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# Sheffielders Born or Bred







Over 200 famous or infamous people and characters with local connections who have contributed to Sheffield's fame and fortune





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Henry Clifton Sorby - 'Lizzie Ward' - Juliana Horatia Ewing

# A

# **ABC**

Pop group whose debut record 'Tears are not enough' made the top 20 in 1981.

#### Paul Allen

Journalist, playwright, critic and presenter of Radio 3's 'Night Waves'.

# Ian Anderson

Co-founder of The Designers Republic agency in Sheffield.

# **Arctic Monkeys**

Pop group formed in 2003 (Alex Turner, Jamie Cook, Andy Nicholson, Matthew Helders). The first group to reach number 1 in the singles chart largely on the strength of free Internet downloads in October 2005. Mercury Music Prize winners 2006. Bassist Andy Nicholson was replaced by Nick O'Malley 2006.

# Ray Ashcroft, b.1952

Sheffield born actor who played in, 'The Bill', 'Coronation Street' and 'Emmerdale' among others.

# Brian Asquith, b.1930

Designer, sculptor, silversmith. His many commissions include the water features and furniture for the Sheffield Peace Gardens.

# John Atkinson, 1839-1929

Founder of Atkinson's department store, still a family run business.

# **♦** B

# **Derek Bailey, 1930-2005**

Guitarist who co-founded the record label Incus, co-founded *Musics* magazine and wrote the book *Improvisation: its nature and practice* in 1980.

# **Roy Bailey**

Folk singer and songwriter who began his career in a skiffle group in 1958. He and Tony Benn won the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards for the programme "Writing on the Wall". In 2000 he received the MBE for services to folk music but returned it in 2006 as a protest against the Government's policy with regard to Lebanon and Palestine.

# Emerson Muschamp Bainbridge, 1845-1911

Colliery manager for the Nunnery pits and others, mining consulting engineer and philanthropist. He founded and built the Jeffie Bainbridge Home for Waifs and Strays [children] on Norfolk Street.

# Arthur Balfour, 1st Lord Riverdale, 1873-1957

Industrialist and government advisor

# Gordon Banks, b.1937

Arguably the world's greatest goalkeeper with 73 caps for England. He was on the 1966 World Cup winning team.

# Matthew Bannister, b.1957

Former controller of Radio 1, famous for the controversial changes he made there including the recruitment of Chris Evans. He later resigned from the BBC but is now a Radio Five Live presenter.

# **Debbie Barham**, 1977-2003

Comedy scriptwriter who wrote for 'Spitting Image', 'The News Quiz', 'Loose Ends', Rory Bremner, Clive Anderson, Graham Norton and many others.

# Keith Barron, b.1934

Mexborough born actor who began his professional career at Sheffield Playhouse.

# Bertie Bassett, b.1923

Bassett's liquorice allsorts character.

# **William Batchelor**, 1860(?)-1913

Founder of the firm which brought tinned peas to many of Britain's kitchens.

# Joe Batey, d.1999

Sheffeld's chief smoke abatement officer nicknamed 'Mr Clear Air' and 'Smokey Joe'.

# Robert Slater Bayley, 1801-1859

Founder of the Sheffield People's College which provided classes for men and women before and after work.

# Sean Bean, b.1959

Actor with appearances in the television serials 'Clarissa' and 'Sharpe' and the film 'The Lord of the Rings'.

# Leonard Beaumont, 1891-1986

Artist and designer. Design Consultant to Sainsbury's 1950-1964 and author of *Art from Linoleum* (1932).

# Darren Bennet, b.1977 and Lilia Kopylova, b.1979

Ballroom dancers (married 1999) and the leading British couple in the professional Latin dancing field. They have partnered the winning celebrities in two of the series 'Strictly Come Dancing' on BBC1.

# Sir William Sterndale Bennett, 1816-1875

One of the foremost composers and musicians of his day. His works include 'The Woman of Samaria' and 'The Naiads'.

# Dave Berry (David Grundy), b.1941

Rock 'n' roll singer whose hits included 'The Crying Game'.

# Henry Bessemer, 1813-1898

Inventor of the method of manufacturing bulk steel quickly and cheaply with his Bessemer Converter, which effectively increased the rate of steel production by 6,000 times.

# Rev Dr Inderjit Bhogal, b.1953

Brought up in Nairobi, he converted to Methodism and became the church's first Asian minister in 1980. He was appointed President of the Methodist Conference in 2000, and is the second Director of Studies at the Urban Theology Unit in Sheffield.

# Dr John Henry Bingham, 1880-1970

Alderman, leader of the Council, chairman of the Education Committee and Lord Mayor 1954-1955. Dr John Bingham School at Batemoor was named after him in 1966.

# J Stuart Blackton (Blacktin), 1875-1941

Sheffield born he emigrated to the USA and became one of their film pioneers.

# David Blunkett, b.1947

MP, former Leader of the City Council and former Home Secretary.

# Thomas Boulsover, 1705-1788

Inventor of Sheffield Plate, enabling the manufacture of products with the appearance of silver at a much cheaper price.

# Malcolm Bradbury, 1932-2000

Professor of English and author of 'The History Man'.

