

New Year Honours List 2015 – Higher Awards

Companion of Honour (CH)

Rt Hon Lord (Jeremy John Durham) Ashdown of Norton-sub-Hamdon GCMG KBE

Lord Ashdown has had a distinguished career as a serviceman, diplomat and politician. He was the Member of Parliament for Yeovil for nearly 20 years and the first leader of the Liberal Democrats, whom he led into two General Elections, achieving the best Liberal result since the 1920s. He was the International High Representative and European Union Special Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina for four years, following his campaign for military action against Yugoslavia in the 1990s. He is president of UNICEF and a president of Chatham House. He has published eight books, culminating with *The Cruel Victory* in June 2014.

Sir (George) Adrian Cadbury DL

Sir Adrian has been a major figure in business and finance for over 60 years, most notably in the City of Birmingham where he has played a major role in the development of the community. He transformed a family business into a publicly owned global company, served as Director of the Bank of England and led the reform of corporate business which resulted in the Cadbury Code. He was Chancellor of Aston University for 25 years, chaired its Development Board, and has been its most generous philanthropic supporter.

Dame Mary Elizabeth Peters DBE

Dame Mary represented Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the athletics arena for over a decade, winning a gold medal in the Pentathlon at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games. She has continued to support the sport, encouraging generations of young athletes from Northern Ireland and serving as an ambassador for the British Olympic Association during London 2012. She has also served as Deputy Chair of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board (1996-2002); Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Belfast (2009-2014), where she worked hard to improve community relations; and Patron of three charities – Revive, the Forum for Action on Substance Abuse, and The Mary Peters Trust, which has made awards totalling more than £1.5m since she founded it four decades ago.

Rt Hon Lord (David Ivor) Young of Graffham DL

Lord Young has had a long business and political career. He was Chair and then President of the British Organisation for Rehabilitation by Training; Director of the Centre of Policy Studies; Chair of the Manpower Services Commission; Secretary of State for Employment and then for Trade and Industry; and President of the Board of Trade. Most recently, he has championed entrepreneurship through the popular Start Up Loans, led reforms to open up public sector procurement to small firms, and concluded a review to encourage a culture of enterprise across the education system.

Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire (GBE)

Professor Sir John Irving Bell FRS

Sir John has made a major and unique contribution to life sciences in the UK. He supervised the negotiation between the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and the Medical Research Council (MRC) as Chair of the Office of Strategic Co-ordination of Health Research Board to ensure Government funded health research bodies had defined remits. As President of the Academy of Medical Sciences (2006-11) he delivered a major report championing regulatory reform to improve the UK research offer resulting in the Health Research Authority. He was the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board to UK Biobank and now chairs the General Medical Excellence Cluster, bringing together Oxford, London and Cambridge universities with medical schools. He also chairs the Science Committee for Genomics England. He has also worked abroad to support British life science efforts including the Bio2012 International Convention and the Olympic Britain is Great events.

Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath (KCB)

(Evan) Paul Silk

Paul Silk served as Chair of the Commission on Devolution in Wales from 2011 to 2014. His two reports are already influencing the future constitutional structures of Wales and its wider relationships within the UK. He was formerly Clerk to the National Assembly and contributed to drafting its first standing orders. He has participated in a number of programmes for emerging democracies and co-authored both *How Parliament Works* and *The Parliamentary Assembly: Practice and Procedure*.

Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE)

Susan Margaret Bruce

Susan Bruce is Scotland's pre-eminent local government Chief Executive who has led the turnaround of Edinburgh and Aberdeen City Councils and rescued Edinburgh's tram project from the brink of collapse. In 2010 she was named Scottish Public Sector Leader of the Year and her close working relationships with the business community resulted in her becoming the first public servant to be awarded the role of HRH Prince Charles' Business Ambassador. She is a non-executive director of Scottish and Southern Electricity plc.

Kate Dethridge

Kate Dethridge, Principal of Churchend Primary Academy, Reading, has helped turn round six schools identified as being vulnerable. She is now also supporting a school in special measures as executive head. Her own school has achieved 100% progression scores in reading and writing and 92% in mathematics. She is an active member of Ofsted's Headteachers' Reference Group and has been an Additional Inspector for 12 years. She is leading the drive to cut red tape as Vice-Chair of the DfE Bureaucracy Reference Group. She has supported a school in special measures which has recently been taken out of special measures. She runs a teaching school and a national support school. She is a member of the Regional Schools Commissioners Headteachers' Board. She is chair of the panel which is writing new standards for Teaching Assistants.

