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## NEWS

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Hugo's best Winston Churchill impression!





## Bookish Banter – Week 7

Welcome to another edition of the library newsletter. As this week's early May bank holiday has been moved to today to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day, we thought, we too would celebrate.

VE Day, or Victory in Europe Day, marks the day towards the end of World War II when fighting against Nazi Germany came to an end in Europe. The day off from school and work will allow everyone the opportunity to remember and honour heroes of the Second World War and reflect on the sacrifices of a generation.

### Book of the Week

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak



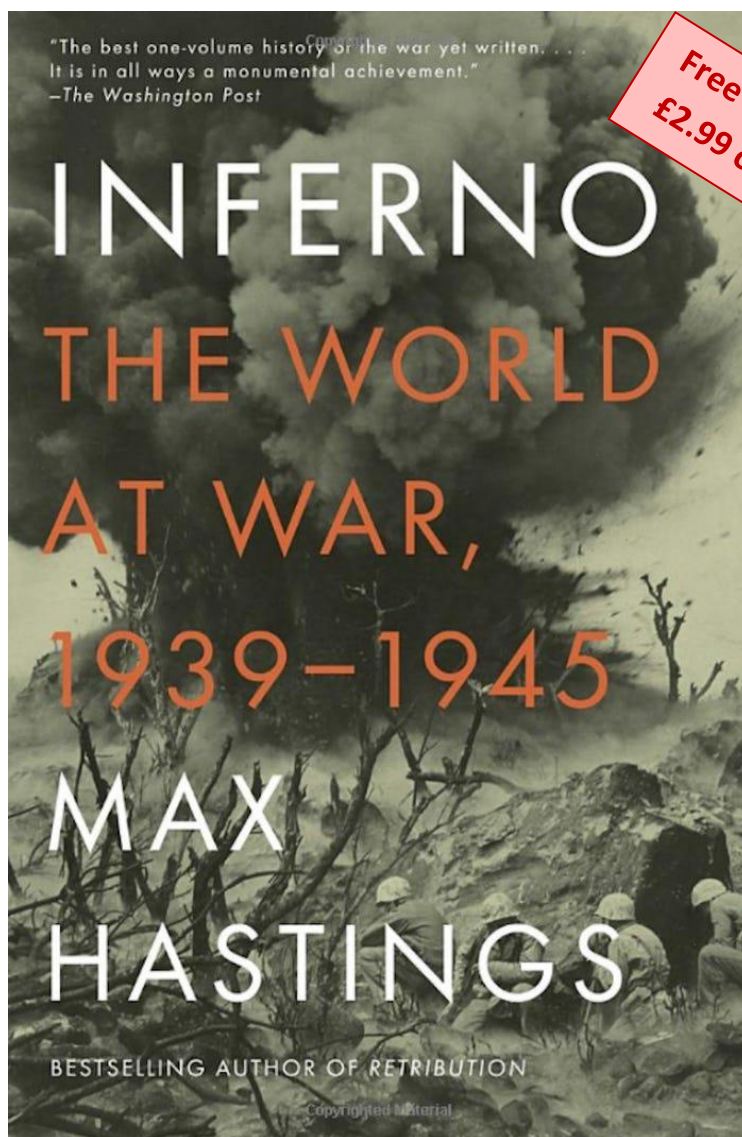
Available on Kindle for £4.99  
Available FREE on Audible  
Film available on Amazon  
Prime to rent for £2.99



Told from the unique perspective of Death, ***The Book Thief*** is a stunning and evocative masterpiece. Zusak's characters are courageous and authentic. His story focuses on everyday people enduring Nazi rule in a small town outside of Munich, the power of books and the written word. Frequently chilling and often heartbreaking, the novel does not shy away from describing the horrors of war; however, it ultimately champions the human spirit and its refusal to be cowed by evil. ***The Book Thief*** is a tale that will not be forgotten easily.



