

Harborne Library

Harborne Primary Visits the Library!

On 16th January, Harborne Reception came to the library for some stories and a look around the library. The children loved interacting with the stories, such as The Giant Turnip and learning about new

Children's Author Hotspot ~ Jill Murphy

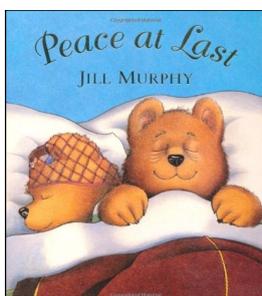


Jill Murphy was born in London in 1949. From a very early age she was drawing and writing stories. "My earliest memory (my mum tells me I was two), is sitting on the kitchen floor surrounded by sheets of drawings." By the age of six she was stapling her own little storybooks together.

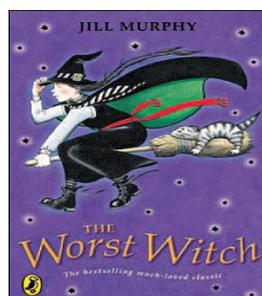
At only eighteen she finished her first novel, *The Worst Witch*, which was based heavily on her own experiences at convent school. Three big London publishers turned it down so Jill put it in a drawer and went off to work in a children's home and as a nanny.

When Jill was twenty four, *The Worst Witch* was finally published, and was an instant bestseller. Jill became a freelance

author and



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Author Hotspot ~ Hilary Mantel

Hilary Mantel was born in northern Derbyshire in 1952. After studying at university she was briefly a social worker in a geriatric hospital, and much later used her experiences in her novels *Every Day is Mother's Day* and *Vacant Possession*.



Her first novel was published in 1985, and in 1987 she was awarded the Shiva Naipaul Memorial Prize for travel writing, and became the film critic of the *Spectator*. Her fourth novel, *Fludd*, was awarded the Cheltenham Festival Prize, the Southern Arts Literature Prize, and the Winifred Holtby Prize. Her fifth novel, *A Place of Greater Safety*, won the Sunday Express Book of the Year Award.

An Experiment in Love published in 1995, is a story about childhood and

Bank Holiday Opening Times

Easter Bank Holiday

Friday 29th March - Closed

Saturday 30th March - 9am - 5pm

Monday 1st April - Closed as usual

May Day

Monday 6th May - Closed as usual

Gold By Chris Cleave

Kate & Zoë are friends but also ardent rivals - athletes at the top of their game, fighting to compete in the world's greatest sporting contest. Each scarred by tragedy, and each with a great deal to lose, they must choose between family and glory and ask themselves: what will I sacrifice? Gold captures the extraordinary effort and dedication that go into the pursuit of victory but is about human endurance, motherhood and love, and what enables us all, in our different ways, to achieve the remarkable.

Dark Winter by David Mark

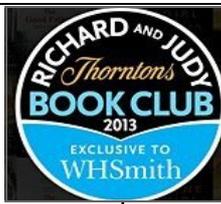
McAvoy lets his mind drift back to the chaos and bloodshed in the square. To that moment when the masked man appeared from the doorway of the church and looked into his eyes. "Is there anything distinctive, Sarge?" asks Nielsen. "Yes," he says, with the sudden sense that memory is important. "There were tears in his eyes." DS Aector McAvoy is a man with a troubled past. His unwavering belief in justice has made him an outsider in the police force he serves. When three seemingly unconnected people are brutally murdered in the weeks before Christmas, the police must work quickly to stop more deaths. It is only McAvoy who can see the connection between the victims. A killer is playing God - and McAvoy must find a way to stop the deadly game.

Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn

Just how well can you ever know the person you love? This is the question that Nick Dunne must ask himself on the morning of his fifth wedding anniversary when his wife Amy suddenly disappears. The police immediately suspect Nick. Amy's friends reveal that she was afraid of him, that she kept secrets from him. He swears it isn't true. A police examination of his computer shows strange searches. He says they aren't his. Then there are the persistent calls on his mobile phone. So what really did happen to Nick's beautiful wife? What was in that half-wrapped box left so casually on their marital bed?

Jasmine Nights by Julia Gregson

1942, the world is at war. It is a war that has already shattered families and devastated countries. But for some, it will also mean the greatest of adventures. In a burns hospital in Sussex, a beautiful young



singer performs to a ward full of injured soldiers. Saba is captivating and one pilot, Dom, shudders as her gaze turns his way. He can't bear her to see his scars but resolves to write to her once they have healed. Saba's journey as a singer with ENSA takes her to the fading glamour of Alexandria and the heat & decadence of Turkey. On the glamorous Middle Eastern social circuit, Saba rubs shoulders with double agents and diplomats, movie stars and smugglers. Some want her voice, some her friendship, and some the secrets she is perfectly placed to discover...

The Good Father by Noah Hawley

An ordinary boy with an ordinary life stands accused of killing the next president of the United States. What happened? Dr Paul Allen is a well-respected man. He lives a happy, comfortable life with his second wife and their family. Until the night when a knock at the door blows his world apart: a hugely popular presidential candidate has been shot, and they say the young man who pulled the trigger is Paul's son. Daniel, the only child from his first, failed marriage, was always a good kid and Paul is convinced his quiet boy is not capable of murder. Paul embarks on a mission to understand what happened and why. Following the trail of his son's journey across America, he is forced to re-examine his life as a husband and a parent, and every decision he ever made.

