



Black History Month 2017

Celebrating 30 years of Black History Month

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Black History Month is essential in promoting learning, providing information and contributing to community cohesion. For the past 30 years it has shone, and continues to shine, a beacon of light on the facts about Black history, heritage, legacy and the on-going struggles for equality and justice

Lord Ouseley

20/30 years ago



Claudia Jones

60 years ago

On 30 January 1959, a 'Caribbean Carnival' was held at St Pancras Town Hall, north London, as a response to the depressing state of race relations. The event was organised by Trinidadian Claudia Jones, who went on to be described as 'the mother of the Notting Hill carnival'. Photograph: Empics/PA



Mary Seacole

Established the 'British Hotel' during the Crimean War for wounded British soldiers.

She had previously applied to work for the War Office, but was turned down and travelled on her own.

In 2004 she was voted the greatest Black Briton.

In 2016 her statue was unveiled in the grounds of St Thomas' Hospital



Ignatius Sancho (1729-1780)

British composer, actor, and writer.

Born on a slave ship in 1729.

He taught himself to read and spoke out against the slave trade.

He is the first known Black Briton to vote in a British election



The Ivory Bangle Lady

1700 years ago!

Known as the Ivory Bangle Lady, the skeleton was found in 1901 near York..

Her remains, dated to the second half of the fourth century, were found with jet and elephant ivory bracelets, earrings, pendants, beads, a blue glass jug and a glass mirror.

Research by the University of Reading analysed her facial features, the chemical signature of the food and drink she consumed, and the evidence from the burial site. The research pointed to a high status incomer to Roman York, likely to have been of North African descent.

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IVORY BANGLE LADY

The remains of a Roman woman known as the Ivory Bangle Lady have helped archaeologists discover that wealthy people from across the Empire were living in fourth century York.



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Archaeological research on one of the Yorkshire Museum's best-preserved burial finds paints a picture of a cosmopolitan city, a theme explored in our Roman York gallery.

The skeleton is thought to be of a high-status, mixed-race woman from Roman York, whose story is revealed in our exhibition using

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What CSG is doing for Black History Month 2017

- You can take part in 'The Voice' Made By History competition by writing a 500 word essay on the question of '**Who is your favourite black inventor?**' - more details in the banda this week

- Keep an eye on the banda for more events this month to commemorate Black History Month!

