

**Short biographical list of Nottingham Notable Women, historical and current
- who were born, lived or achieved in Nottingham**

updated May 2026 - this list is frequently updated and only key details are included.

Jane Abbott (Mrs)? - 1843 - ?? Chartist

Jane of Mount Street East, sister to Mary Ann is recorded in 6th May 1843 Northern Star as a Chartist

Mary Ann Abbott (Miss) c1838 - Chartist

Mary Ann of Mount St East was a chartist, helped set up the Nottingham Female Political Union in 1838 and in 1843 was nominated to national Chartist General Council

Ruth Adam - 1907-1977 - Writer, feminist

Ruth was born in Arnold, educated near Matlock, and became a primary school teacher in deprived mining communities and then a writer of 12 novels, comic strips and a feminist text

Kristina Adams – current - writer

Kristina who suffers from fibromyalgia is a NTU Creative Writing MA graduate, and lives in Hucknall. Her debut novel was 'What Happens in New York' published in 2016

Rachael Adams 1950? – current – activist

Rachel came to Nottingham University in 1971 and became involved in the Nottingham Women's Liberation Group and took part in anti-abortion activism and in the campaign for a women's centre and a refuge. She later trained as a plumber. She has been recently involved in the Feminist Archive project

Susanna Mary Addyman - 1871-1936 - VAD storekeeper

Susanna worked as a VAD storekeeper during WW1 at Trent Bridge & Radcliffe on Trent VAD hospitals

Kathleen Adler – c1700's Head mistress

Kathleen followed Dorothy Gem as head of Broadgate school on Western Terrace in The Park. She caused an uproar in 1971 when she displayed a list of fee defaulters - at that time fees were £40 per term. The school closed in 1997.

Rebecca Adlington OBE - 1989–current - Olympic swimmer

Rebecca from Mansfield was a freestyle competitive swimmer who won 2 gold medals at 2008 Olympic games and broke the 800mt world record before retiring in 2013.

Marion Adnams - 1898–1995 - Artist

Marion trained as a teacher in Nottingham, she painted and from 1930's her work was continuously exhibited, she had a deeply surrealist style.

Esther Africanus nee Shaw - c1770 - entrepreneur

Esther was the wife of George and helped run the employment agency which operated

for 70 years employing servants for the wealthy

Jessie Whyte Allan OBE - 1870-1954 - Welfare Supervisor Ordinance Factory

Born in Scotland she trained as a social worker in Dundee. She became the Women's Welfare Supervisor at Nottingham's Ordinance Factory and was awarded an OBE in 1920.

Angela Alcock - 1950's -?? Oxfam collector

Angela was a volunteer for Oxfam and raised thousands for the charity. Tram 206 is named after her.

Meena Alexander - 1951-2018 - Indian-English Poet, scholar & writer

Meena from Allahabad was raised in India and Africa but later came to study and gain her PhD at Nottingham University. She is a published poet credited with a new hybrid poetic form

Annie Allcock - 1867-1955 - Matron VAD hospital

Annie was born in Sneinton and worked as a lace maker and milliner before becoming a nurse in 1901. During WW1 she was Matron of the VAD hospital in Stroud

Edna Ailden aka Bellonini – 1903 – 19?? – musical performer

Edna was an actress and singer who rose to early stardom in the early 20th century. She was known for her roles such as Vivi Carmichael, chief bridesmaid in *Good Luck* 1923, and she was in *No No Nanette* with Tom Shelford.

Elizabeth Allen - 1834-? - Charity work

Elizabeth of Western Terrace in the Park was a founding town member of the Town & County Social Guild in 1875

Elsie Clara Allen MBE- 1886-1934 - Welfare Supervisor Ordinance Factory

Elsie was the Welfare Supervisor at the National Ordinance Factory in Nottingham and was awarded an MBE in 1920.

Ethel Gloria Anderson MBE - 1949 – current - Community champion

Ethel was awarded an MBE for services to the St Ann's community in 2024 New Years Honours. She is also one of the Legacy Maker's on Rachel Carter's *Standing in this Place*

Margaret Anderson – current - Miner's strike Activist

Margaret was active in the Clipstone Colliery Women's Support group during the 1984-5 miner's strike

Tryphena Anderson - 1933- 2023 - Nurse, midwife

Tryphena came to Nottingham from Jamaica at 19 to train as a nurse in 1952 she later trained as a health visitor becoming the first black health visitor. She was an elder for the Black Archive

Vera Anderson married name Lockhart– **1919 - 1963 - nurse**

Vera was on ARP duty at Boots during the Nottingham Blitz May8/9 1941. There was a direct hit and she helped nurse the casualties staying on duty from 8am until 12 noon the next day. She was awarded the George Medal. See also Vera Lockhart

Agnes Maude Andrews - 1874-1957 - Guide leader

Maude was the first leader of 1st Nottingham (YWCA) Guides, Long Row Chambers in1910. She had been employed at the YWCA since about 1905 as Superintendent of the Institute which move to 40-42 Shakespeare \street in 1913. She stayed until 1925

Lee Arbouin – current- educational pioneer

Lee set up supplementary schools to help black children who were being failed by the current education system

Marjorie Helen Arnfield MBE - 1930-2001 - Artist

Marjorie was born in Newcastle and brought up in Sunderland and specialised in painting industrial and rural landscapes. She taught adult education art classes in Nottingham

Sylvia Lake Armstrong - 1917-1947 - Painter

Sylvia was born at Edwinstowe, Notts. and studied at Mansfield County School of Art, and at the Slade School, London before becoming a painter.

Alice Astill - 1886-? - Taxi Driver

Alice, from Radford, was the first woman taxi driver in Nottingham and caused quite a stir; she was paid the Trade Union rate for job. She had previously been a shorthand typist.

Amy Dorothy Atkin - c1890-19?? - Lace designer

Amy was the first female lace designer from 1904-1914; her father and brother were also connected with lace. She married in 1914 and gave up her work.

Keziah Atkin - 1863-???? - Secretary Female Cigar Makers Union

Keziah was born in Carlton, she was a cigar maker and took over as secretary of the Female Cigar Makers Union from Annie Briant around 1910-11.

Maria Attenborough - 1800-1883 - Signed 1866 petition

Maria signed the initial national suffrage petition in 1866. She was known as Maria Attenburrow, she lived in Park Row with her sisters Eliza and Jane.

Anne Ayscough/ Askew - 1521-1546 - Protestant Martyr

Anne was born or spent her early life in Nuthall and was a devout protestant who was martyred at Smithfield in London.

Luisa Avanzado - Current - Nurse & midwife

Luisa was voted Nurse and Midwife of the Year in 2018 Awards

Mary Bailey - c1786-1828 - Poet, lace runner

Mary was a working woman who lived in Sneinton, she published '*Poems, Humorous and Sentimental*' in 1826 – they are witty and political and spoke up for poor lace runners

Sarah Bailey nee Daykin - c1850-???? - Head Nurse 1876-90 at Nottingham Workhouse

Sarah was born in Nottingham, but trained at Brownlow Infirmary, Liverpool. In 1868 she became Nurse in a Lock Ward at the Workhouse before becoming Head Nurse in 1876 -90

Elizabeth Bainbridge - 1716-1798 - Benefactor

Elizabeth from Woodborough Hall gave to various charities including in 1782 giving £1000 to help set up the General Hospital.

Jean Lesley Baker - c1935-2025 – Consultant Obstetrician

Born in Lincolnshire, Lesley studied medicine at Sheffield and became a GP and later a Consultant Obstetrician at Nottingham City Hospital and The Firs for 30 years. She was President of the Medico-Chirurgical Society from 1991 – 2.

Enid Bakewell nee Turton - 1940-current - Cricketer

Enid was born in Newstead She played cricket for East Midlands Women and England Women. She was a right-hand bat and a slow left arm bowler

A M Bale - c1866-???? - Signed 1866 suffrage petition

She is listed on the 1866 petition as living in Cromwell Street

Catherine Ball - 1879-1918 - VAD nurse

Catherine, a VAD nurse in WW1, she sailed with to Egypt to work in a hospital there, unfortunately she was drowned when the SS Osmanieh was sunk off Alexandria.

Mary Ball - 1866-1946 - Trade Union activist, JP

Mary from 15 Oliver Terrace, Radford was active in the female Lacemaker's Union, in 1920 she was made a JP, one of the first 3 women appointed. She married after her mother's death and lived at 18 Wordsworth Road

Marian Winnifred Bannister - 1879-1970 - Nurse & matron

Marian was born in Beeston, trained at the General Hospital before an extensive career nursing in WW1 and WW2 in Casualty Clearing Stations. She was twice mentioned in despatches.

Mary Barker – 1828 – 1891 - Nightingale Nurse.

Mary Barker from Beeston is the **first** woman listed at the London Nightingale Training School, she began her training in 1860, and held various other nursing posts before retiring and later being admitted to Prestwich Asylum where she died.

Kate Barnard - 1893-???? QMAAC worker

Kate lived initially in Radcliffe then Nottingham before emigrated to Canada. She returned to do war work, joining Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corp in 1917-19 serving as a waitress

Hannah Barnett (Mrs) - c1843 - Chartist

Hannah from Waburn Street was nominated for the national Chartist General Council in 1843 (Northern Star 8 July 1843)

Zilla Gertrude Barratt - 1876-1940 - Teacher

Zilla had a 44year teaching career at the school in Radcliffe on Trent

Rachel Barrett – 1874 -1953 – Nottingham WSPU organiser

Rachel, a suffragette from Wales, was briefly appointed as the paid WSPU FT organiser in Nottingham in 1908.

Lily Beatrice Barter nee Feldon - 1875-1950 - Welfare supervisor & columnist

Lily born in Oxford, moved to Nottm on her marriage in 1898. In 1915 she began work at Raleigh and was appointed Welfare Superintendent from 1921 until she retired in 1937.

Mrs Bartlett- c1890's - lace worker

Mrs Bartlett was a lace worker who gave evidence to Sidney & Beatrice Webb about women lace workers, middle agents and unions.

Eleanor Barton - 1872-1960 - Cooperative activist & Labour candidate

Eleanor was the first woman to stand as MP in Nottingham Central in 1929- she stood on a peace platform opposing war but lost by a small margin.

Phoebe Basnett - 1797-1870 - Signed 1866 suffrage petition

Phoebe was the daughter of Thomas & Martha Basnett. In 1841 living at Fletchergate, and of independent means. She signed the 1866 petition, her address as Park Row.

Marjorie C Bates - 1882-1962 - Artist

Marjorie attended Nottingham School of Art and was a watercolour and pastel painter who exhibited at the Royal Academy. She also worked as a Red Cross nurse in Malta in WW1.

Jessie Batten BA – c 1892 – school owner/ headmistress

Jessie became the owner of Western House school at 30 The Ropewalk in 1895. She had gained a degree at the University of London in 1892. In 1910 Jessie married but retained her name professionally, she retired in 1918.

Lise Bayer- current - Art teacher

Lise was half Austrian and had studied in Vienna under the painter Oskar Kokoschka, in the mid-sixties she taught art at Arnold County High School. She was also paraplegic.

(Catherine) Kate Bayley - 1840-1921 - Founded a day nursery & orphanage

Kate founded The Nottingham Day Nursery, one of the first in the country and first in Nottingham which she aided and maintained.

Erica Beardsmore - 1950? -???? - -Campaigner

Erica a newsagent from Hyson Green was a great supporter of *Nottingham in bloom* she has a tram named after her and her Trophy is now presented to the Best Community Project winner.

Phyllis Bedells - 1893-1985 - Prima ballerina

Phyllis studied in Nottingham under Theodore Gilmer first appearing in London in 1906. She founded the Royal Academy of Dance and in 1979 a Bursary was established in her honour.

(Helen) Audrey Beecham - 1915-1989 - poet

Audrey was born in Weaverham, Cheshire, she took PPE at Somerville in Oxford and became a lecturer and warden of Nightingale Hall at Nottingham Uni in 1950. She published 2 poetry collections.

Dr Edith Becket - 1877-1952 - Education Academic

Edith graduated in 1898 from Nottingham University College, she then joined the Education Department and undertook research into the history of education in Notts.

Dr Julia Bell - 1879-1979 - Mathematician & biologist

Julia was born in Nottingham, went to NGHS before gaining a place at Girton and gained her Masters Degree at Trinity in Dublin. She worked at UCL on inheritable diseases and was a pioneering human geneticist

Lady Amelia Harriet Belper - 1818-1890 - Philanthropist

Amelia, the youngest daughter of the Bishop of Chichester, married Edward Strutt in 1856 and became Lady Belper. She was very active in social and philanthropic work

Peggy Bennett - ???? – Auxiliary Fire Service in WW2

Margaret Benyon OBE - 1940-2016 - Artist

Margaret was born in Birmingham grew up in Kenya and studied at the Slade school in London. She was a fine art fellow at Nottingham University between 1968-1971, and was the **first** hologram artist.

Sarah Anne Bescoby nee Padley - 1841-1921 - Benefactor

Sarah Anne lived at Ordsall Lodge East Retford. She left £10000 in her will to distribute among charities; £500 in specific bequests and £5000 to be distributed by her solicitor.

Rosetta Biddle nee Bignall - 1803-???? - Pauper Nurse

Rose was a pauper nurse who married Thomas Biddle and emigrated to Australia

Judith Bingham OBE - 1952- current - Composer

Born in Nottingham Judith became a composer and singer; she was made **OBE** in 2020

Gina Birch – 1955- current - Musician & filmmaker

Gina was born in Nottingham went to NGHS and Hornsey Art school before becoming a punk and alternative musician and filmmaker

Claire Lloyd Birkin - 1875-1934 - VAD Hospital Commandant

Claire, from New York, was Commandant of Lamcote Auxiliary Hospital for Officers, at Radcliffe-on-Trent, she received 4 war Honours. She was daughter in law to Thomas Isaac Birkin

Ethel Lillian Birkin OBE - 1874-1970 - VAD hospital Matron

Lillian, daughter of Thomas Isaac Birkin, Lace curtain manufacturer, she set up and managed a VAD hospital at Clifton Terrace, Derby Road on 21.10.1914 which dealt with over 1600 casualties

Margaret Diana Birkin nee Chetwynd - c1871-1927 - VAD Nurse

Margaret from Aberdeen was Commandant of Arnot Hill VAD Hospital from 1915 – 1919 which started with 20 beds increasing to 150 over WW1. She was the wife of Thomas Stanley Birkin, had 4 children and lived at Ruddington Grange.

Margaret Ida Maud Birkin - c1890-1923 - VAD nurse

Daughter of Thomas and Margaret Birkin, she worked in a military VAD hospital in northern France from 1917 – 1919 and died in Geneva in 1923. She is buried in the family vault at Wilford Hill

Mary Ann Birkin – c1850 - Chevener of Queen Victoria's stockings

Ann from Ruddington was a skilled chevener – this was the delicate embroidery applied to finished garments; ornamenting and enhancing with embroidery and sometimes hiding seams.

Violet Mary Bishop - 1890-1968 – Sportswoman, VAD nurse

Violet from Radcliffe on Trent was a keen golfer and won various Cups. During WW1 Violet was a VAD nurse at Lamcote Auxiliary Hospital for Officers.

Helen Blackman - 1967-2021 - Director of Children's Services

Helen from Bulwell studied at NTU before becoming a social worker working in child protection. She was appointed Director of Children's Services in the City in 2013 and died from covid in March 2021

Edith M Blagg – 1892-1965 – Girl Guide Leader

In 1918 Edith was Captain of 17th Nottingham (St Matthew's) company. From 1924-51 she was District Commissioner for Nottingham Central and in 1957 received a Good Service Award. From 1937 -47 she was the warden of Elton camp

Emily Blagg nee Stephens - **1863-1935** - **Business entrepreneur**

Emily from Cheshire moved with her family to Newark. Emily set up a brick works, built housing in the Lime Grove and Park areas of Newark before building the Palace Theatre in 1920.

Caroline Blatherwick (Mrs) - c1843 - Chartist

Caroline of Bellar Gate was a Chartist as noted in Northern Star 6th May 1843

Eliza Blatherwick (Mrs) - c1843 - Chartist

Eliza of Bellar Gate was a single working-class chartist active in 1843. She gave a talk to both men and women at the Democratic Chapel May 1843 Northern Star

Violet Blew-Jones nee Birkin - **1899-1953** - **VAD nurse**

Violet was the daughter of Charles and Claire Birkin, she became a VAD. unpaid nurse She married in 1918 to a Lamcote hospital patient, Lt. Douglas Holden Blew-Jones

Ethel Rosa Bloodworth - 1884-1968 - VAD storekeeper

Ethel was born in Lenton but the family moved to Radcliffe, at 16 she was an apprentice lady's outfitter; by Oct 1916- June 1919 she was the full time VAD storekeeper at the Military Hospital

Agnes Boden MBE – 1895 -1967 – Guide Leader

Agnes was born in Surrey, and moved to Nuthall in 1918. She set up 1st Nuthall Co with her sister Dorothy; Agnes was Captain for 22years. She also held several broader guiding roles :- Division Commissioner for Nottingham Castle from 1920-25, secretary from 1920 –Asst. County Commissioner 1942-1955 She was awarded a Medal of Merit in 1945.

Betty Bolton - 1906-2005 - actress

Betty was born at Newdigate House, she was a well-known actress, singer and dancer and appeared on Baird's first transmission from Broadcasting House in London on 22.08.1932

Mrs Caroline Victoria Bolton - 1840-1935 – 1st Headmistress NGHS

Caroline was born in Prussia and had run a private school in London before in 1875 becoming the first Headmistress of NGHS at 1 Oxford Street, appointed by the Girls Public Day School Company but she only stayed until 1876

Eleanor Bonington nee Parkes - **1774-1837** - **school teacher & governess**

Eleanor was an experienced schoolteacher and governess from Birmingham, she married Richard Bonington and moved to Arnold. Their son was Richard Parkes Bonington the artist.

Hilda Boot aka Butsova - 1896-1976 - Ballerina

Born in Nottingham Hilda danced as the understudy for Anna Pavlova touring the world. She married and lived in New York where she taught ballet in the Russian style.

