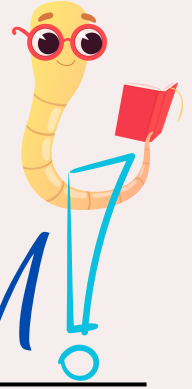




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NEWSLETTER



The BOOK WORM!

As highlighted in our previous newsletter, we were thrilled by the number of young visitors to the library during the school holidays. With the October half term just around the corner, we look forward to seeing many eager little bookworms come by. Our volunteers are delighted to welcome families!

We must not forget adults either. Do remember that you can renew and order books online; Just visit

www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

and you will find a whole section dedicated to our libraries.

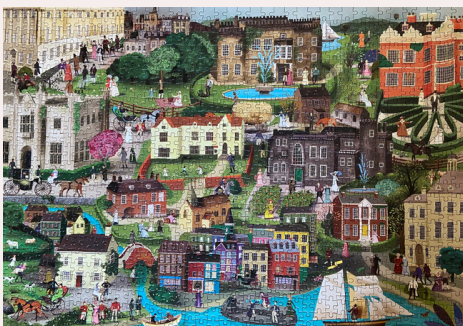
Our Puzzle Fundraising

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has generously donated puzzles for us to sell. This initiative has gained significant popularity, and we've kept the prices very affordable to ensure that everyone can contribute.

- For jigsaw puzzles up to 1,000 pieces: ****£1****
- For jigsaw puzzles over 1,000 pieces: ****£2****

Additionally, we would greatly appreciate it if you choose to donate the puzzles back to us after you've completed them. We offer a wide variety of puzzles across many themes, ensuring there's something for all ages to

enjoy.



Station Road, Stalbridge
Free parking opposite DT10 2RG



spooky
season



Children's halloween story books

filled with enchanting tales and whimsical illustrations that capture the magic and mystery of this spooky holiday. Each story takes young readers on a journey through haunted houses, pumpkin patches, and forests where friendly ghosts and mischievous witches reside. These books are perfect for setting the mood with their light-hearted frights and delightful adventures, where every page turn offers a new surprise.

From charming rhymes to captivating characters, these Halloween stories are sure to spark imaginations and create cherished memories for young readers and their families.



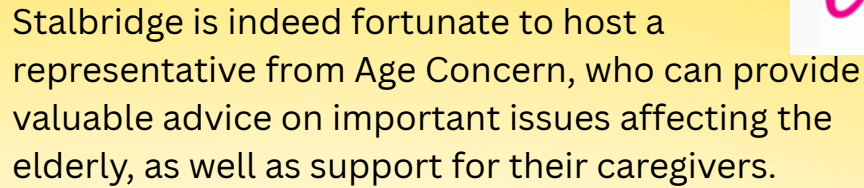
HALLOWEEN BOOKS FOR KIDS



We have a collection of seasonal scary stories available in our library! If you'd like, you can order any of your favorites online, and we will send you an email notification as soon as your book arrives.



AGE Concern



There is so much that Age Concern can help with!
If you wish to find out more their website is

Dianne will be happy to assist those from surrounding communities, not just folk from Stalbridge.



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Writing a Review

We are truly fortunate to have Susan Wilson, a valued library patron, who writes concise reviews of newly released books she has read.

Additionally, the library would be thrilled if any younger members of our community would like to share their thoughts by putting fingers to a keyboard to write a critique of a recently read book for inclusion in a future issue of the

BOOKWORM

If this interests you, please send your submissions to
stalbridgecommunitylibrary@gmail.com



The White Lady by Helen Fry

The Story of Two Key British Secret Service Networks behind German Lines.

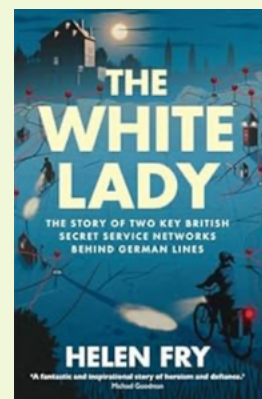
Yale University Press is a publisher who has only started to supply us with review books fairly recently, so I was delighted when they asked if we would review this one. So delighted in fact that I took it to review myself as the title looked interesting.

Helen Fry has written many books on British Spying and Spy Networks, Intelligence, Prisoners of War, and the Social History of World War Two. She has featured in TV documentaries and media appearances on these subjects. She has done an impressive amount of research in archives that have been released recently, and appears to be waiting avidly for others, which are still to be declassified.

The book's title doesn't give away the fact that these two Networks ran in Belgium, and the White Lady itself was an Intelligence Network during the Great War. I hadn't considered there were networks in Belgium, or indeed in the Great War at all! Obviously I learned a lot from reading this book. The most surprising thing to me is that when War broke out again in 1939, the leaders of the original network, some then aged in their sixties, set up new networks for a new conflict, involving their children and grandchildren, nephews and nieces. They knew the risks, and had lost colleagues, but did not hesitate to fight in their own way for what is right.

The book has two sections, one for each of the two twentieth century conflicts against Germany and her allies. She writes about both the British Spymasters and the agents. These brave people acted as couriers, map-makers, note-takers, train-counters, saboteurs, escape routes for POWs and aircrew, and many other ways to confound German plans and assist the Allies. Despite the author's rather dry style, I enjoyed reading this book, as the content is utterly fascinating, and the bravery of those involved very humbling.

For those interested in the two World Wars of the twentieth century it is essential reading.



Review by Susan Wilson