

Top Trumps

MEMORABLE PEOPLE OF MELTON MOWBRAY

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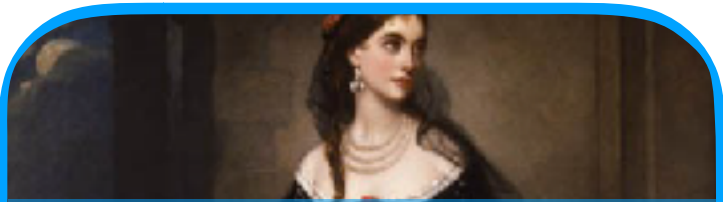
Before you start you will need to print and cut out the cards.

To start the game, shuffle and deal all the cards face down. Each player holds their cards so that they can only see the top card of their pack.

The player to the dealer's left starts by reading out a category from the top card (e.g. Skill, value 5). The other players read out the same category from their cards. The one with the best or highest value wins, and that player collects all the top cards and moves them to the bottom of their pile. It is then their turn again to choose a category from the next card.

If two or more cards share the top value for that particular subject, all the cards are placed in the middle, and the same player chooses again from the next card. The winner of the hand takes the cards in the middle as well, and continues the game.

The person with all the cards at the end is the winner.



Adeline Louisa Maria -
Countess of Cardigan


Adeline Louisa Maria purchased Ivy House on Burton Street in Melton Mowbray and renamed the property Cardigan House. She was an accomplished musician, painter and horsewoman. However, she was shunned by polite society due to her alleged affair with James Brudenell, the 7th Earl of Cardigan, while he was still married to his first wife. Adeline's published memoirs, 'My Recollections', were scandalous at the time, as they detailed events surrounding the Victorian establishment. Her behaviour became increasingly outlandish as she grew older and she was known for receiving visitors while lying in a coffin.

Born196 years ago (1824)

Skill★★★★

Wealth£££

Fame♥♥♥



Arthur 'Gussey' Wortley

Arthur Wortley, known locally as 'Gussey', moved to Melton Mowbray to work as a bricklayer's labourer. In 1879 he was brought up on his first warrant, charged with neglecting to provide for his wife Jane. By 1881, Arthur was an inmate serving his first stay in the Union Workhouse. Within a year he had been locked up more than 20 times in Melton and another 12 times in Leicester. Arthur spent his life in and out of the workhouse. By the time of his death, he had been convicted on over 50 charges. His drunken antics made him a celebrity in Melton; at the time people could even buy a postcard of him.

Born159 years ago (1861)

Skill★

Wealth£

Fame♥



Sir Francis Grant

Born in Edinburgh, Sir Francis Grant initially had ambitions to become a lawyer but cut short his legal studies to pursue a career as an artist. He took lessons from the Melton-based artist, John Ferneley, and in time gained a reputation for being an accomplished painter of portraits and hunting scenes. Grant exhibited more than 250 works at the Royal Academy over 45 years, many of them portraits. These included such distinguished subjects as Queen Victoria and Prime Ministers Benjamin Disraeli and Lord Palmerston. Grant was elected President of the Royal Academy in 1866, the same year he was knighted.

Born217 years ago (1803)

Skill★★★★★

Wealth£££££

Fame♥♥♥♥♥



John Ferneley

In his twenties John Ferneley worked for his father, a master wagon-maker, decorating carts with fox hunting scenes reimagined from his childhood. On the advice of John Manners, Ferneley moved to London to study at the Royal Academy School where he apprenticed under the painter Benjamin Marshall. He built a studio off Salford Road in Melton Mowbray and in 1814, built his home Elgin Lodge. He became renowned across the county for his realistic paintings of horses and their mounts, and was routinely commissioned by members of the aristocracy, including many Royals.

