

Famous women with connections to Shropshire



Aethelflaed – Lady of Mercia

Born c.870; died 918

Eldest daughter of Alfred the Great

Only known female leader of an Anglo-Saxon Kingdom

Wikipedia Link:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Æthelflæd>



Mary Beard

Born 1955 Much Wenlock

Classicist at Cambridge “Britain’s best known classicist”

Educated at Shrewsbury High School

Wikipedia Link:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Beard_\(classicist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Beard_(classicist))



Izzy Cooper

Born in Much Wenlock in 1975

Operatic pop soprano

2 number ones on Classic FM classical music charts

Wikipedia Link:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isobel_Cooper



Carol Decker

Born in 1957 in Merseyside

Lead vocalist in the group T’Pau

Educated in Wellington

Wikipedia Link:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carol_Decker



Katherine Harley

Born in 1855; died in 1917

Suffragist – president of the Shropshire NUWSS in 1913

Organised the Great Pilgrimage in the same year

Wikipedia Link:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katherine_Harley_\(suffragist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katherine_Harley_(suffragist))



Agnes Hunt

Born in 1866; died in Baschurch in 1948
Considered to be the first orthopaedic nurse
Name is given to the orthopaedic hospital in Gobowen

Wikipedia Link:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agnes_Hunt



Eglantyne Jebb

Born in Ellesmere in 1876; died in 1928
Founder of the Save the Children organisation
Drafted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child

Wikipedia Link:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eglantyne_Jebb



Edith Teresa Hulton (Lady Berwick)

Born in 1890; died in 1972
Younger of the two daughters of the Italy-based painter William
Stokes Hulton
Last occupant of Attingham Park

Link:

Scant information at <https://www.britishmuseum.org/>



Natalie Lisinska

Born in Shrewsbury in 1982
Actress
Played in several films and TV series such as 'Orphan Black'

Wikipedia Link:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natalie_Lisinska



Esmeralda Lock

Born in 1854; died in 1939
Romany girl whose tent was often pitched near Bridgnorth
Musician and dancer

Link:

<https://www.aboutbridgnorth.com/esmeralda-the-gypsy/>



Melanie Nakhla

Born in 1988

Singer in All Angels

Educated at Prestfelde in Shrewsbury

Wikipedia Link:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Angels



Suzi Perry

Born in Cosford in 1970

TV presenter for speedway, MotoGP and Formula One

Wikipedia Link:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suzi_Perry



Edith Pargeter

Born in Horsehay in 1913; died in Madeley in 1995

Author of the Cadfael books

Also wrote as Ellis Peters

Wikipedia Link:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edith_Pargeter



Barbara Pym

Born in Oswestry in 1913; died in 1980

Novelist

Booker Prize nomination in 1977

Wikipedia Link:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barbara_Pym



Margaret Rope

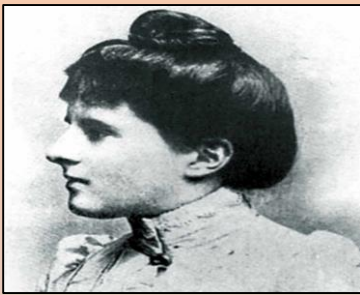
Born in Shrewsbury in 1882; died in 1953

Stained glass artist

Devout Catholic

Wikipedia Link:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margaret_Agnes_Rope



Mary Webb

Born in Leighton in 1881; died in 1927

English romantic novelist

'Gone to Earth' was filmed in and around Much Wenlock

Wikipedia Link:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Webb



Mary Whitehouse

Born in 1910; died in 2001

Social activist who opposed social liberalism

Art teacher in Madeley

Wikipedia Link:

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Whitehouse



Julia Wightman

Born in 1817; died in

Wife of the vicar of St. Alkmund's Church

Formed the St Alkmund's Total Abstinence Society

Link:

<http://www.oxforddnb.com/view/10.1093/ref:odnb/9780198614128.001.0001/odnb-9780198614128-e-39165/version/0>



Allison Williamson

Born in 1971

British Olympian at archery – bronze medal winner in 2004

Member of the Long Mynd archers, Church Stretton

Wikipedia Link:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alison_Williamson