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VICKY BARNSLEY — Head of
HarperCollins UK
JANA BENNETT — Director of
programmes for the BBC
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ELIZA MANNINGHAM-BULLER

Dame ELIZABETH BUTLER-SLOSS — Top family-law jud Dame RENNIE FRITCHIE — Tory Party Chairwoman FIONA MILLAR — Cherie Booth's right-hand wor

## **FOOD and DIET**

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TOMORROW: DISCOVER WHO CHOOSES THE **CLOTHES WE WEAR AND THE CAMPAIGNERS** WHO HAVE CHANGED PEOPLE'S LIVES



## ROSE GRAY, 63 (LEFT) AND (LADY) RUTH ROGERS, 54

Gave Britain modern Italian cooking and the Naked Chef

ON-DUTY: The old friends founded Hammersmith's River Cafe in 1987 as a canteen for the architectural practice run by Ruth's husband, Richard (now Lord) Rogers. It soon became an upmarket eaterie for Labour's narket eaterie for Labour's elite. As well as making Tony and Gordon's pasta, Ruth and Rose have spread the gospel of Italian food via their 500,000-selling cookbook and TV series. If your local pub puts out olive oil, not outter, with the bread, blame the River Café. And blame (or thank) them for training Hugh Feamley Whittingstall and Jamie Oliver. OFF-DUTY: Ruth, who has two sons and three stepsons, lives in Chelsea. Rose, a mother of four, lives in Marylebone with her husband, David MacIlwaine. DID YOU KNOW: The River Cafe's food was inspired by Ruth's mother-in-law, Dada, who was a stickler for simplicity. As she lay dying, she called Ruth to her bedside and whispered: 'Go easy on the herbs, not so many herbs.



ON-DUTY: Nigella, like Madonna, or Sting, has become a one-word global brand. Beginning her foodie career as restaurant critic of the Spectator magazine, where her brother Dominic was editor, she moved to Vogue, before writing her first best-seller, How To Eat. Her combination of status (her fathers former fory chancellor Nigel Lawson), glamour and tragedy (her husband, John Diamond, died of cancer in 2001) made her irresistible to TV and her C4 series, Nigella Bites, made her a household name.

With her biggest book, How To Be A Domestic
Goddess, Nigella found herself at the heart of
that great female argument, for and against

## Nigella Lawson, 43

Job: Goddess of domesticity arnings: £3.4 million

Luscious, pouting deity. Makes cookery and housework super-sexy

women's role as a home-maker — a debate that has gone transatiantic as Nigelia (a millionaire in her own right) has become famed in the U.S. as a columnist and TV star. OFF-DUTY: Lawson, 42, has two young

a week, Hartnett, who is single, is never off duty. Even holidays are culinary research tri

DID YOU KNOW? Like a true Ramsay protegée, she kicked her first customer out of the Connaught within a week of opening.

children by John Diamond, Cosima and Bruno. She lives with multi-millionaire art investor Charles Saatchi in London's Belgravia and drives a Jeep.
Long, bias-cut skirts worn with cashmere twin-sets and trainers are her trademark, and her favourite designers include Amanda Wakeley and Valentino.
She admits to enjoying make-up and has written a column on cosmetics.
DID YOU KNOW: Nigella may not be quite so velvety soft as she seems on TV. T've been prevented from becoming a monster by my friends, she has said, 'but I'm sure i have it within me.'

as a teenage waitress at Peppermint Park, a West End cocktail bar, returning after her first-class degree in English Literature to work on new restaurants with Pp founder, Roger Myers. The duo floated their company on the stock market and made millions before Jones joined Punch Taverns.

There she made its Spirit Group of pubs (Britain's largest independent chain) a stand-alone company, running 1,000 premises with 16,000 staff. So it's your round, but her pub.

but her pub.

OFF-DUTY: Jones is married. She and husband Harnish have three children, aged six to 11, and live in South London. A statuesque (she is almost 6ft.) blonde, Jones likes to shop for clothes at Nicole Parhi and TopShop. An art lover, she visits galleries and museums whenever possible. She drives a diesel Mercedes estate.

ANGELA HARTNETT, 33 Job: Executive Chef. Connaught Hotel Earnings: est £50,000+

OFF-DUTY: Working round-the-clock, six days





ON-DUTY: Restaurant chains such as Cafe Rouge and the Dome have made dining out an everyday experience for millions. Karen helped found both chains. She began work



## Sarah Watson, 48

Job: Head of training at WeightWatchers Earnings: £40,000

The woman who got the nation's slimmers counting points not calories

ON-DUTY: The daughter of a butcher and a nurse from Southend, Sarah was 'overweight and lonely' when she joined Weight Watchers 19 years ago. She began running classes in Camberley, Surrey, then worked her way up the organisation.

way up the organisation.

A former home economics trainer, she used her own experiences to devise the Points Programme, which she researched for 18 months before its launch in 1996. Based on the amount launch in 1996. Based on the amount of calories and fat in a portion, the system does not ban any form of food and is designed to minimise guilt. An instant hit, it boosted WeightWatchers membership across the world, with

more than one million people a year attending points-based classes.
Coming next is Time To Eat, based on

seasonal foods.