Dorothy Boot - 1890-1980 -

Dorothy, the daughter of Jesse and Florence Boot is commemorated in 11 almshouses built in Wilford in 1908, for veterans of the Crimean War and Indian Mutiny.

Florence Boot - nee Rowe - 1863-1952 - Businesswoman and benefactor

Florence from Jersey, married Jesse Boot in 1886 and worked with him to expand the business to include the Boots Booklovers Library. She continued to run the Boots business after his death.

Elizabeth Boot - 1726-???? - Clockmaker

Elizabeth from King Street in Sutton in Ashfield was the daughter of John Sutton. She made 30hour clocks in cases of oak.

Christine Bowering nee Soper - 1936 - ???? – 10th Head mistress NGHS

Christine was born in Westcliff-on-Sea attended Newnham College at Cambridge University where she attained her degree and masters in Natural Sciences and Law. She became Head in 1984 and worked constantly to improve standards

Druie Bowett - 1924-1998 - Artist

Born in Ripon she studied at Harrogate School of Art. She was involved with the influential Midland Group of Artists and was a friend of founder Evelyn Gibbs. She exhibited over 5 decades

Georgina Brackenbury - 1865-1949 - Artist & suffragette

Georgina from Holme Pierrepont Hall was a talented painter as well as a suffragette and friend of Mrs Pankhurst

Gladys May Breedon - 1899-1967 - Railway Porter

Gladys, born in Shelford, lived with her grandparents in Radcliffe-on-Trent. She became a railway porter during WW1. She married a Wesleyan minister in 1928 and moved to live in Cheshire.

Annie Briant - 1858-1910? - Founder & Secretary of Female Cigar Makers Union

Annie moved to Carrington from Boston in Lincolnshire having been sacked from Thorn's Cigar makers, here she worked for Robinson & Barnsdale of Derby Road and following an attempt by employers to reduce wages resulting in a strike she founded the Female Cigar Makers Union in 1887.

Anne Briggs - 1944-current - Singer

Anne was born in Toton and became a folk singer

Phoebe Brittan - c1918 -- Girl Guider & WW1 work

Phoebe of Ist Nottm Girl Guides (YWCA) left for war work in France in 1918

Barbara Mary Brooke nee Atkins - 1934-2026 - Mrs Stapleford

Barbara was born in Gedling, she attended Priory Road School Gedling and NGHS

before training as a teacher. She taught for 22 years, retiring in 1994. Barbara married in 1956 and had three children. Later in life she became “Mrs Stapleford”, enthusiastically promoting Bramcote and Stapleford and tirelessly volunteering.

Norah Brooks - c1918 - Aeronautical munitions

Norah from Mansfield, worked in a mill but moved to work in the Tail Plane & Elevation Dept of William Lawrence in Colwick doing aeronautical munitions work.

Eleanor Dorothy Browne - 1881-1954 - Red Cross co-ordinator

Eleanor from Collingham ran the WW1 Red Cross central work room at 27 Bridlesmith Gate

Jane Browne - 1950? – current

Jane came to Nottingham University in the 1970's and joined the socialist group and then the Women's Liberation Group and became involved in their activism

Jane Brownsword - 1842-1931 - Poor Law Guardian

Jane was a founding Town member of the Town & County Social Guild and one of the first woman Poor Law Guardians and mother of leading suffragist Helena/ Nellie Dowson

Pip Broughton - 1957-current - Artistic Director

Pip was the first female artistic Director of the Playhouse in the early 1990s

Winnifred Maud Brown - 1887-1918 - VAD Nurse

Winnifred, daughter of City Engineer was educated at NGHS and she was a VAD nurse in WW1. She sailed for Egypt on SS Osmanieh to work in a military hospital there, but it was sunk by a German torpedo and she was drowned near Alexandria.

Dr Helen Mary Browning- 1893 – 1989 – First woman Dr of Physics

Mary attended NGHS and afterwards went on to study Physics at the University of London and became in 1922 the first woman in England to be awarded a Doctorate in Physics. Dr Browning lived in Mapperley and lectured in Physics at Nottingham University. She was part of a group of women protesters who tried to stop Drury Hill and Broad Marsh being pulled down.

Merlita Bryan - 1950? -current - Councillor, Sheriff and Mayor

Merlita was born in Jamaica and came to England in 1962. She became a Councillor in 2010, Sheriff in 2012 and Lord Mayor in 2013, the first BAME woman in these positions.

Ruth Bryan - 1805-1860 - Diarist

Born in London she came to Nottingham as a child with her father, a minister. She was very spiritual and austere and lived at 18 High Pavement. She kept a detailed diary from 1822.

(Catherine Mary) May Burgis - 1874-1930 - Suffragette

May, as she was known, was a teacher and became the first secretary of Nottingham's branch of WSPU, she also was an evader in the 1911 census. She became headmistress of Clarendon Girl's school.

Bridgid Jane Burke-Bloor nee Burke - ?-1946 - Political activist

Originally from Aberdeen she was President of the Nottingham branch of the Women's Labour Leagues and stood unsuccessfully for the City Council in 1919

Mary Agnes Burr OBE – 1907- 1997 – Pharmacist

Agnes took over the Park Pharmacy in Nottingham in 1936. She became the second woman to serve as president of the RPS from 1962-1963. Later she was awarded a Charter Gold Medal in 1973 for her outstanding pharmacy work, and in 1975 was awarded an OBE for services to pharmacy.

Louisa /Louie Burrows - 1888-1962 - Teacher

Louie grew up in Ilkeston and was a friend and then engaged to D H Lawrence. Louie was the prototype for Ursula in *The Rainbow*.

Mary Ann Burt - 1807-1885 - Signed 1866 suffrage petition

Mary Ann signed the 1866 suffrage petition and joined the Nottingham branch of WSS. In 1874 she chaired a meeting about the 9hour bill which was felt would greatly disadvantage women

Ann Burton - 1776-1862 - Benefactor

Ann inherited her father's fortune and used it to build some alms houses for the benefit of widows, widowers or unmarried people over 60. The Castle has a 1792 embroidery by her.

(Mary) May Butler - 1841-1916 - Hymn writer

May was the daughter of Thomas Butler, of Langar and spent her time visiting the poor, teaching etc. On his retirement they moved to Shrewsbury where she wrote poems & hymns

Emily Campbell – current - Weightlifter

Emily from Bulwell made sporting history at the Toyko Olympics winning the first ever UK medal for a female weightlifter. There is a portrait sculpture on Route 6 of the National Cycle Network.

Eunice Campbell Clark OBE - c1950-current - First BAME County Councillor

Eunice was the first BAME County Councillor in 1989; in 2004 she joined the Congress of Europe and in 2016 was elected first Vice President of the Congress of Regions

Doris Mary Cannell - 1913-2000 - Educator, Biographer of George Green

Born and educated in Liverpool she became a teacher then switched to HE, she led the formation of Trent Uni. In retirement she wrote a biography of George Green raising his profile.

Henrietta Carey - 1845-1920 - Activist and reformer

Henrietta was involved in religious and social work for 50 years, founding Nottingham Town and Country Social Guild (TCSG) in 1875 and many other organisations to help the poor

Fanny Catherine Carey - 1842-1921 - Social work

Fanny was the sister of Henrietta Carey and was a Town member of the Town & County Guild founded by Henrietta.

Jane Carey nee ??? - 1850's– 1920's? - Youth work

Jane was the wife of William Henry Carey, brother of Henrietta and Fanny. She was very involved in the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)

Ethel Lillian Carlin nee Birkin - 1875-1972 - Red Cross nurse

Ethel had a very lengthy and devoted nursing career.

Eva Carmichael - c1970's - Broad Marsh Protester

Eva from Beeston was one of 5 women active in protesting the clearance of Broad Marsh writing letters, attending public enquiries etc

Mary Ann Carter - c1850s - College Principal

Principal of Wellesley College she supported 1864 petition to open Cambridge University's exams to women, and signed the 1866 women's suffrage petition

Edith Cartledge - 1892-1984 - WW1 Telephonist

Edith worked as a telephonist in WW1 at Nottingham Castle Exchange – she retained her post and became Nottingham's oldest telephone operator

Florence Carver - 1864-1923 - Benefactor

Florence left in her will £40,000 to the General Hospital in memory of her father.

Evangeline Cary - 1865-1950 - Salvation Army officer

Evangeline was the daughter of Catherine & William Booth, founders of the Salvation Army she enjoyed a prestigious career with the Salvation Army both in England and America

Winnifred Joan Case - 1918-2008 - Alderman and Mayor

Joan was elected Alderman and went on to become the first female Lord Mayor of Nottingham in 1968 and the first woman Chair of the County Council in 1981.

Eileen Casey - 1881-1972 - Suffragette

Eileen was arrested in Nottingham marketplace on 24th June 1914, the visit of King George V and was carrying bomb making equipment. She was tried and imprisoned.

Martha Anne Cattle nee Brentnall - 1865-1947 - Social worker/activist, Conservative Councillor

Martha came to Nottingham when she married and became secretary of the Town and Country Social Guild serving on many committees and projects; in 1931 she became a Councillor.

Margaret Cavendish - 1623 -1673 - Poet

Margaret was married to William Cavendish, Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, she published the first English book of poetry by a woman '*Poems and Fancies*' in 1653.

Winifred Anna Cavendish-Bentinck -nee Dallas-Yorke- 1863-1954 – first president of Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Winifred was born in Perthshire, she married William Cavendish-Bentinck in 1889. She became the first president for the newly established Royal Society for the Protection of Birds - she remained president until her death in 1954. She was also the first County President of Girl Guides from 1916-1954.

Elizabeth Chadwick - 1957 - Novelist

Elizabeth was a prolific historical novelist who has lived in Nottingham since age 10.

Lily Chadwick -- 1889-1968 - Munitions worker, Midwife

Born in Leicester aged 19 she married Sam Chadwick and moved to Nottm. During WW1 Lily worked in munitions and also assisted the local Doctor with childbirths

Jane Chalmers nee Robertson Hercus - ????-1879 - Missionary

A member of the London Missionary Society's Nottingham branch; she went to New Guinea where she died in 1879

Mary Chambers - 1778- 1848 - Established blind school & home

Mary a quaker, was herself blind but had nonetheless been educated. She established the first home and school for the blind in a small house in Park Street, in Nottingham, which was the origin of the Royal Institution for the Blind in Clarendon Street.

Louie Chaplin - 1898-1918 - Chilwell Canary

Louie from Gotham was killed at the munition's factory in Chilwell on July 1st, 1918.

Norma Charles - 1940-current - Chair race Equality, writer

Norma came to the UK from Jamaica in 1959, she worked as a nurse, social worker and teacher, chaired the Race Equality Council and then at 81 became a published writer.

Caroline Anne Chaworth Musters - 1842-1912 - Charity worker

Lina was the eldest daughter of Henry Sherbrooke, she married John Chaworth Musters and lived in Annesley Hall. She was a founding County member of the Town and County Social Guild

Ada Marion Churley - c 1876 -1944+

Ada with Louise Hoffmann established Broadgate – a girls' school - at 30 and then 25 Regent Street – both women were graduates. Ill health forced Miss Hoffmann to stand

down and Miss Churley took sole charge. By 1929 the school had moved to 1 & 2 Western Terrace and there was a junior house for girls and boys at No 3. She retired in 1944 aged 68.

Miss Cecily C Clark – c1860? – 5th Headmistress of NGHS

Miss Clarke took over from Miss Skeel in 1898 and she remained as Head for 23 years. In 1921 the neighbouring house Radnor House was bought to expand the school.

Gladys Clarke - 1897-? Munitions worker

Gladys was born in Nottingham to Annie Clarke but in 1911 census she is fostered with the Whittlesee's in Ilkeston. On 14.04.1917 she married Thomas Marson and her certificate gives her occupation as a munition's worker probably at Chilwell as they lived in Burton on the Wolds

Louisa Clarke – c 1874 – school mistress

Louisa opened her day and boarding school for girls in 1874 initially at 9 Park Terrace but then at Western Terrace and the school was known as Western House (probably 3 Western Terr). In 1890 it moved to 30 the Ropewalk. One of Miss Clarke's pupils was Rose Feilmann author of *There are Fairies at the bottom of my garden*.

Miss Clarke & Mrs Clarke – c 1830's - school-mistresses

Together they ran a school in Beeston at Robinette House but then in 1830 opened a school at Park Terrace, number unknown -though it was gone by 1832. It was possibly at 2 Park Terrace where a Mrs Ellen Stone moved her school in 1834.

Susanna Clarke - 1959-current - Novelist

Susanna was born in Nottingham to a Methodist Minister, she has lived in England and abroad. Her acclaimed debut novel *Jonathon Strange & Mr Norrell* was published in 2003

Bianca Claxton – 1991- current - Musician

Born in Gunthorpe and educated at Nottingham High school for Girls she is a musician and member of the girl group Parade

Faith Clerkson - ? – 1725 - Benefactor

Faith from Mansfield, bequeathed £2000 in her will of 1725, to erect a school in Mansfield

Monica Mary Geikie Cobb - 1891-1946 - barrister

She was called to the Bar in 1922 and was the first female barrister to appear in Nottingham in January 1923 as reported in Nottingham Journal

Laura Violet Rose Cole nee Knapp - 1895-1948 - Registered nurse

Laura was born in Shepherd's Bush, during WW1 she trained as a nurse at Windsor. By 1939 she became sub matron at Florence Boot Hall, in charge of the medical care of

the women students.

Margaret Siriol Colley - 1925 – 2011 -Doctor and Writer

Margaret was born in London to Welsh parents, she was a family Doctor in Beeston for 35 years. In 1985 she rescued her beloved uncle's memory by researching what had happened to him and writing a book *More than a Grain of Truth* in 2005 This became a film Mr Jones released in February 2020

Pamela Cook MBE - 1937 – 2013 – founder of Cantamus choir

Pamela from Mansfield was a contralto singer and vocal coach, and taught music at Nottingham University. In 1968 she founded the Cantamus girls' choir which won 26 first prizes at International festivals 1971 – 2013. She was awarded an MBE in 1984.

Mrs D Cooke - c1866 - Signed 1866 suffrage petition

Mrs Cooke's address is listed as Royal Gate?

Mary Corner - c1913 - Poor Law Guardian

Mary, a Conservative, became a Poor law Guardian in 1913 she was co-opted on to the Care of Mentally Deficiency Committee when it became statutory to have women members.

Mabel Winnifred Cottee - 1905-1991 - Artist

Mabel studied at the College of Art, and became a painter and was a member of the Nottingham Society of Artists.

Dorothy Coulson- ???? – fire watcher in WW2

Dorothy lived on Church Drive in Daybrook and was killed at the official shelter in Black's factory on Dakeyne Street in Sneinton 9th May 1941

Marie Eugenie Elisa Courtial - c1873 - schoolmistress

Elise in 1873 set up a school for young ladies at 8 Pelham Terrace – Brincliffe school (now 31 & 33 Newcastle Drive.) There were German and English Governesses as well as music, singing and Latin and pupil exchanges with her sister's school in Paris. In 1883, Elise married and stepped back and threw herself into work with YWCA.

Ann Cowen nee Guilford - 1831-1894 - Suffragist

Ann was the first secretary of Nottingham's UWSS and active in the national UWSS representing Nottingham in 1885. In 1883 she was elected to the Nottingham School Board

Barbara Cox - c1938 - Co Councillor

Barbara was elected to the County Council in 1938

Karen Cox – current - Professor and Deputy VC at Nottingham Uni

Karen was the Professor of Cancer and Palliative Care and Deputy Vice Chancellor at Nottingham University. She led 'Project Transform'. In 2017 she moved to be VC of

Kent University.

Louisa Cox - c1850- 1910 - Painter

Louisa was born in Nottingham about 1850 and became a Miniature painter of considerable skill and artistic ability.

Rosalie Craig – 1981 – current – actress

Rosalie was born in Nottingham and attended High Pavement school and then Bilborough Sixth Form College before studying for a BA in Actor Musicianship at Rose Bruford college. She has appeared in a number of musicals and won awards. She also starred in Riot Women in 2025

Elizabeth Cresswell - c1839-?? -Chartist

Elizabeth, a 43year old framework knitter, was arrested during a chartist demonstration in Mansfield as reported in the Nottingham Mercury in August 1839

Helen Cresswell - 1934-2005 - Writer

Helen was born in Kirkby in Ashfield and educated at Nottingham High School for Girl. She was a prolific children's author writing over 100 children's books in a 45year career

Dorothea Crewdson - 1887-1919 - VAD nurse

Dorothea was a VAD nurse who died on active service in France in 1919 and is the only woman listed on the Lenton war memorial.

Marian Cripps nee Ellis - 1876-1952 - Anti-war activist

Marian's parents were radical Quakers, in WW1 she funded the No Conscription League and was imprisoned under DORA. She married Charles Cripps and became Baroness Parmoor.

(Ellen) Nelly Crocker - 1872-1962 - Suffragette

Nelly, a relative of Dorothy Pethick was the Women's Social and Political Union's organiser in Nottingham from 1909-12. She was arrested and went on hunger strike several times.

(Evangeline) Eva Agnes Crofts nee Johnson - ????-1946 - Textile and ceramic designer

Eva was Laura Knight's older sister and herself a talented ceramic and textile designer. She contributed designs to Clarice Cliff's Bizarre Bon Jour and Krafton Bon Jour ranges in 1930's.

Helen Crowder - c1930's - Broad Marsh protester

Helen from Sherwood was a protester about the pulling down of Broad Marsh

Elizabeth and Marianne Cullen - c1882 - Benefactors

Elizabeth and Marianne Cullen of Park Valley, erected in memory of their brother James, 12 memorial houses in Sherwood for ladies of reduced circumstances.

Mary Ann Cursham - 1794-1881 - Writer & poet

Mary Ann was born in Sutton in Ashfield and as a child moved to Annesley. Her first book was *Martin Luther* 1825 and later wrote *Norman Abbey: a tale of Sherwood Forest* 1832

Mary Selina Curzon - 1810-1890 - Signed 1866 petition

Mary lived 57 Barker Gate. She was a subscriber at Bromley House Library 1871-1890. At her death she left several bequests including £500 to the Nottingham Women's Hospital.