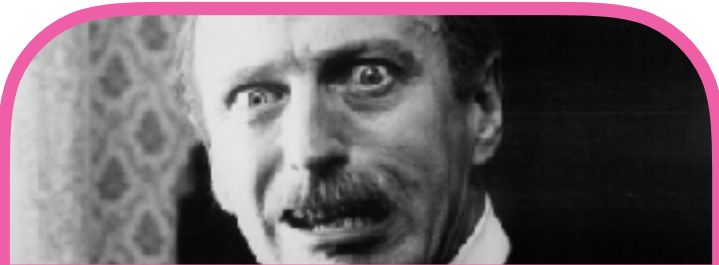
Born	238 years ago (1782)
Skill	★★★★★
Wealth	£££££
Fame	♥♥♥♥



Henry Beresford 3rd Marquis of Waterford

At the age of seventeen Henry inherited the title the '3rd Marquess of Waterford', as well as vast wealth. He lived a riotous life, and in 1837 he and several drunken friends refused to pay a road toll in Melton Mowbray. The toll gate manager declined to let them pass and for his trouble, he and the toll house were covered in red paint. They proceeded into Melton town where they continued to 'paint the town red'. They were arrested and sent to Derby Assizes, where they were ordered to pay a £100 fine each. He married Louisa Stuart in 1842 and retired to his estate in Waterford. There he worked hard alongside his wife and was respected by their tenants.

Born	209 years ago (1811)
Skill	★★
Wealth	£££
Fame	♥



Graham Chapman

Graham Chapman is remembered for being part of Monty Python's Flying Circus. He was raised in Melton Mowbray, before going to the University of Cambridge, and later St Bartholomew's Hospital, to study medicine. While at Cambridge he was a member of Footlights, the University's theatrical club. There he forged a writing partnership with John Cleese; together they wrote many Monty Python sketches. Chapman also wrote for the BBC and published a memoir, 'A Liars Autobiography'; titled because he said "its almost impossible to tell the truth". He was also a patron of the Dangerous Sports Society and a spokesman for gay rights.

Born	79 years ago (1941)
Skill	★★★★★
Wealth	£££££
Fame	♥♥♥♥



Sir Malcolm Sargent

Malcolm Sargent earned a diploma at the Royal College of Organists together with a Bachelor of Music degree. His first job, in 1914, was as an organist at St Mary's Church in Melton Mowbray. He would remain there for the next ten years, while teaching music at King Edward VII School and conducting the Melton Choral Society. Sargent also helped to establish the Melton Operatic Society. He went on to become England's youngest Doctor of Music and co-founded the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Sargent lead the annual Proms as Chief Conductor for the following 20 years and was knighted in 1947 for his services to music.

Born 125 years ago (1895)

Skill ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Wealth £ £ £

Fame ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥



Adrian Scarborough

Adrian Scarborough, famous for his acting work, was born in Melton Mowbray. He attended Melton College of Further Education; there he discovered his talent for acting. Afterwards, he studied at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, where he won the Chesterton Award for Best Actor. His debut came in 1994 when he appeared in *The Madness of King George*. Since then he has made regular television, film and theatre appearances, including *The King's Speech*, *Les Misérables* and *Killing Eve*. In 2011 he was awarded the Lawrence Olivier Award for Best Actor in a Supporting Role for his part as John Reid in Terrance Rattigan's play *After the Dance*.

Born 52 years ago (1968)

Skill ★ ★ ★

Wealth £ £

Fame ♥ ♥ ♥



John Thomas Edson

J. T. Edson left school when at fourteen to work, before joining the army. During his time in barracks he began to explore writing. After retiring from the army, he continued to write while running a fish and chip shop. In 1961 he won the second prize in the Western division of a Literary Competition run by Brown & Watson and secured publication. Edson sparked much controversy with allegations his books encouraged white supremacist groups, sexism and political slander. He produced 137 books from his Edwardian home in Melton Mowbray and sold more than 27 million paperback books worldwide.

Born 92 years ago (1928)

Skill ★ ★ ★

Wealth £ £ £ £

Fame ♥ ♥



Andrew Carnegie

Melton Carnegie Museum, formerly the Melton Mowbray Carnegie Library was built in 1904 and was paid for by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, founded by Andrew Carnegie. Carnegie was a Scottish-American industrialist, businessman and philanthropist who led the expansion of the American steel industry in the latter half of the 19th century and became one of the richest men of his day. During the last eighteen years of his life, he donated an estimated \$350 million to charities, foundations and universities. The Carnegie Corporation is best known for facilitating the building of over 3000 libraries across America and Europe.