# **Harry Brearley, 1871-1948**

Discoverer of stainless steel in 1913.

# Spencer Broughton, 1746-1792

Highwayman who robbed the Sheffield and Rotherham mail in 1791. He was caught, hanged and his body gibbeted on Attercliffe Common until 1827. He was the last man to be gibbeted in Sheffield. Broughton Lane is named after him.

# **Sir John Brown, 1816-1896**

Brown made his fortune in the invention and manufacture of the conical steel spring railway buffer, and in the manufacture of armour plating at the Atlas Works. He spent much of his wealth on his mansion Endcliffe Hall.

# Jonathan (Jon) Michael Brown, b.1971

Marathon and cross-country runner, born in Bridgend but he spent his early years in Sheffield. He ran in the 2000 Olympic Games at Sydney and the 2004 Games at Athens.

# Sir Alastair Burnet, b.1928

Former newsreader on ITV's News at Ten. He was a commentator on the 1969 Moon landing and the 1981 Royal wedding.

#### Leo Butler

Sheffield born playwright, author of 'Redundant', 'Devotion' and 'Lucky Dog'.

# Dame Antonia Byatt, b.1936

Novelist and critic whose work includes Booker Prize winner 'Possession'.

# ◆ C

# George Caborn, d.1982

Shop Steward, union official and political activist, father of Richard Caborn MP.

# Marti Caine (Lynne Stringer), 1945-1995

Television and stage entertainer.

# **Tony Capstick, 1944-2003**

Local broadcaster, comedian, folk singer and actor.

# **Edward Carpenter, 1844-1929**

A leading Socialist of his day who advocated women's rights, homosexual equality, vegetarianism, clean air, anti-vivisection, penal reform, the small-holding movement, worker co-operatives and a decent minimum wage. He wrote widely on literary and sexual subjects and lived in an openly homosexual relationship. He was especially interested in the countryside, and the character of the people around Sheffield and was instrumental in founding the Sheffield Socialist Society.

# Paul Carrack, b.1951

Singer, songwriter, solo artist. A member of several bands including Ace, Squeeze and Mike and the Mechanics.

# Annie Bindon Carter, 1883-1969

During and after the First World War she organised painting classes for men with severe war injuries, leading to the establishment of Painted Fabrics Ltd (1915-1959). The men were employed to decorate fabrics by stencil, screen and block printing methods.

# **Bruce Chatwin, 1940-1989**

Travel writer and novelist.

# **Stanley Clark**

Inventor of the world's first portable blood monitor for diabetics. Originally from Carbrook, he emigrated to Australia where he was awarded the Australian equivalent of the OBE.

# Frank Clay, 1909-1996

Sheffield's 'Mister Walking'. He organised the Star Walk for 45 years, was a judge at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, and managed British International teams at overseas competitions.

# **Thomas and William Cockayne**

Founders of Cockayne's drapery business on Angel Street in 1829 where it rapidly expanded until it had become one of the largest department stores in town. The premises were destroyed in the Blitz of 1940 but re-opened in 1949 continuing as one of the best-known names in Sheffield until taken over by Schofields of Leeds in 1972.

# **Ced Cocker**

Preacher and propagandist who has carried his religious banners in the city centre since 1951.

# Jarvis Cocker, b.1963

Front man of Pulp.q.v

# Joe Cocker, b.1944

Singer who became famous 'With a little help from my friends'.

# Coe, Sebastian, Baron Coe of Ranmore (in the county of Surrey), b.1956

Olympic gold medal athlete and former Conservative MP

# Thomas, John and Skelton Cole

Brothers who founded Cole Brothers store in 1839, originally as silk mercers and hosiers at no. 4 Fargate. The firm steadily expanded along the bottom of Fargate and around the corner into Church Street, thus creating the well-known Sheffield landmark 'Cole's Corner'. Their new premises at Barkers Pool opened in 1963 and plans are currently underway to move yet again to a huge new site on Wellington Street.

# **Compass Theatre Company**

Internationally acclaimed touring theatre company founded in 1981 by Neil Sissons and Richard Lewis.

# Ken Cornthwaite, d.1996

The man who fed the fish in the 'Hole in the Road' (Castle Square) tank for eleven years.

# Sir Henry Coward, 1849-1944

Choral conductor and founder of the Sheffield Musical Union.

# Richard Coyle, b.1972

TV, stage and film actor who has appeared in 'Coupling' and 'Lorna Doone' on TV, 'Don Carlos' and 'Proof' in the theatre.

# **Dr John Creaghe, 1841-1920**

Born in Ireland, he set up a medical practice in Sheffield. He founded the *Sheffield Anarchist* and helped establish the Sheffield Anarchist Group. Much of his later life was spent in Argentina and he died in Washington USA.

# Professor Ronald Crossland, 1920-2006

Professor of Greek at Sheffield University, 1958-1982, and a leading Hittite scholar.

# George Cunningham, 1924-1996

Described as 'Sheffield's best loved artist'. His paintings often feature on the City's official Christmas cards.

# Tony Currie, b.1950

London born footballer who came to Sheffield United in 1968 and made 376 appearances for the club scoring 67 goals. He also had 17 England caps (7 while at United). He transferred to Leeds United in 1976.