Kay Cutts MBE - 1942-current - County Councillor, Leader

Kay was a parish councillor and then was elected as a Conservative to the County Council in 1989. She was the Leader from 2017-2021 when she stood down.

Georgina Culley - 1952-2017 - Conservative City Councillor

Georgina was a Councillor for Wollaton for 25 years and was Leader of the Conservative Group. She died aged only 65 and there is a commemorative plaque at Wollaton Hall

Mehreen Datoos – current – infectious diseases researcher

Mehreen attended NGHS leaving in 2005 going on to study medicine at Kings College in London. She gained her D. Phil, equivalent to a PHD at Oxford studying infectious diseases and microbiology working on a malaria vaccine, covid and ebola vaccines.

Karlene Cecile Davis DBE - 1946-current - First black TU leader & Director of Midwifery

Karlene was born in Jamaica and came to the UK in 1967 training as a nurse in Nottingham and then as a midwife. She was the **first** black TU leader then Director of Midwifery at Guy's

Alice Mary Dax nee Mills - 1878-1951 - Suffragette

Alice was born in Liverpool and was an active suffragette, she moved to Eastwood and knew D H Lawrence, and is thought to be the inspiration behind Clara Dawes in *Sons and Lovers*

Dame Judi Dench - 1934-current - Actress

Judi Dench appeared in many early productions at the Nottingham Playhouse

Katherine Molly Denman - 1909-1990 - Sister & principal tutor

Molly trained at Nottingham General Hospital in 1930 gaining her SRN exam in 1933. Later she became Principal Tutor in 1959 and retired in 1969.

Caroline Dexter - 1819-1884 - Writer

Caroline was born in Nottingham but spent time in France and later Australia. She taught languages, was a Bloomerite, a clairvoyant and then created *The First Ladies Almanack*.

Grace Jane Dexter – 1884-1893 – diarist and teacher, friend of Florence Nightingale

Grace was born in Caroline Street and began work aged 14 as a pupil teacher in Sneinton Board School. In 1885 she became a friend of Florence Nightingale. Grace kept a diary which details this friendship, as well as everyday life.

Helena Mary Dexter nee Radford - 1879 -1965 - Benefactor

Helena married Samuel Smith in 1902 moved to Radcliffe on Trent. During WW1 in 1916 Helena opened up The Hall as a convalescent home for wounded officers,

Miss Dilkes – c 1836 – school mistress

In 1836 she established a school for Young Ladies at Park house on Derby Terrace. She had previously been a Governess at Stoke Hall near Newark. She sought to prepare her pupils for society 'connecting the duties of religion and morality with the cultivation of the mind.'. The school did not last long.

Mrs Salome Dodson nee Gawthorne – 1799-1870, Jane Dodson - 1824-1900

Mary Dodson - 1834-1886 - Signed 1866 suffrage petition

Salome was born in Belper and married William Dodson, a lace maker in Duffield in 1821. Her father was the Rev Thomas Ratcliffe Gawthorne (1765-1847) an independent minister. When they signed the 1866 petition, they lived at Lamartine Street

Lady Emily Eliza Don nee Saunders - 1832-1875 - Manager of Theatre Royal

Born in Dublin to a theatrical family she married Sir William Don and both performed in Nottm Theatre Royal which she managed in 1870 but ended up in debt.

Margery Doubleday - ????? – 1544 - Benefactor

Margery left the rent for a close of houses on the condition that the sexton of St Peter's church rang a bell for which she also paid at 4 am to rouse the washer women for work

Becky Downie MBE - 1992- current - Artistic gymnastics

Becky is an artistic gymnast who competes for England at Commonwealth and Olympic Games level. With her sister she spoke out about abuse in the sport and received an **MBE** in 2023

Ellie Downie MBE - 1999-current - Artistic gymnastics

Ellie represented GB in 2014 Summer Youth Olympics and won bronze at 2015 European Championships. With her sister she spoke out about abuse in the sport, awarded **MBE** in 2023

Alice Dowson nee Greg - 1844-1927 - Suffragist, secretary NUWSS

Alice was active in various social and political issues ranging from contagious diseases to suffrage and was secretary of Nottingham's branch of Women's Suffrage Society in 1894.

Helena Dowson nee Brownsword - 1866-1964 - Leading Suffragist

Nellie, as she was known, became the secretary of the Nottingham in 1896 and worked tirelessly for the vote. In 1920 she became one of the first 3 women JP's and was also elected as a Liberal Councillor

Hilda Dowson nee Greg - 1883-1956 - Suffragist

Hilda was born in Cheshire and moved to Radcliffe on her marriage. She was active in the NUWSS being secretary. She lived at the Manor and then the Grange in Radcliffe on Trent

(Alice) Maud Dowson - 1871 – 1936 - Suffragist

Daughter of Alice Dowson, Maud was active in many social and political matters including suffrage. She never married lived with her parents, but looked after her sister's children as well as her parents

Corinne Drewery – 1959 – current - Lead singer

Corinne grew up in Nottingham, and is a singer songwriter, best known as the lead singer of *Swing Out Sister*

Melanie Duffill-Jeffs - c1980 – current - Co-founder of Hollaback Nottingham

Mel as CEO of the Women's Centre helped set up '*Hollaback*' to challenge misogynistic hate crime. She was the first female Director of Bromley House Library in 2017-I 2022

Natalie Duncan - 1988-current - Singer

Natalie is a blues/soul singer

Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent – Current - Chief Midwifery Officer

Jacqueline is a professor with vast experience in healthcare provision. In 2019 she was appointed the first Chief Midwifery Officer in England

Grace Reynolds Durant - 1889-1974 – VAD Nurse

Grace was a VAD nurse from Radcliffe on Trent – Notts 94 who served in Malta. She also served in WW2. Her letters and armbands are held at Imperial war Museum

Janine Duvitski - 1952-current - actress

Janine was born in Nottingham but brought up in Lancashire and is a popular working actress eg *Abigail's Party*, *Waiting for Godot*, *One Foot in the Grave*.

Sue Dymoke - 1962-2023 - Poet

Sue was born in Stevenage but moved to Nottingham in 1980's. She performed her work, edits poetry and organises poetry events. She was a teacher and HE lecturer.

Mary Alexandra Earps MBE - 1993- current - Professional footballer, Lioness goalkeeper

Mary from West Bridgford played football for Nottingham Forest, was part of the winning squad at 2022 European championship & played in 2023 Women's World Cup. A tram is named for her.

Joan Adeney Easdale - 1913-1998 - Poet and eccentric

Joan was known in Nottingham as Sophie Curley an eccentric bag lady who preached free love in the marketplace but she had once been a published poet.

Emily Mary Edge - 1891-1978 - Owner of Strelley Hall

Emily was the last member of the Edge family to inherit Strelley Hall but only on the condition that she did not marry

Rowena Edlin-White - 1948-current - Writer

Rowena was born in Nottingham, she studied drama and worked in theatre and television until 1980 then she began writing local history *eg Exploring Nottingham Writers*

Mrs Eggleston - ???? - Coop Director

She was Director of the Nottingham Co-operative Society and President of the Co-operative Women's Guild promoting welfare clinics and women's greater political involvement.

Janice Elliott - 1931- 95 - Writer

Janice was brought up in Nottingham she was a journalist, prolific novelist and children's author.

Edith M Ellis - 1878-1963 - Pacifist

Edith, the daughter of a local Liberal MP was involved in the Friends Service Committee during WW1 supporting Quakers who refused conscription; she was sentenced to 3 months in Holloway

Lady Inez Blanche Ellis OBE nee Faviell - 1862-1961 – Commandant of Thorney Hall Hospital

She was the Commandant of Thorney Hall Hospital and was awarded an **OBE** in 1920. She was married to Sir Charles Ellis and lived at Rampton Manor.

Maria Ellis (Mrs) - c1843 - Chartist

Maria of Independent Hill and was nominated for the National Chartist General Council in 1843 (Northern Star 8 July 1843)

Mary Ann Ellis (Miss) - c1843 - Chartist

Mary Ann of Independent Hill was nominated to the national Chartist General Council as sub treasurer (Northern Star 8 July 1843)

Mary Ann Ellis (Mrs) - c1843 - Chartist

Mary Ann of Independent Street was a Chartist as recorded in the Northern Star 6 May 1843. She was presumably mother to Maria and Mary Ann – above.

Olive Violet Elnor - 1897-1979 - VAD Nurse

Olive was born in Radcliffe on Trent. In January 1915, Olive became a Red Cross VAD

unpaid nurse during WW1.

Alice Honoria Enfield - 1882-1935 - NFWW worker

Alice was born in Nottingham and lived at Burton Joyce. From 1913 she worked for the National Federation of Women Workers; in 1922 she was secretary of the Women's Cooperative Guild

Anne Enfield - 1801-65 - artist

Anne lived at Lenton House now owned by Boots and private, she was an accomplished amateur artist who recorded local places in her drawings and paintings.

Margaret Elinor Enfield - 1887-1978 - Communist, writer

Born in Sutton Bonnington, she lived in Burton Joyce, she married communist Emile Burns joined the Communist Party in 1923 and wrote books on British Imperialism

Mary Pendlebury Enfield - c1859-1946 - Painter of Miniatures

Mary after doing her art training became a Miniature painter and was exhibited at the Royal Academy. Her father was Richard Enfield

Barbara Erskine - 1944-current - Novelist

Barbara was born in Nottingham, studied medieval Scottish history in Edinburgh and became a novelist. She divides her time between Hay-on-Wye and North Essex. She has published 20 novels

Salome Estorick nee Dessau - 1920-1989 - RAF sergeant, art collector

Salome served in the RAF during WW2 decoding German signals and interrogating German Prisoners. Afterwards she invented stretch lace? and with her husband set up the Estorick collection of Italian art which can be visited in London.

Edith Cecily Evans - 1896-1980 - Asst. Red Cross Director

Edith was the Assistant Red Cross Director for Nottinghamshire. In 1948 after 35years she was created sister of the Order of St John. She lived in The Park.

Edith Mary Evans MBE - 1860-1935 - Principal Officer Red Cross Clothing Dept

She was a 'scarlet runner' and during WW1 set up a privately funded war hospital supply depot at 27 Bridlesmith Gate, the Central Work Rooms to provide bandages, nightshirts, gowns etc

Olga Farmer - 1912-1996 - Painter

Olga painted in both oil and water colour, chiefly portraits. She was a member of the Nottingham Society of Artists and exhibited at the Royal Academy

Jenny Farr MBE – current - Young People's Advocate, Deputy Lieutenant

Jenny worked with NSPCC to help abused youngsters and was president of East Midlands Child's Voice appeal in 2006. In 1993 she became the **first female deputy Lord Lieutenant**

Marjorie Pollard Fearfield MBE nee Stafford - 1894-1984 - Asst Transport Officer
British Red Cross

During WW1 Marjorie was the Assistant Transport Officer at the British Red Cross Society in Nottingham. She was awarded an **MBE** in 1920.

Louisa Elizabeth Featherstone - 1818-1878 - Signed 1866 suffrage petition

Louisa was a teacher specialising in music, drawing and embroidery she took over her father's Bromley House subscription in 1865. In her will her assets were £1000.

Vicki Feaver - 1943-current - Poet

Vicki was born in Nottingham, went to NGHS before studying music at Durham University and English at London University. She then lectured in English and Creative writing at Colchester. She is a published poet with 10 collections and now lives in South Lanarkshire, Scotland

Christine Fell - 1938-1998 - Prof. & Pro Vice Chancellor

Christine was a lecturer in English Studies at Nottingham University in 1971, in 1981 she became Professor of Early English Studies, and in 1985 she became the **first** woman Pro Vice-Chancellor

Dorothie Spence Field - 1915-1994 - Artist

Dorothie came to Nottingham in 1932, she painted still-life, flowers and figures, in oils. She was a member of the Midland Group of Artists, an art lecturer and ran a gallery at 359 Aspley Lane

Ida Firman - 1895-1988 - WW2 Air Transport Auxiliary pilot

Ida lived on Ruddington Lane and during WW2 was a pilot in the all-female Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA) ferrying damaged and new aircraft between UK factories and delivering them internationally.

Rosie Firth - c1970's - Women's Liberation Campaigner

Rosie authored a leaflet calling for women to help form a '*Women's Liberation Group*' in Nottingham, she stressed non-alignment with any political group

Sue Fish – current - Chief Constable & co founder of Hollaback

Sue together with 2 other women helped in 2016 have Nottingham Police categorise misogyny as a hate crime – the **first** police force to do so

Sybil Fisher - 1885-1974 - Conservative Councillor

Sybil was the daughter of a lace manufacturer and was elected as a Conservative councillor on Arnold Urban District Councillor in 1931 – 35. She lived in the Park and then Arno Vale.

Connie Mae Ford MBE - 1912-1998 – Vet & Poet

Connie qualified as a vet and from 1943 worked at Sutton Bonington in the Government's veterinary investigation service. She was also a published poet. See

Nottingham Uni MSS

W Foster - c1880- 1950 - Painter

She was a member of the Nottingham Society of Artists for many years, and a regular exhibitor of her water colours

Edith Henrietta Fowler - 1865- 1944 - Writer

Edith was a successful novelist writing and after marrying Rev Robert Hamilton and moved to Long Eaton, Derbyshire- an area with an NG postcode often thought of as in Nottinghamshire.

Elizabeth Fradd DBE- 1949-2024 - Nurse, Professor, Deputy Lieutenant

Liz trained as a children's nurse and held a variety of nursing posts before becoming Deputy Chief Nursing Officer for England. In 2009 she was awarded a **DBE**

Frances Fraser – 1832 – 1889 - Lace maker

Frances was a single mother and brought up her sons to be a lawyer, a minister and one became Mayor and sheriff of Nottingham. It is likely that Samuel Morley was the father of her children and though they were unmarried he left the children significant sums of money on his death.

Eliza Ann Freer - 1879-1927 - Teacher & Headteacher

Eliza from Kirby in Ashfield began her teaching career at Eastwood National School in 1897. She became head of the Infants at Radcliffe on Trent and was there until her death in 1927.

Annie Freeman - ? -1918

During WW1 Annie worked at the Chilwell Munitions factory where she was killed in the explosion on July 1st1918. She is commemorated on the war memorial in St Peter's church and is buried in the mass grave at St Mary's Attenborough.

Frances Mary Fryer nee Cooke - 1874-1947 - Secretary, Sherwood Foresters Comm. Frances was the Joint Secretary of the Sherwood Foresters' Prisoners of War Committee.

Alice Edith Fussell - 1860- 1908 - Water colourist

Alice was a teacher of painting and drawing at the NGHS for 17 years from 1885 – 1902. She set up the Fussell scholarship at NGHS. She was also a frequent exhibitor of water colour drawings

Ada Fussey - 1856-1946 - Painter

Ada was born in Hull and became an artist of some distinction and for many years was a well-known teacher of painting and drawing,

Rose Fyleman - 1877- 1957 – singer, writer & poet

Rose Amy Feilmann was born in Nottingham to German Jewish immigrant parents,

aged 40 Rose published her famous fairy poem '*There are fairies at the bottom of my garden!*'.

Faith Gakanje – current - Activist

In 2006 founded the African Women Empowerment Forum, a social enterprise running courses for asylum seeking and refugee women and national campaign *Reunite me with my Children*

Winnifred Marshall Gales - 1761-1839 - Writer

Winnifred was born in Newark and began writing as a child publishing her first novel at 17. She moved to Philadelphia and in 1804 she published *Matilda Berkley*

Rosie Garner - 1957-current - Writer

Rosie was born and still lives in Nottingham and is influenced by its tales and writers. Some regard her as a Nottingham writer though she sees her work as broader

Louise Garvey 1941--current - Nurse equality campaigner

Louise was born in East Portland in Jamaica and came to England in 1957 and trained as a nurse. She wrote '*An Insight into the lives of Black Nurses in Nottingham-* and is a published poet. She was the model for the black enslaved woman worker in Rachel Carter's sculpture *Standing in this Place*.

Abigail Gawthern - 1757-1822 - Diarist

Abigail ran her husband Francis's white lead business after his death and was wealthy owning eighteen houses in Broad Marsh and Drury Hill; she kept a diary which records life in late 1700's.

Monica Mary Geike Cobb - 1891-1946 - Barrister

Monica was called to the bar in 1922 and was the *first* female barrister to appear at Nottingham Assizes on 30th Jan1923

Elizabeth Gellestrobe - ???? – 1543 - Benefactor

Elizabeth in her will of 1543, endowed some alms houses in Barker Gate,

Dorothy Gem – 1880? – 1970? - school mistress

Dorothy had worked from 1915 with Louise Hoffmann and Ada Churley who established Broadgate school for girls in The Park. She had attended NGHS and her father was vicar of All Saints Nottingham. After finishing school in Paris, she trained as a teacher at Cheltenham Ladies College. She retired in 1967 aged over 80.

Isabella Gem – 1862 – 1930 – Guide leader

Ella as she was known, was a born organiser and keen to support isolated girls and young women, she was involved in a number of women's organisations including Guiding -she was known locally as Guide Mother. Her daughter Dorothy was a teacher – see above.

Evelyn Gibbs - 1905-1991 - Artist

Evelyn was lecturing at Goldsmith's College, London when it was evacuated to Nottingham in 1939. She was one of the most important artists of her generation.

Ann Gilbert nee Taylor - 1782-1866 – Writer, anti-slavery & women's campaigner

Ann wrote poems, hymns and literary criticism, she also set up a refuge for women and an anti-slavery society in Nottingham.

Anne Gilbert - 1830-1908 - Writer

Born Anne Gee she married Isaac Charles Gilbert, son of above Ann and Joseph Gilbert in 1851. She ran a school at 6 Arthur Street and she wrote *Recollections of Old Nottingham*

Annie Laurie Gilbert - 1848-1941 - Water colourist

Annie was a landscape water colour painter, painting scenes in and around Nottingham and the County

Sharon Gibson - 1961-current – Olympic Javelin thrower

Sharon competed in the Olympics in 1984 and 1988, and in the European championships 1990 and 1994 and commonwealth games in 1994 where she came third.