Born 185 years ago (1835)

Skill ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Wealth £ £ £ £ £

Fame ♥ ♥ ♥



Witches of Belvoir

In the Vale of Belvoir in 1618 Francis Manner, 6th Earl of Rutland accused local women, Joan Flower and her daughters Margaret and Philippa of murdering his two sons by witchcraft. The Flower women were employed at Belvoir Castle as servants to the Earl and his wife but were dismissed for stealing. Not long following the Flower women's ousting the Earl and his wife became ill and later their sons died. The Flowers' were arrested for their deaths and sent to Lincoln jail. Joan Flowers refused to confess and choked on the witness stand on a piece of bread and died. Her daughters confessed to the charges and were hung on 11th March 1619.

Born 420 years ago (c1600)

Skill ★

Wealth £

Fame ♥



William Brown 'Peppermint Billy'

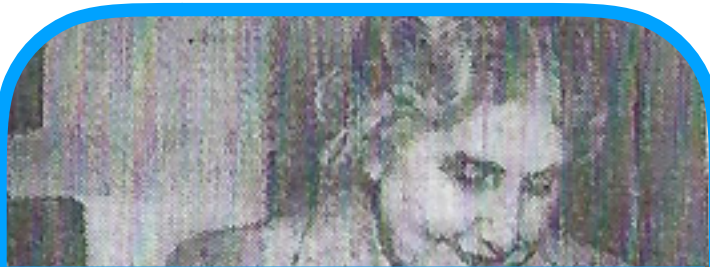
William Brown returned to England after serving 13 years in Tasmania for theft. The following month he was committed off two controversial murders. He allegedly went to the tollgate in Melton Mowbray, shot and stabbed seventy-year-old Edward Woodcock, the gatekeeper, and cut the throat of his ten-year-old grandson James Brown, leaving an Australian pistol in the tollhouse, a clue that led to his arrest. On July 25th, 1856, a crowd of 25,000 went to watch Billy hanged outside Leicester Prison, the last public execution to be held there. He was known to locals as Peppermint Billy, due to his families peppermint sweet business.

Born 201 years ago (1819)

Skill ➤

Wealth £

Fame ♥



Dora Webb

Dora Webb moved to Melton Mowbray at the age of six and lived on Burton Road with her artistic family. She began painting at the age of fourteen. She became the pupil and protégé of Alyn Williams, the celebrated miniaturist and founder member of The Royal Society of Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers. Dora estimated that she had painted over 2000 paintings, which included commissions for the Royal doll's house, now at Windsor Castle. Dora lived on Burton Road with her sister until she died in 1973.

Born	134 years ago (1886)
Skill	★★★★★
Wealth	£ £
Fame	♥ ♥



Johnnie Johnson

Johnnie Johnson graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering from Nottingham University. He attempted to join the Auxiliary Air Force (AFF), he was declined on the interviewer hearing he came from Melton Mowbray but did not hunt. Eventually, Johnnie managed to join the Territorial Army, but in 1939, with a war on the horizon, was called up into the RAFVR. He was selected for pilot training at Marshall's School at Cambridge where he learnt to fly the Spitfire. Later he posted to 19 Squadron, and then to the AAF. During WWII, Johnnie shoot down more of the enemy than any other pilot in the RAF, and without ever being shot down himself.

Born	205 years ago (1915)
Skill	★★★★★
Wealth	£ £
Fame	♥ ♥



Nancy Whisky

Anne Alexandra Young Wilson learned to play the guitar as a child. She performed on the local Folk Club circuit and took her stage name, 'Nancy Whisky', from the Scottish folk song, "The Calton Weaver". She moved to London in 1955 where she signed with Topic Records and joined the Chas Mcdevitt Skiffle Group to record the song "Freight Train", the record made the top five in the UK singles chart, sold over a million copies, and was awarded a gold disc. She moved to Melton Mowbray after her daughter was born. By the 1970s she had retired but she was still well-loved with locals as she performed in folk clubs around Melton.

