

Barry WOMEN'S Trail



A trail featuring 17 famous Barry women

- Dr Mary Lennox Elsie Baldwin
 Winifred Pardoe OBE Lucy Dickenson
 Gwyneth Vaughan-Jones Annie Vaughan-Jones
 Ellen Evans Baroness White
 Mary Holland Hilda Price
 Amy Evans Elizabeth Phillips Hughes MBE
 Dorothy Rees DBE
 Margaret Alexander Margaret Williams
 Grace Williams
 Laura Jenner

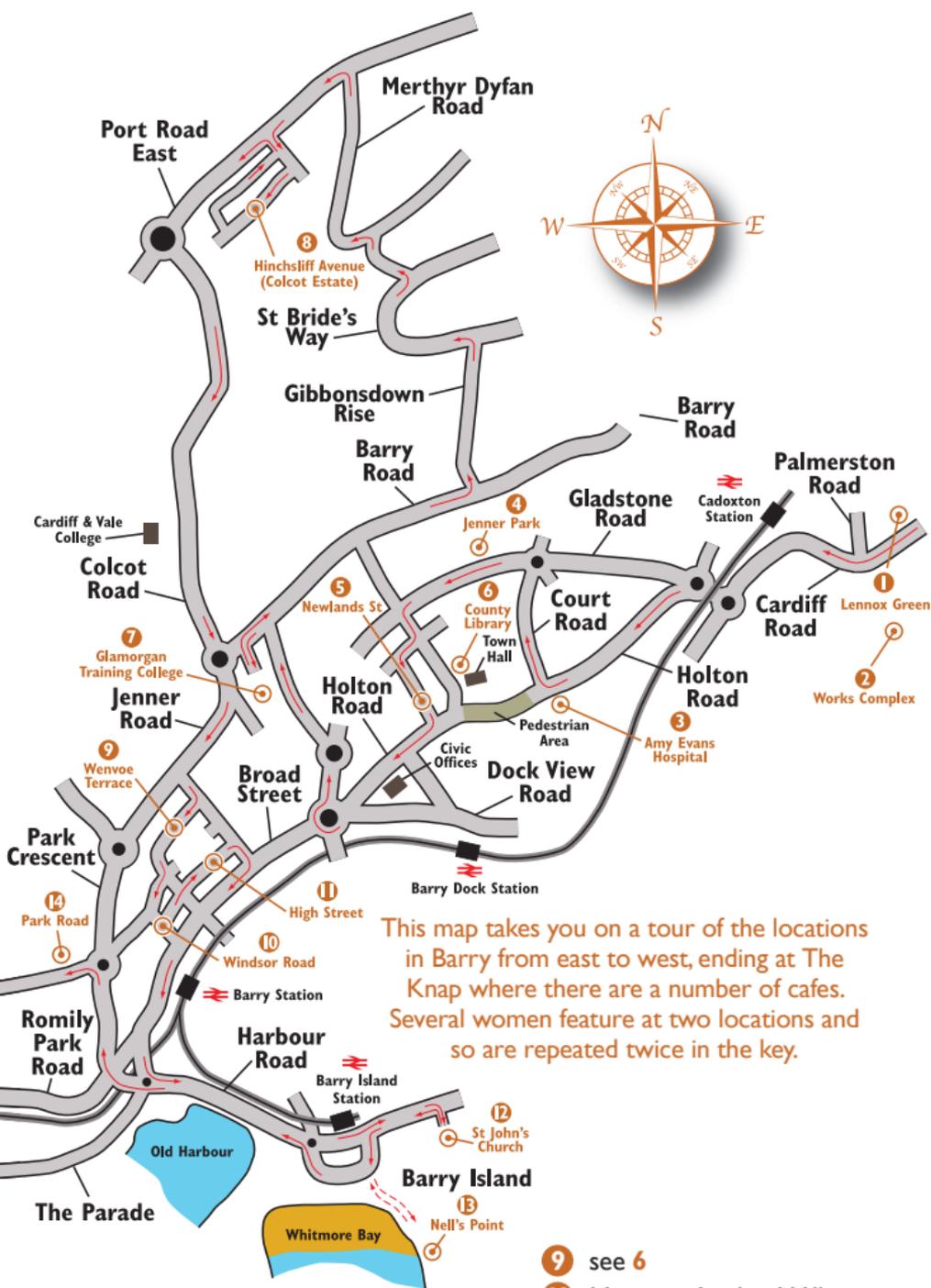
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Many women who have a connection with Barry have made great achievements in their lives. Barry Women's Trail celebrates a few of the amazing women who have made a significant contribution to public life. Take the time to explore Barry and find out more about their town.



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This map takes you on a tour of the locations in Barry from east to west, ending at The Knap where there are a number of cafes. Several women feature at two locations and so are repeated twice in the key.