# Johnny Cuthbert, 1904-1987

British feather and lightweight boxing champion.

# D

# Frederick Dainton, Lord Dainton of Hallam Moors, 1914-1997

Educationalist and Chancellor of Sheffield University.

# **Def Leppard**

Hard rock band formed in 1977.

# Reginald Dixon, 1904-1985

Theatre organist, popularly known as 'Mr Blackpool'.

# **Berlie Doherty**

Locally based author who has twice won the Carnegie Medal for her children's books.

# Derek Dooley, b.1929

Football player turned administrator with strong ties to both Sheffield clubs.

# Margaret Drabble, b.1939

Novelist and author of literary biography.

# Robert Edric (Gary Eric Armitage), b.1956

Novelist, twice longlisted for the Man Booker Prize.

#### Malcolm Elliott

Racing cyclist with victories on both the amateur and professional circuits.

# Tom Ellis, b.1979

Actor who has appeared on TV in 'Nicholas Nickleby', 'Nice Guy Eddie', 'Waking the Dead' and 'Eastenders' and in the films 'Vera Drake' and 'Buffalo Soldiers'.

# Jessica Ennis, b.1986

Heptathlete who has won bronze medals at the 2005 World Student Games and the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

# **Ensemble 360**

Chamber music ensemble founded in 2005 by Music in the Round.

# Juliana Horatia Ewing (née) Gatty, 1841-1885

Children's writer of Ecclesfield. Her story 'The Brownies' gave their name to the junior Girl Guides.

# F

# Mark Firth, 1819-1880

One of the major nineteenth century industrial figures in Sheffield where he was a steel and armaments manufacturer. He built his house at Oakbrook, where he entertained the Prince of Wales, and gave Firth Park to the city. He was Mayor 1874-1875.

# George Henry Fletcher, 1878-1958

Fletcher was blacklisted for his work in the Bakers' Union which resulted in his opening the first of his four bakeries. In 1923 he helped form the British Communist Party, standing as its candidate in Sheffield local and parliamentary elections.

# **Forced Entertainment**

Theatre company founded 1984, described as 'One of the most important performance groups in Europe', and led by director/writer Tim Etchells.

# William "Fatty" Foulke, 1874-1916

Goalkeeper for Sheffield United (1894-1904), famed for his height (6' 2") and weight (varied from over 14 stone to over 20 stone).

# **Sir John Fowler, 1817-1898**

Civil engineer, most noted for design and construction of the Forth Railway Bridge. He also did pioneering work on the London Underground.

# Martin Fox, d.2001

Recognised as one of the finest clarinet players in the country. He played and sang with the Savannah Jazz Band.

# **Arnold James Freeman, 1886-1972**

Founder and first warden of The Sheffield Educational Settlement and The Little Theatre. He devoted his life to the education and improvement of the lives of the poor and socially disadvantaged.

# **George Fullard, 1923-1973**

Sculptor, well known for his 'Walking Man' in front of the Winter Garden. Several of his sculptures are in the garden of Upper Chapel, Norfolk Street.

G

# **Carol Galley**

She became Britain's highest paid woman in 1997 when her earnings as vice-chairman of Mercury Asset Management were over £6m.

# Mark Gasser, b.1972

Pianist who played with Sheffield Youth Orchestra. He graduated from the Birmingham Conservatoire with the highest marks in its history. He is one of only six pianists who have ever attempted Ronald Stevenson's *Passacaglia on DSCH* – an 80 minute set of variations on four notes. He played at New York's Carnegie Hall shortly after the attack on the World Trade Center in 2001.

# Margaret Gatty (née Scott), 1809-1873

Writer on natural history and author of children's stories. She was the author of a standard work 'History of British Seaweeds' (1863), and had an Australian alga and a type of marine worm named after her.

# John Gibson, 1922-2004

Former mathematics student at Sheffield University who became Chief Scientist of the Operations Research Division at NATO HQ.

# Dr Oliver Gilbert, d.2005

Leading urban ecologist and lichen expert.

# Diane Pauline Giles, 1912-2005

Sheffield born Senior Sister at the RAF Hospital, Ely, Cambs., treating aircrew wounded in World War 2. For her work in Malaya she was appointed RRC (Royal Red Cross), a medal awarded for exceptional devotion and competency of actual nursing duties. Promoted to Air Commandant 1966 Awarded DBE 1967.

# Lesley Glaister, b.1956

Novelist whose work includes the award winning novel 'Honour Thy Father'.

# Dr Zara May (Maisie) Glass, 1902-1991

Born Maisie Isaacs she married Harry Glass (1910-1994). She was the first Jewish woman graduate at Sheffield University, a JP, Chair of South Yorkshire Magistrates Association, on the Board of Management of Sheffield Repertory Theatre, and Honorary Archivist at the Crucible Theatre. She received an Honorary Doctorate from Sheffield University in 1991.

# 'Gloops'

Cartoon cat who appeared in *The Star* from the 1920s. A 'Gloops Club' with Gloops as its symbol organised outings and charitable events.

# Peter Glossop, b.1928

Operatic baritone who began his professional career at Sadler's Wells in 1952.

