



We are so pleased to announce the launch of our new Fellowship book club!

We are delighted that our venture has already attracted more than 40 members - thanks to everyone who has joined so far!

We asked you for your recommendations for the first round and we were blown away by the variety of recommendations you gave. From these, we've selected three books for you. We decided on three because with Christmas coming up and the subsequent closure of the Central Office, it would give people plenty of time to read some or all of the books and to collect your thoughts to share. We also received some feedback that some of you thought our suggested six week window was a good amount of time for those of you who find you can't read a lot in one go - so faster readers will need to bear this in mind.

Our chosen books are:

***"The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman***

***"The Threads of Life" by Clare Hunter***

***"The Yorkshire Shepherdess" by Amanda Owens***

All three books are available via Amazon in either paperback or Kindle version or from many independent retailers. You could also buy from [bookshop.org](http://bookshop.org) which supports independent bookshops.

Some questions to consider for the Richard Osman book are:

- Who was your favourite character and why?
- What was the funniest bit of the story and why?
- What was the most poignant bit of the story and why?
- Were there any surprises in the book?

For our two non-fiction books, questions to consider are:

- Which bit of the book most surprised you?
- Did your opinion on the writer change from the start of the book to the end?
- What have you taken away from the book?

You can email your thoughts to [sherry.smith2@nhs.net](mailto:sherry.smith2@nhs.net) or [debbie.arnold4@nhs.net](mailto:debbie.arnold4@nhs.net) or write in to the Central Office. If you haven't already joined, you can also contact the team to become a member of the book club.

You can also comment on the NHS Retirement Fellowship Facebook page if you are a Facebook user. No spoiler alerts please!!

We look forward to collating your thoughts and sharing them with you all early in January.

This is a new venture for the Fellowship and we may not get it quite right just yet. If you have had success with another virtual book club and can share your thoughts and experiences, we are always open to your ideas and suggestions. Please get in touch.

Happy reading!!

Sherry, Debbie and Lucia

Book Club Team