- 1 Dr Mary Lennox
- 2 Mary Holland
- 3 Amy Evans
- 4 Laura Jenner
- 5 Dorothy Rees DBE
- 6 Grace Williams (and 9)
- 7 Ellen Evans CBE
- 8 Hilda Price

- 9 see 6
- 10 Margaret Lindsay Williams
- 11 Baroness White
- 12 Winifred Pardoe OBE
- 13 Margaret Alexander (and 17)
- 14 Elizabeth Phillips Hughes MBE
- 15 Annie Vaughan-Jones
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- 18 Elsie Baldwin
- 19 Lucy Dickenson



1 Dr Mary Lennox

1915 - 2000

Special place of interest Lennox Green CF63 2XQ

Dr Mary Lennox was the first female Medical Officer of Health for Barry. She worked in the Public Health Laboratory Service, investigating the link between salmonellae in abattoirs, meat factories, butchers' shops and meat products. Lennox Green, on the eastern edge of the town, was named after her.

2 Mary Holland

1884 - 1968

Special place of interest Holland Way CF63 1RF

Mary Holland was elected the first female Mayor of the Borough of Barry in 1945. During her first year as Mayor she played an important part in the negotiations for Distillers Ltd (later BP) to bring their chemical works to the town, leading to the arrival of many companies along with well-paid jobs. She was elected Mayor for the second time in 1957 and later became a Freeman of the Borough. The residential street Holland Way was named in honour of her.

3 Amy Evans

1860 - 1925

Special place of interest Amy Evans Hospital, Holton Road CF63 4HN

Sister Amy Evans became the first lady nurse of the Barry & District Nursing Association in 1891 and later became Lady Superintendent when the institution became the General Accident and Surgical Hospital, a voluntary institution to meet the needs of the sick and poor. In 1898 she resigned in a dispute over the imposition of levies and took over a hotel in Holton Road in order to establish a "voluntary hospital for the destitute sick and dying" - the Amy Evans Hospital.



4 **Laura Francis Jenner**

1852 - 1926

Special place of interest Jenner Park Football Ground, Barry Road, CF62 9BG

Laura Frances Jenner of Wenvoe Castle owned the land upon which Jenner Park is built, which was part of the Wenvoe Castle Estate. She first appears in the deeds for the stadium site when she leased the land to Barry AFC in 1920. The stadium is named after her and her family. Any reference to Jenner in the town is a reference to the Jenner family.

5 **Dorothy M Rees DBE**

1898 - 1987

Special place of interest 6 Newlands Street CF62 8DZ

Dorothy Rees was the first female MP for industrial South Wales. She was the daughter of a dock worker and trained as a teacher at Barry Training College. She was a member of the Barry Borough Council and the Glamorgan County Council from 1934 and became its chairman in 1964-5 (only the second woman to occupy that position). She served as the Labour MP for the highly marginal Barry constituency from 1950 until 1951, serving as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Dame Edith Summerskill, the Minister of National Insurance.

6 **Grace Mary Williams**

1906 - 1977

and

Special place of interest 16 Wenvoe Terrace CF62 7ES

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Special place of interest Portrait in County Library, Barry CF63 4RW

Grace Williams was one of the most important and influential 20th century Welsh composers who wrote highly expressive music which reflected her love of the sea and the Welsh landscape. She was born in Barry and attended the Royal College of Music. In 1969 she wrote the orchestral fanfare, *Castell Caernarfon*, for the investiture of the Prince of Wales. A portrait of Grace is on display in the County Library, Barry.



7 Ellen Evans CBE

1891 - 1953

Special place of interest Glamorgan Training College, Barry CF62 8LF
Now Hen Goleg Resource Centre

Ellen Evans was an influential figure during the development of Welsh-medium education in schools. In 1914 she gained a degree in Welsh at University College Aberystwyth and was a lecturer and then later Principal at the Glamorgan Training College. She was an enthusiastic supporter of Welsh medium schools and of Welsh culture in general and had an immense influence on thousands of students who came to the college at Barry.

8 Hilda May Price

1920 - 2008

Special place of interest 18 Hinchsliff Avenue CF62 9US

In 1941 Hilda became an airframe fitter at St Athan Aerodrome and became an active member of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, a Shop Steward and a Member of the Whitley Council, fighting for equality of opportunity for women. Due to limited shop trading hours, she campaigned for 'shopping time' for working women to assist them in fulfilling their domestic responsibilities. Her family was one of the first to move into the newly built Council estate at Colcot, Barry, and in 1950 she led the campaign for local amenities, resulting in the establishment of the shopping precinct at Winston Square.

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Some of the Blue Plaques and a bench plaque from the trail



10 Margaret Lindsay Williams

1888 - 1960

Special place of interest 9 Windsor Road CF62 7AW

Margaret Lindsay Williams is a famous portrait and historical subject painter. She attended the Royal Academy Art School in London, where at 23 she won its prestigious Gold Medal, the youngest person and the first Welsh artist to win this award. She is best known as a portrait painter, producing portraits of Queen Alexandra, Queen Mary, the young Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, at least five portraits of Queen Elizabeth II. Her other sitters included the American President Warren Harding, Henry Ford, and Field Marshal Slim. She is buried at Barry Cemetery.

