

**60 WOMEN OF WINCHESTER AND
DISTRICT
WHO HAVE SPARKLED THROUGH
THE AGES**



The Lady Ealhswith

Founded the
Nunnaminster, (The
Nun's Minster), now the
site of Abbey House,
Winchester



Died 902

Wife of Alfred the Great
and princess in her own
right

Buried Hyde Abbey
Winchester



Aethelflaed

Daughter of Alfred the Great
A Queen and skilled military
leader



Born 870 Winchester
Educated Winchester
Influential Queen of
the Mercians 911-918
Died 918



Emma of Normandy

Queen and powerful
political presence



Born 984 – Died 1052
Buried in Winchester
Cathedral
Queen to Ethelred
and Cnut
Mother of Edward the
Confessor
Great aunt of William
the Conqueror



Empress Matilda

English Monarch



Born 1102 maybe in
Winchester

Died Rouen 1167

Reign April to
November 1141

Rivalry with cousin
Stephen played out at
the rout of Winchester
1141



Agatha “de Lucy”

Wet Nurse (possibly to King John) in the household of Eleanor of Aquitaine



Winchester Resident
Recognised wife of
Bishop Godfrey de Lucy
1189-1204



Licoricia

Highly successful medieval
business woman. Money
lender to the king



Resident of
Winchester

Born early 13th
Century

Found murdered
1277

Statue erected to
her in Jewry Street in
2022



Juliana de la Floude

Laundress and
environmentalist
Played out in the
waterways of Middle
Brook and Lower Brook
Street

In 1299 she sued
wealthy John de Tytyng
for cutting off the water
to her Winchester
laundry

As a result: Edward 1
concluded at the Great
Hall in Winchester: all
had right to clean water,
it became a statute law



Mary Tudor

Tudor Monarch

Mary 1



Born 1516

Died 1558

Married Philip of Spain
in Winchester Cathedral
in 1554

Resolute in her Roman
Catholic belief



Alice Lisle

Landed lady prepared to
harbour fugitives after
the Monmouth Rebellion



Born 1617
Executed by
beheading in
Winchester Market
Place opposite the
Eclipse Inn where she
spent her last night
The last woman to be
beheaded.
A victim of a Judge
Jeffries judgement



Nell Gwynne

Actress and Mistress
of Charles 11



Born 1650

Died 1687

A house close to the
Deanery enabled Charles
11 to visit his mistress
when in Winchester



Jane Austen

World renowned romantic
Novelist



Born in Steventon
Hampshire 1775
Died in Winchester 1817
Buried in Winchester
Cathedral



Frances Cross

18th Century Poet from Warwickshire but who entered a Prize Oenigma competition in the Ladies Diary, a publication of that time

Works dated from 1719 found in the archives of Winchester College, pertaining to a poetry competition



Florence Nightingale

Founder of modern nursing
and social reformer



Born 1820 Tuscany
Family Home Embley
Park, near Romsey
Died 1910

Parthenope her less
well known sister,
designed and
opened the British
School in Romsey



Charlotte Yonge

Best selling 19th Century
novelist

Keen interest in health and
sanitation



Born 1823
Otterbourne

Established a local
scholarship for girls

Died 1901
Otterbourne



Laura Keene

Actress and first powerful
female New York theatre
manager



Born 1826
Winchester Hants
Died 1873



Mary Sumner

Founder of Mothers' Union

Based in Old Alresford



Born 1828

Died 1921

Based in Old Alresford

Buried in the grounds
of Winchester Cathedral



Josephine Butler

Feminist and Social
Reformer



1828-1906

Moved to Winchester in
1882 setting up a
Women's hostel nearby



Gertrude Jekyll

Celebrated Gardener
associated with the Arts
and Crafts movement



1843-1932

Neither lived nor was
born in Hampshire but
made her mark with an
important garden at Upton
Grey



Laura Ridding

Founder and President of
the National Union of
Women Workers 1885



Born 1849
Biographer and
Suffragist
Wife of Headmaster of
Winchester College
Died 1939 Wonston



Jeanie Dicks

1926 Jeanie took over the family firm, Messrs. Dicks Ltd of Winchester specialising in the installation of gas and electric lighting. In 1934 she led the work for the permanent electrification of Winchester Cathedral



