

# Sir Mortimer Wheeler

Famous Glaswegians Fact File

## About

Sir Mortimer was born in Glasgow, but moved to Yorkshire when he was very young. When he was a teenager, his family moved to London.

He is said to be the most famous British archaeologist of the twentieth century.

Sir Mortimer worked as Keeper of the London Museum. He began studying archaeology before World War 1, and went on to work as an archaeologist. He volunteered to serve in the Royal Artillery during the First World War. He was awarded the Military Cross during this time. The Military Cross is given to soldiers who show "an act or acts of exemplary gallantry during active operations against the enemy". He must have been a very brave man! After the war, he worked at the National Museum of Wales, as Keeper of Archaeology. Later, he became Director of the same museum.

He won the Television Personality of the Year award in 1954 for his role in a quiz show called 'Animal, Vegetable, Mineral?'

**Name:**

Sir Mortimer Wheeler

**Date of birth:**

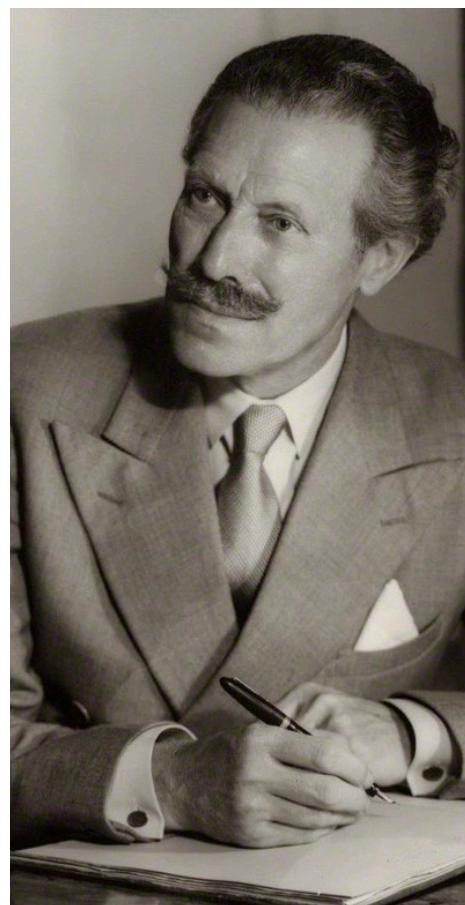
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**Place of birth:**

Glasgow

**Known for:**

Being an archaeologist, and an officer in the British Army.



# Andy Murray

## About

Although he was brought up in Dunblane, Andy Murray was born in Glasgow.

In 2013, Andy became the first British player since 1997 to win Wimbledon, and in 2016, he did it again! He won Wimbledon for the second time, which was the first time a British player had done this since 1935! He also has two Olympic gold medals, and a silver medal.

Andy is very involved in charity work. He worked with footballer David Beckham to start up a charity called 'Malaria No More UK'. Whilst in Australia in 2011, he took part in 'Rally for Relief' which was a charity tennis match to raise money to help people affected by flooding. He has done so much charity work and fundraising that he was awarded the Arthur Ashe Humanitarian of the Year award in 2014.

In 2015, he married Kim Sears, and became a dad to a baby girl in February 2016.

Andy's grandfather, Roy Erskine, was a professional Scottish footballer. Andy's older brother, Jamie Murray, is the world No. 1 doubles tennis player! A very talented family!

**Name:**

Andy Murray

**Date of birth:**

15th May 1987

**Place of birth:**

Glasgow

**Known for:**

Being a tennis superstar!



# Katherine Grainger

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## About

Katherine went to Bearsden Academy but her education definitely did not stop when she left there! She has a law degree from Edinburgh University, a Master's Degree in Medical Ethics from Glasgow University, and a PhD from King's College in London.

As well as being an academic, Katherine has achieved a lot as an Olympic athlete. She has 4 silver medals, which she won at the Sydney, Athens, Beijing and Rio Olympics, and she won a gold medal at the London Olympics. She won these medals in 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016, which makes her the first British woman to win medals over 5 Olympic Games.

