

## List of books read.

### 2004

Life of Pi - Yann Martell. March 04  
The Knowledge of angels - Jill Paton Walsh. April 04  
Among the believers - V S Naipul. May 04  
Brick lane - Monica Ali. June 04  
July 04. ??  
Oryx and Crake – Margaret Atwood. August 04  
Small Island – Andrea Levi. September 04  
Stasiland – Anna Funder. October 04  
Hadji Murat – Leo Tolstoy. November 04  
Red dust – Ma Jian. December 04

### 2005

The Ragged School. January 05  
Feb 05. ??  
March 05. ??  
The kite runner – Khalid Hussein. April 05  
Nymphomaniac – Jeff Noon. Harbott's. May 05  
The Reader – Bernhard Schlink. Clay's. June 05  
War reporting for cowards - Chris Ayres. July 05  
August 05. Barbeque.  
Sept 05. ??  
Middlesex – Jeffrey Eugenides. October 05  
One hundred years of solitude - Gabriel Garcia Marquez. November 05  
Noughts and Crosses – Marjorie Blackman. December 05

### 2006.

Property – Valery Martin. January 06  
The Moon is down – John Steinbeck. Hoyle's. February 06  
Midnight in the garden of good and evil – John Berendt. March 06  
Unbearable lightness of being, the – Milan Kundera. April 06  
The Stone Woman - Tariq Ali. May 06  
June 06.  
I know why the caged birds sing – Maya Angelou. July 06  
On beauty – Sadie Smith. August 06  
Lovely bones – Alice Sebold. September 06  
Shalimar the clown - Salman Rushdie. October 06  
Nov 06.?  
Dec 06. Christmas Party

### 2007.

Blind Willow, Sleeping Woman (Short Stories) – Haruki Murakami. January 07  
The Sandcastle - Iris Murdoch. February 07

A Passage to Africa - George Alegaiah. March 07  
Death of a penguin - Andrey Kurkov. April 07  
Fathers and sons – Turgenev. (Sullivan's). May 07  
Snow – Orham Pamuk. (Krumins'). June 07  
A history of love – Nicole Krauss. (Lloyd Bennett's). July 07  
Memoirs of a Geisha – Arthur Golden. (Harbott's). August 07  
Seek my face – John Updike. (Parfitt's). September 07  
Ellen Foster – Kaye Gibbons. (Clay's). October 07  
Suite Francaise – Irene Nemirovsky. November 07  
Dec 07. Christmas meal. No book discussed.

## **2008.**

Half of a Yellow Sun - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. January 08  
People's Act of Love - James Meek. Felton's. Feb 08  
Sewing Circles of Herat - Christina Lamb. Krumins'. March 08  
Rage of the Vulture - Barry Unsworth. Lloyd Bennett's. April 08  
The Cleft – Doris Lessing. Hoyle's. May 08  
Ghostwritten – David Mitchell. Harbott's. June 08  
On Chesil Beach – Ian McEown. Lloyd Bennett's. July 08  
The Accidental – Ali Smith. Felton's + barbeque. Aug 08  
The English Passengers – Matthew Kneale. Clay's. Sept 08  
The Sea – John Banville. Parfitt's. Oct 08  
A Fine Balance – Rohinton Mistry. Harbott's, Nov 08.  
Dec 08. Christmas meal and readings. Clay's

## **2009.**

The Outcast – Sadie Jones. Hoyle's. Jan 09  
Disgrace – JM Coetzee. Sullivan's. Feb 09  
Midnight's Children – Salman Rushdie. Harbott's. March 09  
Watchmen – Alan Moore. Felton's. April 09  
Man's search for meaning – Victor Frankl. Clay's. May 09  
Saving Fish from Drowning - Amy Tan. Krumin's. June 09  
Catcher in the Rye – J D Salinger. Harbott's. July 09  
  
August 09. BBQ + readings. Felton's  
The Poisonwood Bible – Barbara Kingsolver. Hoyle's. Sept 09  
Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café – Fannie Flagg. Parfitt's. Oct 09  
Paddie Clarke Ha Ha Ha – Roddy Doyle. Harbott's. Nov 09  
December 2009. Christmas meal. Felton's

