

## Redland Past Revisited for the Redland Directory - No. 6 in a series.

### Masters of allusion

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I'm sure that when the suburb of Redland was being developed the civic authorities would have deliberated on the important task of 'naming the parts'. What a challenge, should they name the new roads after; each other, the great and the good, or those listed in Contemporary Biographies? Their preoccupation with the aristocracy could explain why out of the 150+ roads in Bristol postal district BS6, forty-six are named after them. However at least one member of the committee must have been a master of allusion, or a fan of the romantic novel and all things Scottish because at least fourteen road names in Redland have Scottish connections and at least nine allude to Sir Walter Scott's works.

- **Waverly** - his first novel, about the Jacobite uprising of 1745. The hero Edward Waverly was used as the figurehead on the 1899 Waverly paddle steamer.
- **Ravenswood** - characters in 'The Bride of Lammermoor', and the paddle steamer.
- **Roslyn** - Grail legends and the 'lay of the last minstrel'.
- **Woodstock** - not a pop allusion, a novel about Charles II's escape at the Battle of Worcester in 1651.
- **Abbotsford** - Scott's baronial home in Roxburghshire.
- **Kenilworth** – as in castle, portrayed life at the court of Q E I.
- **St Ronan's Av.** – the novel St Ronan's well, written in 1824.
- **Rokeby** – A poem that was considered to be far too long.
- **Montrose** – The story and exploits of James Graham, 1<sup>st</sup> Marquis of Montrose.

If I've missed any please let us know.