Professor Carol Ann Duffy CBE

Professor Duffy is the first woman to hold the position of Poet Laureate in its 350 year history, producing poems on MPs' expenses, the First World War, football, climate change, the banking crisis, the war in Afghanistan and those who have lost their lives to HIV/AIDS, as well as for Royal occasions. She is one of the most widely-read living British poets and an acclaimed playwright. She won the T S Elliot prize for *Rapture* and the Costa Poetry Award for *The Bees*. In 2012 she won the PEN/Pinter Prize.

Oremi Evans

Oremi Evans is Headteacher of Brookfield School in Herefordshire, which educates students with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties (BESD). Under her leadership, it is the only BESD school to have achieved three consecutive Ofsted Outstanding ratings. She is also Executive Head of the Pupil Referral Service and oversees the Behaviour Support Service in mainstream schools. Outcomes for the

students concerned have been rising rapidly under her excellent stewardship. This has led to recognition as a National School Leader (NLE) of a National Support School (NSS).

Barbara Mary Plunket Greene OBE

Barbara Plunket Greene (Mary Quant) is widely regarded as Britain's most influential and visionary fashion innovator, epitomising the 1960s. She designed the ground-breaking mini-skirt, popularised hot pants, moved into cosmetics and household goods, and designed the interior of the Mini Designer. She has become a worldwide brand and her collections are now held in the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Museum of London.

Fiona Marie Kendrick

Fiona Kendrick has brought major investment to the UK in her role as Chair and CEO of Nestlé UK and Ireland, following an international career with the company. She is incoming President of the Food and Drink Federation, having chaired its Competitiveness Group and co-chaired the UK Food Industry Export Forum. She started her career as a teacher and has a personal commitment to skills and education. She is a UK Commissioner for Employment and Skills, led the work to establish the first UK MEng in Food Engineering and has championed action to increase the number of apprenticeships across the industry. She supports Speakers for Schools and leads Nestlé's partnership with Action for Children.

Rt Hon Anne Catherine McGuire MP

Anne McGuire has campaigned for four decades to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable in society. She was Deputy Director of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations at the time of her election as MP for Stirling in 1997. Her Ministerial career culminated in her appointment as Minister for Disabled People from 2005-08 and she still serves as Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Disability Group. Her report on Reform and Innovation in the Third Sector was published in 2010.

Joyce Evelyn Plotnikoff

Joyce Plotnikoff has shown extraordinary dedication to improving the lives of vulnerable witnesses. Her early advice included the Young Witness Pack and a film for judges demonstrating good practice in child witness cases. Her research has underpinned improvements in case management. Her toolkits on cross-examination

of vulnerable witnesses and defendants are referenced here and in other adversarial jurisdictions. In 2013 she received an Administration of Justice Award from the US Supreme Court Fellows Alumni Association.

Esther Louise Rantzen (Mrs Desmond Wilcox)

Esther Rantzen is the founder of ChildLine, which has now counselled over 3 million children since it was established 28 years ago. She helped secure its long term future through a merger with the NSPCC and has raised many millions of pounds on its behalf. She founded The Silver Line in 2013, since when it has taken more than 300,000 calls and become a national telephone service supporting older people. Young and old have written movingly about how she has transformed their lives.

Professor Teresa Lesley Rees CBE

Professor Rees is one of the UK's leading social scientists, with an international reputation for her ground-breaking work on gender inequalities in education, training, labour market policies and science policy. She was a long term expert adviser to the EC, helped establish the Equality and Human Rights Commission and chaired two independent investigations into higher education funding in Wales. A former pro Vice-Chancellor at Cardiff University, she remains Professor of Social Sciences.

Professor Eileen Sills CBE

Professor Sills is an inspirational nurse with a relentless focus on improving the quality of services to patients and their families. As Chief Nurse and Director of Patient Experience at Guy's and St Thomas's, she has led a series of initiatives to improve clinical performance and enhance patient and safety experience. She led the Trust's bid for the contracts to provide community services in the London boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark and has pioneered innovative changes to the care of dementia patients across acute and community settings, whilst also leading and supporting other patient pathways including a home ward. She is a national champion for improving standards in care; Clinical Director for the London Dementia Strategy; a visiting Professor at King's College London and London South Bank University; was named in July 2014 as a Nursing Times Leader and in the Health Service Journal in October 2014 as one of the country's top 20 clinical leaders.

