

Our latest read was 'The Woman in Black' a short story by Susan Hill. The novel was made into a successful West End play which has been running for twenty three years. This is a ghost story that is supposed to keep the readers awake at night; not so our group, frankly some found the step mother in the local 'Snow White' pantomime a far more frightening experience. (oh yes they did). The story involves a father recalling a spooky tale that has haunted his dreams for years. When Arthur Kipps attends the funeral of Alice Drablow he is unaware of the tragic secrets which lie hidden in her house. It is not until he glimpses a woman dressed in black at the funeral that a creeping sense of unease begins to take hold. His visit to her creepy isolated house cut off from the mainland by the tides fully stretches his courage. The description of Kipps entering and finding his way around a darkened haunted house with only a flickering candle to light his way was just a little bit scary. Susan Hill tells the story beautifully and she captures the atmosphere of the windswept marshland in the early nineteenth century well. Our interesting discussion covered the claims of ghosts in Reynoldston; maybe Reynoldston News could invite readers to share any spine chilling experiences.

Our next book is 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society' by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Burrows.