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Queen's Birthday Honours List 2009 - in detail

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The 2009 Queen's Birthday Honours List has been published. Most of the awards are for those who have gone the extra mile to make a difference to the lives of people around them. Find out who has been honoured and how to nominate someone for an honour.

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Awards for 2009

Most of the awards are for ordinary people who have gone the extra mile to make a difference to the lives of people around them. The MBEs for people who have made a real impact in the community include:

- ✦ Shoba Das, for services to Community Relations in Bristol. She has been Deputy Director of Support Against Racist Incidents (SARI), a Bristol-based charity, which has campaigned against racial harassment in the area since 1999.
- ✦ Julie Rudge, for services to the community in Hartlepool. She has taken the lead on the innovative 'Safer, Cleaner, Greener' initiative, which aims to give residents a renewed sense of pride in their local environment.
- ✦ Gemma Cartwright, for services to the community in Longbridge, Birmingham. She has played a pivotal role in helping communities affected by the collapse of the Longbridge car plant to recover.
- ✦ Natalia Dawkins, for services to Vulnerable Women in London. In 2004 she became the manager of the Poppy project - the first initiative in the UK to offer holistic support to women that had been trafficked into sexual exploitation.
- ✦ Philip Hargreaves, for voluntary service to people with Autism in Lancashire. He has devoted 20 years to working with people with autism and special needs.
- ✦ Frances Lawrence, the widow of murdered head teacher Philip Lawrence, for her work on the Philip Lawrence Awards, which recognise the outstanding contributions of young people.

Continuing in the field of Community Voluntary and Local Services (which make up 43% of the awards) there is a DBE for Phillipa Russell, for services to Disabled Children, Young People and Family Carers. She has been a disability rights campaigner for over 40 years.

There are 3 Knighthoods in this part of the List, including for William Johnston, Chief Constable, British Transport Police since 2001, who has radically improved the performance and standing of BTP and made the rail network a safer place for passengers to travel. And there is a Knighthood for Paul Ennals, chief executive of the National Children's Bureau, who has led the organisation's growth with a clear-sighted vision of how to improve the lives of children and young people.

The CBEs include Professor Graham Zellick, former chairman of the Criminal Cases Review Commission. Throughout his career in the public sector he has shown real commitment to change for the public good. And there is a CBE for Michael Smyth from law firm Clifford Chance, whose leadership and commitment to pro bono legal work are an example to others in his own firm and throughout the legal profession. His work has ensured that thousands have access to justice.

There are OBEs for Anne Mullins, a member of the Home Secretary's Task Force on Child Protection on the Internet. She has spent more than 20 years working in the field of child protection. Michael Burgess, the coroner for Surrey, is also honoured. He conducted the Diana, Princess of Wales and Dodi Fayed inquests until 2006 and was the first mentor of coroners across England and Wales. There are awards for Rokhsana Fiaz, the founding director of the Change Institute, who is a specialist in race, radicalisation and counter-terrorism with a long track-record of promoting equality and social justice, and for David Allan, who for more than 42 years has been a major figure in the mountain rescue services for England and Wales.

Education

There is a DBE for Professor Joan Stringer, principal and vice-chancellor, Napier University, the first woman appointed to the position of principal of a Scottish University.

The four Knighthoods for education include Paul Grant, head teacher at the Robert Clack School of Science in London, who has turned around the school so completely that its results are now in the top 5% nationwide. Also included is Professor Christopher Ricks, who has recently retired as professor of poetry at the University of Oxford and professor of humanities at Boston University. He is an internationally renowned literary scholar and critic.

In total, 16 head teachers are recommended for honours. These include CBEs for Brian Macalinden, from Castle Milk High School in Glasgow, and for Patricia Langham from Wakefield Girls' High School. She is also the co-chair of the Independent/State Schools Partnership forum, bringing the State and Independent sectors closer together. Also honoured with a CBE is David Turrell, head teacher of Sir Bernard Lovell School in Bristol, who has combined the leadership of his school with an innovative contribution to the development of national policy and implementation.