Katherine has previously won the Scottish Sportsperson of the Year award.

She spends a lot of her time working with International Inspiration, which is a charity that tries to help children from poor families become involved in sport.

**Name:**

Katherine Grainger

**Date of birth:**

12th November 1975

**Place of birth:**

Glasgow

**Sport:**

Rowing her way to Olympic gold and silver medals!

**Olympic Achievements:**

4 Silver Medals

1 Gold Medal



# Charles Rennie Mackintosh

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## About

Charles Rennie Mackintosh came from a big family – he had 10 brothers and sisters!

He lived most of his life in Glasgow. His work is often a mixture of strong lines, right angles and flowers, and this can be seen in his famous Mackintosh Rose design.

There are many buildings around Glasgow that were designed by Mackintosh. Queen's Cross Church in Maryhill used to be called The Mackintosh Church, and you can tell why when you look at the stained glass windows inside it.

The Willow Tearooms in Sauchiehall Street in Glasgow were designed by Mackintosh. Even the chairs that people sit on to have afternoon tea were designed by him!

House for an Art Lover was based on one of Mackintosh's designs. His influence can be seen both inside, and outside of this building.

When Charles was around 16 years old, he met a lady called Margaret MacDonald, and they got married 6 years later. Margaret was also an artist, and designed some pieces of art with her husband.

Mackintosh died in 1928, when he was 60 years old.

**Name:**

Charles Rennie  
Mackintosh

**Date of birth:**

7th June 1868

**Place of birth:**

Glasgow

**Known for:**

Being an architect,  
designer and artist.



# Duncan Bannatyne

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## About

Duncan was born in Dalmuir. He did not come from a rich family. When his mum explained to him that she did not have enough money to buy him a bicycle, he became determined to get the money to buy one for himself. He started his own paper round, and managed to buy a bike.

For a little while, Duncan worked as someone who fixed tractors. He also worked as a hospital porter. When he was 29, he moved to England with his wife. He bought an ice cream van for £450. When this van became successful and made some money, he bought another ice cream van. His ice cream van business got so big that he was able to sell it for £28,000. He used this money to start up Quality Care Homes, which was a nursing home business. Again, Duncan was able to sell his business, this time, for £26,000,000!

He now has his own chain of gyms, called 'Bannatyne's Health Clubs', and also owns his own bars and hotels. He is said to be worth around £200 million, which is a big difference from the £450 that he bought his first ice cream van with!

He was one of the 'dragons' on a TV show called 'Dragon's Den'. His job was to decide if he was going to help people start their own businesses by giving them money.

Duncan was awarded an OBE, which is a very special award given by the Queen, for all of his charity work.

**Name:**

Duncan Bannatyne

**Date of birth:**

2nd February 1949

**Place of birth:**

Glasgow

**Known for:**

Being a businessman, author, and part of the TV show, 'Dragon's Den'.



# Sir Alex Ferguson

## About

Alex grew up in Govan. He started off his football career as a player. He played for teams like Queen's Park, St Johnstone, Dunfermline, Rangers, Falkirk and Ayr United.

He eventually stopped playing football himself, and began to work as a football manager. He managed Aberdeen, and helped them win a lot of league titles, including a League Cup, a Super Cup and a European Cup Winners' Cup. He quickly became known as being a very good football manager.

When Alex went to work with Manchester United, they hadn't been doing very well. Alex led them to win the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1991, the League Cup a year later, and the Premier League Championship in 1993.

Alex became such a good football manager, that he was awarded the 'Manager of the Decade' title in 2003.

Alex is now retired, but he doesn't seem to do much relaxing! He is an ambassador for UNICEF, the UEFA Coaching Ambassador, has written his third book, and teaches a class at Harvard University called, "The Business of Entertainment, Media and Sports".

**Name:**

Sir Alex Ferguson

**Date of birth:**

31 December 1941

**Place of birth:**

Glasgow

**Known for:**

Being a footballer and football manager