Mary Aloysia Gillett MBE - 1878-1943 - Hospital Commandant

Mary was the Commandant of the Eastwood Army Hospital and was awarded an **MBE** in 1920.

Mary Gillick - 1881-1965 - Sculptress

Mary was educated at Nottingham High School for Girls, studied at Nottingham School of Art, taking up sculpture, she worked with the Royal Mint on the Queen's image for new coinage

Elizabeth Glaister - 1840-1892 - Writer

Elizabeth from Sussex came to Southwell when her brother became curate. She began writing in her thirties producing 5 novels between 1873-1890. She is buried at the Minster.

Margaret Stote Glen-Bott - 1891-1969 - Gynaecologist, surgeon, magistrate

Margaret came to Nottingham in 1916 and was the **first** woman Gynaecologist holding the position of Honorary Surgeon at Nottingham Women's Hospital and the Children's Hospital. She lived in The Park and at 15 Regent Street.

Elizabeth Sarah Villa-Real Gooch - 1757-1807 - Writer

Elizabeth from Edwinstowe married a fortune hunter who abandoned her in France in debt. She returned to England and spent time in Fleet prison where she wrote several novels

Mrs Goodman – c???? - Midwife and bleeder with leeches

Mrs Goodman lived on Goose Gate and practiced midwifery and bleeding – she also managed a register of monthly nurses, wet nurses & servants to supply to those wanting to employ them

Ethel Gordon-Fenwick nee Manson – 1856 -1947 - Nurse campaigner, first SRN

Ethel trained as a nurse at Nottingham Children’s hospital at age 21 in 1878 and then campaigned for improved nurse training and registration becoming the **first** SRN

Mrs Sue Gorham – c2006 current – 12th Headmistress NGHS

Sue joined the NGHS in 2006 and academic standards have risen under her and she has also spearheaded investment and transformation of the school’s facilities.

Catherine Grace Francis Gore - 1798-1867 - Writer

Catherine was brought up in Retford in 1823 she married Captain Charles Arthur Gore with whom she had 10 children. She produced 70 novels and plays between 1823–1861

Mrs Grace - c1820’s - Lace overseer

Mrs Grace employed many women and some children in a workshop ‘finishing’ lace – ‘jennying’ – carding up the individual strips, ‘running’ – embroidering as recorded by Mary Howitt

Posie Graeme-Evans - 1950-current - Writer

Born in Nottingham, Posie has written novels and directed for TV

Gwen Grant - 1940-current - Writer

Gwen was born in Worksop and became a published writer in 1978. She has written novels set in Worksop, another focuses on the miner’s strike of the 1980’s.

Dr Sarah Gray - 1860-1941 - First woman Dr in Nottingham

Sarah from Tipperary studied in London but got her qualification in Edinburgh in 1890, she moved to Nottingham and became the City’s **first** woman GP facing hostility. She lived and practiced at 21 Regent Street and later became the **first** woman president of the Medico-Chiurgical Society.

Miss Greaves - ????- 1837 - Castle resident

Miss Greaves rented rooms at the Castle for herself and the Rev Joseph Gilbert and his wife Ann when they came to Nottingham from Hull. She then bought 2 houses in Castle Gate. She may be a subscriber to Mary Bailey’s poems

Mary Green - c1675 - First postmaster for Nottingham

Mary was the **first** postmaster for Nottingham - before this post went from London to Newark and then a post boy would deliver it to Nottingham. (from *The Post Office at Nottingham* 1947 by Arthur William Gane Hall. - Copy in Bromley House).

Nan Green - 1904-1984 - Spanish civil war and peace activist

Nan was born in Beeston and was a heroine of the Spanish Civil war and stalwart of the Communist Party of Great Britain. She is not named on the memorial at County Hall

Miss Green(h)all - 1859-198? - Suffragette

She is mentioned in *Vanishing for the Vote* and also *No Surrender* but little is known, about her; she lived on Mansfield Road at Red Hill and she evaded the census & 'suffragette' was written on the form.

Kate Greenaway - 1846-1901 - Illustrator

Kate was educated at the Nottingham University College and at the South Kensington Art School, and at the Slade School. She specialised in water colour drawings of children.

Lillian Greenwood - 1966-current - Labour MP

Lillian moved to Southwell in 1999 and was the **first** woman elected to be an MP for Nottingham South in May 2010. She was Shadow Minister for Transport.

Julia Gudgeon - 1965? -current - Midwife

Born in Nottingham and educated at the Bluecoat school Julia works as Maternity Matron at University Hospital NHS Trust where she has developed a pregnancy App – *Pocket Midwife*

Hannah Guilford MBE - 1840-1938 - School Board, & Ed Comm. member

Hannah taught at High Pavement Sunday School and was the **first** female Chair of the Chapel's Council; she was also on the Nottm. School Board and the Education Committee.

Sarah Guilford - 1835- 1916 - Poor Law Guardian

Sarah, Hannah's sister, in 1892 was elected as one of the first women to serve as a Poor Law Guardian. She also taught at the High Pavement Sunday school

Nell Gywnne - 1650-1687 - King's Mistress

Born in Hereford she was the mistress of several men including Charles II with whom she had a son, Duke of Albans for whom she secured Bestwood Lodge in Nottingham.

Ida Hackett - 1914-2012 - Activist

Ida came from a mining family, worked in the Coop and became a communist, trade unionist and a prominent figure in the *Women against Pit Closures* in 1984-5 when she was over 70

Anne Hage - c1840 - ? – daughter of Mansfield Brewery founder

Anne from Mansfield was the daughter of one of the founders of the Mansfield Brewery and wife of Watson Fothergill, they lived at 7 Mapperley Road

Madge Hales - 1901-1985 - Poet

Madge's papers are held at Nottingham University MSS. Her poetry collection is called

'Dark Landscapes',

Mary Hardstaff - 1843-1899 - Benefactor

Mary founded a charity with assets of £36,838 and 8 alms houses at Giltbrook and another 8 at Mansfield Woodhouse were built.

Caroline Margaret Harper nee Lennox - 1863-1937 - Councillor, Sheriff and JP

Caroline was appointed as a Conservative Councillor for Market Ward she became the **first** woman appointed Sheriff of Nottingham in 1931; she also served as a JP from 1920-1937

Mary E Handford - c1853-?? - President Nottingham NUWW

Mary, the daughter of Lord Belper, was president of Nottingham branch of National Union of Women's Workers who held a conference at the Mikardo café in Sept 1916

Ellen Harrington - c1920 - First female Librarian at Bromley House

Ellen was the Librarian at Bromley House from 1943 – 1983. Her picture hangs in the room there which is named after her.

Mary Harrison - 1832-???? - Signed 1866 suffrage petition

Mary gives her address as Church Field, Old Radford. In 1892 she stood for the Nottingham Board of Guardians but was not successful.

Clare Harvey – current - Novelist

Clare a local author published *The Night Raid* in 2017 which is set in Nottingham in WW2 and includes a scene in Bromley House library and a focus on Laura Knight's war painting

Elain Harwood - 1958-2023 - Architectural writer

Elain joined English Heritage in 1984 and researched post war building. She published a Pevsner Nottingham city guide in 2008 and in 2015 '*Space, Hope and Brutalism*'

Edith Margaret Hastings 1851- ??? 2nd head mistress NGHS

Edith was born in Huddersfield and educated at a small school there before at 16 Edith going to a boarding school in Richmond, Surrey. She became acting Head Mistress and then Head in 1876. She stayed at NGHS until 1880 and then moved to the Headship of Wimbledon High School for Girls.

Sarah Hawksley nee Thompson - 1781-???? – mother of water engineer Thomas

Hawksley Sarah married John Hawksley at St Mary's in Arnold; he was a worsted manufacturer living at Arnold Hill House; their son was a pioneering water engineer Thomas Hawksley

Gill Haymes - 1938-current - Councillor & activist

Gill was born ?? studied at ?? and came to Nottingham ??? she has one son. She was an activist back in the 1970's and then became a labour Councillor on the City Council

from - ???. On standing down from the council she became an Oxfam volunteer.

Elizabeth Heath - 1617-1693 - Benefactor

Elizabeth established 12 alms houses for poor women in Mansfield

Nora Heeley - c1920 - Solicitor

Nora qualified as a solicitor in 1941. In later years she left private practice to become a Tribunal Chairman ie a Judge. In 1972 she became the **first** woman President of Nottingham Law Society

Sherrie Hewson -1950-current - Actress

Sherrie was born into a show business family in Burton Joyce and started performing at the age of 6 and is an actor, presenter, broadcaster TV personality and novelist.

Kate Heasman - 1939-2010 – Lecturer & Trade Union Activist

Kate was a lecturer in Further Education, President of NATFHE and Equality Officer, and a campaigner for Women's rights

Charlotte Henshaw MBE– current - Para- canoeist

Charlotte from Mansfield won a gold medal in 2020 Tokyo Paralympics and was awarded an **MBE** in 2021 Honours

Maude Harrison Higginbottom - 1874-1947 - Headteacher

Maude was born in Arnold, she became Headmistress of Church Drive Girl's school in Arnold aged 21 staying for 31 years before moving to be Head at High Street Girls School

Betty Higgins - 1927-2019 - Labour Councillor + Leader

Betty, a teacher was a Councillor from 1992-2003 and was the **first** woman to be Leader of Nottingham City Councillor

Ann Hill – current - writer

Ann attended NGHS from 1947-1954, when she was 86 she published for the first time 'Miss Sherwood Forest' 'an anarchic tale of the tree who auditions for Miss Sherwood Forest.

Annie Hine - ?????-1919 PLG

Annie was the **first** Poor Law Guardian elected in 1892 for the St Nicholas Parish. When she died the flag on the PLG offices on Shakespeare Street was flown at half-mast. NEP 6.8.1919

Mary Melicent Hine - c1869-? Nurse benefactor

Melicent, daughter of T C Hine was a sister at St Lucy's Home in Gloucester and became the nurse in charge, she donated a house on Postern Street as the Free Children's Hospital

Muriel Florence Hine - 1874-1949 - Novelist

Muriel was born in Nottingham the daughter of architect George Hine. She moved to London in the 1880's. Muriel wrote over 30 novels which often challenged women's options in life.

Kathleen Hoe - 1889-1973 - Pianist & singer

Kathleen was a pianist and singer with concert parties performing all over the British Isles. She was educated at Nottingham High School for Girls

Louise Hoffmann - c 1900's – school mistress

Louise established Broadgate – a girls' school at 30 and then 25 Regent Street with Miss Ada Marion Churley – both women were graduates. Ill health forced her to stand down and Miss Churley took sole charge.

Lorna Holder - 1952-current - Fashion designer

Lorna was born in Jamaica coming to England when she was 7. She studied Fashion & Textiles at Trent 1972-75, she has designed for Harrods, Selfridges and Bourne & Hollingworth

Annie Holgate - 1890-1946 - Education, Labour party activist

Annie was a Labour Party activist. In 1944 she became Chair of the Curriculum Committee for Modern Schools in Nottingham City.

Valerie Holiday – current - Singer

Valerie joined *The Three Degrees* in 1967. They were very successful in the UK, achieving 13 Top 50 hit singles between 1974 and 1985. She now lives with her husband in Arnold ???

Reba Helen Holloway - 1878-1940 - Relieving & Boarding Out Officer

In 1910 she became the **first** female relieving officer and Boarding Out Officer at Nottingham Poor Board

Marjory Amy Holman nee Boot - 1892-1987 - Benefactor

Marjory was a daughter of Florence and Jesse Boot and set up a refreshment centre for sick & injured soldiers in Northern France; and later a convalescent home for under 7's.

Jane Holness - c1984 - Miner's strike activist

Jane was active in the Clipstone Colliery women's support group during 1984-5 miners' strike

Elizabeth Hooton - 1600-1672 – first woman Quaker preacher

Elizabeth from Skegby, was an early supporter of George Fox the founder of the Quakers, becoming the **first** female preacher, despite suffering persecution

Mary Houghton - c1836-1910 - Signed 1866 suffrage Petition

Mary Ann Houfton was born in Swadlincote, by 1871 she is on Sneinton Hill, and by

1901 Mary is employed as a mantle maker.

Margaret Hourigan – 1922-2024 – WAAF Sergeant

Margaret from Nottingham was a miner's daughter. She volunteered for the WAAF when she was called up in 1940 and became a Plotter with Fighter Command. She was promoted to sergeant and was mentioned in dispatches. At the end of the war, she met and married an Australian pilot and emigrated to Australia.

Rose Elsie Howey - 1884-1963 - Suffragette

Rose was born in Finningley. She was involved in suffrage activities becoming militant and was arrested several times. She led the procession at Emily Davison's funeral dressed as Joan of Arc

Mary Howitt - 1799-1888 – writer

Mary began to write at an early age, in 1823 she moved to Nottinghamshire with her husband William, with whom she wrote over 180 books. She died in Rome.

Margaret Anastasia Howitt - 1839-1930 - Writer

Margaret was the youngest child of Mary and William Howitt (above). She edited her mother's autobiography and wrote at least 1 book for children.

Kitty Hudson – 1765- ???? – Pin Woman of Arnold

Kitty was born in Arnold and in the late 1700s Kitty became a local celebrity known as the Pin Woman of Arnold.

Margaret Humphreys CBE OAM – 1944 -current – Social worker and writer

Margaret trained as a social worker in child protection. She exposed the scandal of *Home Children* and wrote *Empty Cradles* about this made into a feature film in 2011

Amy Hunt – 2002 – current – sprinter

Amy is a British sprinter who won silver in the 4 x 100 m at the 2024 Summer Olympics and silver in the 200 m at the 2025 World Athletics Championships. She holds the world record for the women's under-18 200 metres, set in June 2019 with a time of 22.42s

Elsie Huntsman – c1928 – Mayoress

Elsie was the **first** Lady Mayoress of Nottingham in 1928 when the title changed from Mayor to Lord Mayor of Nottingham.

Maud Hunsley – 1870-1955 – artist

We were contacted by Richard Boswell to see if we knew more about her 07805 086155

Nellie Hurcomb Palmer MBE – 1889-1979 – Suffragist, Army super-intendant

Born in Donnington Nellie was the organising secretary of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies NUWSS from 1912-14. She was awarded an **MBE** for her

WW1 work

Muriel Katherine Huskinson nee Bayley – 1880-1933 – **Quartermaster**

During WW1 Muriel worked at the Red Cross hospital on Clinton Terrace set up by Kate Bayley. She inherited Langar Hall which was used to house Austrian & Hungarian soldiers

Lucy Hutchinson – 1620-1680 – Writer, poet

Lucy resided in Nottingham Castle during the English Civil War. She wrote '*Memoirs of the life of Colonel Hutchinson*' to protest his innocence. She was also a translator and poet.

Sarah Hutchinson – 1883-1911 – Suffragette

Sarah's parents were Robert and Catherine, she had a brother and a sister and the family lived at 5 Cavendish Crescent South (now flats) in The Park. Sarah was a suffragette and 'evaded' the 1911 census. By 1913 she was secretary of the Friends League for Women's Suffrage

Elizabeth Frances Hyatt – 1885-1975 – JP & City Councillor

Elizabeth a machinist, lived in Sneinton and in 1919 joined the Labour Party and in 1926 became the **first** woman Labour member of Nottingham City Council, aged 41.

Queen Isabella – 1295-1358 – Queen

In 1307 aged 12, Isabella became the second wife of Edward II and resided in Nottingham Castle. It is thought that she may have helped murder Edward to replace him with her son

Adeline Paulina Irby – 1831-1911 – Suffragist – founder of schools in Bosnia

Paulina from Mapperley Hall was a friend of Barbara Bodichon and signed the 1866 petition. She travelled to Sarajevo and set up a school there and was honoured by the Bosnians.

Elizabeth Britomarte James- 1867-1943 – Women's Army Auxillary Corp

Elizabeth, from Australia, was the Unit Administrator with the Women's Army Auxillary Corps during WW1 drafted to Nottingham to cook for the troops there. She later commanded a unit in France

Ellen Jack nee Elliott – 1841-1921 – Goldminer & writer

Ellen was born in Lenton to a Quaker lace family, she went to USA and married Charles Jack. He died in the Civil War and she became a gold miner, she published her autobiography in 1910.

B D A Jackacz – c1970's – Broad Marsh Protester

Mrs Jackacz of West Bridgford was active in the protests about the clearance of Broad Marsh and building of the shopping centre

Holly Jackson – 1992 – current – novelist

Holly was born in Buckinghamshire but came to Nottingham University where she studied literary linguistics and creative writing graduating with a first-class degree; and then a master's in English. She wrote 6 young adult books between 2019 and 2024 and her first adult suspense novel in July 2025.

Freda Jackson – 1907/8- 1990 – Actress

Freda was born in Nottingham, the daughter of a railway porter. She studied at High Pavement School and then University College and went on to have a career as an actress on stage and in films.

Freda James – 1911-1988 – Tennis player

Freda was born in Nottingham. She won 2 doubles titles at Wimbledon and the US Championships in 1930's with her partner Kay Stammers. She won the US Open title 1939.

Joy James – c1940 – current – Actress & writer

Joy moved to Nottingham in 1942. She was a singer and actress starting out in D H Lawrence's *The Rainbow*. In retirement she wrote 2 books about life here 1940's and 50's

Susannah James – c1929 – Labour City Councillor

In 1929 Susannah was successful in becoming a Labour City Councillor for Wollaton ward. She was married to a miner.

Constance Mabel Jeans – 1899-1984 – Olympic swimmer

Connie trained at Portland Baths, she was English champion and won 2 silver Olympic medals, the **first** Nottingham woman to win a medal. There is a plaque at Portland baths

Hannah Jeffcott – 1842-1874 – Midwife

Hannah attended some 3290 births, over 32 years; she also produced a book giving a snapshot of life in the later years of the 19th century.

Rhiannon Jenkins Tsang – c1950s – current – Lawyer, writer, JP

Rhiannon read Oriental Studies at Oxford and then trained and practiced as a lawyer before becoming a writer. She is also a JP.