11 Eirene Lloyd White (Baroness White) 1909 - 1999

Special place of interest Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Chapel, 118a High Street CF62 7DT (Now Valeplus)

Eirene (nee Jones) received a life peerage in 1970 following an ambitious and successful political career. She attended primary school in Barry and as a little girl, Mrs Pankhurst came to visit her parents at their home in Park Road and Eirene remembered being dressed up in a white dress and a green purple and white suffragette sash. Her father sent her to the Methodist Chapel to learn Welsh. At the age of 10 she moved to London where her father worked with David Lloyd George. She became a determined anti-racist after she was unable to eat in the same restaurant as Paul Robeson. She was a political journalist with the Manchester Evening News, the first woman to hold such a post. In 1950 she was elected MP for Flintshire East, and persuaded the Labour Party to vote for equal pay for women in the public sector. In the 1960s she was Under-Secretary of State in the Colonial Office, later Minister of State at the Foreign Office and at the Welsh Office. Her ashes were scattered in Barry where she spent a very happy childhood.



12 Winifred Pardoe OBE

1871 - 1936

Special place of interest Now known as St John Methodist Church, Breaksea Drive, Barry Island CF62 5TN

Winifred Pardoe served as matron for over three years at Barry Island Hospital. Between 1914 and the end of the First World War, Barry Island Hospital treated 3,114 cot patients and over 30,000 outpatients and raised over £3,500 towards the running costs of the Island hospital. She was awarded the OBE for her efforts.

13 Margaret Elizabeth Alexander

1939 - 2012

and

Special place of interest 36 Oxford Street CF62 6NZ
Memorial Bench at Nell's Point, Barry Island

In 2005 Margaret became the first female Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council and in 2006 she was elected as the first female Leader of the Council. She was born in Oxford Street, Barry. Margaret began a teaching career in the early 1960s. In 1990 she retired to Barry, and became a published poet and short story writer. She was a Labour councillor for the Buttrills Ward for 17 years and was committed to fighting for social justice and equality, especially for women and young people.

14 Elizabeth Phillips Hughes MBE

1851 - 1925

Special place of interest Penrheol, 2 Park Road CF62 6NU
Now Baltimore Care Home

Miss E P Hughes MBE was a well-known educationalist, becoming Principal of Cambridge College. She is the only woman after whom a Cambridge College has been named, Hughes Hall, Cambridge. She became Professor of English at three Japanese universities, where the Emperor presented her with a gift for her services to women's education in that country. On her return to Barry, she became the driving force in the establishment of the 20th Century Women's Club, which had over 700 members in the 1930s.



15 Annie Gwen Vaughan-Jones 1868 - 1965

Special place of interest 11 Porth Y Castell CF62 6QA.

Annie was the Secretary of the Cardiff and District Women's Suffrage Society. She was a student at the University College in Aberystwyth and a governess in Hugheskov, Russia before WWI. She was a magistrate sitting on tribunals, sympathetically hearing cases of female conscientious objectors.

16 Gwyneth Valerie Vaughan-Jones 1897 - 1997

Special place of interest 11 Porth Y Castell CF62 6QA.

Gwyneth became a distinguished Headmistress of Barry Girls School between 1939-1959, and was the daughter of Annie Gwen Vaughan-Jones and Major Edgar Vaughan-Jones. She lived to be 100 years old and is buried at Barry Cemetery.

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18 Elsie Joan Baldwin unknown - 1995

Special place of interest Nightingale Cottage Porthkerry Park CF62 3BY

WPCI Elsie Joan Baldwin was one of the first two police women in the Glamorgan Constabulary, which she joined in 1948 following her service in WW2. Her father, James, was Gamekeeper to Lord Romilly of Barry, and she was born and brought up in the Gamekeeper's Cottage of the Lord Romilly Estate, now Porthkerry Park.

19 Lucy Dickenson 1980 - 2012

Special place of interest The Knap, Barry CF62 6UD

Lucy was an award winning social entrepreneur and created the SAFE Foundation, an international development charity, with twin sister Hannah in 2006. The Foundation operates in Sierra Leone, Ghana, India, Uganda, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Cambodia and the UK. Lucy died in Zambia in 2012. Each year Lucy and her sister celebrated their birthday with a picnic at The Knap, Barry.



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Baroness White (by Jane Toler, 1992)

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Lucy Dickenson



Margaret Alexander



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Winifred Pardoe - St John's Church

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Hughes Hall, Cambridge
Elizabeth Phillips Hughes

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Elsie Baldwin, Portherry
19th Century view and
Present day view

Elsie Joan Baldwin, WPC I



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Ellen Evans CBE
Barry Training College

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Mary Lennox, Lennox Green

Grace Williams
(by Ceri Thomas, 2001-2)



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