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So Who's Who in 2019

Who's Who 2019 features a wide variety of new entrants, from wheelchair tennis champion **Gordon Reid** and Chair of Black Cultural Archives **Dawn Hill**, to science and technology broadcaster **Maggie Philbin**. The inclusion of Recreations in the entries provides an extra insight and this year's new entrants boast a wide array of activities. QC **Michael Jones** enjoys 'going for a pint with my dog', **Col Mark Cuthbert-Brown**, Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire lists 'spaniels... more spaniels... spaniels' and **Dr Marion Harney**, Senior Lecturer in Conservation at the University of Bath says 'walking with mad springer spaniel'. Particularly energetic new entrants include **Professor Nick Webborn** ('wheelchair tennis'), **Professor Lynette Ryals** ('occasional dangerous sports'), **Maj. Gen. Duncan Capps**, CBE ('marathon kayaking') and **Simon Antrobus**, QC ('fighting a mid-life crisis with exercise').

ARTS

Members of the arts sector are well represented in the new entries to *Who's Who* for the 171st edition. Prolific actor **Jason Watkins**, who will be playing Prime Minister Howard Wilson in the highly anticipated upcoming series of *The Crown*, and actor and director **Lia Williams** (*Doc Martin* and *The Crown*) are included for the first time. The Chief Executive Officers of both Lionsgate UK (**Zygi Kamasa**) and Channel 4 (**Alexandra Mahon**) are also new for 2019. **Emma Stenning** (Chief Executive of Bristol Old Vic) and **Martin Green, CBE** (Chair of the Middle Child Theatre Company) are two additions representing the theatre industry.

PUBLISHING and MEDIA

As always, a raft of journalists have been selected for the 2019 list – **Farrah Storr**, Editor of *Cosmopolitan*, **Harry Mount**, Editor of *The Oldie*, and **Brendan Walsh**, Editor of *The Tablet* are all new additions. **Thomasina Miers**, food writer, chef and co-founder/director of the Wahaca restaurant chain is also added for 2019. The publishing world features heavily in this year's new entrants with **David Young** (Canongate), **Kate Wilson** (Nosy Crow), **Richard Kitson** (Hachette UK) and **Perminder Mann** (Bonnier Books UK) all landing on the *Who's Who* pages.

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BUSINESS

Moguls of the supermarket industry find their place in *Who's Who 2019*, with **Jason Tarry**, Chief Executive Officer of Tesco and **Roger Burnley**, Chief Executive Officer and President of Asda both making this year's list. Representatives of high street retailers have also been selected including **Catherine Nunn**, Chief Executive of Lakeland and **Lisa Montague**, Chief Executive Officer of Aspinall of London. Business executives from the sporting world are well represented with **Peter Moore**, CEO of Liverpool Football Club, **Dr Denise Barrett-Baxendale, MBE**, CEO of Everton Football Club, and **Colin Grassie**, Chairman of the Scottish Rugby Union all on the list. **Tony Rice** and **Lisa Anson** of Dechra Pharmaceuticals and Redx Pharmaceuticals respectively are both new additions.

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

From the science and technology sectors, **Dr Richard Herrington**, Head of the Earth Sciences Department of the Natural History Museum, and the Chief Scientist at the Meteorological Office, **Professor Stephen Belcher** have both made welcome additions to the 2019 edition. **Ian Ritchey**, Group Chief Engineer at Rolls-Royce and **Professor Anthony Purnell**, Head of Technology at British Cycling are featured as well as **Gary Aitkenhead**, Chief Executive of the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory.

CHARITY and CAMPAIGNING

Support for charities focusing on helping those from disadvantaged backgrounds in the UK is reflected through the selections of **Baroness Sater**, Chairman of StreetGames UK, and **Moira Sinclair**, Chief Executive of the Paul Hamlyn Foundation for the 2019 edition of *Who's Who*. **Josie Dobrin**, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Creative Access, a charity that helps those from BAME backgrounds find jobs in the creative industries is also on this year's list. **Rosemary Millard, OBE**, Chief Executive Officer of Children and the Arts and Chair of Children in Need, and **Lilli Geissendorfer**, Director of the Jerwood Charitable Foundation each represent charities that support and promote education and the importance of the arts.

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Who's Who and *Who Was Who* were first launched online more than ten years ago, and in the intervening years the world, and technology, have changed. Based on direct feedback from the librarians and scholars who use these sites, OUP is pleased to announce a new round of major updates including a responsive design enabling seamless access across different formats, more frequent updates, searching across multimedia, making it easier to find different types of content, and more. We are excited to let you know that this new site launched on 27th November 2017. Visit www.ukwhoswho.com

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