

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.

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