Born	85 years ago (1935)
Skill	★★★
Wealth	£ £ £
Fame	♥ ♥ ♥



Oliver Burke

Oliver Burke moved to Melton Mowbray as a child and joined local team Mowbray Rangers at the age of eight. It was here his talent was noticed by Nottingham Forest, who he would later sign his first professional contract. Ollie became one of the most sought after prospects in British football. He joined German Bundesliga team RB Leipzig for a fee of £13,000,000, the record transfer fee for a Scottish born player. He returned to Britain in 2017, this time joining English Premier Division side West Bromwich Albion for a fee of £15,000,000, once again, a record fee. In his young career, he has also represented Scotland 10 times.

Born 23 years ago (1997)

Skill ★ ★ ★ ★

Wealth £ £ £

Fame ♥ ♥ ♥



Arthur Wakerley

Arthur Wakerley was born in Melton Mowbray but moved to Leicester at the age of 23. Acclaimed for his architectural work, he planned the development of the North Evington area, Granby Street, the Synagogue, the Coronation Buildings, and was celebrated for his design of affordable council housing. In 1897 he was appointed the Mayor of Leicester, he used the role to support a wide range of charitable works. In the 1920s he was the Chair of Leicester's first Housing and Town Planning Committee, as well as being a Wesleyan local preacher, a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects and President of the Leicester Society of Architects.

Born 158 years ago (1862)

Skill ★ ★ ★ ★

Wealth £ £ £ £

Fame ♥ ♥



Alison Jane Williamson MBE

Alison Williamson born in Melton Mowbray is a retired archer who has represented Great Britain at six consecutive Olympic Games from 1992 to 2012. She won a bronze medal in the women's individual event at the 2004 Summer Olympics, becoming the first British woman to win an Olympic archery medal in ninety-six years. Williamson achieved two medals at the World Archery Championships and represented England at the 2010 Commonwealth Games, winning two silver medals. Williamson was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 2012.

Born 49 years ago (1971)

Skill ★ ★ ★ ★

Wealth £ £

Fame ♥ ♥



William Anthony Furness 2nd Viscount Furness

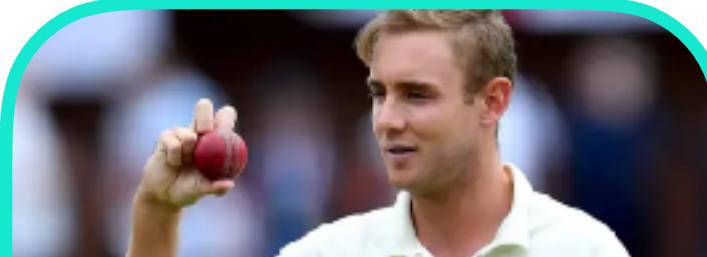
Lord William Anthony Furness was a British aristocrat born in Melton Mowbray. When he came of age, he entered the House of Lords and took up his responsibilities as second viscount. In the House, he served on a series of committees and was a mainstay of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. In the 1950s-60s he was a theatrical producer and ran Furndel Productions with actor Alan Badel. They produced several prestigious plays including the 1959 production of Ulysses in Nighttown, directed by Burgess Meredith, and James Saunders' The Ark. Furness was also a knight of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

Born 91 years ago (1929)

Skill ★ ★ ★

Wealth £ £ £ £ £

Fame ♥ ♥



Stuart Broad MBE

Born in Nottingham, Stuart Broad first honed his cricketing skills playing for the Melton Mowbray team Egerton Park, from age 9 to 19. He went on to represent both Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire county cricket clubs, before an extensive International career representing England. He captained England in both One Day Internationals (ODI) and at Twenty20 (T20) level. In 2018, Broad took his 400th wicket in Test Cricket, becoming the youngest Fast Bowler to achieve this feat. In 2016 he was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for his services to Cricket.

Born 34 years ago (1986)

Skill ★ ★ ★ ★

Wealth £ £ £

Fame ♥ ♥ ♥

There are a lot of memorable people who have come from or made a significant impact on the small town of Melton Mowbray. Have a go at adding your own cards to the deck with people you consider memorable; it might be a friend or even a pet.

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Ideas to consider:

- What does the word 'wealth' mean to you?
- How do you value different skills?
- Does 'fame' only relate to celebrity? Is 'fame' comparable to adoration/fondness?