




## Appendix 2 – Extract from History Heroes in Time

An extract from the list of History Heroes in Time to illustrate the nature of the curriculum content available to schools.

<p><b><u>Asquith Xavier</u></b></p> 	<p><b>Took a moral stance on race discrimination in the workplace</b></p> <p>Asquith Camile Xavier, was a West Indian-born Briton who lived in Chatham. His pioneering work ended a colour bar at British Railways in London by becoming the first non-white train guard at Euston railway station in 1966.</p> <p>The Commission for Racial Equality, said in 2006: "<i>Asquith's stand against discrimination brought to light the inadequacy of early race discrimination laws and persistent widespread discrimination faced by ethnic minorities.</i>" A plaque at Chatham station commemorates his achievement.</p>
<p><b>Solomon Halpern</b></p> 	<p><b>Life president and architect of Medway's synagogue</b></p> <p>Solomon Halpern was born in 1868 in Brod, Poland, which is now in modern day Ukraine. He came to England in the late 1880s and arrived in Medway just after 1900.</p> <p>As a businessman and confectioner, he opened a shop in Gillingham High Street, where he was a popular figure. He was president of the Chatham Memorial Synagogue for 25 years, and the first of five generations of the family to be part of the Jewish community in Medway.</p> <p>His grandson, Hilary Halpern became an international architect and town planner, and designed the Holocaust Memorial window at the synagogue. Hilary and his daughter Dalia founded the award-winning Nucleus Arts in 2002.</p>
<p><b>Muhammad Yasin Khan</b></p> 	<p><b>Established the first mosque in Medway</b></p> <p>In 1965 Muhammad Yasin Khan established the first mosque in Medway inside his Gillingham house in Arden Street. Originating from Nigeria, he was already part of the international religious community of Muslims founded in 1889 by the prophet, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam; a global community that is called the <i>Ahmadiyya Muslim</i> community.</p> <p>The devotions and good works prospered in the community encouraged the growth of the local community as Muslims emigrated to England for a new life of opportunity. They soon outgrew the Arden Street house Mosque and raised funds to build Medway's first purpose-built Mosque in 2014.</p> <p>Today the Nasir Mosque is a centre for prayer based upon the values of loyalty, freedom, equality, respect and peace. It is a beacon in the community for good works and charity.</p>