# Barney Goodman, d.1984

From 1924-1974 he was the City's best known master tailor and supplied suits to the rich and famous.

# Herol 'Bomber' Graham, b.1959

British and European boxing champion based in Sheffield.

# Michael Grandage, b.1962

Associate Director of Sheffield Theatres 1999-2005. He directed Joseph Fiennes in *Edward II*, Kenneth Branagh in *Richard III* and Derek Jacobi in *The Tempest* amongst others.

# Constance Grant, 1905-1989

World renowned dance teacher. She opened several dance studios in Sheffield and coached many British champions. She was three times winner of the Carl Alan Award. She married the dance band leader Harry Sylvester in 1932.

# John George Graves, 1866-1945

Watchmaker, owner of a mail order business, Lord Mayor (1926-27) and philanthropist. Among many benefactions he presented Graves Park to the city.

# **Charles Green, 1836-1916**

Craftsman, first Master of the Sheffield Art Crafts Guild. He designed the font in Sheffield Cathedral and the chain of office for the Mayor of Sheffield. He was one of the founders of the Hunter Archaeological Society.

# Harry Greenwood, 1927-1999

Known as "Harry the Tramp", he was born in Parkwood Springs and took to the road about the 1960s, making a living by doing odd jobs. He settled in a cave near Stoney Middleton 1982/3; he played the piano at St Anne's Church, Baslow, and died in Chesterfield Royal Hospital.

# **Dilys Guite, 1921-1964**

Founder of the Dilys Guite Players. She rented the virtually derelict Chalet Theatre for £1 a week. It was re-opened in 1957 as the Lantern Theatre and is still going strong.

# H

# **Keith Hackett**

Football referee who took charge of the centenary FA Cup Final in 1981.

# Sir Robert Hadfield, 1858-1940

Steel manufacturer and discoverer of alloy steels.

# **Ernest Harper, 1902-1979**

Olympic marathon silver medallist in 1936 who lived in Sheffield.

# John Harris, 1916-1991

Rotherham born novelist who worked on the *Sheffield Telegraph*.

# Roy Hattersley, Baron Hattersley of Sparkbrook, b.1932

Former MP, former Deputy Leader of the Labour Party and author.

# **Ken Hawley**

Retired tool shop owner who began collecting tools in the 1950s. These now form the Hawley Collection at the University of Sheffield, which is an internationally important collection of edge tools and cutlery.

# **Richard Hawley**

Singer/songwriter, former guitarist of Longpigs and Pulp. His albums include 'Lowedges', 'Late Night Final' and ' Cole's Corner'.

# Harry Heap, 1901-1968

Cartoonist for The Star and Green 'Un and creator of the character 'Alf'.

# Joyce Rosemary Himsworth, 1905-1989

Silversmith and designer who specialised in medieval methods of artistic work in precious metals. She began silversmithing whilst still very young, and went on to exhibit her work widely, including the Goldsmiths Hall and the Liverpool Walker Art Gallery. Her works included the central shield of the Sheffield Coat of Arms and the Stalingrad Casket.

# Barry Hines, b.1939

Born in Hoyland Common and educated at Ecclesfield, his books include 'A Kestrel for a Knave' on which the film 'Kes' was based.

# Samuel Holberry, 1814-1842

Chartist leader who pledged to obtain universal suffrage. He was gaoled in 1840 after an uprising was foiled, died in prison and is buried in the General Cemetery. He is commemorated by the Holberry Cascades in the Peace Gardens.

# Charles Holliday, d.1988

Designer employed by James Dixon and Sons from 1927; he designed the Blue Riband Trophy, the Masters' Trophy (golf) and many of the Grand National Trophies including all three won by Red Rum.

# **Terry Howard**

Rambler and campaigner for free access to moorland.

#### **Human League**

Group originally formed in 1977 and re-launched in 1981.

# **Joseph Hunter, 1783-1861**

Historian, antiquary and author of 'Hallamshire' and 'South Yorkshire'.

# Benjamin Huntsman, 1704-1776

Inventor of crucible or cast steel which was much stronger than any which had previously been produced. Originally a clock maker, Huntsman moved to Handsworth near Sheffield in 1742 where he successfully experimented in the production of crucible steel for many years.



# Dr W G ("Billy") Ibberson, 1902-1988

Director of George Ibberson and Co, Master Cutler (1955) and expert on the Sheffield cutlery trade. He was described as one of Sheffield's "great characters" and always wore a rose in his buttonhole.

# William Ibbitt, 1805-1869

A designer and chaser by trade, but now known for his large coloured prints of the town and districts of Sheffield which are striking and on the whole accurate.

# Ronald Illingworth, 1909-1990

Professor of Paediatrics at Sheffield University from 1947-1975 and international expert on child health and development.

# Brendan Ingle, b.1941

Former professional boxer, now trainer and manager. He has trained among others Johnny Nelson, Herol "Bomber" Graham and "Prince" Naseem Hamed.

# **Muhammad Iqbal**

Pakistani born former soldier, former crane driver for several Sheffield steel firms, now a leading figure in the Burngreave community.

