**Southwell u3a - Programme for Literature Group 2022/23**

We have based the following programme on the Jubilee list of books that has been produced with books from the 7 decades of the Queen’s reign, from across the Commonwealth. We have also added a few other books from the same decades.

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| **2022** | **Books - Jubilee List** |  |  |  | **Poetry - Poet Laureates** [wDates of Laureateship] |  |
| September**the ’50s** | *To Sir, With Love*ER Braithwaite 1959, Guyana |  |  |  | John Masefield [1930 – ’67]*To-morrow Sea Fever Cargoes Up on the Downs* |  |
| October | **Play: the ’50s / 60’s** |  |  |  |
| November**the ’60s** | *The Beautyful Ones are not yet Born*Ayi Kwei Armah 1968, Ghana |  |  |  | John Masefield*Further poems to be chosen by Leader plus background and history?* |  |
| December**the ’60s** | Poetry:*Death of a Naturalist* Seamus Heaney 1966, N Ireland |  |  |  | Liverpool Poets*Plus - bring your own favourite!* |  |
| **2023** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January**the ’70s** | *Midnight’s Children* Salman Rushdie 1981, England/India |  |  |  | Cecil Day-Lewis [1968 – ’72]*Walking Away The Album A Failure Passage from Childhood* |  |
| February**the ’80s** | *The Bone People*Keri Hulme 1984, New Zealand |  |  |  | Cecil Day-Lewis*Further poems to be chosen by Leader plus background and history?* |  |
| March**the ’80s** | *Cloudstreet*Tim Winton 1991, Australia |  |  |  | Sir John Betjeman [1972 – ’84]*The Liquorice Fields of Pontefract Diary of a Church Mouse* *Parliament Hill Fields The Cottage Hospital A Subaltern’s Love-song* |  |
| April**the ’90s** | *The English Patient*Michael Ondaatje ’92, Canada/Sri Lanka |  |  |  | Sir John Betjeman*Summoned by Bells? Church Poems anthology? or chosen by Leader* |  |
| May**the ’90s** | *The God of Small Things*Arundhati Roy 1997, India |  |  |  | Ted (Edward James) Hughes [1984 – ’98]*Thrushes The Horses The Thought-Fox View of a Pig Wind**Full Moon and Little Frieda Deaf School* |  |
| June**the ’00s** | *The Secret River* Kate Grenville 2005, Australia |  |  |  | Andrew Motion [1999 – 2009]*Elegy on the death of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother**Anne Frank Huis* |  |
| July**the ’10s** | *Americanah* USA / England (Africa)Chimananda Ngozi Adichie 2013,  |  |  |  | Carol Ann Duffy [2009 – ’19First woman Laureate]*Prayer Chocs In the Drowned Bookshop* |  |
| August**the ’10s** | *The Night Tiger*Yangsze Choo 2019, Malaysia |  |  |  | Simon Armitage [2019 - ]*‘Poem’ (first line: And if it snowed and snow covered the drive)**Ark (on Climate Change) The Sky stretched thin (on Lockdown)**Something Clicked (on pandemic)* *The Song Thrush and Mountain Ash (on pandemic)* |  |