawns scarified

Drought-damaged lawns re-seeded

Garden sheds and summer houses re-roofed (wood & roofing felt)  
and repaired

Small landscape projects – log roll edging installed – lawn & path  
edging replaced

Weed control material with shingle / slate covering



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## **Felixstowe Garden Club**

For several months we had been looking forward to our coach outing to Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden coupled with The Old Vicarage Garden at East Ruston near Happisburgh In Norfolk. We were not so much blown away by the gardens but rather washed away! The rainy conditions actually enhanced the beauty of the planting at both locations and it is a highly recommended day out in Norfolk.

Our speakers in April and May took us to sunnier climes; firstly to Morocco followed by a fascinating journey through Southern Africa to Namibia. We are certainly a well travelled group so far this year!

Our June Speaker is Simon White who will no doubt be reminiscing about his latest outing to Chelsea accompanied by hundreds of beautiful roses. If you love roses or would like some advice about growing some then why not come along to the Community Centre on Tuesday 11th June. Doors open at 6.30pm for free refreshments, 7pm start. £5 cash for visitors who are always welcome.

Another date for the diary is our Annual Flower Show which this year takes place at the Community Centre on Carnival Day so why not pop along to our Show (free entrance) for some delicious refreshments or to be tempted by some plants from Katie's Garden nursery before you go into town! Hope to see you on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 11am - 4pm.

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Visit OFCA's website at <https://oldfelixstoweca.org.uk/> for information on Community Centre room hire, activities available at the Centre, and Community Association contact details.