Born Winchester
1893

Electrical engineer
Ran family business
in Winchester

Died 1980



Flora Twort

Artist whose works
focused on Petersfield

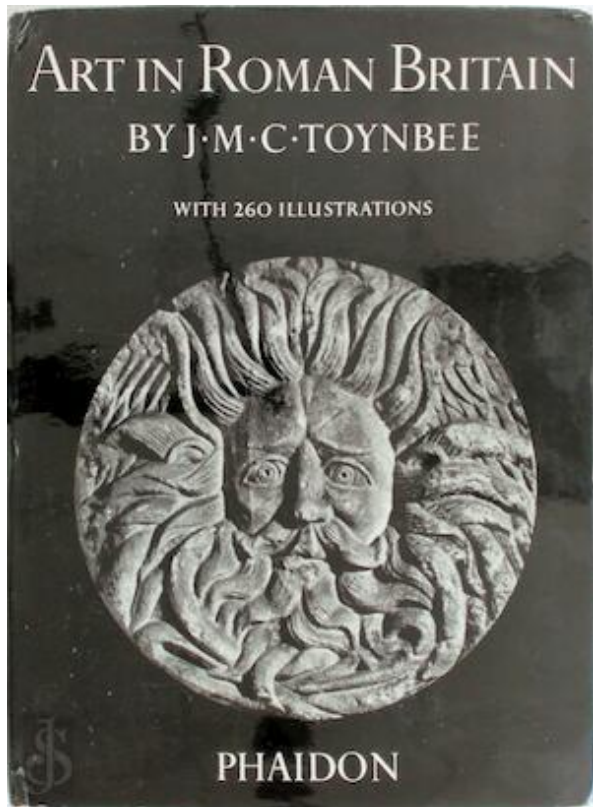


Born 1893
Died 1985
Resident of
Petersfield
Gallery in her
honour in Petersfield



Jocelyn Toynbee

Archaeologist: leading
authority on Roman art



Born 1897
Attended
Winchester Girls
High School
(Westgate)



Marion Richardson

Artist and author on
handwriting

Promoted Children's art



Born 1892

Died 1946

Attended Winchester
Girls High School
(Westgate)

The compiler includes
reluctantly, rueing being
forced to follow her
method



Doris Crompton



First female Mayor of
Winchester
1947-1949

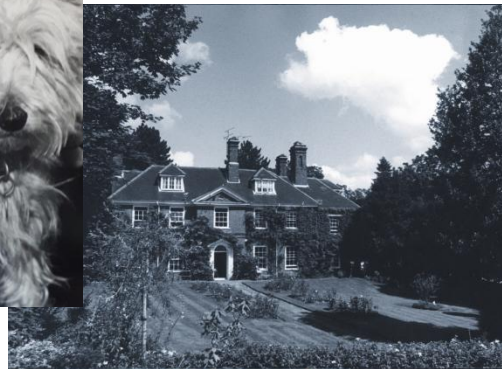


Phoebe Bacon

Benefactor: her inspirational acts led to the founding of Brendoncare

1900 - 1980

The Brendoncare Foundation was born from the compassion of Phoebe, a generous benefactor and the Brendon Nursing Trust which she formed.



Elizabeth Bather

First female police officer
promoted to Chief
Superintendent 1949



Born Winchester 1904
Died 1988
Attended St Swithuns
school
Formerly an officer in
the WAAF



Beatrice (Tilly) Shilling

Aeronautical Engineer



Born Waterlooville
Hampshire 1909

Raced motorbikes at
Brooklands in 30s

Died 1990



Betty Ridley

First woman to hold the
post of Church estates
commissioner



Born 1909

1992 broadcast from
Winchester Cathedral
about her faith

In 1979, Ridley was a
founding member of
the movement for the
ordination of women

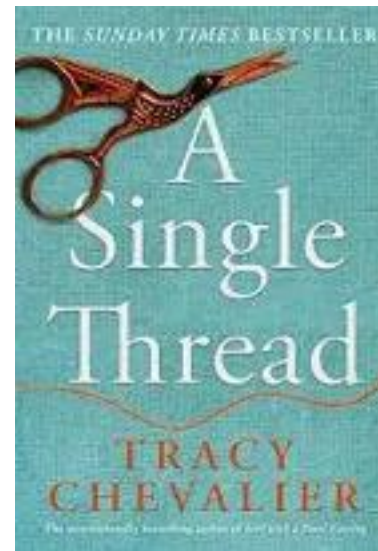
Died 2005



Louisa Pesel

Skilled “Broiderer” led team that made Winchester Cathedral cushions and kneelers