Kristin Scott Thomas OBE

Kristin Scott Thomas is one of the most highly-regarded actresses of her generation. She won an Olivier award for her role as Arkadina in *The Seagull*. Her performance in *The English Patient* brought her Golden Globe and Oscar nominations, and she was nominated for both a BAFTA and a Golden Globe as Best

Actress in *Il y a longtemps que je t'aime*. She is a patron of the Hope and Homes for Children charity.

(Ila) Dianne Thompson CBE

Dianne Thompson, Group Chief Executive of Camelot, has built one of the most successful lotteries in the world, driving a programme of innovation and maximising returns to good causes across the UK. The £32 billion raised to date have helped fund the biggest programme of civic and social regeneration seen in the UK since the nineteenth century. She has also played a pivotal role in the ChildLine charity and is a long term supporter of Changing Faces and Breast Cancer Care.

Professor Marina Sarah Warner CBE

Professor Warner is a national leader in cultural and critical studies and one of our great public intellectuals. She has written widely on literature, painting, sculpture, cinema, and religious and cultural myth, including a pioneering study on the myth and cult of the Virgin Mary. All her writing is marked by a rare combination of historically-informed scholarship and sharply original interpretation. A Professor in the School of Arts and Humanities, Birkbeck College, University of London, she is also a trustee of the National Portrait Gallery and patron of Reprieve. She is chair of the Man Booker International Prize judges, 2015.

(Catherine) Fiona Woolf CBE

Fiona Woolf is only the second female Lord Mayor of London. She used the office to link the success of the City with broader social themes, championing diversity and promoting the economic and social case for inclusivity in business at all levels. Her Tomorrow's City initiative is maximising London's role in promoting cross-sectoral growth. A leading international energy lawyer, she has been President of the Law Society and a member of both the Competition Commission and the Women's Business Council. She is a trustee of Raleigh International.

Knights Bachelor

Theodore Agnew DL

Theodore Agnew is bringing education to deprived children in both India and the UK. In Hyderabad, he has funded schools and offered over 3,000 bursaries to poor local children. In Norfolk, he set up and funded Saturday and summer schools in one of the most deprived wards to support improvements in literacy. He chaired the Norfolk Community Foundation and saw its endowment and grant-giving increase 10-fold over five years. In 2012 he established the Inspiration Trust, which is already the leading sponsor of academies in Norfolk, bringing clear improvements to the schools in its care.

David Anthony Amess MP

David Amess has been a Member of Parliament for over 30 years – for both the Basildon and Southend West constituencies. He is one of the longest serving Members of the Speaker's Panel of Chairs and served on the Health Select Committee for ten years. He is currently Chairman of the Industry and Parliament Trust. His Private Member's Bill to create a programme of action to reduce fuel poverty became the Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Act 2000. He has also introduced a number of short Bills relating to animal welfare. He led the campaign to install a monument in honour of Raoul Wallenberg in 1997. He is involved with a number of local and national charities, including three hospices in Basildon and Southend.

Matthew Baggott CBE QPM

Matthew Baggott was Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland between 2009 and 2014, during a period which saw the devolution of policing and justice to the Northern Ireland Executive. Under his leadership confidence levels in the police have risen to an all-time high, crime levels have fallen and his vision of personal policing, now being embedded throughout the service, is strengthening the connection between the police and the community. Over the past two years he has successfully delivered the policing of several high profile national and international events, including the G8 Summit in Enniskillen, the World Police and Fire Games, the Londonderry UK City of Culture 2013 and the 2012 Olympics Torch Run. He is a trustee of International Needs, a worldwide Christian mission and development agency.

Richard Barnett

Professor Barnett, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ulster, has contributed significantly to the development of the higher education sector in Northern Ireland

and of the local economy. He has transformed the university's research capacity, stabilised its financial position and widened access for those from socially disadvantaged backgrounds. He is now overseeing the development of a new campus, the largest (£250m) capital development project in Belfast for over a decade, which will offer significant opportunities for local social and economic development.