Martha Jephcott – current – Co-founder of Hollaback Nottm

In 2014 Martha helped set up *Hollaback* to challenge misogynistic street harassment by collecting stories and reporting them to the police

Jane Jerram – 1815-1872 – Writer

Born in Radford Jane was a member of the Sherwood Forest Group. She published *A Child's Own Story Book* in 1837 which mentions living near the Trent and rambling around Wilford etc

Ruth I Johns – 1940 – current? – Founder of family First Trust

Ruth moved to St Ann's in 1965 and joined the fight against its redevelopment founding the Family First Trust. In 2002 she published a book on St Ann's giving a voice to the residents

Miss Johnstone – c1866 – Signed 1866 Suffrage Petition

Her address on the 1866 petition is given as Derby Road

Charlotte Johnson – 1853-1893 – Art teacher, Mother of Dame Laura Knight

Charlotte taught art at Brincliffe school and privately, she also attended Nottingham College of Art and had her daughter Laura enrolled there as an artisan student. Charlotte died from cancer aged only 40 and it would seem that Laura took over her teaching. She is buried in the General Cemetery

Mrs H Johnson – c1970s – Broad Marsh Protester

From Mapperley she was one of protesters who attempted to stop the destruction of old Nottingham and the building of the Broad Marsh centre

Winnifred Johnson – c1915 – Nurse

Winnifred was a teacher at Southwark Street school who joined the Red Cross during WW1 in 1914 and volunteered at Bagthorpe and then in 1915 went to the western front

Mary Jollie nee Clarke – c1914 – VAD Nurse

During WW1 Mary trained as a VAD nurse and enrolled at the Nottingham County War Hospital. She became a sister and worked on a shell shock ward helping rehabilitate the men

Aprille Jones – current – Nurse

Aprille works as a staff nurse in the theatre recovery ward at QMC having come from the Phillipines in 2001. She got the most votes in the 2016 Nurse & Midwife of the Year Awards.

Fiona Jones – current – MP

Fiona became the first woman MP for Newark in 1997 for the Labour Party

Lucy Joynes – 1782-1851 – Poet, hymn writer

In 1818 Lucy opened a Ladies School on Gillyflower Hill where she lived, she wrote poems recording notable events in Nottingham eg an explosion on the canal. She also wrote hymns

Miriam Kaplowitch – nee Kaufmann – 1889-1971 – Humanitarian and Philanthropist

Miriam was a director of Jersey-Kapwood Ltd giving away much of her fortune to charitable organisations eg Portland College, home for Jewish refugee children, elderly care home.

Gurmit Kaur MBE– current – Police sergeant & inspector

Gurmit went to Manning Girls school and then NTU before joining the police in 1987. In 2003 Gurmit became the **first** Asian woman Police **Sergeant** in Nottinghamshire and in 2006 become the first Asian woman Police **Inspector and then Special Inspector**. In 2016 she was awarded an MBE for services to policing

Lucy Kay – c1989- current – Opera singer

Lucy is an opera singer who was runner-up in Britain's Got Talent in 2014

Hannah Keeley nee Lee – c1806-1875 – Signed 1866 Suffrage Petition

Hannah Lee born in Arnold was married 7th September 1843 in Islington to John Keely, a Silk and Cotton Dyer of Nottingham. Her address on the 1866 petition is given as 9 Regent Street

Miss Julie Keller – current – 13th and current Headmistress NGHS

Julie studied Economic and Social History at the University of Leicester before joining NGHS in 2016. She is a big advocate for single sex education.

Emily Charlotte Norton Kennion – 1855-???? – Theatre Manager

Born in Sheffield to a theatrical family she started acting aged 4. She managed *The Vaudeville Company* with her husband and in 1886 unsuccessfully took on the Grand, in Hyson Green

Caroline Kerr – current – Founder of Bras not Bombs

Caroline began Bras not Bombs in 2016 to collect underwear to send to refugee camps around the world

Elizabeth Cummins Key – c1829-1889 – Signed 1866 suffrage petition

Elizabeth was born in Basford, she was mistress of the girl's department at the Unitarian School at 4 Enfield Terrace which is the address given on the 1866 petition.

Neghat Khan – current – Labour City Councillor and Leader

Neghat was born and raised in Nottingham and in 2013 was elected a City Councillor for the Dales ward, the first British Pakistani woman to be elected as a city councillor.. She was Portfolio holder for Neighbourhoods, Safety and Inclusion, and in 2024 she became the Leader, only the second woman to be leader of the City Council

Alice Palmer Kiddier – 1888-1969 – Painter

Alice was studied at Nottingham School of Art, painted chiefly landscapes and still-life in oils. She was a member of Nottingham Society of Artists and the Midlands Artists Group.

Alexandra King – current - TV producer and reporter

Alexander attended NGHS leaving in 2004 and she is now is a television producer and reporter at United Nations Television in New York. Most recently, Alex became the **first** female video producer to accompany a UN General Secretary, which she did during a

tour of Mozambique, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Uganda and Ethiopia.

Turi King – 1969-current – Professor

Born in Nottingham brought up in Canada she studied archaeology & anthropology at Cambridge and molecular genetics at Leicester, where she identified Richard III's body.

Ann Kirk - 1786-1786 – Watchmaker

Ann was the daughter of clockmaker, Joseph Kirk, she married Samuel Piggot and was in business for some 50 years, dying in 1786.

Dr Nancy Kirk – 1916-2005 – Pioneering Geologist

Nancy was born in Mansfield educated at the Girls Grammar and then Newnham College where she got a PhD. She did seminal work on graptolites challenging current understanding

Mary Jane Kirke – c1911 – Suffragette

Mary was living in Barnby Moor in East Retford in 1911 and wrote 'suffragette' on the census return form. ????????????

Gertrude Knight – 1857-1942 – Matron, Nottingham General hospital

Gertrude was the matron at the General Hospital from 1892–1918 transforming nursing practice and improved standards. She was awarded a Red Cross medal for her care of WW1 patients.

Dame Laura Knight – nee Johnson – 1877-1970 – Artist

Laura studied at Nottingham School of Arts, she painted in oils and water colours, she was commissioned to paint the Nuremburg trials of WW2 for the Imperial War Museum.

Rose Knight - 1950? -2022 – Founder member of WLM in Nottm

Rose was a founder member of the 1970's Women's Liberation Movement in Nottingham set up in Cobden chambers. She worked for Pathfinder books on Goldsmith Street

(Mrs) Susan Lacey – 1836 – 1917 – school mistress

Susan had been left penniless by her errant husband and at the age of 21 with 2 children under 3 she set up a Ladies Seminary on Park Row – possibly Derby House school. The school was successful and they moved to larger premises. In 1891 with her daughter Mary she opened The Grove School in Highgate in London. She died in 1917.

Mary Rebecca Lacey – 1853 – 1933 – school mistress and Head mistress

Mary became a mistress in her mother's school aged 18. Mary furthered her own education and gained a place at Somerville, and in 1889 she gained a first-class degree in History and Political Economy though she couldn't graduate until 1920! In 1891 they moved to Highgate in London and opened Grove School with Mary taking over as Headmistress in 1894. She retired in 1924.

Kathleen Langley Kayser nee Price – 1892-1975 – County Councillor

Kathleen, of Eaton Hall, became the **first** woman County Councillor in 1930 returned for the Tuxford Division.

Joan Lamb nee Hardy – 1928-current -Lace Designer

Joan was born in Hucknall where her father ran a knitwear factory. She won a scholarship to a convent school in Mapperley before going to the school of art and then she became a lace designer

Mabel Lambert – 1880 - ???? – First woman car driver in Nottingham

Mabel's father owned a large hosiery and lace factory on Talbot Street. She was taught to drive by Frank Burton her future husband and became the **first** woman car driver in Nottingham.

Clara Langley nee Theobald – 1816-1892 – Signed 1866 suffrage Petition

Clarissa Theobald was born in Polden, in 1836 she married James Edward Martin Langley and moved to Nottingham where she signed the 1866 petition while living at 3 Queen's Road

Sarah Eliza Large nee Harrison - ????-1900 – Missionary

Lizzie left Nottingham in 1887 to marry London Missionary Society member James Chalmers and they went to New Guinea where she died in 1900.

Frieda Lawrence nee Von Richthofen – 1879-1956 – DH Lawrence's wife

Frieda met Lawrence when he came to visit Professor Weekly her then husband. They eloped to France and married in 1914 travelling extensively in Europe and South America.

Norah Lavrin nee Fry – 1897-1985 – Artist engraver

Born in Liverpool, she was an accomplished artist and was well known as a children's books and literary works illustrator. She also wrote *D.H. Lawrence: Nottingham Connections*.

Lucy Ann Leavers – 1845-1915 – Painter

Lucy Ann, born in Nottingham and was a well-known animal painter – animals, dogs, cats, rabbits and poultry in particular- in the second half of the nineteenth century.

Diane Elizabeth Lees OBE – current – Director General Imperial War Museum

Elizabeth was given an **OBE** for services to Museums and Cultural Heritage in 2021 Honours she has been the Director of the Imperial War Museum

Edith Anne Lees – 1881-1964 – Suffragette

Edith was a founder member of Nottingham branch of National Council of Women, and took part in suffragette activities in London and appeared at Bow Street for smashing windows

Paris Lees – current – Writer

Paris was born in Hucknall and is a transgender rights activist and Vogue columnist and has a book coming out in 2021, *'What It Feels Like for a Girl'* (2021), part memoir, part fiction.

Jane Eliza Leeson – 1807-1882 – Poet and writer of hymns

Jane was born in Wilford, she wrote mainly for children and wrote many hymns with the most famous being *'Loving Shepherd of the Sheep'*

Elizabeth Lester – 1830-???? – Signed 1866 Suffrage Petition

Elizabeth was born in Mansfield and in 1871 she was a Ladies Outfitter on Angel Row also living at Green Yard on Angel Row. She married Michael Shaw, a skinner in 1886.

Hannah Levick – c1879-???? – Benefactor

Hannah founded a charity and bequeathed £4226 for the benefit of people over 60 to live rent free and have 2s 6d a week and coal.

Sybil Levin OBE - ????- 1996 – Social Care

Sybil was awarded an **OBE** in 1952 for her services to charity which included work for the Notts Society for the Deaf and the British Heart Foundation.

Mabel Annie Levy – 1884 – 1967 – Artist – Etcher & engraver

Mabel was born in Nottingham the daughter of a lace manufacturer and studied art at the Nottingham School of Art. The family lived in Musters Road in West Bridgford. Mabel was also a suffragette with receipts for membership of the WSPU. Her brother was killed in WW1 and it seems that she returned home.

Miss Letty L Lewenz – c1924 – 9th Headmistress NGHS

Letty was born in Nottingham and attended NGHS before going to Malvern College from 1931 – 1937. She graduated from Oxford University in 1947 with a Diploma in History. Letty became head in 1967 and stayed until 1984.

Hilda Lewis - 1896-1974 - Writer

Hilda originally worked as a teacher but in 1920's she began to write mainly historical novels for children and young adults, publishing over 15 titles.

Margery Lister - c1300 - Regular defendant in court

Little is known about when Margery was born, her family, or where she lived but between 1303 - 1325 she appeared in Nottingham Borough Court 11 times accused of theft, being a whore, and fighting

Clare Littleford - 1974 – current - Writer

Clare worked in Housing at Nottingham City Council and left to write publishing her first novel *Beholden* in 2003

Eleanor Littlewood MBE - c1918 - District Councillor

Eleanor was a Beeston Urban District Councillor after WW1 and the **first** woman to Chair the Housing Committee when the first council houses were being built.

Pam Littlewood – current - Writer

Pam was born and lives in the Newark area and published her first novel *Workhouse Prophecy*, in 2001. It is a ghost story and is set in Nottinghamshire.

Vera Lockhart nee Anderson - 1919-1963 – Nurse, Awarded George Medal

Vera, a nurse was awarded the George Medal for bravery during the Nottingham WW2 Blitz in 1941. She stayed at her post at Boots Station Street during a bombing attack, treating people who had been hurt.

Aisling Sinead Katie Loftus – 1990 - current – actor

Aisling was born in West Bridgford to Irish parents and began her acting career as a child and first gained prominence in *Five Daughters* a BBC period drama. She is married with 2 children and recently 2025 starred in *Girls and Boys* at the Playhouse

Hilary Loftus MBE - 1934-???? - Cook

Hilary was awarded an **MBE** in 2008, for her 25 years+ work with the homeless in Nottingham.

Louisa May Long - 1892-1981 - VAD & Matron of Florence Boot Hall

Louisa was born in Whatton. During WW1 she joined the 94 Nottingham VAD at Radcliffe on Trent. From 1928 – 1946 she was the Institutional Matron of the newly opened Florence Boot Hall.

Frances Jane Longden - 1806-1858 - Benefactor

Frances, was the sister of John S Gregory of Bramcote Manor, she endowed almshouses in 1852 for four poor women who were also to receive two shillings weekly and two tons of coal a year

Elsie Lowe - c1984 – current - Miner's strike activist

Elsie was a member of the Clipstone Colliery Women's support group during 1984-5 miners' strike

Ada Lovelace nee Byron - 1815- 1852 - Mathematician and scientist

Ada, was the legitimate daughter of Lord Byron, her mathematical talents led her to work with Charles Babbage and many consider her to have written the first computer programme.

Sarah Loverseed nee Baker - 1833-1908 - Signed 1866 Suffrage petition

Sarah was born in Mansfield. She married Edwin Gauntley Loverseed, a contractor in 1852. Her address on the 1866 petition is Ferrers Street and the description is a brickmaker's wife.

Alison Lloyd - 1957-2023 - Artist

Alison was born in Yorkshire, studied art at Cardiff and came to live in Nottingham. She joined Socialist Workers Party in 1984, and created the image of a Christmas angel for the Miner's strike; this was included in an exhibition at Tate Britain 2023/4

Mrs L Luxton - ?? c 1880 – 3rd Head mistress NGHS

Miss Luxton joined the NGHS in 1880 and oversaw the move from 1 Oxford Street to Clarence Lodge, 9 Arboretum Street; there were 146 pupils. By 1882 there were 156 girls and 7 staff. Little is known about her.

Mary MacArthur - 1880-1921 - Trade Unionist

Mary helped set up the lace mending and finishing board in Nottingham and came to Nottingham in 1909 to support the recruitment drive.

Sandeep Mahal – Current - Director City of Literature

Sandeep was the Director of Nottingham UNESCO City of Literature, awarded this status in 2015 Sandeep led the activity which followed and left in 2023/4

Emily Manners nee Barringer - 1857-1934 - Poor Law Guardian, JP and suffragist

Emily was a prominent Mansfield Quaker, she was the **first** woman to be elected as a Poor Law Guardian there and was honorary secretary of Mansfield's Women's Suffrage Society

Rachel Louisa Manners - 1883-1967 - Suffragist and benefactor

Rachel, Emily's daughter, a Quaker and interested in women's suffrage, she helped form a Girls Society and club in 1920's based in Westfield Folkhouse.

Violet Rosa Markham - 1872-1959 - Mansfield's First woman MP candidate

Violet from Mansfield was an anti-suffrage campaigner who unsuccessfully contested her deceased brother's Mansfield constituency seat as a Liberal in 1918

Maid Marian - c1200- 1400 - Legend

In the legend regarding Robin Hood, Maid Marion features as his companion, she is seen to be an independent and courageous woman.

Kitty Marion - 1871-1944 - Militant suffragist

Kitty born in Germany became a music hall performer coming to perform at Nottingham's Theatre Royal. She became a notorious suffragette before moving to US.

Barbara Marsh - 1923-???? - Head of Clinical Investigation at Boots

Barbara qualified as a Doctor in Edinburgh and practiced for several years before joining Boots in 1970 as Medical Adviser in the Medical Sciences Dept. In 1980 she became a Director.

Charlotte Marsh - 1887-1961 - Suffragette

Charlotte was for a while the organiser for the Women's Social and Political Union WSPU in Nottingham. She had a long history of militancy and had been imprisoned

several times.

Kitty Marshall - 1913- c1980s - Trade Unionist

Kitty was a hosiery worker and during WW2 worked in munitions at Raleigh returning to Ashwell's afterwards where she became union shop steward for the Hosiery Finishers Union

Annie Martin - c1927-???? - Activist

Annie stood unsuccessfully as a Labour city council in Castle ward in 1927

Fanny Martin - c1866-???? - Signed 1866 Suffrage Petition

When she signed the 1866 petition, she was living on Goose Gate

Lottie Martin - c1914 - Crane Driver

Lottie left her work at Thomas Bayley and during WW1 became an overhead crane driver at Chilwell Ordnance factory working 12 hours Mon - Sat

Marianne Harriet Mason - 1845-1932 - first Inspector of Boarded out Children

In 1885 Marianne was appointed inspector of Children Boarded Out Beyond the Union and held the role for 25 years until she retired in 1910. She was also a keen watercolourist and botanist

Sheila Mason MBE 1939- – current - Lace expert

Sheila married into the Mason lace manufacturing family who run Ilkeston's Cluny lace factory – the last Leavers Lace producer in the region. She wrote a seminal account of Nottingham lace and framework knitting. She was awarded an MBE in 2024

Empress Matilda - 1102-1167 - Leader

Matilda, the only daughter of Henry I should have been England's first Queen but her cousin Stephen was chosen so she came with her army attacked Nottingham castle and set fire to the town.

Annie Matheson - 1854-1924 – Suffragist, poet

Annie was active in Nottingham Subscription library – now Bromley House- and the Church League for Women's Suffrage. She was also poet and a feminist.

Ivy Matthews - c1975 - Mayor of Nottingham

Ivy, a Conservative councillor was the Lord Mayor of Nottingham in 1975 and again in 1984

Vicky McClure - 1983-current - Actress

Vicky is a Bafta winning actress starring in *Line of Duty* on TV.

