

Okay, so this is a local folk tale. I'm not quite sure whether this person is celebrated, perhaps by some. So in North Yorkshire, there is a witch there was a witch named Mother Shipton. And Mother Shipton was born in a cave, and now this cave is a museum that you can visit.

She was born with a Anglo-Saxon name, a traditional sort of old name, Ursula Sontheil. In 1488, she was born, and she was born in a cave during a thunderstorm apparently. She was born with physical deformities, a hunched back and her legs didn't work properly, and a large, crooked nose. This is, of course, all hearsay, but she actually did exist. There are records of her that she did exist.

She married a guy from York, which is not that far away from Knaresborough, and she adopted her husband's name so she became Mother Shipton. So she was so ugly that people thought that she must have bewitched her husband to marry her because she so sort of was physically deformed.

He died two years after they married, and everybody thought she was the person who killed him because she had this everybody thinking she was a witch because she really did make potions, she really did do spells for people. She even predicted that King Henry the Eighth would turn would seize power from the Catholic church and create the Church of England.

So there was reason for people to believe that she was genuinely a witch. Eventually, because people thought she had killed her husband, they really believed that she was sort of run from the town.

And everybody thought I mean this was during the 1500s so witches were, even in the UK as well, witches were burned, drowned, all these kind of things. She ran back to the woods and she moved back into the cave. And if you go to Knaresborough in North Yorkshire, you can visit the cave.

There's a lady in there who does reenactments and she acts as Mother Shipton and people who are pagans or witches, they actually look at her as kind of like a deity. No, not, not really a deity, but they go there for spiritual purposes. It's very cool. I recommend it to anybody to visit because it's cool and witches are cool in my opinion.