## History Book of the Month

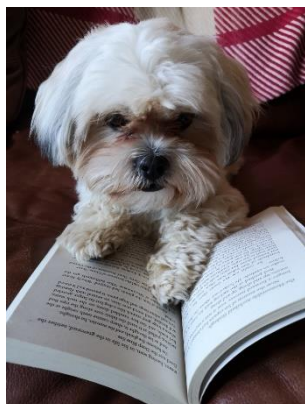


This book was selected by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley as one of his top recommendations on WWII history. He says, ***'World War II involved tens of millions of soldiers and cost sixty million lives, and Hastings ... provides a richly detailed single-volume history of the entire war. Through his stories of everyday people, ranging from soldiers, sailors, and airmen to housewives, civilians under attack, and even Japanese suicide pilots, he offers an intimate portrait of the most epic and destructive war in human history.'***





## What are you reading?



**Available for £2.99  
on Kindle and FREE  
on Audible.**



This week I wanted to share with you a book and TV series that resonated with me in my teens and went on to be the inspiration for my dissertation as part of my French Degree.

I think I watched the TV series first with my mum in the 1980s. It was about two women working for the British intelligence services during World War II. The agents were trained and deployed into service by Colonel James Cadogan who was willing to use any means necessary to meet the needs of his organisation: to transmit vital information on German activities to the intelligence network in London. I enjoyed it so much that I later picked up the book and read it. I was so interested in the sacrifices that these women were making that I looked into women in the French Resistance whilst studying for a year at Lyon University and made it the subject of my dissertation.

As I couldn't find the book in my attic to pose for a photo I have included one of me in Lyon 1995/96 with my best friend!





## Women at War Word Search

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HOME FRONT  
OCCUPATION  
QUEEN ELIZABETH  
ANNE FRANK

VICTORY  
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PROPAGANDA  
LIBERATION  
DOROTHY GALE  
TRAFALGAR SQUARE

RESISTANCE  
ALLIES  
PRINCESS ELIZABETH  
DOUGHNUT GIRLS  
MARGARET BAGLEY  
VERA LYNN  
BRITISH LEGION



## Fun-Loving, Book-Reading Pets

We now have quite a list of literature-loving pets connected to the Kendrick Community.....



**Meet Dixie Hayhoe doing some reading outside; when he's not reading, his favourite pastimes are sleeping in a cardboard box in the greenhouse and eating. 😊**

Chris Tarrant and his father Basil were very close; they played sport together, watched sport together and shared the same sense of humour. Chris loved and admired his father but it was only after his death he realised that he hardly knew him at all.

Basil Avery Tarrant grew up in 1920s Reading, where the smell of beer and biscuits from the local factories filled the air. He worked as an administrator in a local factory and spent his Saturday nights down at the music halls. What happened to Basil during the war, and how he came to be awarded the Military Cross remained a mystery to Chris and his family for nearly sixty years.

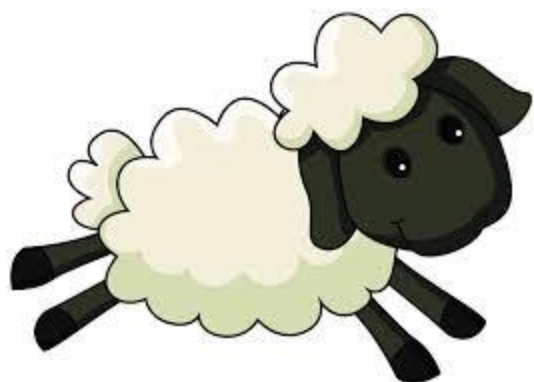
In this emotional journey, Chris discovers that Basil was involved in some of WWII's most significant campaigns, including the Dunkirk evacuation and the D-Day landings and also took part in some of the most brutal, close-range fighting in Cleve.

*Dad's War* is a profoundly moving and heartfelt tribute to a much-loved father, but it's also a sincere and humble commemoration of the bravery and sacrifice of the soldiers of WWII. **Thank you for this topical book suggestion Mrs. Hayhoe 😊**





Meet the lovely lambs Timpo  
& Maxi listening intently to  
Frau Alderson reading our  
book of the week.