Mhairi McFarlane - 1976-current - Writer

Mhairi was born in Falkirk and went to school in Nottingham and then university in Manchester after which she worked at Nottingham Post before writing her first novel

published in 2014

Margaret S McFie – c 1900's -

Margaret was on the French mistress at NGHS. During WW1 she worked at St Dunstan's - thought to be a charitable organization for blinded soldiers and sailors and was awarded an Order of the White Eagle for her work in Serbia in WW1. She also worked in Corsica and Bizerta

Alison McKenzie OBE – c1918 - Munitions worker

Alison worked in the staff canteen at Chilwell Munitions factory during WW1, she helped rescue people after the explosion there in July 1918 for which she was awarded an OBE

Dr Lisa Louise McKenzie – 1968- current - Lecturer

Lisa was born and grew up in Sutton in Ashfield. She attended University by going on an access course and got her degree in 2004, masters in 2005 and her Doctorate in 2009 – it was focused on St Ann's in Nottingham where she was living. She now lectures at Bedford University

Ruth McKenzie OBE - 1960s – current - Theatre Director

Ruth was the **first** female executive Director at the Playhouse from 1900 – 2002 before moving on to direct the Cultural Olympiad for the 2012 London Olympic games.

Amy Meek BEM 2003 – current & Ella Meek BEM 2009 – current -Environmental campaigners

These 2 sisters from Gedling have been concerned about plastic pollution since they were 12 and 10. They set up *Kids Against Plastic* in 2016 and were recognised with a BEM in 2022

Dame Agnes Mellors - ???? – 1514 - Benefactor

Dame Agnes founded Nottingham free school or High school for boys in 1513 in Barker Gate/ Stoney Street.

Margery Mellors - ???? – 1539 - Benefactor

Margery bequeathed property to help maintain Trent Bridge as well as 4 cottages in Low Pavement and Pepper Street, which were to be converted to a hospital for poor women

Sarah Barker Merrick - nee Babbs - 1869-1933 - Suffragette

Sarah moved to Hucknall as a young teacher later she became a headteacher. She was very active in public life and very supportive of women's suffrage

Miss Eileen M Merrifield – 1900 – 1976 – 7th Head mistress NGHS

Eileen attended Dulwich High school and then went to Oxford University. She became Head at NGHS in January 1936 until 1950. After NGHS she went to Notting Hill and became Head of Ealing High School where she stayed until 1960. On her retirement

she became a librarian and an Honorary Fellow of St Anne's College, Oxford.

Dame Alice Meynell DBE nee Kilroy - 1903-1999 - Senior Civil servant

Alix was the granddaughter of Alice Dowson and wrote '*What Grandmother said*' which gave an account of social and suffrage activity in Nottingham from 1870's. In 1925 she became the first Nottingham woman to enter the Civil Service senior grade and wrote an account in *Public Servant Public Woman* in 1988;

Mary Ellen Miles - 1824-1884 - Artist

Mary was very artistic and decorated the chancel screen of St Mary and All Saints Bingham with her son Frank. She was also a founding county member of the Town and County Social Guild

A M Mills - c1970's - Broad Marsh Protester

Miss Mills was a local historian and resident of Wollaton park, a member of Civic Society and objected to the eastern bypass development and the building Broad Marsh

Ann Milne - 1830-1908 - Crimean veteran

Ann from Loughborough met and married her husband there in 1852. He was a Hussar and she accompanied him to the Crimea where she may have nursed.

Dinah Minton MBE - 1930-2019 - Charity Founder

Dinah was co-founder of the head injuries support charity *Headway* in the late 1970's – her son had suffered substantial head injuries. Tram 208 is named after her in 2004

Frances Mary Milford – c1950 – 8th Head Mistress NGHS

Milly as she was known, spent 14 years at Sheffield High School, and so was familiar with the Girls Private Day School Trust. She had also been Headmistress in Warrington before coming to NGHS after WW2.

Mary Mitford - c1742-1774 - Painter

Little is known about Mary, her brothers were Colonel William Mitford and Lord Redesdale. She painted watercolours including two of Dovedale, one is in Buxton Museum.

Victoria Monk – 1993 - current – record breaking ocean rower

Viki attended NGHS leaving in 2010. In January/February 2024 with 3 other women, she rowed across the Atlantic taking 39 days 12 hours and 25 minutes to row the 3072 miles, breaking the British record and raising £50,000 for 4 good causes

Alison Moore – current - Novelist

Alison's debut novel was Man Booker shortlisted, she is a member of the Writer's Studio and was assistant at Lakeside Arts Centre and is now an honorary lecturer at the University

Dorothy Moore - c1930's - Teacher/ College Principal

Dorothy provided evening classes for girls from 1919 at the Advance Club, the predecessor to Clarendon Institute (College) in 1934 of which she was Principal leaving in 1950.

Sarah Moore nee Ward - 1840-1925 - Signed 1866 Suffrage Petition

Sarah was born in Stapleford, her father was a lace manufacturer. In 1861 she and her sisters are Milliners in Castle Gate. In 1864 Sarah married and moves to Chilwell where she signs the 1866 petition

Lady Mary Wortley Montague nee Pierrepont - 1689-1762 - Poet, travel writer introduced smallpox inoculation

Mary the daughter of Evelyn Pierpont, refused to marry the man selected for her, eloped and travelled with her husband. On returning to England, she was the first to introduce inoculation.

Elinor Mordaunt - 1872-1942 - Writer

She was born at Cotgrave Place a property owned by the Manvers family – by 1902 she had moved to Melbourne and reinvented herself as Elinor Mordaunt, and published her first book

Ann Morley - 1700-1775 - Businesswoman

Part of the Morley pottery family- famous for Nottingham Brown stoneware. She managed the business on her husband's death and built a townhouse which became People's Hall

Lady Ottoline Morrell - 1873-1938 - Socialite and patron

Ottoline, half-sister to Duke of Portland, from Welbeck. She is closely associated with the Bloomsbury group and is famous for her affairs, hospitality and patronage of the arts

Jackie Morris - 1900's - Councillor, Mayor & Sheriff

Jackie was born in Bulwell, she had open heart surgery at 17, married and moved to London returning to Bulwell in 1971 as a nurse. She then became a Councillor, Mayor and Sheriff.

Katherine Morris - 1910-1999 - Writer, social worker

Katherine was born in Lenton. She had her first story published when she was 9 in *Tiger Tim's Weekly*. She later published several novels set in Trentside villages.

M Morris - c1866 - Signed 1866 Suffrage Petition

The petition lists her as living on Shakespeare Street

Nora Morrison MBE - 1917 -2016 - Ballet Teacher

Nora ran a dance school and taught ballet throughout her long career and was well known and respected nationally training many stars, she was awarded an MBE in 2010

Samantha Morton – 1977- current - actress

Samantha was born in Nottingham, and at 13 was offered a role in *Soldier Soldier*. She has had a successful TV and stage career and has also written and directed. In 2024 she received the prestigious Fellowship BAFTA award

Edith Henrietta Mountain nee Rob - 1891-1970 - Conservative Councillor

Edith was elected in 1931 to Arnold UDC and served until 1944. In 1941 she was chair of the Finance Committee. She married to a local surgeon and lived at Arnold House on Church Street

Emma Wright Mundella - 1858-1896 - Composer

Emma was born in Nottingham to John Mundella a hosiery manufacturer. She became a composer and published anthems, choruses, songs and hymns. She died in London

Iryna Muha – current – musician

Iryna was born in Vinnytsia in Ukraine and moved to Nottingham in the early 2000's. She formed the Ukrainian School Band to help Ukrainian young people making the transition into life in Nottingham. They recently recorded their debut song *Dodomu* (Home) which was performed to mark the fourth anniversary of the Russian invasion.

Anne Mustoe - 1933-2009 - Cyclist & Writer

Anne from Lenton attended Mundella school before undertaking epic journeys around the world on her bicycle which she wrote about in her books.

Julie Myerson - 1960-current - Writer

Born in Nottingham Julie is a novelist and newspaper columnist

Mary Clara Sophia Neal - 1860-1944 - Socialist

Mary was a regular lecturer at Nottingham Labour Church in her early years before relocating to live in London

Mary Needham - c1850s - Pupil at Lenton Fields/ Catherine Turner's school

Mary attended Catharine Turner's school at Lenton Fields. She was the mother of Alice Greg who married Benjamin Dowson - Alice became the secretary of the Nottingham NUWSS

Elizabeth Newson - 1929-2014 – Researcher

Elizabeth with her husband John Newson ran an integrated programme at Nottingham University for clinical and educational psychologists and undertook research.

Doris Nicklin - 1900-1977 – Doctor at Women's Birth Control centre

Doris was the Doctor at the Nottingham birth control clinic at the Women's Welfare centre at 15 Market Street, established by the Nottingham Cooperative Women's Guild.

Valentine Nkoyo - 1983-2023 - FGM Campaigner

Valentine from the Maasai in Kenya fought for her education finally coming to study in UK and for her Master's here in Nottingham where she campaigned against FGM

Mary S Norris - 1827-1909 - Benefactor

In 1884, Mary instructed Watson Fothergill, architect, to build 8 cottages on Sherwood Rise for higher class ladies of superior education but of reduced circumstances.

Elizabeth Nutt Harwood - c1820 – 60 - Diarist

Elizabeth lived in Beeston and kept a diary (in Nottm archives) from 1838–1842, a significant period in Queen Victoria's reign, she details social and economic developments of the time.

Alice Oldacres - 1852-1910 - Worked for the poor

Alice lived in the Hollies, Mansfield Road.

Eliza Sarah Oldham nee Sutton - 1822-1905 - Author & artist

Eliza was born at 1 Bottle Lane and the family shop was at 1 Bridlesmith Gate. She was a student at the Government School of Design in 1840's, and a friend of Anna Mary Howitt

Frances Ord nee Gauntley - c1825-1879 - Signed 1866 Suffrage Petition

Frances was born in Lincolnshire. In 1841 she is working as a domestic servant on a farm in Brant Broughton. She married Thomas Ord in 1846 and when she signed she was living in Sussex Street

Rita Outhwaite - 1947- current- Nurse

Rita who lives in Bilborough arrived in Nottingham in 1982 from Zimbabwe to marry – she faced discrimination but still enjoyed her time nursing as she recounts to NEP 1st Oct 2021

Hannah Packer – c 1840's – school mistress

Hannah was married to George Packer who had been in the lace trade and then opened a day and boarder boys' school – Park Academy - at Ropewalk Street in 1843 just a few yards from the top of Park Row. Hannah taught English, drawing and music.

Ellen Elizabeth Ann Newton Padley - 1825-???? - Painter

Ellen lived at Bulwell Hall and was the only daughter of Rev Alfred Padley, she left Bulwell Hall for London to marry George Agar Thompson a friend of Wilkie Collins

Alice le Palmer - nee de Heriz - 12C - Benefactor

Alice collected, expended and gave great sums to the building and repairing of Trent Bridge, she and her husband also founded a chantry chapel on the bridge.

E M Palmer - c1970's - Broad Marsh Protester

A retired schoolteacher from Lenton she was very active writing letters attending public enquiries etc to stop the Drury Hill and Broad Marsh developments

Susannah Parsons – 1811 – 1877 – school mistress

Susannah was the daughter of John Parsons, a minister who also had a cotton spinning

business. Her mother was Ann and Susannah was one of 12 children. They lived in Westgate House, in Parson's Yard in Mansfield. With her 4 spinster sisters Susannah ran Westgate Academy and she looked after the older children

Sylvia Parsons - 19??- ???? - Councillor and Mayor

Sylvia a Labour councillor became the second woman to be Mayor of Nottingham in 1995

Monica Partridge - 1915-2008 - First female University Professor

Monica read French at University College Nottingham then during WW2 worked in London. In 1967 she was made Professor at University of Nottingham and has a building named after her.

Anne Paulson - 1808-1866 - Painter

Anne was born in Papplewick and painted to support her family after her husband's death. There is a booklet about her by Alan W Mallatratt in Mansfield Museum.

Florence Paton nee Widdowson - 1891-1976 - Labour MP for Rushcliffe 1945-50

Born in Somerset she grew up in Wolverhampton where she was a teacher. She joined the ILP in 1917 and then the LP in 1918 and became MP for Rushcliffe in 1945.

Miriam Blanche Pease - 1867-1965 - Nottingham's First woman Factory Inspector

Miriam was appointed in 1921 to the Home Office's Inspectorate inspecting male and female employment. She lived in Castle Place

Glenis Pegg MBE - 1935-2016 - community activist

Glenis was a strong campaigner for the Edwards Lane area and helped set up Edwards Lane Community Centre and Peggy's Park. She received an MBE in 2007

Anne Penny - nee Winter – c1817 – 1876 - Signed 1866 Petition

Hannah Penny – 1843 – 1929 – signed 1866 suffrage petition

Susan Selwood nee Penny – 1838 – 1916 - Signed 1866 Petition

Anne was born in Kidderminster c 1817 and married John Penny and had 2 daughters, and both of whom sign the 1866 petition. When Anne signed, she was approx. 50 and living in Bromley Place as was Hannah, while Susan is married to John a manager in a Hosiery factory and living in Huskisson Street. In 1871 the family are at Alma Terrace.

Constance Adelaide Penswick Smith - 1878-1938 – Revived Mothering Sunday

Constance lived in Coddington near Newark where her father was the Vicar. She came to Nottingham living at the Girls Friendly Society hostel at 4 – 6 Regent Street where from 1913 she worked to revive Mothering Sunday as a religious celebration.

Sarah Pettifor - ???? – 1920 - Benefactor

Sarah established the St Nicholas Annuity Fund for Needy Ladies in 1920 with each over 50year-old woman receiving a yearly sum of £20

Joan Phillips - 17thC - Highway woman

Joan, a highway woman, was hung in 1685.

Winnifred Dorothea Phillips – 1873 – 6th Head Mistress NGHS

Winnifred came to the NGHS in 1900 directly after gaining her Historical Tripos and she was a history teacher for 5 years, then second mistress under Miss Clark from 1905 1921 when she became head in 1921. She retired in 1944.

Veronica Pickering – current – Professor, High Sheriff

She was born in Kenya and moved to UK, in the 1960's and moved to Nottingham to attend secondary school before studying in London. She has worked in the public sector for 25+ years. In 2013 she was appointed Deputy Lieutenant and in April 2023 was appointed High Sheriff the **first** black African / Caribbean woman in the role

Glorio de Piero – 1972- current – Labour MP

Gloria was born in Bradford and became the **first** woman MP for Ashfield in 2010 for Labour until 2019. She is a broadcaster

Elizabeth Pigot - 1783-1866 - artist

Elizabeth lived in Southwell and was a friend of Byron. She illustrated a children's book, "*The Wonderful History of Lord Byron and His Dog (Boatswain)*".

Agnes Pike - c1918 – Teacher, victim of 1918 flu pandemic

Agnes from Radcliffe on Trent was married to Gunner Charles Pike, she died in the flu epidemic of 1918

Sylvia Pike - 1930-2014 - Painter

Sylvia moved to Hawksworth after her marriage c1965, she was a painter and a member of the Midland Group of Artists and was its **first** full time Director 1966 – 1979.

Janetta Pitman - c1850-1910 -Painter

Janetta studied art in London, and painted in oils and water colour, chiefly still life and domestic subjects and between 1880 -1901 she exhibited at the Royal Academy,

Reverend Eve Pitts - c1950 – current - C of E Deacon

Eve from Jamaica grew up in Nottingham. She was the **first** black female to be ordained as a parish priest in 1994, she is also a Canon and a member of the General Synod.

Margaret C Plucknett - 1903-2003 - Matron at the General Hospital

Margaret trained as a nurse in London. She was the Matron at Nottingham General Hospital from 1941 until her retirement in November 1958. She was the **first** female chair of The General Hospital Nurses League (now Nottingham Nurses League) in 1948. Her professional papers relating to the Nottingham General Hospital (including a student notebook and photographs) are held in MSC.

Eleanor Rose Plumtre - c1919-???? - First policewoman

In 1919 Eleanor became the **first** policewoman, she was only in post for a short time, but the Suffrage Society persuaded the Watch Comm in 1920 that there should be 2 women officers.

Charlotte Pohlmann - c1860- 1920 - Artist

Charlotte lived in Nottingham and practised as an artist there during the second half of the nineteenth century, she exhibited one of her works at the Royal Academy in 1890.

Su Pollard – current - Actress

Su took an apprenticeship at the Arts Theatre and via Opportunity Knocks in 1974 moved into acting in a variety of west end shows and TV eg Peggy in Hi-De- Hi

Ellen Porter - 1868 – 1942 - promoter of Mothering Sunday

Ellen was the Superintendant of Nottingham's Girl's Friendly Society hostel at 4 – 6 Regent Street and worked with Constance Penswick Smith to revive Mothering Sunday as a religious celebration.

Annie Margaret Potter - c1890-1922 - Church Organist

Annie was the organist at St Paul's Daybrook from 1890-1922. She may have lived at Daybrook House

Carol Potter - c1884 - Miner's Strike activist

Carol was active in the Clipstone Colliery Women's Support Group during 1984-5 miner's strike

Venerable Mary Potter - 1847 – 1913 - Nun / nursing

Mary was born and raised in London, she came to Nottingham where she set up a nursing order to care for the sick – the Little Company of Mary in Lenton Street in Hyson Green.

Edith Pratt- 1882 – 1959

She was on the staff of NGHS for 2 years teaching modern languages and philosophy. In WW1 she held posts of Staff Inspector of National Filling Factories 1915 -1917 and deputy Chief Controller of Women's Army Auxillary. She was awarded an OBE for her work in WW1.

Daphne Priestley OBE - ???? – first woman University of Nottingham Union President

Daphne came to study Sociology at the University of Nottingham and became the **first** post war woman Student Union President

Francis Bertha Prince MBE – 1886 – 1967 – Chief Pharmacist at Nottingham General Hospital

Francis was born in Staffordshire, she was the first girl pupil of the Pharmacist at Nottingham General Hospital starting in 1902. She became Chief Pharmacist at the

General in 1912 and remained so for 40 years. She was the first woman to be Chairman of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society – Nottingham branch in 1928. In 1953 she was awarded an MBE for her services to Pharmacy.

Mary Proctor - c1802 - Convict, pioneer, settler

Mary was transported to Australia in 1820's and is representative of thousands of similar ordinary white people who settled Australia – she is the subject of a book by Jeff Atkinson

Dorothee Pullinger - 1894-1986 - Pioneer motor engineer

Dorothee's father managed the Humber car factory in Beeston from 1904-1908. When she was 18 she started work in the engineering drawing office before moving to Scotland.