Born Bradford 1870
Winchester 1932-1936
Referenced in novel “A single stitch”



Henrietta Barnet DBE

RAF Air Commandant



Born 1905 Winchester

Died 1985

Active service 1938-1960

Director of the Women's
Air Force 1956-1960



Agnes Wayment

Winchester Secondary
School Headmistress



Founding President
of SI Winchester 1962



Baroness Mary Warnock

English philosopher of
morality and education



Born 1924 in Winchester
Attended St Swithuns
School
Died 2019

Her work laid the
foundations for special
needs education and
for the regulation of
fertility treatments



Pamela Kimber

Radiographer

Author of books on medical imaging. Active in the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth



Member of SI
Southampton

Born 1934

Died 2015

Passionate about Africa and agriculture; promoting the role of women in agriculture



Dame Mary Fagan

Lord Lieutenant of
Hampshire 1994-2014



Born 1939

Trustee of Overlord
Embroidery Trust

Chancellor of University of
Winchester 2006-2014

Chair of trustees of the
Countess of Brecknock Trust



Ann Buchanan

Academic and social worker
Her work focussed on
children in care



Born 1941 Winchester
Died 2022
Director of the Centre
for Research into
Parenting and Children



Liz Grundy

Architect (trailblazer)



Member of SI
Southampton

Designed the Princess
Anne Maternity Hospital
Southampton

Born 1928

Died 2019



May Martin

Sewing Expert



Born 1951
Left college 1972
Resident of Awbridge
near Romsey
Judge on the BBC
Sewing Bee 2013-2015



Joy Carter

Academic , Geochemist
Former President of the
international society in her
field



Born 1955

Former Vice Chancellor of
Winchester University
2006-2021

SI Winchester 60th
Anniversary guest speaker



Catherine Ogle

Anglican Clergy

The Very Reverend
Catherine



Born 1961

2017 appointed first
female Dean of
Winchester Cathedral



Jessie Keane

Novelist



Born in Winchester
of Romany heritage
Her novels include
feisty female
characters



Liz Hurley

Model and Actress



Born Basingstoke 1965
1995 spokesmodel for
Estée Lauder
2005 her swimwear
beach range launched at
Harrods



Philippa Beale

Sculptor /Conceptual Artist



Born in Winchester in
1946

Attended Winchester
School of Art from 1961

Founder member of
Arborealism movement



Julia Darling

Poet and short story writer



Born 1956 at number 8
College Street, the house
where Jane Austen died
Attended Westgate
School
Died 2005



Diane Corner OBE

Diplomat

High Commissioner for
Tanzania 2009-2013



Born 1959

Attended Winchester Girls
High School(Westgate) and
Peter Symonds College



Liz Batten

Restarted the new Salisbury club as daughter club of SI Winchester

Former member and
President of SI Winchester
Former SIGBI Federation
President 2010-2011



Beatriz Chadour-Sampson

Jewellery historian and
international museum
curator



Resident of Old
Alresford
Former member of SI
Winchester
Her extensive
publications range from
Antiquity to the present
day



Dame Julia Mellor DBE

Chair of the Equal
Opportunities Commission
1999-2005



Born 1957
Attended Winchester
Girls High School(
Westgate)
Chair of Demos; a
cross-party think-tank



Charlie Dimmock

Gardener and television
presenter



Born West Wellow 1966
Attended Mountbatten
School
First job Romsey garden
centre



Philippa Forrester

Radio and television
presenter



Born 1968
Attended Westgate
School and Peter Symonds
Sixth Form College



Clare Balding CBE

Radio and Television
Broadcaster and Olympic
commentator



Born 1971 Kingsclere
She currently presents
for BBC Sport, Channel 4,
BT Sport

She is the current
president of the Rugby
Football League (RFL)



Mandy Hickson

Tornado fighter jet pilot



Born 1974

Current Winchester
resident

Author and motivational
speaker



Jo Casebourne

CEO of the Early
Intervention Foundation



Born 1976

Attended Henry Beaufort
School and Peter Symonds
College

Background of research
into social inclusion

Speaker at SI Winchester



Alexa Chung

Model, writer, blogger,
television presenter,
internet personality
and fashion designer