The list of education OBEs includes Katherine Dore, co-founder of the TreeHouse School in Muswell Hill, London, for children with autism. And there is also an OBE for Clyde Williams, professor of sport science at Loughborough University, who has been at the forefront of the development of sports science since the late 1970s.

There are MBEs for three school teachers and nine school governors. These include Barbara Bell, a classics teacher at Clifton High School in Bristol, who has raised the profile of the subject and increased its accessibility. Other school staff honoured include Cynthia Cowley, who has demonstrated a major commitment to the care and education of children through 32 years as caretaker and lunchtime supervisor at St James and St John Church of England School in Akeley, Buckinghamshire; and Janet Dean, a shining example of community spirit in her role as school crossing warden at Heswell Primary School in the Wirral.

Health

There is a DBE for Dr Barbara Hakin, chief executive of the NHS East Midlands Strategic Health Authority, who has made an outstanding contribution to healthcare over four decades.

There are Knighthoods for, among others, Andrew Cash, chief executive of the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. One of the longest-serving chief executives in the NHS, he has made a major contribution to health policy, system reform and healthcare delivery. Also receiving a Knighthood is Professor Sabaratnam Arulkumaran, professor and head of obstetrics and gynaecology at the University of London and president of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. He is one of the most forward-thinking medical leaders in the country.

Dr Judith Hulf, consultant anaesthetist at University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the president of the Royal College of Anaesthetists, is honoured with a CBE, as is Elizabeth Redfern, director of patient care and nursing for the South West Strategic Health Authority, who is at the forefront of reducing hospital acquired infections.

Among the OBEs are awards for Professor Catherine Niven, an outstanding nurse leader who is recognised internationally in the field of research and education for the nursing, midwifery and allied health professions, and Professor Denis Wesley Vernon, who has transformed the Sheffield NHS Podiatry Service from a failing service to a four-time Charter Mark winner.

There are MBEs for six nurses and three GPs. An MBE also goes to Michael Duckett, catering manager at the Royal Brompton Hospital, who has improved patient health by providing more fresh food in partnership with the London Food Link and the Soil Association.

Industry and the Economy

There is a DBE for Gail Rebeck, chair and chief executive of the Random House Group UK. She oversees the publication of some 1,500 new books each year from some of the world's most established authors.

There is a Knighthood for William Hastings, the chairman of Hastings Hotels, whose work in Northern Ireland's tourism and hospitality industry makes a substantial contribution to the province's economy. Also receiving a Knighthood is Garry Hawkes, one of the greatest pioneers within the contract catering sector, for services to Business and to Vocational Training.

CBEs include Guy Ryder, for services to International Trade Unionism, David Blanchflower, the first non-UK resident to serve as a member of the Monetary Policy Committee, and Jeff Banks, who has had an illustrious career in fashion design and retailing spanning more than 40 years.

There is an OBE for Frances Corner, head of the London College of Fashion, who has made a huge contribution to the fashion and arts industries and is committed to expanding and improving educational opportunities within those industries. Terrence Grote, the former managing director of The Independent, also receives an OBE. He changed the face of the national press in both content and format. Andrew Wolstenholme, director of capital projects at BAA was the project director for the £4.3bn Terminal 5 at Heathrow, which employed a workforce of 60,000 and came in on time and on cost. He is also honoured with an OBE.

There are MBEs for a huge variety of people, including Iris Horn, the 93-year-old voluntary station master of Stogumber Railway Station in Somerset. The station has won a number of West Somerset Railway Association Awards. Anne Maxwell, information desk assistant at Belfast International Airport, is given an MBE for her approach to customer service and her work as a member of the Belfast International Airport Charity Committee. Also honoured are Christopher Bailey, the creative director of Burberry, Natalie Massenet, the founder of designer fashion website Net-A-Porter and Lopa Patel, the founder of the Asian lifestyle website RedHotCurry.com.

Science and Technology

There is a DBE for Linda Partridge, professor of biometry and director of the Institute of Healthy Ageing at University College London. She is one of the world's leading biologists and an expert on healthy ageing.

There are Knighthoods for David Hendry, professor of economics, at the University of Oxford, Professor William Wakeham, vice-chancellor of the University of Southampton, and David Baulcombe, professor of botany at the University of Cambridge. He is a world-leading scientist in the area of plant molecular biology and has pioneered genetic engineering approaches to study virus resistance in plants.

