

ST MARYLEBONE'S CHANGING FACES

The parish of St Marylebone has been home to millions of people, rich and poor, famous and unknown. This display shows a few of them, all with intriguing stories to tell.



Our oldest face is Sir Francis Bacon, politician, philosopher, writer and royal favourite. His marriage to his bride Alice in 1606 was one of many celebrated at St Marylebone Parish Church.



Two centuries later two of our faces changed London for ever, in utterly different ways. Olaudah Equiano was a Nigerian sold by slave traders and shipped to Barbados and then Virginia. He earned enough to buy his freedom and travelled the world, settling in St Marylebone where he joined the campaign to abolish slavery.



While Equiano helped to change the way Londoners thought, architect John Nash changed the way London looked. He designed great swathes of the growing capital city: Regent Street, St James's Park, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Marble Arch and Buckingham Palace.



Two of our later faces, Sake Dean Mahomed and Octavia Hill, also left their mark on history. Dean Mahomed opened the first Indian restaurant in England in 1810, and later a luxury bathhouse in Brighton providing head massages with oils for which he coined the term “shampooing” from the Hindu word for “head massage.”



Octavia Hill greatly improved the living conditions of the tenants in the housing schemes she ran. She also campaigned to save areas of countryside and, in 1894, co-founded the National Trust.



Our faces include other trailblazers such as Dr Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, the first woman to qualify in Britain as a medical doctor in 1865, the first female mayor in 1908, and co-founder of the first teaching hospital to offer training for women in 1874 .



Evelyn Dove shared Dr Anderson's determination. She was the first black singer to be heard on the BBC, which made its first radio broadcast from Broadcasting House in Portland Place in 1932.



Dove's efforts to keep up morale during World War II were helped by thousands of brave civilian Air Raid Protection Wardens. One of these was Ita Ekpenyon, a native Nigerian who came to London to study law.

Some of our faces are famous and others less well known but they have all left a legacy, reminding us that greatness comes in many forms.



Marylebone Road



Clarendon Street

Gloucester Place



Norfolk Terrace



Park Crescent



Portland Place



Cleveland Street



Riding House Street



Harley Street



Marylebone High Street

Manchester Square



Wigmore Street



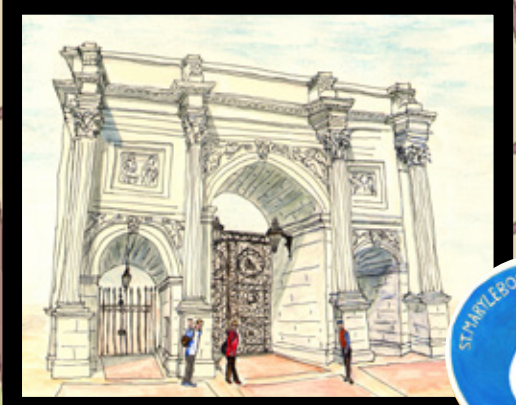
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