



## Arnold NWR Programme

Sept - December 2021

Date	Time	Topic
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	7.45pm	<b>What is the oldest book in your bookcase?</b> Old in terms of when it was first published even if it is a later edition. Do you have a book from before publication dates were printed in the front of the copy?
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.00pm	<b>Book Group: "Actress" by Anne Enright.</b> As a daughter retraces her actress mother's career and bohemian life, she delves into her long-kept secrets, both her mother's and her own.
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.45pm	<b>Wildlife on our doorsteps:</b> Many animals live around us - in our local park, our gardens and even in our houses. <b>During the month of August,</b> keep your eyes open and make a record of all you see. Watch out for insects, spiders, molluscs, birds, and small and medium sized mammals. Share your findings at our meeting and any interesting facts that you have discovered about <b>ONE</b> of your finds.
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Speaker: 'Keeping you safe from fraud and scams'</b> . Emma and Nicola from NatWest Bank will host an online talk. They cover what to look out for and how to protect yourself from the most common types of scams that we see (Coronavirus, impersonation, investment and romance scams). Then they cover top tips and where to go for more help.
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.45pm	<b>The Big Read:</b> We chose to read <b>Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell</b> from the list from NWR National Office. Share your thoughts on this novel.
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.45pm	<b>Top Women:</b> The BBC published a list of the top 100 influential and inspiring women in 2020. ( <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-55042935">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-55042935</a> ) They are split into categories- <b>knowledge, leadership, creativity, identity.</b> We will select some of these women and find out why they have been included.
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7.45pm	<b>Planning meeting:</b> thinking caps on to plan the next term's programme!
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7.45pm	<b>Telephone Treasure Trail:</b> a perennial favourite.

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Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	7.45pm	<b>Women in art:</b> artists have represented women in many ways throughout history. Select a piece that you love (or hate) to tell us about.
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.00pm	<b>Book Group: “The Button Box” by Lynn Knight.</b> A wooden box with buttons from 3 generations of the author’s family is found. Every button tells a story. The author explores their role as emblems of our security, identity and independence, from Victorian mourning to the minis of the 60’s. It explores women’s lives with elegance and wit.
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.45pm	<b>Winter poems or readings:</b> share an extract or a short piece of prose or poetry about the winter season.
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec?	7.45pm	<b>Christmas social:</b> details to be confirmed.

**Extras:**

Walks, outdoor meetings etc will be arranged when and where possible

Meetings begin at 7.45pm. unless otherwise stated.

A book box is available at most face-to-face meetings.