Other famous Portsmouth women

- Karen Traviss: author
- Nicola Duffet: actress
- Emma Barton: actress
- Samantha Davies: author
- Amanda Lamb: actress
- Katy Sexton: swimmer
- Betty Burton: author
- Ann Granger: author
- Alison Habens: actress
- Denise Black: TV presenter
- Kim Woodburn: TV presenter
- Alva Henderson: TV presenter
- Samatha Cane: producer
- Sam Mark: author
- Amanda Lans: TV presenter
- Calum Kennedy, Annette Rebentisch and Sarah Coote: Food and Drink

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Rail Enquiries: 08457 484950

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 further along the Hard, on the left hand side we pass St George’s Square. This is where DR UNA MALVANN was in charge of the first aid post during the war. She was there during every air raid on the city. She risked her life many times to save people and was awarded the George Cross.

Continuing under the railway bridge we cross into St George’s Road and turn right into Warburton Street where MARY BAILEY lived. She was the last woman to be burned at the stake in Hampshire.

Turning left into Highbury Street we reach the High Street. Opposite and to the left stands a house with 12 children, Martha LININGTON. Widowed while still young MARY LACY became an apprentice shoemonger.

In 1854 she studied at the Italian national hero. France she met Garibaldi and in 1858 she moved to America and became a temperance worker.

She was born at 6 Queen Street. HERTHA AYRTON was one of the first women to be buried with sailors and was the first AGGIE with a cluster of women. She was one of the first female students at Cambridge and became a distinguished scientist and inventor.

SARAH ROBINSON who was murdered while living in a hovel in Blossom Terrace. Continue on to Kent Road.

Number 2 Kent Road was the HQ for the National Union of Women’s Suffrage Societies (NUWSS).

CHARLOTTE MARSH was one of the first women to train as a sanitary inspector but appalled by the lives of many women who became a militant member of the most militant organisation of the WSPU.

Turning right and heading south along High Street we turn left into Pembroke Road and cross the junction with Penny Street.

SUSANNA ROWSON was born in Penny Street in 1762. Her father took her to America while still a baby. Susanna wrote her first novel, Victoria, in 1786, and in 1791 she published Charlotte which became the most popular bestseller in the US until Uncle Tom’s Cabin.

Continuing along Pembroke Road we take a left into Victoria Avenue and cross into Southsea Terrace. Continue on to Kent Road.

As we make our way along Kent Road, on the left is Portsmouth High School, where DILLIE KESANE (actress and entertainer) attended. She was born nearby in Nelson Road.

Turn right, then left into Osborne Road. Turn right into The Vale and head towards the town. Turn right into Waverly Road. At the Mosque we turn right into Worsley Street then left into Adair Road. At the end of Adair Road turn right into Festive Grove, where DOROTHY DYMOND lived. An eminent scientist and welfare campaigner, she helped to create the City Museum and Records Office.

We then retrace our route until turning right into St. George’s Road and on into Cromwell Road then left into Eastney Street. Turn sharp left into Kassain Street where MARINA LININGTON (actress and entertainer) was born.

Turning right into Waterfront Road, we reach Highland Cemetery. There are many wealthy women buried here, one of whom is MARTHA LIPPS. Widowed while still young with 12 children, she built up the firm Lipps into the leading coachbuilders in the region.

We ride for a short distance along the busy Albert Road until turning left into St. Ronan’s Road. At the end of which you will see St. Simon’s Road, where GEETA BASRA went to Mayville High School. An actress, she was brought up in Portsmouth and her father lives in Mumbai where she has starred in many “Bollywood” movies.

Novelist JULIA BRYANT lives in this area. She has written many novels set in Portsmouth.

Novelist HANNAH SNELL. She was brought up in Portsmouth and joined the WSPU.

Hannah disposed of herself as a man and travelled to Portsmouth and joined the navy as a marine. She eventually received an honourable discharge and a pension from the British government.

At the Mosque we turn left into Waverly Road. At the end, turn right into Napiar Road, then left into Osborne Road. Continuing west we reach the stage doors of the King’s Theatre. Turn right down the side of the theatre.

From here we cross Albert Road into Albert Grove and head to Victory Road North via Outram Road.

Riding up Victoria Road North, we pass the home of OLIVIA MANNING, novelist and poet, who lived at the Technical College housed in Park Building to your left.

Upon reaching Guildhall Square the ride is at an end. Victoria Park can be accessed and enjoyed through the square and through the memorial behind the war memorial.