

General Readings at Club Meetings (topics since September 2002)

(Note that not all meetings included a general reading, particularly during the period when the agenda included discussions on recovery of the cottage after the fire)

- September 02 "The Great Arc" by **John Keay** describing how India was mapped out.
- October 02 "Leaves from Rowans Logs" by **Dr R.B.Carson** detailing his sailing adventures around the Scottish Islands 1927 to 1939
- March 03 The life of **James B. Reston** . The international journalist.
- October 03 The autobiography of **Len Murray** "The Pleader"
- February 04 **Brown's** publication, "Paisley Poets"
- March 04 The Booker Prize novel "The Life of Pi ", by **Yann Martel**.
- September 04 The works of **Christopher Brookmyre**, a modern Barrhead writer.
- December 04 "The Compleat Angus"
biography of **Angus McIntyre** ,poet of Taynuilt and Tobermory.
- March 05 The Life and works of **George Gordon aka Lord Byron** .
- April 05 The works of **Neil Munro**
- September 05 "Whisky Galore" by **Compton McKenzie**.
- November 05 "Nol Lady's Detective Agency " by **Alexander McCall Smith**
- December 05 The works of poet **William Sharp** and his Gaelic alter ego **Fiona Macleod**
- February 06 The works of **George MacDonald Fraser** including the Flashman Books.
- April 06 " Isles of Sunset" impressions of the Hebrides, by **Rev Walter A-Mursell**.
- September 06 The Works of **William T. McGonagall**.
- November 06 The life and works of **R.B.Cunninghame Graeme**.
- December 06 " The Little Book of Calvin " by **Bill Duncan**.
- February 07 The works of **Wm. McIlvanney**.
- March 07 "Tale of two Cities " **Charles Dickens**
- April 07 The works of **Tom Gibson**, club bard for 30 years "Gallery One"
- September 07 "Last of the Mohicans" **James Fenimore Cooper**
- October 07 "Can't shoot a man with a cold" by former club president **Colin Campbell**
A tribute to the works of **Euart Alan McIntosh**
- November 07 A short story by **Irvine Welsh**
- December 2007 Poems with a seasonal theme 1 Christ's Conception by **Edwin Muir**
2 Advent 1955 by **John Betjeman**; 3 Hogmanay by **Violet Jacobs**
4 New Year's Morning by **Marion Angus**; 5 "Hypochonderie" by **Robert Crawford**.
- February 2008 Excerpts from "The Uncommon Reader" by **Alan Bennett**.
- March 2008 Poems from the anthology "100 Favourite Scottish Poems " edited by Stewart Conn
1. Beachcomber by **George McKay Brown**; 2 Luss Village by **Ian Crichton Smith**;
3. "Gollop's" by **Anna Crowe** ; 4. "Did Ye See Me?" by **Robert Garioch**;
5. The Voyeur by **Tom Leonard** ; 6. "Hats" by **Muriel Spark**; & 7 "Hats" by **Angela McSeveney**.
- April 2008 The Works of **John Mitchell**, incl."The Diaries of Morris Simpson"; bk1 Class Struggle; bk2 Chalked Off; and bk3 Absolutely Chalked Off
- September 2008 The Works of Andrew **Robert Tannahill** 1900 - 1986, incl. "Tapsalteerie Too'er"
- October 2008 The Life and Works of **Samuel Smiles**; incl."Self Help-with Illustrations of Character,Conduct and Perseverance"
- November 2008 An Essay from "Time" Magazine on Barack Obama; and excerpts from "Scots Who Made America" by **Rick Wilson**
- December 2008 Excerpts from the book "Scottish Men of Letters in the 18th Century" by **Henry Gray Graham**.
- Feb 2009: Ernie Smyth: **Douglas Dunn**

March 2009 : Frank Walker: **P G Wodehouse**

April 2009: Hugh Crawford: **Thomas Pennant**

September 2009 Robbie Menzies on his role as lay Moderator to the **Moderator of the General Assembly.**

October 2009 Tom McCool on **TS Elliot**

November 2009 Gordon Matthews on **Robert Fergusson**

December 2009 Bob Saunders on the poet **Rab Wilson**