# Sir Ron Ironmonger, 1914-1984

A staunch trade unionist, he was elected to the City Council in 1945 and was Leader of the Labour Group from 1966 to 1974 when he left Sheffield Council to become Leader of the newly created South Yorkshire County Council. In 1970 he was knighted and made a Freeman of Sheffield in 1974.

# • J

# Charles Sargeant Jagger, 1885-1934

Kilnhurst born sculptor who was apprenticed at Mappin and Webb and taught at Sheffield School of Art. He sculpted figures for the Royal Artillery Memorial at Hyde Park Corner in London.

# **Thomas Jessop, 1804-1887**

Crucible steel manufacturer and philanthropist. In 1863 he was Mayor and Master Cutler in the same year, and later provided the building for the Sheffield Hospital for Women, subsequently named the Jessop Hospital.

# Jimmy Jewel (James Jewel Marsh), 1912-1995

Entertainer with his cousin Ben Warris, and successful straight actor.

# **♦** K

# lan Kershaw, b.1943

Professor of Modern History at the University of Sheffield. He wrote an award-winning biography of Hitler.

# **Tibor Killi**

Hungarian refugee who set up a successful vacuum cleaner business – Killi's Kleaners.

# Oona King, b.1967

Born in Sheffield she became Britain's second black woman MP.

# **Dr Henry Kirkby, 1912-2004**

World class steel expert who helped to develop Concorde.

# Sir Hans Adolf Krebs, 1900-1981

Lecturer in Pharmacology, later Professor of Biochemistry at Sheffield University. He won the 1953 Nobel Prize in Medicine/Physiology for the development of the citric acid cycle, or Krebs cycle.

# Sir Harry Kroto (Harold Krotoschiner), b.1939

Winner of the 1996 Nobel Chemistry Prize for discovering a new form of carbon known as "buckminsterfullerene". He studied chemistry at Sheffield University in the 1960s after his sixth-form chemistry master recommended Sheffield as having the best chemistry department in the country.

# L

# Robert Eadon Leader, 1839-1922

Remembered for his many important works relating to Sheffield's history (eg 'The History of the Cutlers' Company in Hallamshire', 'Sheffield in the 18th Century'), he was also editor of the *Sheffield and Rotherham Independent* and took an active part in local politics and municipal affairs.

# Sir William Christopher Leng, 1825-1902

Hull born, he became joint owner and editor of the *Sheffield Daily Telegraph*. Under him the paper became one of the most successful in the north of England. He was editor at the time of the Sheffield Flood (1864) and the Trades Union Outrages (1860s) and was credited with playing an instrumental part in ending the latter.

# **Lindsay Quartet**

Sheffield based chamber music quartet who retired in 2005.

# **Arthur Lismer, 1885-1969**

Artist who emigrated to Canada and became one of the country's leading painters.

# George Littlewood, 1859-1901

World famous 'go as you please' runner. He gained his world title in 1888 in Madison Square Gardens, New York, after completing over 623 miles in 6 days.

# "Lizzie Ward"

An elephant employed in 1916 by T W Ward Ltd for hauling. During the First World War horses were taken for war service so the more docile circus animals were used in their place. After the war was over "Lizzie" returned to the circus and died two years later in Scotland.

# Frederick Lloyd, 1875(?) – 1952

Pioneer of early wireless broadcasts.

# Joseph Locke, 1805-1860

Railway engineer, born in Attercliffe, 9th August 1805. He became an assistant to George Stephenson, helping in the construction of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway. After setting up as an independent engineer, Locke was responsible for some of the major railway projects in the country, including the Grand Junction and the Sheffield and Manchester route via Woodhead. He also constructed numerous lines in Europe. A philanthopist, he and his wife presented a park, subsequently named Locke Park, to the people of Barnsley.

# James Lomas, b.1990

Born in Chapeltown he won 'Best Actor in a Musical' Laurence Olivier Award with two others for his role in 'Billy Elliot'.

# Arnold Loosemore, 1896-1924

Awarded the Victoria Cross in 1917.

# **♦** M

# Richard McCourt, b.1977

Children's TV presenter. He starred with Dominic Wood in 'Dick and Dom in Da Bungalow', an award winning Saturday morning slapstick show.

# Patrick McGoohan, b.1928

Actor, born in New York, who acted locally in amateur theatre and at the Sheffield Playhouse. He is best known for the TV series 'Danger Man' and 'The Prisoner' and for appearances in many films.

# Dr Eric Mackerness, 1920-1999

Academic noted for his work in art, music and literature; author of a history of music in Sheffield and contributor to the new *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*.

# Seán McLoughlin, 1895-1960

Member of the Irish Republican Brotherhood who took part in the Dublin Easter Rising of 1916. He died in Sheffield.

# William Marsden, 1796-1867

Sheffield born surgeon who founded what became the Royal Marsden Hospital, 'the first free hospital formed on the humane principle that disease and poverty should be the only claims for admission'.

# **Joseph Mather, 1737-1804**

Ballad singer and broadside seller; author of 'The Jovial Cutlers', 'The Grinders' Hardships' and 'Saturday Night'.

# Maud Maxfield, d.1940

Educationalist who founded The Maud Maxfield School for the Deaf at East Hill House.

# David Mellor, b.1930

Specialist designer of modern cutlery and such 20th century icons as the traffic light.

