



**Issue 10: 22nd October 2020. Welcome back to TeaBooks Chats – designed to keep you up to date with all things book-ish until our TeaBooks groups can meet as usual!**

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](mailto:amanda.ferguson@bookfeast.net). We'd also love to hear what you've been reading and/or what you've enjoyed listening to!

### TEABOOKS THROUGH THE WINTER...

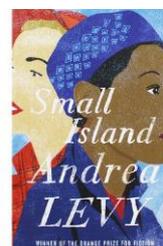
We are very aware that, with the clocks going back this weekend and COVID restrictions ramping up across the UK, this could feel like a very long winter so we are more determined than ever to keep you in touch with your groups if we possibly can! Bookfeast – the charity that runs the TeaBooks project – has been able to release some extra funds so that we can offer more resources for the group leaders, including Zoom meetings for any groups where enough members are online, a trial of “group phone calls” where groups can all be connected at once to a conversation via an ordinary telephone, plus hire of larger Covid-safe venues, where groups can spread out, for occasional meet-ups.



Under current guidelines, a TeaBooks group can count as a support group, so we are allowed up to 15 people in the same space, as long as we observe social distancing and hand hygiene in a “Covid safe” venue which is undertaking extra cleaning etc. Your group leader will be in touch with you if any of these options are viable from his or her point of view. I also know that many of you are happy to simply keep checking in with occasional phone calls and emails. We would love to keep our book-loving community strong over the coming months, so any other suggestions about what you would enjoy doing are very welcome!

### POETRY PLEASE!

Age UK Oxfordshire is planning a wonderful poetry project this winter – inviting budding poets to put pen to paper and write poems about Oxfordshire for an exhibition and anthology in the Spring. The Age UK Oxfordshire Poetry Club will be working with poet Oliver James Lomax and everyone who signs up will be sent creative ideas to get you started through the post. There will also be online workshops for those that are able to access the internet. We'll have more details in the next newsletter - so watch this space!



With Hallowe'en fast approaching, Radio 4 are serialising Kate Summerscale's critically acclaimed new book, documenting **The Haunting of Alma Fielding**. Weekdays at 9.45am from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

This Sunday evening (25<sup>th</sup> October) there is another chance to catch Alan Yentob's portrait of the late **Andrea Levy** in a memorable edition of **Imagine** at 11.35pm on BBC1.