Born 1983
Attended Perrins School
Alresford
Attended Peter Symonds
College



Laura Carmichael

Actress: Edith in
Downton Abbey



Born 1986 in Southampton
Attended Mountbatten
School Romsey and Peter
Symonds Sixth Form College



Zara Rutherford

Solo aviator



Born 2003

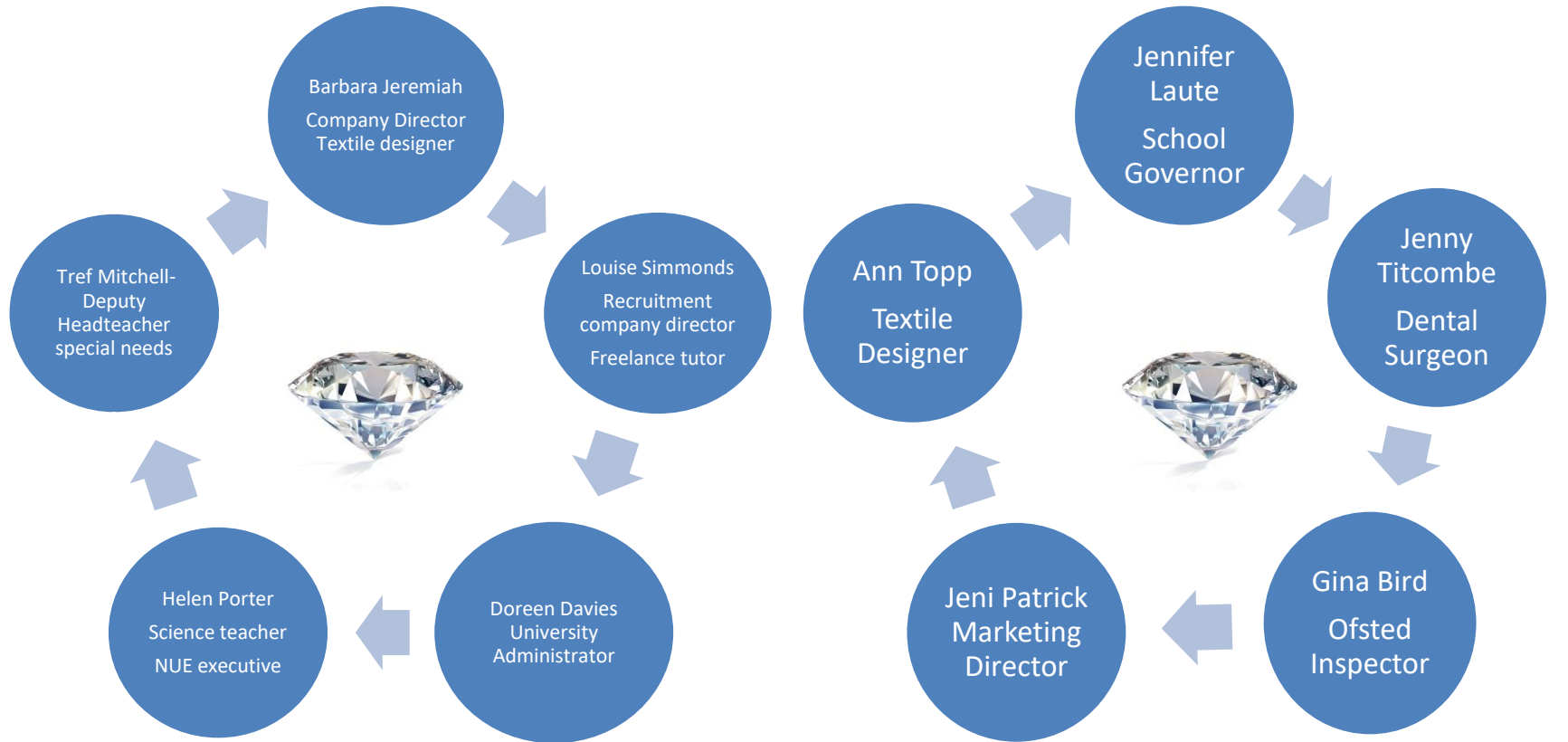
Zara was a pupil of St Swithuns School Winchester

January 2022 Zara became the youngest woman to fly around the world solo



SI Winchester 2022

A Diamond Cluster



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