# Nicola Minichiello (née Gautier), b.1978

International heptathlete, brakewoman in 2-woman bobsleigh at 2002 Winter Olympics, and World Championship driver.

# James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Scottish born poet, journalist and hymn writer. He became editor of the *Sheffield Iris* and was imprisoned twice. He was a founder of the Sheffield Savings Bank and the Sheffield Literary and Philosophical Society. Among his many poems are 'The Wanderer of Switzerland', 'The World Before the Flood' and 'Pelican Island'. Hymns include 'Angels from the Realms of Glory' and 'Hail to the Lord's Anointed'. Memorials to him include his statue, now in the Cathedral grounds, and the Montgomery fountain on Broad Lane.

# Frank Mottershaw, 1850(?)-1932

Pioneer of the British film industry.

# J T Murphy, 1888-1966

Trade unionist and founder of the shop stewards' movement.

# N

# Johnny Nelson, b.1967

World Boxing Organisation cruiserweight champion, 1999.

# Paul Nunn, 1943-1995

Mountaineer, author of climbing guides, former chairman of the British Mountaineering Council. He served as safety officer and stunt double for Sean Connery in the film 'Five Days One Summer'.

# O

# **Samuel Osborn, 1826-1891**

Pioneer tool steel manufacturer, Master Cutler 1873, Mayor 1890-1891 (he died in office).

# Geoffrey Ost, c.1902-1972

Manchester born, he was appointed producer at Sheffield Playhouse in 1938, and became resident director for 26 years. Awarded honorary degree MA by the University of Sheffield in 1959. An award was established in his name in 1975 to finance theatre projects for young people.

# P

# Cecil Paine, b.1905

Doctor at the Royal Infirmary who pioneered the use of penicillin.

# Michael Palin, b.1943

Actor, writer, world traveller and member of the Monty Python team.

# Judy Parfitt, b.1935

Sheffield born actress who has appeared in a wide variety of films, including 'Girl with a Pearl Earring' and 'Wilde', and many television plays and series including 'Midsomer Murders' and 'Rumpole of the Bailey'.

# Charles "Charlie" Frederick Peace, 1832-1879

The son of a wild animal trainer, he began picking pockets in his early teens and progressed to burglary and finally murder when he shot dead Arthur Dyson, the husband of a woman with whom he was infatuated. His attempts to escape justice became the stuff of legend, but he was hanged for murder on 25th February 1879.

# Donald Pleasence, 1919-1995

Stage, film and television actor born in Worksop and educated at Ecclesfield Grammar School.

# George Porter, Baron Porter of Luddenham, OM, FRS, 1920-2002

Professor of Chemistry at the University of Sheffield 1955-1963, Firth Professor of Chemistry 1963-1966. In 1967 he shared the Nobel Prize for Chemistry for his discovery of flash photolysis.

# **Pulp**

Band originally called 'Arabicus Pulp' whose first official gig was at the Rotherham Arts Centre. Their album 'Different Class' went into the charts at number one.

# • G

# **Professor Arthur George Quarrell, d.1983**

Emeritus Professor of Sheffield University, Professor of Metallurgy from 1950-1976. A metallurgist of international repute, he received the Bessemer Gold Medal of the Iron and Steel Institute in 1971.

# Albert Quixall, b.1933

Sheffield born Wednesday player who was capped for England at the age of 20. He helped Wednesday to the Second Division title in 1952 and 1956, and joined Manchester United in 1958 for a record £45,000 fee. He was the first player whom Matt Busby signed after the Munich disaster.

# R

# **Omar Ramsden, 1873-1939**

Silversmith who, with Alwyn Carr, designed the Sheffield City Mace.

#### **Danuta Reah**

Writer of crime and psychological thrillers who made her crime debut in 1999 with 'Only Darkness'. She also writes under the name of 'Carla Banks'.

# **Uriah Rennie**

Football referee, and the first black referee in the FA Premier League.

# Dr Richard John Roberts, b.1943

He took a BSc in Chemistry at Sheffield University in 1965 and a PhD in 1968. In 1993 he won the Medicine/Physiology Nobel Prize for his discovery of "split genes". The University Chemistry department building is named after him.

# **Robin Hood**

Outlaw who robbed the rich to give to the poor. Did he exist? If he did we maintain he came from Loxley in Sheffield.

# Rony Robinson, b.1940

Radio Sheffield broadcaster, novelist, playwright and Sony Award winner.

# Joseph Rodgers, d.1821

Head of the firm of Joseph Rogers and Sons Ltd, cutlery manufacturers with the Star and Cross trademark. Makers of the famous Year Knife and Norfolk Knife. At one time the firm had the largest cutlery factory in the world and one slogan ran – 'The Knife of Kings and the King of Knives'.

# Alan Rouse, 1951-1986

Sheffield based mountaineer who died on K2.

#### **Stanley Royle, 1881-1961**

Landscape painter who trained and taught at the Sheffield School of Art. He was influential in the development of Canadian art in the 1930s.

# John Ruskin, 1819-1900

Artist closely associated with Sheffield. He set up his museum for the working man originally at Walkley. The latest Ruskin collection is now in the Millennium Galleries.



