



Nell White

Mr Hartley's
inspirational woman is
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of Aylestone Leicester was part of a 10,000-strong team which worked to decipher encrypted Nazi, Italian and Japanese military messages, to give the Allies vital tactical information during the 1939 to 1945 conflict. Former headmistress Nell, who died in 2010 aged 89, kept her role at Bletchley hidden from husband Walter and son Steve for more than three decades because she had signed the Official Secrets Act. Nell spent eight hours a day working with large electro-magnetic devices called Turing Bombes which decoded the codes hidden by the famous German Enigma machines.