Professor (Andrew) Jonathan Bate CBE FBA

Professor Bate, Provost of Worcester College, Oxford, is a true Renaissance man: biographer, critic, broadcaster, novelist, playwright and scholar. He has made major contributions to the study of Shakespeare, John Clare and the Romantics; his many works include *The Genius of Shakespeare*, which has been praised as the best modern book on the bard. He has been a Governor and Board member of the Royal Shakespeare Company and Vice-President (Humanities) of the British Academy.

Dr. Simon Fraser Campbell CBE FRS

Dr. Campbell was a leading member of the research teams that discovered Cardura, Norvasc and Viagra, new drugs that have benefited millions of people worldwide and contributed billions to the UK economy. Under his leadership, the Campaign for Chemistry reinvigorated chemistry education in the UK while the Simon and Jill Campbell Foundation supports state school students reading science and mathematics at Cambridge and Birmingham. He serves as scientific adviser to industry, funding bodies and charities focused on cancer and neglected diseases.

Dr. Anthony Herbert Everington OBE

Dr. Everington has worked as a GP in Tower Hamlets, the second most deprived London borough, for over 25 years. His work has been at the forefront of primary care. He pioneered the Bromley-by-Bow Health Centre, which was designated a Healthy Living Centre in 2000 and is now serving as a model nationally and internationally. Beyond his own practice, he has improved the quality of healthcare services across east London, by fostering links between primary care and Bart's Health NHS Trust to improve the transition between GP services and acute care. He now serves as Chair of the Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), bringing together 36 GP practices and 280 GPs.

Professor Julian Ernest Michael Le Grand FBA

Professor Le Grand has been Professor of Social Policy at the London School of Economics for over 30 years. Most recently, he undertook a review of Children's Social Care Services at Doncaster and Birmingham Councils, which is already

securing long term improvements in Doncaster and Birmingham and providing a new direction for children's social care more widely. He has also served as Chair of the Mutuels Taskforce, which has led to a nine-fold increase since 2010 in the number of mutuels operating across the country.

John Vincent Hurt CBE

John Hurt, in a career spanning more than fifty years, has appeared in well over 100 films and received numerous awards including BAFTAs for *The Naked Civil Servant*, *Midnight Express* and *The Elephant Man* and the BAFTA for Outstanding Contribution to Cinema. He was Oscar-nominated for *The Elephant Man* and *Midnight Express*, received the Golden Globe for *Midnight Express*, and two Evening Standard Awards including the Alexander Walker Special Award and the Best Actor Award for 3 films - *The Hit*, 1984 and *Champions*. He was awarded the inaugural Richard Harris Award for Contribution to Cinema by the British Independent Film Awards and was made a Fellow of the BFI in 2009. He is Chancellor of Norwich University of the Arts and Patron of Derby QUAD and Norwich Cinema City. He is Patron of the charity Project Harar and has hosted events for Amnesty International and NSPCC/Childline.

Peter Ashley Kendall

Peter Kendall was President of the National Farmers' Union from 2006 to 2014, promoting the role of British agriculture and horticulture to meet the challenges of global food security and sustainable intensification. His leadership of the Why Farming Matters campaign has promoted the positive role of the farming industry to the wider public and restored pride in British farmers. He developed the Campaign for the Farmed Environment which has successfully brought together farming and environmental groups for the benefit of wildlife.

Andrew Valentine Morris OBE

Andrew Morris is an exceptional NHS leader with an outstanding track record. His leadership as Chief Executive has transformed Frimley Park Hospital (FPH) from an average district hospital into a major acute centre. Frimley was the first hospital in England to be rated as "Outstanding" by the Care Quality Commission and has recently taken over Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals. He managed the absorption of the 250-bed Cambridge Military Hospital in Aldershot and established a new Ministry of Defence Hospital Unit at FPH. He has also had impact internationally through his work with Vision 2020 (a global initiative for the elimination of avoidable blindness) in Zambia.

Richard Leon Paniguan CBE

Richard Paniguan has transformed the output of the Defence and Security Organisation (DSO) of UK Trade and Investment, which he joined after a distinguished career with BP. He has been instrumental to securing a number of major defence deals, including with the US, India, Brazil, Saudi Arabia and Oman. He has led the way in championing the exportability of equipment, thereby reducing procurement costs for MOD. He has taken DSO into cyber security and disaster relief. He also serves as Chair of the Advisory Board of the MSc in International Defence and Security at Cranfield University.

