

Lady Olave Baden-Powell

Location: Great Hall

Lady Olave Baden-Powell was an important leader of the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. She helped guide the movement around the world. In 1930, she became the first World Chief Guide and held this role for the rest of her life.

In December 1942, Lady Baden-Powell moved into Grace and Favour Apartment 18 at Hampton Court Palace. The apartment was large and close to the Great Hall and the old kitchens. She could often hear visitors talking about famous people from the palace's past.

Lady Baden-Powell lived here during the Second World War. She felt the building shake when bombs fell nearby and lived alongside soldiers who were camped in the park.

In 1953, for Queen Elizabeth II's coronation, she welcomed around 120 Guides and Scouts from 25 different countries. She kindly called Hampton Court "Hampers Hotel".



What stories do you think Lady Baden-Powell enjoyed hearing the most?

Grace Tosier

Location: Chocolate Kitchens

Grace Tosier was a well-known woman in Georgian Britain. Her husband, Thomas Tosier, made hot chocolate for King George I, which was a very popular and expensive drink at the time. Grace ran her own chocolate house in Greenwich where she served hot chocolate to the public. Her chocolate house was a place where people would meet to talk and share new ideas, similar to a coffee shop today.

Hot chocolate in the 18th century was very different from today. People often chose how sweet they wanted it to be. They could also add flavours and spices such as sugar, vanilla, chilli, or cinnamon.

Grace became famous for her strong personality and business skills. Because of this, an artist called Bartholomew Dandridge painted her portrait in 1729.



Pause and imagine tasting hot chocolate with different spices and flavours.

What do you think you'd like most?

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HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES

Women of Hampton Court Palace



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Catalina of Motril

Location: Master Carpenter's Courtyard

Catalina of Motril came to England from Spain in 1501 with Princess Katherine of Aragon.

Catalina worked as a bedchamber servant. This was a trusted role. She helped care for Katherine and looked after her bed and private rooms.

As part of the royal household, Catalina travelled with

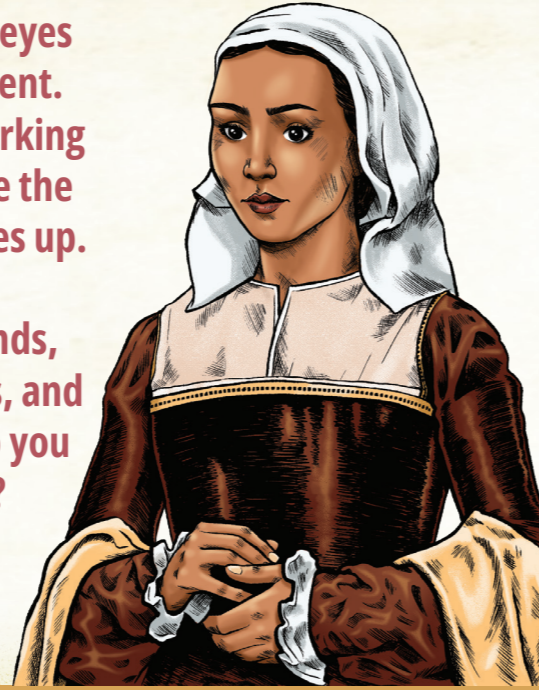
Katherine to royal palaces, including Hampton Court Palace.

Here, she would have worked behind the scenes, helping prepare rooms used by the queen.

Later in life, Catalina returned to Spain. She married, had two daughters, and lived away from the royal court.

Close your eyes for a moment. Imagine working here before the palace wakes up.

What sounds, movements, and feelings do you notice?



Frances Stuart

Location: Communication Gallery

Frances Stuart was a well-known person at the court of King Charles II. Many people noticed her and talked about her.

She is shown in portraits wearing different kinds of clothing. In some pictures, she wears women's clothes. In one picture, she is dressed as a man.

At court, clothes could be playful and meaningful. People sometimes used clothing to try out different roles or to surprise others.

These portraits ask us to look carefully. They remind us not to make quick decisions about people based only on how they look.

Imagine choosing a pose for your own portrait.

What would your pose say about you?



Queen Mary II

Location: Privy Garden

Queen Mary II became queen with her husband, William, in 1689. They chose to live at Hampton Court Palace, away from busy London. She redesigned the palace to a modern style, as well as the gardens.

Mary had one of the largest plant collections in the world. She brought plants to Hampton Court from many places, including the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, and North America.

Her collection included thousands of different plants and over 1,000 orange trees, a symbol of her husband William's House of Orange.

Most of the plants were lost over time. Today, gardeners have carefully rebuilt the collection. You can see the Exoticks in the gardens and orangery each summer.

Notice the shapes, colours, and scents of the plants.

Do you have a favourite flower or plant? What is it?



Sophia Duleep Singh

Location: Trophy Gate

Princess Sophia Duleep Singh was a strong and determined woman. She was the daughter of Maharajah Duleep Singh, the last Maharajah of Punjab, and the god-daughter of Queen Victoria.

Sophia is best known for her work as a suffragette. She fought for women to have the right to vote, and used her money, her position, and her strong voice to stand up for women's rights.

Sophia lived at Hampton Court Palace with her sisters, Bamba and Catherine, and was often seen walking her dogs in the palace grounds. She also sold copies of *The Suffragette* newspaper outside the palace to spread her message.

Sophia cared deeply about fairness and equality. She supported many people and causes, especially those that affected Indian communities. Like her sister Catherine, Sophia spent her life supporting others and fighting for equality.

Imagine selling a newspaper here.

What story would matter most to you?