Sarah Elizabeth Purser nee Whiting - 1869-1940 - City Councillor, Mayor

Sarah was born in Gloucester and came to Nottingham to train as a mission sister. She was on the Board of Guardians and in 1933 became a Labour Councillor and later Mayor

Ruth Quibell OBE- married name Blatherwick - 1901-1989 – Girl Guide leader, JP

Ruth was born in Newark. She was a pioneer of Girl guiding in Newark being Captain at 3rd Newark Co. and District Commissioner 1930 -37. She was involved with many other community organisations latterly being President of Newark Age Concern. In 1982 she was awarded an OBE.

Zohra Rani – 1987 - current – Top National Bus Driver

Zohra originally from the Kashmiri region of Pakistan came to Nottingham and became a bus driver for NCT in 2018. In 2025 she was the first Pakistani woman to win the award of top national bus driver and she hoped it would encourage other Asian women to have the confidence to take on the challenges like driving for a living.

Edith Ethel Ransom - 1872-1949 - Library President

Edith was the first woman president of Bromley House Library

Mary Ann Radcliffe - 1746-1818 - Writer

Born in Nottingham, educated at the Bar Convent in York Mary married and had 8 children. She published *The Female Advocate* and her *Memoirs* and died in Edinburgh

Mary Winnifred Rawsthorne - 1911- 1999 - Potter & painter

Mary came to Nottingham School of Art to teach pottery in 1949 she then moved on to Basford College. She was also a painter, and a member of Nottingham Society of Artists.

Lady Readett-Bayley - 1883-1977 - WW1 ambulance Driver

She drove ambulances in France and Belgium in WW1, was a committed Girl Guider and her war work inspired Girl Guides in Nottinghamshire

Mrs Angela Rees – c1996 – 11th Head mistress NGHS

Angela started out as a Physics teacher before becoming a Head. She was a strong advocate of single sex education

Margaret Reid - 1912-1974 - Intelligence Officer WW2

Margaret attended the NGHS before during WW2 working in intelligence as a cipher clerk with Frank Foley in Germany then Norway and helped save the lives of 10,000 Jews

Marion Reid - 1817-1902 - Anti-slavery campaigner

Marion came to Nottingham in 1847, she had written an influential anti-slavery publication and is credited with introducing Nottingham people to '*Uncle Tom's Cabin*'

Alma Lucy Reville - 1899-1982 - Film maker

Alma was born at 69 Caroline Street in St Ann's. She became a successful Director, screen writer and film maker who was married to Alfred Hitchcock with whom she collaborated.

Nellie Richard - c1930's - Volunteer

Nellie was a volunteer at the birth control clinic on 15 Market Street

Lady Laura Ridding - 1849-1939 - Suffragist & women's activist

Laura was a supporter of women's suffrage who with husband Bishop of Southwell was very active in social projects for women and girls She also wrote regularly for the Times.

Stella Rimmington – 1935 – 2025 - Director-General of MI5 & writer

Stella grew up in Nottingham and attended NGHS. She became the first woman Director General of M15 from 1992 – 1996. She now writes spy fiction.

Jane Roadknight - 1855-1929 – Kindergarten Teacher & Inspector

Jane was an innovative Kindergarten teacher at Blue Bell Hill Board school in St Ann's and went on to become a well-respected Inspector for the City of Nottingham until her retirement in 1919.

Fanny Gladys Roberts - 1888-1975 - Suffragette

Fanny worked with Nellie Crocker in Nottingham. WSPU office from mid1911. In 1912 she was imprisoned for window smashing, went on hunger strike and was forcibly fed.

Judy Robinson- current – model for Standing in that Place sculpture

Judy from Mapperley was part of the Legacy Makers group involved in the Standing in that Place project which led to the sculpture now in the Green Heart in the city. Judy represents Nottingham lace makers while the other figure is an enslaved cotton picker.

Sheila Robinson - 1900s - Artist

Sheila studied at the Nottingham College of Art, and the Royal College of Art, London. She was a general artist, painting in oils, water colour, gouache, and inks.

Susan Robinson - c1838 - Workhouse resident

Susan an elderly woman from Nuthall was sent to do stone-breaking by the Poor Law Guardians in 1838; the Female Political Union raised a subscription to prevent her from having to do this

Rosanna Rogers - 1873-1916 - Zeppelin victim

On Sept 23rd 1916 at approx. 1 am there was a L 17 zeppelin raid – the first and only one in Nottingham; Alfred and Rosa, husband and wife living at 32 Newthope St were both killed.

Lady Charlotte Maud Rolleston - 1859-1942 - Chaired Quarter Sessions & County Council She chaired the Notts Quarter Sessions 1912-1932 and Notts Co Council 1928-1932. She wrote two historical books

Marie-Louise Roosevelt Pierrepont nee Butterfield **aka Countess Manvers - 1889 – 1984 – artist** Marie-Louise was born in Ghent but moved to the family home in 1893 at Cliffe Castle Keighley. She married in 1940 becoming Countess Manvers. She had a 75year career as an artist.

Alice Rose - c1900 - Matron of City Hospital 1937

In her capacity as Matron she felt that ‘Young nurses required to be protected ...After finishing their duty in the wards they could not stay out until the small hours dancing –

Dulcie Alice Rothera - nee Lisser - 1889-1943 – Suffragist, VAD commandant

Dulcie was involved in NUWSS but also appears to have set up the *Friends League for Women’s Suffrage*. She married Wilfred Stewart a solicitor. During WW1 she was a VAD nurse and Commandant

Ruth Royle - 1888- 197?s - Suffragette

Ruth joined WSPU Lincoln branch and went on marches despite her father’s disapproval. Interviewed by Nottm Post in 1972, she remained committed to equality and women’s rights

Indhu Rubasingham MBE -1970– current – Artistic Director of the National Theatre

Indhu was born in Sheffield to Sri Lankan Tamil parents. She attended NGHS after which she studied drama at Hull University where she later received an honorary doctorate in 2017. In Spring 2025 she became Artistic Director at the National Theatre.

Christine Russell - 1942-2008 - Social work, homelessness campaigner

Christine spent her life supporting and campaigning for homeless people. She was CEO of Nottingham homelessness charity *Macedon* and helped set up *Framework Housing Assoc.*

Sheila Russell - 1886-1951 - Youth Appeal Chair

Sheila chaired an Appeal Committee in 1940 to raise £9000 to buy and equip a building

for young people in the city. A community centre in Bilborough is named after her.

Shuguftah Quddoos – Current - City Councillor & Sheriff 2023/4

Shuguftah was born to Pakistani parents in Manchester and came to Nottingham as a student to study Public Administration. She was elected Councillor for Berridge ward in 2019 and became Sherriff in 2023/24

Mary Savage - c1838 - Trade Unionist

Mary was the first Secretary of the Nottingham Female Political Union in 1838

Lady Esme Grace Virginia Savile - 1888-1958 - JP, Co Councillor in 1938

Born in London she married John Savile Lumley and moved to Nottingham. She became a JP and in 1938 stood as a Co Councillor

Gertrude Savile nee Pierrepoint - 1697-1758 - Diarist

Gertrude, a minor aristocrat was brought up at Rufford Abbey. Her diary of her life from 1721-1757 is in Notts archives and records her unhappy marriage to the Duke of Halifax.

Kate Saville - ????-1922 - Actress & Theatre Royal manager

Kate, the daughter of Marianne and John Saville – was part of a theatrical family performing as a child and touring later before managing the Theatre Royal for 3 years with her mother.

Marianne Saville nee Hobden - 1814-1889 - Actress & Theatre Royal manager

Marianne married an actor and herself started to perform. From 1867-1870 she managed the Theatre Royal with her daughter Kate. She is buried in the General Cemetery.

Elizabeth Mary Scattergood - 1868-1938 - Poor Law Guardian & Vice Chair of Board

She was elected as a PLG in 1919 and went on to Chair the House Comm with special responsibility for Bagthorpe Workhouse and became Vice Chair of the PL Board

Kathleen Scott nee Bruce - 1878-1947 - Sculptress

Kathleen was born in Carlton in Lindrick, she was a sculptress and wife of Captain Scott.

Jenny Sealy – current - Founded Graeae theatre company

Jenny was born in Nottingham, deaf from the age of 7 she attended Nora Morrison's dance school where her deafness was not seen as a problem. She went on to found *Theatre Graeae*.

Emily Seely - 1837-1894 - Charity work

She was married to Sir Charles Seely who built and adorned Daybrook church in her memory – there is an altar tomb in the north wall of the chancel.

Professor Laura Serrant CBE - 1963-current - First Black Head of Nursing

Laura trained as a nurse, did her PHD and became the **first** black Head of Nursing. She advised the Government on health inequalities and has been on the UK's Powerlist twice. In 2024 King's Birthday Honours she became a CBE for services to nursing.

(Catherine Phoebe) Katie Seymour - 1870-1903 - Burlesque dancer

Katie was born in Nottingham to showfolk, she first appeared on stage in 1875 aged 6, '*the Little Wonder*', She went on to perform at various London theatres and in America

Miranda Seymour - 1948- current - Writer

Born at Thrumpton Hall which she still owns Miranda has written biographies eg Mary Shelley, Ottoline Morrell; and novels – she writes for New York Times, Sunday Times

Lucy Elizabeth Sharp - 1879-1964 - VAD nurse

Born in Nottingham the family later moved to Radcliffe on Trent. In Sept 1914 when she was 35 during WW1 she became a VAD and worked throughout the war at Lamcote Auxiliary Hospital

Constance Shacklock - 1993-1999 - Opera singer

Constance from Sherwood began her career at the Theatre Royal with Nottingham Operatic Society and went on to sing at Covent Garden

Leonora Julie Shaw - 1876-1951 - Suffragette

She lived at 445 Mansfield Rd with her husband a Physics Professor but was absent on census night evading giving information. She was Nottingham WSPU's treasurer and past President

Mary Ellen Shaw - 1859-1926 - Teacher, charity worker

Aged 16 Mary Ellen was teaching the Chief Constable's children in Nottingham and from 1877 she ran the Ragged Boys Sunday Class in Maypole Street.

Annie Shepherd - 1876-1929 - Poor law Guardian & Independent City Councillor

Annie from Bulwell was elected a Poor Law Guardian in 1919; in 1921 she won Sherwood as an Independent and retained the seat until 1925. She campaigned for women's toilets

Louisa Sherbrooke - 1815-1893 - Charity work

Louisa was married to Henry Sherbrooke son of the Rector of Bingham. She was actively involved in charity work and was a founding county member of the Town and Country Guild.

Miss Shillitoe - c1800 - Charity Work

She was a founding town member of the Town and County Social Guild

Gurminder Sikand – 1960 – 2021 – artist

Gurminder was born in the Punjab and came to Nottingham with her family aged 10.

She studied Fine Art at Birmingham Poly and went on to work as an artist with several solo and group shows. Her works feature in the collections in Bradford, the British Museum and Nottingham.

Hilary Silvester – current - Civic Society Chair

Chair of Nottingham Civic Society and campaigner for a better city landscape. In 2017 her work was celebrated by Castle Rock brewery naming a red ale after her.

Elizabeth Simes - c1791 – 1831 - Postmaster

Elizabeth married John Rayner in 1798 and he took over the post but on his death in 1808, Elizabeth was again appointed Postmaster and held the post until 1831.

Mary Simes - c1772-1791 - Postmaster

Mary took over the post on the death of her husband, John and held it until 1791 when it was taken on by her daughter Elizabeth

Doreen Sylvia Simmons nee Clarke - 1932-2018 - Sumo-wrestling commentator

Born in Nottingham educated at Mundella and Girton she became a teacher before moving to Japan in 1973 where she became an expert on sumo wrestling and an award-winning commentator.

Ethel Florence Singleton- 1887 – 1934? - alcoholic

Ethel was born to Julia and James (a general labourer) in Radford in 1887. They lived in Butler Street. Ethel worked as a cotton reeler in a cotton spinning works in 1911. She became an alcoholic and was up before the bench 90+ times before the trail goes cold.

Florence Helen Sisling - 1867 – 1956- school mistresses

Lilian Gertrude Sisling - 1875-1962 – music teacher

Florence was the daughter of the Superintendent of the Congregational Church on Castle Gate. In 1890 she set up a girls school in the family home - Holm Vale. Her sister Lilian Gertrude joined her to teach music. The school closed in 1903 Florence continued her studies and was awarded a degree from University College Nottingham in 1908.

Annie Sissons - 1819-1920 - Centenarian flyer

Annie on her 101st birthday flew with Herbert Sykes of Alan Cobham's Flying Circus over Mansfield and was reported in the Daily Express on July 20th, 1920

Miss Maria Skeel – 1855 - 1931 – 4th Headmistress NGHS 1883 – 1898

Maria was born in Hampstead and attended South Hampstead High School for Girls, she had various teaching jobs before becoming Head of NGHS from 1883 -1898. She did much to improve the school and was very highly thought of. After her retirement she lived with her sisters and brother in Hampstead and then in Hendon.

Kim Slater – current - Writer

Kim's first novel for young adults '*Smart*' published in 2014 won 10 awards; she continues to write for young people.

Florence Small - 1860-1933 - Painter

Florence was born in Nottingham, she painted mainly domestic subjects in water colour and pastel and was very successful exhibiting at the Royal Academy.

Ada Smith - 1837- ???? - Businesswoman

Ada ran her own business a fancy box and card pattern maker in St Mary's Gate. She was active in Nottm's NUWSS organising petitions, conferences, speaking and writing pamphlets.

Ethel Rosetta Smith - 1897-1918 - Army Service Corp

Ethel from Radcliffe on Trent joined the army service corp in WW1. She died in 1918, probably from flu

Jane Smith - 1803- 1900 - Wife of George Green, mathematician

Jane was the daughter of William Smith who ran Green's flour mill. She had a lengthy relationship with George Green the famous mathematician with whom she had 7 children. They didn't marry as this would have prevented him studying for a Bachelor degree.

Mary Smith - c1910 - Suffragette

Mary sold '*The Suffragette*' on Long Row and is recorded in the NEP as having been deserted by her husband because of her views, so she sued him for desertion and 25/- a week

Muriel Smith - 1903-1993 - Painter of miniatures

Muriel from Gunthorpe studied at the Nottingham School of Art and in London. She painted miniatures and portraits in water colour and pastel exhibiting regularly in London and beyond

Usha Sood - 1952- current - Campaigning Barrister

From Malaysia Usha came to Nottingham to study law, she went on to teach at Trent and to practice as a Barrister winning key immigration cases prioritising children's welfare

Miss Beatrice Sparks – c1926 – Principal Cheltenham Ladies college

She attended NGHS and was Head girl under Miss Skeel. She went on to be Principal of Cheltenham Ladies College from 1922 – 1937. There is a photo on CLC website under Rotha Dalton's memoirs, showing Miss Sharpe in the centre with her dog.

Margaret Sprackling - 1945? – current - Consultant Physician

Margaret from London was Consultant Physician at the City Hospital. She headed up the Elderly Health Care Dept. She became only the second woman president of the Medico-Chirurgical Society

Jane Spragge - c1840- ???? - Matron at general Hospital 1874-79

Jane trained at St Thomas' and Highgate Hospital. Florence Nightingale described her

as 'a good respectable nurse. She is not and never will be fit for a "sister" but she became Matron

June Rosalind Spencer - 1919- 2024- Actress

June was born in Sherwood she joined the Archers in 1950 in the pilot episode and continues to play Peggy Archer later Wooley in her 100th year.

Rosemary Squire OBE – current – founder of Theatre Co

Rosemary attended NGHS and went on to co-found the Ambassador Theatre Group (ATG), the world's number one live-theatre group with 45 venues in Britain, the USA and Australia. She was awarded an OBE in 2007 for Services to Theatre. The NGHS's performing arts centre is named after her.

Florence Edith Stanger - 1892-1979 - Communist party City Co candidate

Edith stood as a Communist party candidate for Byron ward in 1927, she received a hostile reception and got unflattering remarks from women electors; she lost to the Conservatives.

Joan Stephenson – current - Writer

Joan from Newark wrote *Dear Retrospect: A Nottinghamshire Fantasy* and *Drusila – a Nottinghamshire Women*. A member of the Fosseway Writers group who award a JS trophy.

Eliza Stevenson - 1838- 1920? - School founder

Eliza founded a girl's school in 1877 at her home on Addison Street in Nottingham as she was passionate about teaching, She retired in 1906 when a former pupil took over.

Olive Stevenson - 1930-2013 - Prof of Social Work Studies

Olive was appointed in 1984 as the new Prof of Social Work studies She is described as the social work academic of her generation -she officially retired in 2004 See MSS

Dorothy Jean Stirland - 1925-1989 - Schoolteacher

Dorothy left Manning Grammar school at 16 but was persuaded to go back and she became a schoolteacher for 38 years but also wrote. She lived with her sister at 25 Devonshire Road

Miss Stretton - 1872-???? - Laid Chapel foundation stone

Her father George Cox Stretton was an overseer for the collection of poor law rates and she laid the foundation stone in his memory at the Baptist Sunday school building in Old Basford

Amy Stockwin - 1927 – 1980? - Music school proprietor

Amy ran a music school at 34 Regent St; she also established a charity - the Amy Stockwin scholarship. May Burgis's sisters worked at the music school

Mrs Ellen Stone and daughters c 1830 – school mistresses

Ellen, a Unitarian ran a girls' school in Chapel Yard, High Pavement but moved her school to 2 Park Terrace in 1834. The school was taken over by 3 of Ellen's daughters Martha, Sarah and Emma who closed the girls' school at No 2 in 1853. Her other 2 daughters Anne and Lucy had been running a school for young gentlemen in Lenton which moved to 4 Park Terrace in 1838

Florence Gertrude Stuart - c1938 - Co Councillor

Florence was elected County Councillor in 1938

Elizabeth Sunter - 1823-1903 - Suffragist

Elizabeth was secretary of Nottingham Committee of the National Society for Women's Suffrage. She signed 1866 petition and taught at People's College.

Jenny Swann - 1955- current - Poet

Born in Hampstead she moved to Nottingham in 2004. She is a published poet and in 2008 she set up and ran *Candlestick Press* in Beeston until 2016.