Professor Martyn Poliakoff CBE FRS

Professor Poliakoff is an inorganic chemist, whose work has been taken up by industry, notably in the construction of the world's first multi-reaction supercritical fluid plant. He is a global leader in the field of green and sustainable chemistry and his work in engaging the public with chemistry has been recognised internationally, including through the Periodic Table of Videos on YouTube. As Vice-President and Foreign Secretary of the Royal Society, he is a key ambassador for the UK scientific community.

Dickson Poon CBE

Dickson Poon is an entrepreneur who has made major economic investments in the UK. He is also a significant philanthropist. He largely funded the Centre for the Study of China in Oxford, which is establishing a focal point for the greatest range of academic expertise on China outside China itself. His donations to King's School of Law, London, are transforming that institution with the creation of eight new academic chairs and 75 scholarships every year.

David Edward John Ramsden CBE

Dave Ramsden, Head of the Government Economic Service and Chief Economic Adviser to the Treasury, has made an extraordinary contribution to economic policy-making. He led the work on the Five Economic Tests for whether the UK should join the Euro. He played a significant role advising the previous Government on the policy response to the financial crisis and has been at the leading edge in advocating and developing innovative macro- and micro-economic policies for successive Governments. He is a trustee of Pro Bono Economics, which matches volunteer economists with charitable organisations, and is President of the Society of Business Economists.

Professor Nilesh Jayantilal Samani DL

Professor Samani is an internationally renowned clinical scientist who has made seminal contributions towards our understanding of the genetic causes of some of

the most common and important diseases of our times: coronary artery disease and hypertension. He has authored over 450 original papers, many of them published in the highest impact journals. He combines his research with a full clinical practice, highly valued by both patients and peers, and plays a prominent role in mentoring and training the next generation of cardiologists. He was elected Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2002, British Heart Foundation Professor in 2003 and a National Institute for Health Research Senior Investigator in 2008.

Professor Nigel John Thrift DL FBA

Professor Thrift, Vice-Chancellor of the University Warwick, is a globally renowned geographer and a pioneer in the fields of finance geography, time geography and non-representational research. Unusually, he has combined academic excellence with being an outstanding university leader. Under his leadership Warwick has doubled postgraduate numbers and established industrial links which have transformed the university's impact on the West Midlands economy. He led the 2008 Government Review of Research Careers and chaired the IPPR's influential Commission on the Future of Higher Education. Warwick is now one of the top ten UK universities.

John Arthur Townsley

John Townsley transformed Morley High School and Farnley Park High School from under-performing to Outstanding schools and then oversaw their conversion to academy status. As Executive Principal of The GORSE Academies Trust, he is now a major sponsor of academies in the Leeds city region, again bringing significant improvements to the schools in his care. He has served on the Ofqual board, chaired the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust's National Headteacher Steering Group and is now a lead Ofsted inspector.

David John Verey CBE

David Verey has chaired the Art Fund, a fundraising charity, for more than a decade. Under his leadership, a number of important works have been saved for the nation, including Turner's *The Blue Rigi*, the Staffordshire Hoard and Poussin's *Extreme Unction*. The Fund's membership has grown, its demographic widened and its resources significantly increased. His own charitable donations have contributed significantly to the Art Fund's resources and he funded almost exclusively The Verey Gallery at Eton College.

Professor Norman Stanley Williams

Professor Williams is an international leader in colorectal surgery and research, focussing on improving the quality of care and life for patients with permanent stomas and other bowel disorders. He has also raised over £18m in research grants and published seminal works that influenced the NHS pathways for surgical resection of rectal cancer across the country and has improved the quality of life for many cancer sufferers. At a national level he served with distinction as President of the Royal College of Surgeons and led several influential reviews around patient safety. As a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences and Member of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges he has also served as an ambassador for British surgery.

Thomas Winsor

Thomas Winsor has served as HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary since 2012, leading significant restructuring of the Inspectorate and establishing more intensively evidence-based inspections and a greater focus on the police's service to the public. Previously, in an unpaid role, he carried out a radical and comprehensive review of police pay and conditions. As Rail Regulator from 1999 to 2004, he substantially reformed the industry leading to major improvements in railway performance, network integrity, industry development and passenger satisfaction.