## **2010.**

The Painted Veil – W Somerset Maugham. The Clay's. Jan 2-10  
The Gunslinger - Dark Tower 1 – Stephen King. The Krumins. Feb 2010  
All the Pretty Horses – Cormac Mc Carthy. The Lloyd Bennett's. March 2010

The Firework Maker's Daughter – Philip Pullman. The Harbott's. April 2010  
The Ukimwi Road – Dervla Murphy. The Sullivan's. May 2010  
Brooklyn – Colm Toibin. The Krumins. June 2010  
Human Traces – Sebastian Foulkes. The Hoyle's. July 2010  
August 2010. Barbeque at the Felton's.  
Sept 2010. Film viewing and talk at the Victoria Hall.  
Wolf Hall – Hilary Mantel. The Parfit's. Oct 2010  
Geoff Dyer – Jeff in Venice, Death in Verinace. The Clay's. Nov 2010  
Dec 2010. Christmas Party at the Hoyle's.

## **2011.**

The Corrections – Joseph Frantzen. Jan 2011  
The Inheritance of loss. Kieran Desai. The Felton's. Feb 2011  
Visitation – Jenny Erpenbeck. Harbott's. March 2011  
The Winter of Our Disconnect – Susan Maushart. The Lloyd Bennett's. April 2011  
Burnt Shadows – Shamila Kamsie. The Clay's. May 2011  
The Land of Green Plums – Herta Muller. The Hoyle's. June 2011  
The Eyre Affair – Jasper Fforde. The Krumins. July 2011  
August 2011. Barbeque and Marks Birthday at the Felton's.  
To the Lighthouse – Virginia Woolf. Parfitt's. Sept 2011  
A Spot of Bother – Mark Haddon. Oct 2011  
Behind the scenes At the Museum. The Harbott's. Nov 2011  
Dec 2011. Christmas party at the Sullivan's

## **2012.**

The Hare with the Amber Eyes – Edmund de Waal – Krumins'. Jan 2012  
The sense of an ending – Julian Barnes. Hoyle's. Feb 2012  
The Armies – Evilio Rosero. Felton's. March 2012  
The boy who harnessed the wind – William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer. Harbott's. April 2012  
At swim two birds – Flan O'Brien. Felton's. May 2012  
Pigeon English – Stephen Kelman. Lloyd-Bennetts. June 2012  
Broken Colours – Michelle Zackheim. July 2012  
August 2012. Summer barbeque  
September 2012. No book.  
Plainsong – Kent Haruf. The Harbott's. October 2012  
The Mysterious Flame of Queen Loana - Umberto Eco. The Clays. Nov 2012  
December 2012: Christmas dinner at the Harbotts

## **January 2013:**

The Selfish Gene – Richard Dawkins. The Krumins. Jan 2013  
Capital – John Lanchester. The Hoyles. Feb 2013  
Incognito – Davis Engleman. The Sullivans. March 2013  
Sister – Rosamund Lupton. The Clays. April 2013  
Terra Incognita – Sarah Wheler. The Feltons. May 2013

This Beautiful Life - Helen Schulman. The Lloyd Bennetts. June 2013  
The unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry – Rachel Joyce. The Harbotts. July 2013  
August 2013: Barbeque at the Feltons  
The Mill on the Floss – George Elliot. The Parfitts. Sept 2013  
Stoner – John Williams. The Clays. Oct 2013  
Commonwealth of Thieves – Thomas Kenneally. Nov 2013  
December 2013: Christmas meal at the Talbot.

#### **2014:**

The Year of the Flood - Margaret Atwood. The Harbotts. Jan 2014  
All the birds singing – Evie Wyld. The Krumins. Feb 2014  
March 2014: 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary party – Harbotts.  
Hyman Kaplan – Leo Rosten. The Hoyle's. April 2014  
Why be happy when you can be normal – Jeanette Winterton. The Clays. May 2014  
Dear Life (short stories) – Alice Munroe. The Lloyd Bennetts. June 2014  
Waterland – Graham Swift. The Harbotts. July 2014  
August 2014: Barbeque at the Feltons  
The left hand of darkness – Ursula le Guin. The Parfitts. Sept 2014  
Life after Life – Kate Atkinson. The Hoyle's. Oct 2014  
November 2014: Vilette – Anne Bronte. Feltons. Nov 2014  
December 2014: Meal, no book

