**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)* |  |