# Marjorie (Madge) Saunders

Church worker who came from Jamaica in 1965 to work at St James' Church with the African-Caribbean people of Sheffield. She returned to Jamaica ten years later and became the first female minister in the United Church of Jamaica.

# Nicholas Saunderson, c.1683-1739

Born at Thurlstone he lost his sight in infancy, but was taught arithmetic by his father and later studied at Attercliffe Academy. He became the fourth Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge University.

# Sir Robert Scholey, b.1921

Industrialist who started work at Steel Peech and Tozer and became BSC Chairman.

# Helen Sharman, b.1963

Britain's first astronaut in 1991.

# Stan Shaw, b.1926

One of the last of the 'little mesters'.

# **Sheffield Oratorio Chorus**

Founded in 1949 by Dr Reginald Tustin Baker, Organist and Master of the Choristers at Sheffield Cathedral, to perform oratorios in the Cathedral.

# **Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus**

Formed in 1935 but its origins date back to the mid-nineteenth century as it was formed from two earlier choirs.

# **Sheffield Symphony Orchestra**

The biggest amateur orchestra in the region, formed in 1956.

# 'Sheffy Stan'

Floral sculpture representing a steelworker, constructed on a 12 foot high steel frame complete with crucible and molten steel, all made of plants. He was part of Sheffield's successful entry in Entente Florale 2005, helping the city to win gold, and was joined by a female floral figure 'Mary' the Buffer Girl.

# PC Ian 'Ben' Sherman

Former City Centre Community Constable who helped set up 'Ben's Place' (now 'Ben's Centre'), a drop-in centre for street drinkers and rough sleepers.

# David Sherwood, b.1980

Tennis player, son of John and Sheila Sherwood. Davis Cup player 2005.

# John (b1945) and Sheila (b.1945) Sherwood

Winners of athletics medals at the 1968 Olympics and the 1970 Commonwealth Games.

# Elizabeth (Lizzie) Siddal, 1829-1862

Daughter of a Sheffield cutler, born in Holborn, London. She was an artist, poet and model for some of the most famous Pre-Raphaelite pictures, including Millais's *Ophelia* and Rossetti's *Beatrice*. She married Dante Gabriel Rossetti in 1860.

# Sir Percy Sillitoe, 1888-1962

Chief Constable in Sheffield in 1926, he is credited with finally breaking the grip of the Mooney and Garvin gangs who had terrorised the city for a number of years. He was responsible for setting up one of the first forensic laboratories in the country in Sheffield, and later became Director General of MI5.

# Derek Simpson, b.1944

Sheffield born trade unionist, now General Secretary of the Amicus trade union.

# Joe Simpson, b.1960

Mountaineer, author, guide and public speaker, well-known for his book 'Touching the Void' (1988), and the subsequent film.

#### **David Slade**

Sheffield born film director of 'Hard Candy' (2006).

# Linda Smith, 1958-2006

Comedian and broadcaster. She joined Sheffield Popular Theatre in 1983 and became well known for her numerous appearances on TV and radio programmes including 'The News Quiz', 'Just a Minute', 'I'm Sorry I haven't a Clue', 'Have I Got News For You' and 'Grumpy Old Women'. Latterly she was President of the British Humanist Association.

# Theophilus Smith, 1838-1886

Photographer, sculptor, stone carver, wrought iron metalworker and monumental designer.

# Leonard Smithers, 1861-1907

Former Sheffield solicitor who became a publisher to the 'Decadents'. He was the first to publish Oscar Wilde's 'Ballad of Reading Gaol'.

# Sir Henry Clifton Sorby, 1826-1908

Born in Attercliffe, he was the first person to observe the internal structure of rocks by preparing extremely thin slices of rock for microscopic study. He went on the study metals and pioneered the study of 'microscopic metallurgy'. At the age of 31 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society. In 1905 he helped found Sheffield University. His studies earned him the title of 'the father of microscopical petrography'.

# Stainless Stephen (Arthur Clifford Baynes), 1892-1971

Schoolmaster turned radio and variety entertainer.

# **Kenneth Steel, 1906-1970**

Sheffield born artist who produced classic posters for British Railways in the 1950s and 1960s. He also illustrated 'Sheffield Re-Planned' (1945).

# Alfred Stevens, 1817-1875

Born in Blandford, Stevens came to Sheffield in 1850 as a student at the Sheffield School of Art. He worked for Messrs Hoole of Green Lane Works designing stoves, and in 1852 went to London. He designed the Wellington Monument in St Paul's Cathedral.

# John Stringfellow, 1799-1883

Inventor of the first engine-driven model aeroplane ever to fly. The first flight – of a monoplane – took place in 1848. In June 1868 the Aerial Society of Great Britain held an exhibition at the Crystal Palace and here Stringfellow exhibited a steam-driven model biplane running on a wire, witnessed by the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII.

# Peter Stringfellow, b.1940

Owner of Sheffield's Mojo Club and London's Stringfellows.

# Godfrey Sykes, 1824-1866

Student at the Sheffield School of Art (later its second Master). In 1861 he went to London to assist in the decoration of the South Kensington Museum (which became the Victoria and Albert Museum). There is a monument dedicated to him in Weston Park. The entrance gates to the Park, stolen in 1994, were an example of his work in terracotta.