#### **2015:**

Kiss kiss (short stories) – Roahl Dahl. The Hoyles. Jan 2015  
Heart of Darkness – Joseph Conrad. The Harbotts. Feb 2015  
The Betrayers - David Bezmozgis. The Feltons. March 2015  
The Expats - Chris Pavone. The Krumins. April 2015  
The Martian - Andy Weir. May 2015  
Travels with Epicurus: Meditations from a Greek Island on the Pleasures of Old Age - Daniel Klein. The Clays. June 2015  
Monsignor Quixote - Graham Greene. The Krumins. July 2015  
August 2015: no book. Barbeque at the Feltons.  
Themed meeting. George Orwell. New adventure for us. Kirsten will find a biography to read and then report on his life, everyone else read one of his books or essays and talk about it as we get to it during the talk on his life. At the Harbotts. September 2015  
H is for Hawk – Helen Macdonald. The Lloyd-Bennetts. October 2015  
The Whaleboat House – Marl Mills. Parfitts. Nov 2015  
December 2015: Christmas meal at The Ship. Readings.

#### **2016:**

The Naked Tourist – The Krumins. Jan 2016  
Anton Chekov, Short stories. Including the Lady with the little Dog. The Felton's. Feb 2016  
'My Brilliant Friend – Elena Ferrante. The Clay's. March 2016  
April 2016: The Exiles Return – Elizabeth de Wahl. Lloyd-Bennett's.

May 2016: The Buried Giant – Kazuo Ishiguro. The Krumins.

June 2016: The Green Road – Anne Enright. The Hoyle's.

July 2016: The Bean Trees – Barbara Kingsolver. The Harbotts

September 2016: Solaris – Stanislaw Lem

Film by Andrei Tarkowasy and film by Steven Soderberg – Screening of the above in August.

The Little Red Chairs – Edna O'Brien. The Lloyd-Bennett's. October 2016

Being Mortal – Atul Gawande. The Sullivan's. November 2016

December 2016: Meal

## **2017:**

Fathomless Riches - Rev Richard Coles. Jan 2017

The Stories – Jane Gardam. The Harbotts. Feb 2017

Lock In – John Salczi. March 2017

The Bricks that Built Houses – Kate Tempest. April 2017

Shylock is my name. Modern novel. By Howard Jacobson. At the Krumins's. May 2017

Grief is the thing with Feathers. By Max Porter.

Crow: From the life and songs of the crow (poetry) by Ted Hughes. At the Lloyd-Bennett's. June 2017

The Vegetarian. Foreign language novel. By Han Kang. At the Parfitt's. July 2017

August 2017: Barbeque. At the Felton's. Thanks for doing that again.

The Noise of Time. Fictional biography of Shostakovich. By Julian Barnes. At the Harbotts. Sep 2017

Themed meeting. Ernest Hemmingway. Led by Ted. At the Sullivans. Oct 2017

'Hard Times. Classic. By Charles Dickens. At the Clays. Nov 2017

December 2017: 'Out for Christmas'

## **2018:**

Mara and Dann'. Sci-fi. By Doris Lessing. At the Harbott's. Jan 2018

Hagseed. Humour. Margaret Atwood. At the Sullivan's. Feb 2018

Ties, By Dominico Starnone. Modern novel. At the Krumin's. March 2018

The Documents of the Case. Crime. Dorothy L Sayers. At the Felton's. April 2018

Chavs. The Demonisation of the Working Class. Non-fiction. Owen Jones. Hoyle's. May 2018

Days without End. Historical fiction. Sebastian Barry. Hoyle's. June 2018

Soviet Milk'. Post-modern Latvian novel. Nora Ikstena. Lloyd Bennett's. July 2018

August 2018: Barbeque at the Felton's.

The Dawn Watch. Biography of Joseph Conrad. Hoyle's. Sept 2018

Solar Bones. Modern fiction. Mike McCormack. Felton's. Octo 2018

The Mussel Feast. Birgit Vanderbeke. Foreign classic. Parfitt's. Nov 2018

December 2018. Meal out.

