

## PAGE TURNERS 2024 - PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR

### February 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **The Bookbinder of Jericho by Pip Williams**

When refugees from Belgium arrive in 1914 it sends ripples through the lives of twin sisters who work in the bindery at Oxford University Press in Jericho. A story about knowledge and access to it.

### March 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **\*\*The Short Stories of Virginia Woolfe by Virginia Woolfe**

23 pieces that underline Woolfe's interest in societal life and display her burgeoning talent.

### April 2<sup>nd</sup> – ‘Mystery Month’

These books are fairly short. You are encouraged to read two of them for our meeting.

#### **\*\*\*The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman**

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate and solve murders.

**Go as a River by Shelley Read.** A woman meets a stranger at a crossroads, walks with him and arrives at a decision that changes her life forever.

**Old God's Time by Sebastian Barry.** A retired policeman is pulled into his past when two former colleagues have questions about a decades old case.

### May 7<sup>th</sup>

#### **\*\*The Wren by Anne Enright**

Love between mother and daughter Inheritance of trauma, wonder and love across three generations of women. Impact of a father abandoning his critically ill wife and two daughters. In ten sections. A tour of the profession. How they get their leads, survive war zones, write profiles, tell a story with pictures and keep the show on the road.

### June 4<sup>th</sup>

#### **\*\*\*Reykjavik by R. Jonasson and Katrin Jakobsdottir**

Iceland's prime minister and a crime writer co-wrote this book. 1956, young girl disappears. Later a journalist investigates. Social history snapshot the evolution of a nation. Dark secrets can have consequences.

**July 2<sup>nd</sup> – ‘Non-Fiction’** Two narratives about actual relationships and events. Read one or both for our meeting. We will choose the books for the remaining months at this meeting.

#### **\*\*\*Wifedom by Anna Funder**

Anna writes about the work and relationships of marriage of George Orwell and his wife and how she holds him and his work together.

#### **The House of Grief by Helen Garner**

Story of an actual murder trial of a father who kills his two children by driving them into a lake and escaping himself.