Martha Sweet (Mrs) - c1843 - Chartist

Martha from Goose Gate was nominated to the national Chartist General Council (8 July 1843 Northern Star)

Clara Annie Taylor - c1938 - Co Councillor 1938

Fanny Taylor - 1897-1918 - Died in Chilwell Munitions explosion

Fanny worked at Chilwell Munitions factory during WW1, she was killed in the massive explosion on June 1st1918 at No 6 shell-filling factory.

Michele Louise Alma Taylor MBE – current - Director of Disability focused theatre

Co. Michele is the Director for Change at *Ramps on the Moon*- a Theatre service for people with Disabilities which is funded by the Arts Council. She was awarded an MBE in 2022

Sue Thomas – current - Writer

Sue was the first course leader of NTU's MA in Creative Writing, during her 16 years she wrote a book for creative writing teachers and founded Trace Online Writing Centre

Dr Winnifred Alice Melland Thompson - 1898-1990 - Beeston's 1st woman GP

Winnifred was born in Ilkeston studied medicine at the Royal Free in London and after working in London and Northampton she spent 40+ years as Beeston's only woman GP at Oban House

Emily Scott Thornton - 1865? – 19?? - Headteacher

Emily from Philadelphia was one of the first international students to study at University College. She returned to US as the first teacher/Head of The New Rochelle School and Kindergarten

Mary Thorpe - c1870's - ???? - Poor Law Guardian

Mary was elected to the Board of Poor Law Guardians and her name appears on the plaque at Sherwood House at the City Hospital on what was the foundation stone of the workhouse

Vesta Tilley - 1864-1952 - Music hall entertainer

Born Matilda Alice Powles, stage name Vesta Tilley, she was a popular Music Hall performer dressing as a man and performing 'masher' or dandy songs and helping WW1 recruitment.

Jane Todd OBE - 1950?- current - CEO Nottingham City Council

Jane a community worker helped set up the Women's Centre in 1971 before becoming Director of EM Government Office, and the CEO of the City Council in 2008. She was awarded an OBE

Jayne Torvill – 1957 – current - Ice Skater

Jayne was born in Nottingham and her formative years were spent at the Nottingham Ice Stadium; she is an Olympic Gold Medallist and Ice Dance Champion.

Elizabeth Train nee Hood - 1829-1888 - Signed 1866 suffrage petition

Elizabeth was born in Derby but by 1861 she is in Nottingham with her sister Susannah both milliners/dress makers. She married and had children and in 1866 signed the suffrage petition.

Minnie Trease - 1879-1951 - Girl Guide Captain

Mary Isabel or Minnie was born in Loughborough but moved to Nottingham with her family. She was Captain of 11th Nottingham Girl Guides from 1917-1949

Anne Treneman - 1956- current - Journalist President of Bromley House

Born in Iowa she moved to UK in 1980's and writes for the Times firstly as a political sketch writer and from 2015 as their theatre critic. In 2018 she became President of BH Library and served until 2023?

Hannah Trevarthen – current - Director of Nottingham Unesco City of Literature

Hannah has worked in the programming team at the Edinburgh International Book Festival, is on the Board of Bad Betty Press, worked at PEN, as Events and Partnerships Managers and as Interim Director. Hannah a voracious reader herself joined City of Literature as Director in 2024.

Elizabeth Ann Trickett - 1841-???? - Model for statue

Elizabeth was one of the first pupils at the Bluecoat school on Mansfield Rd in 1853 and posed with her brother for the sculptor J Stonehouse. The statues can still be seen on the old school

Una and Irene Truman – c1900 – 1950? - concert pianists – their father was Percy Truman a local solicitor, and they lived at Langdale, Grove Avenue. They attended

NGHS and took their LRAM diploma at the Royal Academy of Music. They performed widely and made many broadcasts and also taught music at 20 Waterloo Road. They were well known and held in high esteem. Una died suddenly in 1940 from bronchial influenza.

Eliza Trueman - 1834-1920 - Nurse, Florence Nightingale Crimean Pioneer

Eliza was born in Radford and became one of Florence Nightingale's 12 Pioneers for the Crimea. She later worked at Liverpool workhouse and Middlesex and Barts hospitals.

Maria Trueman - 1838-???? - Nurse

Sister of Eliza she trained as a nurse at St Thomas's Hospital and became the first Matron of Kendal cottage Hospital before being a Sister at Middlesex and Barts.

Sarah Agnes Turk - 1859-1927 - Writer

Sarah came to Nottingham with her family. Around 1908 she published *Nemesis* a book of short stories, she also wrote a play and several novels.

Catherine Turner nee Rankin- 1797-1894 – set up a girl's school, signed 1866 suffrage petition

Catherine Rankin from Newcastle married Rev Henry Turner and moved to Nottm. He died in 1822 and Catherine set up a successful girl's school at Lenton Fields; she signed 1866 petition

Hayley Turner - 1983- current - Jockey

Hayley was a professional jockey, the **first** woman to ride 100 UK flat races in a calendar year with 764 career wins. She was 2008 racing personality in 2008, retiring in 2015.

Dorothy Mary Turner - 1897-1960 - Teacher

Dorothy lived in Radcliffe on Trent, she was a pupil teacher at the village school and became a certified teacher on 1st May 1919; she moved to Beeston in 1920 and continued to teach.

Elizabeth Turton - 1778-1832 - Midwife

Elizabeth of Lomas Yard, Bellar Gate was a midwife for some 20 years 'ever ready night and day to render assistance' often for free to those in distress and to support women and families

Barbara Elizabeth Tutin - 1901-1969 - Solicitor, Alderman

Barbara became the **first** female solicitor in Nottingham, she was elected to Nottingham Incorporated Law Society in 1927. She was made an Alderman in 1956 and retired in 1968.

Dorothea Waddington - 1899-1936 - Murderer

Dorothea ran a nursing home in Devon Drive in Sherwood. In February 1936 she was

tried and hung for the murder of Ada Baguley and Ada's mother, residents at the home.

Eleanor Wadsworth nee Fish - 1917-2020 – WW2 flyer pilot

Eleanor was born in Nottingham, trained as an architect but then joined the Air Transport Auxillary (ATA) and trained to fly and deliver aircraft in WW2. She lived in Bury St Edmunds.

Ethel Wainwright OBE - 1877 – 1959 - First woman Mayor of Mansfield

Ethel moved to Mansfield on getting married and went on to achieve many **firsts** in public office – councillor, JP, Alderman, becoming Mayor in 1929.

Susannah Wainwright (Mrs) - c1843 - Chartist

Susannah of York Street was nominated to the national Chartist General Council (8 July 1843 Northern Star)

Joan Wallace – current - Writer

Joan has lived in Nottingham all her life and has published 4 historical novels as well as plays and poetry

Annie Elizabeth Wallis 1879 – 1971 – Poor Law Guardian and Magistrate

Annie was born in Manchester but moved to Nottingham where she was a Poor Law Guardian for 1 years, appointed a Magistrate in 1924 and stood as a Labour Councillor in 1924.

Kate Watson Wallis nee Carey - 1852-1918 - Suffragist

Sister of Henrietta Carey, Kate married George Harry Wallis who was the first Curator of the Castle Art Gallery and museum. They lived at the Residence at the Castle

Rosa Wallis - 1859-1946 - Artist

Rosa was a well-established landscape and botanical painter, etcher and engraver. She exhibited over 300 works between 1880 -and 1930

Muriel Wallis - 1882-1929 - Suffragette, community activist

Muriel was active in WSPU and took part in several London demonstrations, being arrested on 'Black Friday', 18/11/1910. She was also active in social and charity work.

M E Warwick - 1900s - Illustrator & wood engraver

Born in Newark, she studied book illustration at Eastbourne School of Art; she later took up Wood Engraving and has exhibited both works at various exhibitions.

Dorothy Eva Watkins - 1911-1998 - Painter

Dorothy was born in Nottingham studying at the School of Art. She painted in oils and water colours, and has exhibited at the RBA, in London, and at the Society of Women Artists.

Margaret Watkins - c1910 - Nurse

Margaret was a school nurse from Beardall Infants who worked at Mtarfa military hospital in Malta during WW1

Elizabeth Anne Watson - c1910 - Suffragist

Elizabeth of Burton House, Newcastle Circus in 1910 threw her garden open for a suffrage play *Lady Geraldine's Secret* and 80 children performed the scene between Oberon and Titania

Susannah Watson - 1794-1877 - Transported to Australia

Susannah moved to Bulwell from London and experienced poverty which undoubtedly led to the thefts for which she was transported to Australia's Botany Bay in 1829

Helen Kirkpatrick Watts - 1881-1972 - Suffragette

Helen, daughter of the vicar of Lenton, joined the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) and was arrested several times serving time in prison.

Anna Mary Watts nee Howitt - 1824-1884 - Illustrator, painter

Anna was the daughter of Mary Howitt, born in Nottingham she was a Pre-Raphaelite painter, writer, feminist and spiritualist.

Ethel Webb - 1862- 1915? - Garden designer

Ethel was responsible for laying out the Japanese garden at Newstead Abbey where her father was estate manager and she became owner from 1910-1915

Caroline Weinberg - 1869-1940 - Magistrate

Caroline, an American became the first Jewish woman to become a JP in Nottingham in 1924

Winifred Welch - 1893-1978 - Nurse

Winnifred was born in Basford, she trained as a nurse at Bagthorpe Institute and then trained as a midwife, and later worked in various private clinics and homes.

Rosemary Wels – 1946 – current - Artist

Rosemary came to Nottingham in 1972 to study. She taught Art & Design at New College and was active in the Women's Liberation Group, providing artwork for posters and '*Women Now*'

Julia West MBE – current - Professor

Julia has a PHD in Geomicrobiology and is an internationally renowned consultant and was awarded an MBE in 2020 for services to radioactive waste management. She is also a JP

Professor Shearer West – current – President & Vice Chancellor

Shearer was appointed VC in 2017 and in 2024 will move to become VC and President at Leeds university. She particularly worked to make the university a global university fit for the future.

(Margaret) Madge Wheeler - 1908-2002 - Left hospital with wrong baby

Margaret left Sherwood Hospital in 1936 after giving birth to her first daughter but left with the wrong baby. There were several documentaries and a play about this.

Dorothy Whipple nee Stirrup - 1893-1966 - Writer

Dorothy moved to Nottingham in 1917, to marry Henry Whipple, the then Director of Education. She was a prolific and successful novelist.

Blanche Mary Whitby MBE - 1892-1978 - WW1 work

Blanche was the organiser of the Prisoner of War Fund and Comforts for Troops Fund during WW1 for which she was awarded an MBE in 1920

Barbara White – current - Charity Founder

Barbara set up the charity ‘*When you wish upon a star*’ in 1990 to help grant the wishes of children with life threatening illnesses. She was chosen as Nottingham Express Transit Community Hero and will have a tram named after her.

Eileen Grace White - 1912-2008 - Cricketer

Eileen played cricket for Nottingham women’s team and helped found the Nottinghamshire County Women’s Cricket Association in 1933 and spent 30 years as a committee member.

Tracey Whitefoot – current – photographer

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Tracey was born and raised in Nottingham and over the years has photographed Nottinghamshire in all its seasons. She has been a FT freelance photographer for about 20 years. She had an exhibition *My Life in Light* at the Castle in 2025.

Amanda Whittington – Current - Writer

A former columnist for NEP, she wrote a string of popular and accessible plays featuring the experiences of women and won the Dennis Potter Screenwriting Award,

Lottie Wiggins - 1899-1976 - Munitionette

Lottie joined Chilwell aged 17 in April 1916 and stayed there until the armistice. She remained unmarried and died in 1976. A film ‘*A Day in the Life of a Munitionette*’ was made about Chilwell

Margaret Wildgust - 1936 – current – City Hospital volunteer

Margaret has volunteered every Tuesday and Friday since 2006 supporting various wards In November 2025 she was awarded the NUH People First Recognition Award and in 2026 an NCT bus was named after her and her 2 decades of service.

Eliza Wilkins (Mrs) - c1843 - Chartist

Eliza of York Street was nominated to the national Chartist General Council (Northern Star July 8,1843)

Peggy Wilkins – current – designs for and runs a Textile company

Peggy began her career manufacturing Nottingham lace, she set up her own business in Colwick in 1973 and produces 2 ranges of household linen each year and sells worldwide.

Sergeant Novie H Williams - Current? - Police sergeant

Novie was the first black woman police sergeant.

Sarah Joanna Williams - 1805-1841 - Poet

Joanna as she preferred to be known, moved to Mansfield aged 6 with her father who was minister at the Old Meeting House. She wrote '*Sherwood Forest: a poem*'.

Victoria Williams – current - Poet

A respected Elder, Victoria is also a poet. She wrote *Shock and Disbelief to the System – 1960*; which told her story as a Caribbean migrant.

Ruth Willis – ???? – 1940 ARP Warden

Ruth was an ARP warden in Laxton and was the first civil defence person to be killed in enemy action in Nottingham when 4 bombs were dropped on Laxton village on 28th August 1940.

Cassandra Willoughby aka Duchess of Chandos - 1670-1735 - ?????

Cassandra the daughter of Francis Willoughby of Wollaton Hall, oversaw the restoration of the gardens and the house and compiled a history of her father's family.

Emma Wilmot - 1840's - painter

Emma was the wife of the Duke of Newcastle's agent and painted still recognisable scenes from the Dukeries eg Clumber Park, Worksop Manor and Welbeck Abbey.

Aphra Wilson - 1896-1976 - Horticultural pioneer & Boots Director

Aphra from Caversham studied at the Royal College of Science in London. She joined Boots in 1936 expanding their horticultural research, she was appointed a Director and joined the Board

Ida Wilson - ???? Group Fire Control Officer.

Ruth was the most senior ranking woman, she was belatedly awarded a Defence Medal on February 1992 – ??????????

Margaret Wilson – 1923 - WW2 morse code reader at Bletchley Park

Margaret lives in Shirebrook and has shared her tales of codebreaking, rationing and VE Day on YouTube for Nottingham Archives. She has several service medals and has written a book *A WAAF at War*

Frances Joyce Woodward - 1921-2014 – codebreaker

Frances attended Nottm HSG and then Girton where she read history, served as a codebreaker at Bletchley Park during WW2 and then researched the life of Lady Jane

Franklin and wrote her biography *Portrait of Jane: A Life of Lady Franklin* 1951

Vera Woodward - ???? - Chair of Women's Liberal Assoc

Vera was Chair of the Women's Liberal Assoc in Nottm., and was very involved in the League of Nations. She was a noted society hostess and stood unsuccessfully for the City Council.

Elsie Woods - 1900s - Artist

Elsie born in Nottingham, had some training at the Homerton College, and was a landscape artist an Associate of the Nottingham Society of Artists.

Contance Maria Woolley MBE - c1920 - British Red Cross canteen worker

Constance worked for Red Cross at the canteen and was awarded an MBE 1920 for her work

Lucy Worsley OBE- 1973 - current – Historian, writer, curator and TV presenter

Lucy was born in Reading going to primary schools there before the family moved to West Bridgford where she went to WB school -a comprehensive - before going to New College Oxford and then Sussex University to do her DPhil in 2001. She worked at various museums and palaces before developing a TV career.

Mavis Worthington – current - Homestart Volunteer

Mavis volunteered for Homestart, a charity which befriends and supports families with young children. She was nominated by Evening Post readers and had a tram named after her.

Abigail Wright – 1992 - current – submarine mental health nurse

Abigail trained as a mental health nurse and joined the Navy in September 2020 and worked in hospitals in Portsmouth and supported Royal Marines in Norway and then she moved to Faslane. In 2025 she was named 'woman of the year in the Women in Defence Awards.

Bessie Wright OBE - 1913-2003 - Nursery nursing Principal

Bessie was the **first** female Principal of Waverley College of Nursery Nursing in Nottingham, where she set up and championed Nursery Nurse Training

Francis Wright (Mrs) - c1843 - Chartist

Francis of Wood Street was a Chartist 6 May 1843 Northern Star

Joyce Mary Wright c 1900 - ???? President of Nottingham Pharmacists

Joyce was a qualified Pharmacist and was President in 1939

Kathleen Mary Wright - 1905–1992- Sister in charge of the Pay Bed Wing

Kathleen joined the Nottingham General Hospital in 1924 and was designated the role of Sister in charge of the Pay Bed Wing in 1938 and remained so until her retirement in 1967. The University MSC holds alumni photographs and staff documents.

Nottingham General Hospital website

Louisa Wright - 1849-1916 - Suffragist

Louisa moved to Nottingham and was the president of Mansfield Women's Suffrage Society and one of the committee members of the Nottingham branch

Susannah Wright - 1792 -???? - Lace worker & radical bookseller

Susannah ran a printshop in London, she was charged with unlawfully publishing 'infidel publications'. On release from prison, she opened a radical bookshop in Goosegate in Nottingham.

Audra Wynter -Current - City Councillor & Deputy Leader

Audra was elected as a Labour City Councillor in Bestwood in 2019 and became Deputy Leader in 2023 the first BAME woman to hold that position.

Edith Anne Yates CBE - c1950's - County Councillor (Con)

Anne was elected as a councillor in 1955 she became the **first** woman Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council from 1968-1974. She was later made an Alderman.

Ada Elizabeth Young - 1985-1918 - VAD Nurse

Ada was a VAD nurse at Clipstone Camp Military Hospital and died of influenza aged only 33 on 15th July 1918

Winnifred Dallis Yorke, Duchess of Portland DBE - 1863-1954 - First County JP

Winnifred married the Duke of Portland, living at Welbeck Abbey. She built almshouses there, was involved with RSPCA and RSPB and local miners. She was appointed JP in 1920.

Lady Yoxall - early 1900's - Suffragist

She was part of the East Midlands Federation which went to London Hyde Park on 28th July 1913 for the rally at the end of the Women's Suffrage Pilgrimage.

Alice Zimmern - 1855-1939 - Writer & suffragette

Alice was born in Nottingham, was privately educated before studying Classics at Cambridge. She wrote books including on ancient Rome and Greece but also on suffrage.