# T

# Henry Tatton, 1861-1947

Market Hall stallholder, self-taught artist and author of local history and reminiscences.

# Roger Taylor b.1941

Tennis player who played his early games at the Weston Park Tennis Club. Former British No1. After working as a coach and manager he retired from the circuit and opened a successful tennis centre in Portugal.

# Harvey Teasdale, 1817-1904

Entertainer known as 'The Man Monkey'. One of his stunts was sailing down the River Don in a washing tub drawn by ducks.

# 'Ted' or 'Teddy', d.1988

David Blunkett's guide dog 1978-1988; the first dog allowed on the floor of the House of Commons.

# Joseph William Thornton, d.1919

Confectioner who opened his first shop in 1911 at 159 Norfolk Street. His business expanded until Thornton's Chocolate Kabins became a familiar sight. Under his sons, Norman and Stanley, the firm began producing its now famous Thornton's Toffee and fine Continental chocolates.

# Peter Tinniswood, 1936-2003

Former Sheffield journalist who began the Brandon family saga with 'a Touch of Daniel'.

# **♦** U

# 'Upsy Daisy' (Herbert Moss), c.1844-c.1890

Dealer in laces, garters, brushes and Old Moore's Almanack. He never allowed a child to cross the road unassisted and would lift them up and carry them across the road saying 'Upsy Daisy'. Only 5 feet tall he wore a large hat with pins protruding from the top so no one could tap him on the head.

# V

# Frederick H Varley, 1881-1969

One of the Canadian Group of Seven artists linked with Sheffield School of Art.

# Michael Vaughan, b.1974

Cricketer, Lancashire born but brought up in Sheffield. He captained England to victory in the Ashes in 2005.

# Thomas Edward (1833-1915) and Albert (1838-1919) Vickers

Steel and armament manufacturers who led one of Britain's greatest companies at the time of the First World War.

#### **Dr John Vincent**

Theologian, political activist and writer. Founder of the Urban Theology Unit in Sheffield and Director of it 1969-1997, now Director Emeritus. His ministry was at the Pitsmoor based Sheffield Inner City Ecumenical Mission.

# **♦** W

# Waltheof, Earl of Northumberland, Huntingdon and Northampton, d.1076

Last Anglo-Saxon lord of Hallamshire, executed by William the Conqueror whose niece, Judith, he had married.

# George Herbert Bridges (GHB) Ward, 1876-1957

Known as Sheffield's Prince of Ramblers. One of the founder members of the Sheffield Clarion Ramblers, he edited and largely wrote the annual Clarion Handbook. He was a great campaigner for the protection of the countryside and rights of access.

# Ben Warriss, 1909-1993

Comedian and the other half of the partnership with Jimmy Jewel.

# **Frank White**

Guitarist, said to have been wanted by the Rolling Stones. He played weekly at The Pheasant, Sheffield Lane Top.

# William White, 1832-1870

Publisher of White's trade directories, in which profession he succeeded his father, also William White (1799-1868). He was also an influential figure in Sheffield Freemasonry.

# Geoffrey Whitehead, b.1939

Radio, film and television actor who has been in a wide variety of plays and series from 'Z-cars' to 'Little Britain', 'The Avengers' to 'Midsomer Murders'. He is a member of the BBC Radio Repertory Drama Company.

# Arthur Wilford, 1851-1926

Belgian composer and pianist who came to Sheffield as a refugee in 1914 and lived here for four years. While in Sheffield he composed a Belgian Requiem and organised a Belgian Music School.

# **George Wilson, 1916-1999**

Leader of the City Council, 1974-1980; one of the most influential post-War Labour politicians in Sheffield.

# Junior Witter, b.1974

WBC light-welterweight champion in 2006.

# J Lewis Womersley, 1910-1990

City Architect (1953-1964) during the building of Park Hill.

# Clinton Woods, b.1972

He became the International Boxing Federation light-heavyweight champion.

# Lawrence Wosskow, b.1963

Millionaire businessman, owner of Bradwell's ice cream.

# George Wostenholm, 1800-1876

Head of the firm which made the famous IXL cutlery at Washington Works. He is reputed to have made a knife for James Bowie. He built his mansion, Kenwood House, at Sharrow, and bought and laid out much of the Sharrow area.

# Professor Edward 'Ted' Wragg, 1938-2005

Teacher, broadcaster and journalist, described as the 'most popular educationalist in Britain'.

# Harry Wragg, 1902-1985

Jockey of 13 classic winners and later a successful racehorse trainer.

# **Harry Wright, c.1835-1895**

Sheffield born, he became known as the 'Father of professional baseball' in the USA.

# Y

# George Yardley, c.1733-1786

Charcoal burner who was burned to death in his cabin in Ecclesall Woods on 11th October 1786. A memorial stone marks the place of his death.

# Z

# Michaelo Zampi, d.1905

Ripon born, he made his debut in Britain at the Royal Pavilion, Sheffield, where he appeared as 'Zampi, the one-legged acrobat'. He performed before King Edward VII and King Alfonso XII of Spain. He settled in Sheffield and died at his home 224 Shoreham Street.

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