## **January 2019:**

Themed meeting. Lawrence Durrell. Krumin's. Jan 2019

Go, went, gone. Modern novel. Jenny Erpenbeck. Clay's. Feb 2019

A Month in the Country', J J Carr.

A House in Flanders. Memoir. Michael Jenkins. At the Sullivans. March 2019

Artemis. By Andy Weir. April 2019

The Little World of Don Camillo. By Giovanni Guareschi. May 2019

Notebooks of Marte Lauritz Brigge. By Rainer Marie Rilke. At the Lloyd Bennetts. June 2019

History of Wolves. By Emily Friedlund. At the Feltons. July 2019

August 2019: BBQ at the Feltons

A Man Called Ove. By Frederick Backman. At the Parfitts. Sept 2019

The Spy and the Traitor. By Ben Macintyre. At Grahams. October 2019

Milkman. By Anna Burns. Krumins. Nov 2019

Dec 2019. Meal out

## 2020

Themed meeting. West Indies discussion. At the Feltons. Jan 2020. Among the books read were:

- Empire's Crossroads - Carrie Gibson
- Unburnable - Marie-Elena John
- Africa's Tarnished Name - Chinua Achebe
- The Farming of Bones - Edwige Danticat
- Sea of Lentils - Antonio Benitez-Rojo
- Hegel, Haiti, and Universal History - Susan Buck-Morss
- The Apocalypse of Settler Colonialism - Gerald Horne
- Notebook of a Return to my Native Land - Aime Cesaire
- Mother Poem - Edward Kamau Brathwaite
- The Comedians - Graham Greene
- The Slave Islands – Thorkild Hansen

Darwin's Ghosts – Rebecca Scott. Hoyle's. Feb 2020

The Paperback Shoe – Goldie Goldbloom. Clay's. March 2020

*For the time being all meetings will be by Zoom due to the Covid 19 pandemic and general lock down*

The Lost Man – Jane Harper. April 2020.

On the Narrow Road to the Deep North - Lesley Downer. May 2020

The Country Girls- Trilogy, any of them - Edna O'Brien. June 2020

Passage to Juneau - Jonathan Raban. July 2020

Drive your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead - Olga Tokarczuk. Sept 2020

Girl, Woman, Other - Bernadine Evaristo. Oct 2020

The Testaments - Margaret Atwood. Nov 2020

## 2021

Themed meeting. North-West Passage - special topic month. Including voyages of exploration such as EREBUS, the story of a ship. Author Michael Palin. Jan 2021

Seventh Heaven - Alice Hoffman. Feb 2021

Under land A Deep Time Journey - Robert McFarland. March 2021

Where the Crawdads Sing - Delia Owens, April 2021.

Miracles of Life - J G Ballard Autobiography, May 2021

The Disappearance of Adele Bedau - Graeme Macrae Burnet. June 2021

The Long Petal of the Sea – Isabel Allende. July 2021

The Overstory – Richard Powers. September 2021

The Dream of the Celt. Mario Vargas Llosa. October 2021

A Room Made of Leaves. Kate Grenville. November 2021

## **2022.**

The Survivors – Jane Harper. January 2022

American Dirt – Jeannine Cummins. February 2022.

Wilding – Rebecca Tree. March 2022 Untraceable - Sergei Lebedev. April 2022

Kleptopia - Tom Burgess. June 22 Shuggie Bain - Douglas Stuart. July 2022 Barbeque – August 2022 The Book

of Trespass - Nick Hayes. September 2022. The Last Word - Hanif Kureishi. October 2022 *October* Preludes

and Nocturnes - Neil Gaiman. November 2022 Meal December

## **2023**

Themed meeting - The Last Runaway - Tracey Chevalier OR The Underground Railroad - Colson Whitehead.

January

1000 Years of joys and Sorrows. – Ai Weiwei. February

Hamnet – Maggie O’Farrell. March

I Give it to you – Valerie Martin – April

Islands of Abandonment – Cal Flyn – June

The weight of ink--Rachel Kadish -July

Getting Better – Michael Rosen – September

The Things that we Lost – Jyoti Patel - October

Pandora’s Jar – Natalie Haynes – November

Meal at the Sullivan’s – December

## **2024**

Puffball – Fay Weldon - January