This is the lovely Lola Nolte also reading *The Book Thief* at home in her basket 😊

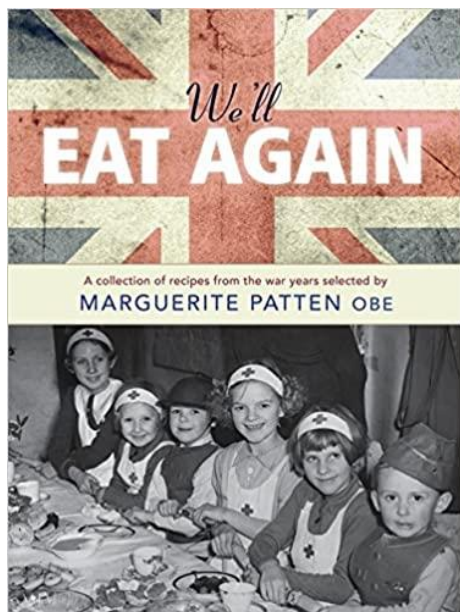


Meet the stunning Coco & Twinkle Cook reading the story *Fair Stood the Wind for France* by H.E. Bates.





## Just for fun! Uncooked Chocolate Cake



This is a recipe from ***We'll Eat Again*** by Marguerite Patten OBE. The uncooked chocolate cake was something children could make themselves if they were old enough to melt the margarine in a saucepan. It tastes nice and chocolatey and could be topped with chocolate icing once it stood for a few hours to cool and harden. It doesn't have a cake consistency as the name suggests, but it was an easy-to-make sweet treat.

### Ingredients

2oz margarine

2oz sugar

2 tablespoons of golden syrup or corn syrup

2oz cocoa

6oz crispy breadcrumbs

few drops of vanilla essence



## Method

Put the margarine, syrup and sugar in a pan and melt gently over a low heat until the margarine is fully dissolved. Mix well.

Remove from the heat and add the vanilla essence and the cocoa. Mix thoroughly.

Pour in the breadcrumbs and stir until all coated with the mixture.

Press down into a 7 inch square greased tin.

Place somewhere cool for at least a few hours or until firm.

A topping can be added such as chocolate icing once cooled.

Once set, cut into squares (approximately 16).



We can draw some parallels to the rationing days during the war, as some of us struggle to get hold of essentials during this period of quarantine. At times items like eggs, flour & toilet rolls have been difficult to find; but imagine what it was like during the 1940s when you were only allowed one egg per person per week! The UK had the rationing system in place from 1940-1954.





## In other news...

Information from the Reading Museum on **VE Day** be found here:

[https://www.readingmuseum.org.uk/resources/ve-day-75?utm\\_campaign=1398542\\_museum%20ve%20day&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=readingarts&dm\\_i=4GTN,TZ4E,1PZRDI,3N16I,1](https://www.readingmuseum.org.uk/resources/ve-day-75?utm_campaign=1398542_museum%20ve%20day&utm_medium=email&utm_source=readingarts&dm_i=4GTN,TZ4E,1PZRDI,3N16I,1)

**Competition:** Click on the link below to find out all the details of a competition to design a new logo for the Get Reading Reading group.



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**Voting in the Children's Book Award:** 2020 marks the 40th anniversary of the Children's Book Award.

The shortlist has been voted for by students all over the country, including the Kendrick Book Club, and now it is time to vote for the winners in each category. The upper two groups might be of interest to you, but if you have younger siblings or cousins, please point them in the direction of the website to vote on the categories relevant to them.

Any child/school student in the UK can vote for their favourite in any of the categories – they just need to read every book in the category and rank them. You can vote by going to <http://fcbg.org.uk/childrens-bookaward/>

<b>Confident Readers</b>	<b>Older Readers</b>
<b><i>A Pocketful of Stars</i></b> by Aisha Bushby	<b><i>Becoming Dinah</i></b> by Kit de Waal
<b><i>D-Day Dog</i></b> by Tom Palmer	<b><i>On the Come Up</i></b> by Angie Thomas
<b><i>Wildspark</i></b> by Vashti Hardy	<b><i>Two Can Keep a Secret</i></b> by Karen M McManus

**Most of these titles are available FREE on Audible.**



We hope that you have enjoyed this VE Day edition of the Corona-Library News. As always, please e-mail us back with your bookish banter. Let us know what you are reading and how you are occupying your time. We really do love to hear from you and pass on your news to our wider Kendrick School Community.

If you don't have a pet, don't feel left out – Mrs. Warrior has still managed to send in a Pet's Reading photograph for us to share! ☺



Stay safe, have fun & keep reading.

*Mrs. Cavaciuti & Mrs. Williamson*