After the Fall by Charity Norman

In the quiet of a New Zealand winter's night, a rescue helicopter is sent to airlift a five-year-old boy with severe internal injuries. He's fallen from the upstairs veranda of an isolated farmhouse, and his condition is critical. At first, Finn's fall looks like a horrible accident; after all, he's prone to sleepwalking. Only his frantic mother, Martha McNamara, knows how it happened and she isn't telling...

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce

When Harold Fry nips out one morning to post a letter, leaving his wife Hoovering upstairs, he has no idea that he is about to walk from one end of the country to the other. He has no hiking boots or map, let alone a compass, waterproof or mobile phone. All he knows is that he must keep walking. To save someone else's life.

Local History Hotspot ~ Nail Making in Harborne

In the Seventeenth Century and the Eighteenth Century, Harborne's economy consisted of mixed farming, for example, corn (wheat and rye), oats, hay and milked cows in the summer and nail working in the winter.

An early mention of nail making, in 1913, was from Tom Presterne, who stated: "*The row of cottages of Camomile Green (at the junction of Tennial Road and Queens Park Road) were occupied by nail workers. Nearly every cottage had its workshop.*"

Nail workers worked extremely hard, from early morning till late at night, five days a week. It was very common that the whole family would be employed in producing



Examples of the type of

nails, in a forge or workshop built at the side of their cottage. Saturday would be the day when nail makers would carry the finished nails in a sack on their backs and walk in to town to their employer and then carry an equally heavy sack of iron back home ready to begin on Monday. The average wage for a nail worker was 2s 6d a week, not much for extremely hard work. Before the Nineteenth Century, most nail makers were employed by the nail masters of the village who had middlemen, known as nail-foggers, to interact with the workers. The main masters were Thomas Green of Harborne House, whose warehouse was at the top of Fellows Lane; Theodore Price of Harborne Park, whose warehouse was in the Crescent and John Rutter of Camomile Green, who had a 'truck shop' and the workers re-

ceived their wages in provisions.

In 1835, Harborne "*a delightful village*" *tages are principally making nails.*" There in Camomile Green, race and Murphy's Terrace).

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Camomile Cottages, Tennial Road, c1900. Former nailmakers cottages, situated in an area known as Camomile Green, they were demolished in the mid 1930's.

was described as where "*the cot- employed in* were nail shops Harborne Ter- Row (now Vine

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NEW BOOKS RECENTLY ADDED TO STOCK AT HARBORNE LI-

<u>ADULT TALKING</u>		MOR-		
CARROLL, Claudia	TIMER, Roger		BAXTER, Lily	ROSE, Karen
	Niemann, Derek		BEAUMAN, Ned	ROBERTS, Nora
CURZAN, Claire	RIDLEY, Jane		BINCHY, Maeve	SANSOM, C. J
KING, Catherine	SHILL, R		BURKE, James Lee	SLAUGHTER, Karin
			COBEN, Harlan	STEEL, Danielle
LOCKE, Attica	UGLOW, J. S		CORNWELL, Patri-	TANNER, Janet
McGILL, Bernie	VIJAYAKAR, S		cia	VAN LUSTBADER, E
MARTIN-Jenkins, C			CUSSLER, Clive	The Girls in Blue
MOR-			DOYLE, Roddy	The Teleportation
TIMER, <u>ADULT NON-FICTION</u>			ÉCLAIR, Jenny	Accident
Roger	AARONOVITCH, Ben			A Week in Winter
O'CONNOR, Denis			EVANOVICH, Janet	Creole Belle
	A Very Accidental		FEEHAN, Christine	Seconds Away
	Love Story		FINNIGAN, Judy	The Bone Bed
FARROW, Joanna	Off Track		FRENCH, Dawn	Poseidon's Arrow
FLYNN, Clare	The Lost and Found		JACKSON, Lisa	Two Pints
GRAY, Oliver	Girl		MASTERTON, G	Life, Death & Vanil-
GUNTER, Sherry	The Cutting Season		MORTON, Kate	la Slices
KEMPER, Steve	The Butterfly Cabi-		MOSSE, Kate	Notorious Nine-
	net		PATTERSON, James	teen
KIDSTON, Cath	A Cricketing Life		PATTERSON, James	Lair of the Lion
MILLER, M	Dear Lupin			Eloise
		Paw	PERRY, Anne	Oh Dear Silvia
		Tracks at	RAISIN, Agatha	Born to Die
			REICHS, Kathy	Garden of Evil
				The Secret Keeper

NEW MUSIC CDs RECENTLY ADDED TO STOCK AT HARBORNE LIBRARY

<u>Rock/Pop/Soul</u>		Olly Murs Deacon		
Alicia Keys	Blue		Taylor Swift	Neil Young
Rihanna			Kylie Minogue	Black Veil Brides
The Rolling Stones				Jeff Lynne
AC/DC	Girl on Fire		Electric Light	Red
Little Mix	Unapologetic		Orchestra	The Abbey Road
Bruno Mars	Grrr!		The XX	Sessions
Led Zeppelin	Live at River Plate		Tame Impale	Mr Blue Sky
All Time Low			Girls Aloud	
			Mick Hucknell	Co-exist