

What was it like to work at Bletchley Park?

The stories of people who worked at Bletchley Park didn't become common knowledge until the 1970s as everyone who worked there had to sign the Official Secrets Act which stopped them from talking about their work. They were only allowed to talk about it after 30 years, but many didn't as they thought they might still get into trouble.

One couple were in their early 50s when they found out that they had both worked at Bletchley Park during the war and in fact worked in adjacent huts when they were dating!

Read the extracts and information sheets about the women codebreakers and answer the following questions ready to write a recount about life at Bletchley Park during WWII.

1. Where were the women recruited from e.g., colleges, universities etc?
2. What skills were they recruited for?
3. What jobs did they do?
4. Did they always know at the time how important their work was?
5. List two places they stayed
6. What were conditions like at Bletchley Park, both for accommodation and work?
7. Was the pay good?

Include any other information you feel would be useful as well.