

# October was Black History Month

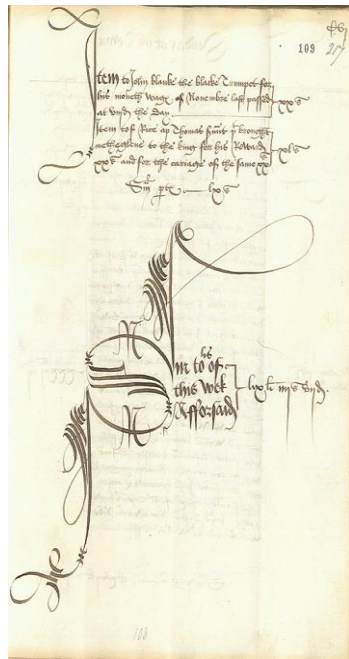


Arthur Wharton (1865 -1930)  
Preston North End, etc.



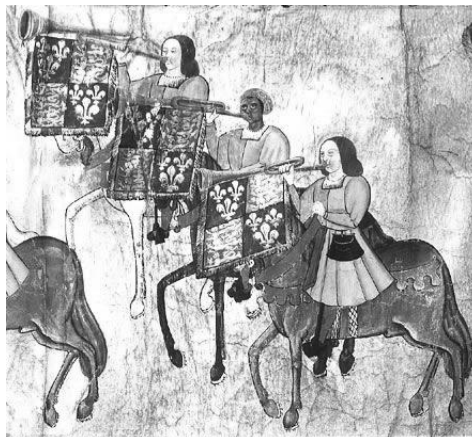
Rio Ferdinand b. 1978  
Manchester United and England

The presence in Britain of people with an African or Caribbean origin has been a long-standing fact. Archeologists have found evidence, such as skulls, pointing to the presence of rich African families in Roman Britain, some 2000 years ago and there is documentary evidence of a black trumpeter in the court of the Tudor Kings.



Item to John blanke the blacke  
Trumpet for his moneth wages of  
Novembre last passed at viij d  
the day -

Item to Sir Rice ap Thomas'  
servant that brought metheglee  
to the king for his reward xx s  
[20 *shillings*] and for the cariage  
of the same xx s [20 *shillings*]  
Summa parles lx s. [60 *shillings*]  
S[u]m totals of this wek  
aforesaid Lix li iiijs vijd[£59, 4  
*shillings, 7 pence*]



## Twenty Five prominent Black Britons



Naomi Campbell • Tinie Tempah • Diane Abbott • Taio Cruz • Keisha Buchanan  
Seal • Beverley Knight • Lemar • Patricia Scotland • Idris Elba  
Christine Ohuruogu • Lennox Lewis • Jocelyn Jee Esien • Chris Eubank • Jamelia  
Dizzee Rascal • Shaznay Lewis • Tinchy Stryder • Femi Oke • Chiwetel Ejiofor  
Estelle • Delroy Lindo • Naomie Harris • Paul Ince • Shingai Shoniwa

In the half-century or so since the Windrush Generation came to live in Britain, things have changed dramatically. After facing what can only be described as appalling discrimination and intimidation, the Black Community has recovered, found its feet, fought for and won a place in Britain and it has slowly been changing from a minority community into an essential aspect of mainstream Britain.

If you are not aware of how difficult this has been for black people in Britain, it is recommended that you ask anyone who lived through that era and wait for the shock.



Archbishop John Sentamu originally from Uganda and Archbishop Rowan Williams who is from Wales



Angelica Bell, television personality with St. Lucian origins

Lenny Henry, actor and comedian with Jamaican origins



Valerie (Baroness) Amos, politician, first black Cabinet Member