CBEs include Anne Dell, professor of carbohydrate biochemistry at Imperial College London. She is a world leader in developing new advanced analytical chemical techniques for investigating biologically active molecular structures.

Among the OBEs is Professor Helen Gleeson, head of the School for Physics and Astronomy at the University of Manchester, who has been a key figure in making science more attractive to girls. There is also an OBE for Dr Robert Hunt, for services to both the field of colour science and to young people.

MBEs include David Tymon, spacetrack leader at Serco. He is an expert in the field of orbital mechanics and has been instrumental to the success of the satellite tracking performance at RAF Fylingdales.

Arts and Media

There is a DBE for Mitsuko Uchida, an internationally renowned pianist, whose flawless technique and colourful playing make her stand apart from other pianists of her generation.

There are CBEs for Graham Vick, artistic director of the Birmingham Opera Company, considered by many to be one of the influential opera directors of our times; and for architect Alastair Lansley, whose recent work includes the splendid restoration of St Pancras International Station.

A CBE also goes to David Mlinaric, a designer who has worked on some of the great British buildings, including the rejuvenation of the Royal Opera House. And acclaimed actress Lindsay Duncan, recently a star of the popular BBC series Rome, is also awarded a CBE.

Among the OBEs are Sue Johnston one of the UK's most versatile and popular actresses who has appeared in everything from harrowing drama to award-winning comedy, including the Royle Family. Kay Mellor, who has written some of the most powerful and successful television drama series in recent years, is also honoured, as is author Peter Dickinson, winner of both the Carnegie medal and Whitbread Children's Award. He has written more than 50 books for children and adults.

The MBE list includes James Bolam, the popular television, film and stage actor, Dotun Adebayo, presenter of BBC Radio Five Live's Up All Night, and John Hefin, the pioneering Welsh-language filmmaker. Joe Brown, one of the UK's best-loved, most enduring, and acclaimed musicians also receives an MBE.

The State Sector

There is a DCB for Karen Dunnell, the National Statistician and Registrar-General for England and Wales. Throughout her career she has made significant contributions to the management of statistics in the UK and Europe.

The CBEs include an award for Richard Thomas. His role as Data Protection Commissioner was expanded to that of Information Commissioner in 2005 following the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act. He has made a vital contribution to the promotion of information rights in the UK and internationally.

Sport

There are CBEs for Michael Brace, the former chairman of Paralympics GB, who has been a driving force for change within elite disability sport and has helped start a number of sport bodies for disabled people; for Peter King, until recently the chief executive of British Cycling and a man whose skills and sustained efforts helped turn Britain's cyclists into the best in the world; and Alastair Hignell, who became a hugely popular sports commentator after a career that saw him playing both international rugby and first-class cricket.

Among the OBEs are awards for Supporters Direct chairman Brian Lomax, who has overseen the creation of more than 150 supporters' trusts, and Peter Norfolk, a wheelchair tennis champion who has made a huge contribution to wheelchair tennis and Paralympic sport as a whole. Since receiving his MBE in 2005 he has continued to dominate the game.

There is an MBE for cricketer Graeme Hick, one of the finest English batsmen of recent years. He was the youngest player to score 2,000 runs in a season, the youngest to hit 50 centuries

and the second-youngest to reach 100 centuries. Charlotte Edwards, captain of England's women's cricket team is also honoured with an MBE. She led her country to World Cup victory earlier this year.

There are also MBEs for badminton-player Gail Emms, who won a silver medal in the mixed doubles at the Athens Olympics, and Maria Costello, the fastest female motorcycle racer in the UK. She holds the women's record for the quickest lap of the Isle of Man TT Circuit.

MBEs for local heroes of sport include Sheila Perks, for her unstinting voluntary contribution to the game of netball. She holds long service awards for both regional and national netball in England. There is also an MBE for Gareth Humphreys, who has made an outstanding contribution to the sport of lawn bowls as both a player and an administrator over almost 50 years.

And there is an MBE for John Wilson, considered by many to be the greatest angler of all time and the presenter of several angling programmes on television.

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