



OFCA NEWS

October - November 2025

Newsletter of the Old Felixstowe Community Association

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

Registered Charity No. 1163286

Update from the Chair

The popularity of the Community Centre goes from strength to strength but as I have mentioned before this does highlight the need for volunteers to run this amazing facility.

Ellie Clark who has chaired the Management Committee for the past three years has indicated that she would like to stand down. The Management Committee meets monthly and is instrumental in the day to day running of the Centre and for instigating new projects to enhance the building. If you or someone you know would be interested in this role, please contact me at celiapage@hotmail.co.uk or give me a ring on 07572119834. We are also looking for a Minutes Secretary to record the minutes of the meetings and additional members to join the Committee.

The Community Markets continue to thrive and with the Parish Nurses and Councillor Steve Wiles in attendance, it really does add to the community spirit. The next Market is to be held on Saturday 11th October from 10am – midday so come along, purchase some raffle tickets, grab some bargains and enjoy a cuppa and a slice of cake in the Lounge.

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 16th October at 7.30pm in the Margaret White Hall. Please do join us and support the Association as we look back on another year and forward to the next. Light refreshments will be served in the Jane Bolton Lounge following the meeting.

If you would like to make a booking for a private function, please contact the Administrator on 07494 599265 or email ofcabookings@gmail.com. The bookings calendar can be viewed via our website at www.olfelixstoweca.org.uk.

Celia Page

Renewal and Augmentation of the Halls - Autumn 2025

This summer we have finally completed the Jane Bolton Lounge, a 'refurbishment by committee': the painting has been completed and new curtains and poles have been fitted. The curtains were bought with part of a bequest to OFCA made by Nettie Trigg. Thanks especially to Elaine, Gina and Jackie who were responsible for the selection and supply of chairs, carpet and curtains.



Felixstowe Morning WI

Felixstowe Morning WI continues to attract new members with three guests at our September meeting for "Fashion through the ages" with the lovely Sally Broach. Our Treasurer enjoyed modelling the marvellous vintage outfits.

Our craft group has been busy making dental health bags to support the WI campaign "Dental health matters". 43 bags were completed at July's craft meet-up, which were sent with donated contents to a local foodbank.

In September our crafters tried out a new skill, making poppy brooches ahead of November's Remembrance Day, using basic needlefelting.

Linda Page, committee member



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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Brackenbury WI

We held our annual garden party at a member's house. It was a lovely summer day and we enjoyed an afternoon tea along with a quiz to get those cogs moving. We raised £228 towards our charity donation for this year.

Our monthly coffee, lunch and walks continue to be well attended. We have a trip to the Sainsbury Centre soon and plan to go to the Christmas market in Ely. Future plans are still being considered.

Our speaker for September was Mike Kwasniack who was the photographer at the Wolsey Theatre. It was a very enjoyable evening running through the plays performed there.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month in the Margaret White Hall at 7.30pm, you are very welcome to come along.

Liz Sampson

Martello Ladies

In August we had a fish and chip supper at the "Hut". This was followed by refreshments and a delicious assortment of cakes made by some of our committee members. We were also provided with some quiz sheets to test our brains!

In September the "Felixstowaways" came to entertain us with their shanty songs. We learnt that sea shanties flourished on merchant ships during the 19th century to synchronize repetitive laborious tasks like hauling ropes or raising anchor. Each song that our guests sang was accompanied by a short history and a beautiful illustrated slide. The evening ended with a rendition of the song "Sloop John B" which we joined in with gusto.

Our next meeting on October 2nd is our AGM followed by cheese and wine refreshments.

On November 6th our meeting is entitled "Fashion on a Ration". We meet at the Community Centre at 7.30pm. Why not join us? We are a friendly group and visitors are always welcome.

Rosey Freeman

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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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.

We welcome contributions to the Newsletter from community groups who use the Centre, and news and events items relevant to Old Felixstowe. The next Newsletter will be sent out on 1st December, please send any contributions to Dave Songhurst by November 23rd.