



Issue 5: 8th June 2020. Welcome back to TeaBooks Chats – designed to keep you up to date with all things book-ish over the coming weeks!

We hope you are staying well and keeping safe. Do keep in touch with TeaBooks via your group leader or contact Amanda the co-ordinator directly at TeaBooks, 19 East Lockinge, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8QG or by email at amanda.ferguson@bookfeast.net. We'd also love to hear what you've been reading and/or what you've enjoyed listening to!



Charles Dickens was known to be a colourful character, but we have never been able to see him in colour – until now! The Charles Dickens Museum in London has created and released colourised photographs of the author in the run-up to the 150th anniversary of his death this week. If you haven't already read it, Claire Tomalin's wonderful biography of the Victorian author "*Charles Dickens: A Life*" is a fascinating account of his personal and professional life.

If you'd like to know more about the collection of photographs, take a look at the museum's website: www.dickensmuseum.com

Did you know? Charles Dickens' first wife Catherine wrote a cookery book called "What Shall We Have for Dinner?" under the pseudonym Lady Maria Clutterbuck?!

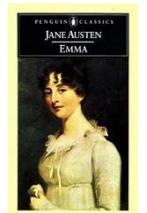
When will libraries re-open?

As yet, there is no official word on when Oxfordshire libraries will re-open, although current Government guidelines say libraries in England will not open any earlier than July 4th 2020. Library staff are working hard behind the scenes to establish a safe environment for staff and users when they can re-open, including looking at a quarantine period for books. We will keep you updated!

In the meantime, don't forget that if you have internet access, you can still borrow e-books and e-audio books via the website www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/libraries. You can also follow Oxfordshire Libraries on Facebook and take part in their Book Group every Thursday by adding comments throughout the day.

LISTEN UP...

Are you a Jane Austen fan? From 15th June, Radio Four are serialising *Emma* in ten parts (daily at 12.05pm and 10.45pm). Also on Monday 15th June, Andrew Marr's guests on **Start the Week** (9am and 9.30pm) will be discussing Irish novelist James Joyce. Over on Radio 3 on Tuesday 16th at 10pm, **Free Thinking** will be looking at the life and legacy of Charles Dickens.



Have you been having a lockdown clearout? You're not alone! One of the bestselling books over the last couple of months is Mrs Hinch's Book of Lists. Mrs Hinch (aka Sophie Hinchcliffe) is well known for her household hints and cleaning tips – but we want to know if you clear out your books? Or do you keep them forever? Let us know!