OFF-DUTY: Married for the second time in September, her husband works in IT. She has two children from her first marriage. Watson drives a BMW 7 series and a Mercedes CLK and describes herself as a High St label queen. She lives in an apartn in the home of Queen Victoria's DID YOU KNOW: Britain's most influential dieter adores fine dining. Her favourite restaurant is the Michelin-starred Gordon Ramsay.



Job: Co-founder, Earnings: £10 million



ON-DUTY. On a visit to New York in the early Nineties to see her banker brother Bobby. Hashem — a corporate lawyer by training—discovered the city's coffee bars and realised London had no equivalent. The Hashemis decided to change that. Turned down by most banks, they raised £80,000 from NatWest and opened their first Coffee Republic on London's South Molton Street in 1905.

Six years later, they had 110 cafes, sales of £30 million, and the whole country knew about grande mochaccinos, semi-skimmed lattes and low-fat blueberry muffins.

Hashemi has stepped down from the company, written an inspirational book—Anyone Can Do It — and spreads the word as a corporate speaker.

OFF-DUTY. The Persian-born blonde, who is

a corporate speaker

OFF-DUTY The Persian-born blonde, who is
single, lives in London's Belgravia and drives
a Jeep Cherokee. A keen Jogger, she holidays
regularly in Capri and dresses from head
to toe in Burberry. She also boasts an
impressive designer shoe collection.

## **NELLIE NICHOLS, 44**

Job: Head of food development. Pret A Manger Earnings: Not Disclosed

ON-DUTY. Neille—who learned to cook when caring for her father, after her mother died when she was a child—is the right-hand woman to the sandwich bar chain's founder Julian Metcalfe. For the past ten years, as Pret has expanded from the to 70 stores (now going global under the country of the past ten years), as the has developed new ideas and fillings, including the best-selling All-Day Breakfast and a new No Mayo range.

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OFF-DUTY: A single mother with a young son living in South London, Nichols cooks in her spare time, too, making all her own jams, marmalades and chutneys. She loves horse riding and water skiing, holidays in Mauritius and shops at Prada and Gueci. She can also be found hunting for antique silverware at car boot sales.

car boot sales.
DID YOU KNOW: It can take up to three months to perfect a new sandwich recipe.

## **DELIA SMITH, 61**

Job: Food writer and football director Earnings: Worth £24 million



ON-DUTY No one has had more influence on British cooking than Delia. She left school with no qualifications, not even in domestic science. Yet since starting as a cookery writer for the Daily Mirror in 1969, she has sold more than 11 million books, made countless TV programmes and amassed a £24 million fortune.

Her fool-proof, no-nonsense recipes

Her fool-proof, no-nonsense recipes — relying on organisation more than inspiration — are the staple diet of middle-class dinner parties. Ignoring the sneers of Jealous (usually male) chefs, she has taught the country the basics, from bolling an egg on up. And when she mentions anything — from favourite omelette pans to cranberries — shops sell out the next day. Factories and growers have to step up supplies to cope.

OFF-DUTY Married to Michael Wynne Jones, publisher of the Sainsbury's magazine, for 31 years, Delia says not having children may be why she threw herself into her career. The couple have a country cottage in Suffolk and a smaller pad near Norwich.

DID YOU KNOW: A committed Christian, Delia has given up being a food star to devote her time to Norwich City FC. She and Wynne Jones have spent f? million buying 61 per cent of the club, which now — of course — has the best catering, by far, in football.



OFF-DUTY: Meena and Kirit, parents of

three grown-up children, live near Wigan. Meena drives a BMW. She has written a



I HAVE to say I've greatly impacted people's awareness of healthy eating and exercise, if you want to control or lose weight. I know from letters I get

The British wouldn't be able to

who has been overweight and conquered it. And important to other women, too. It shows it can be I would say I balance my

work quite smartly. I work four days a week, and I don't take work home. It's really important to have balance. If you haven't got

> I'd love to buy some diamond earrings, but I've never felt I could justify spending thousands of pounds on jewellery. I'd feel incredibly guilty and self-indulgent. So many people in the world need that need that

**JANA BENNETT, 46** Job: BBC Director of Television

Earnings: Salary £200,000



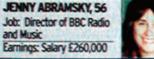
ON-DUTY: The most powerful of the women — known as Gregory's Girls or Dyke's Darlings — who control BBC TV and radio, Bennett is an ex-Panorama producer and Horizon editor who gave the BBC massive hits like Animal Hospital, The Human Body and Walking With Dinosaurs. Born in the U.S. (she came to England in 1969), she returned to the States to run the Discovery and Learning channels before taking up her current job in April 2002. A strong bet to complete the women's takeover of the BBC by becoming its first female Director-General when Greg Dyke departs.

OFF-DUTY Married to Richard Clemmow, for-

OFF-DUTY Married to Richard Clemmow, for-mer head of BBC News. They have two children and live in a large house in East Acton next to her younger sister. She is the middle of five daughters born to the dean of admissions at New England College in New Hampshire.

University, where she was a friend of — guess who? — the young Tony Blair.

**JENNY ABRAMSKY, 56** Job: Director of BBC Radio and Music

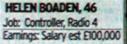


Dyke bought a radio last year, he called Jenny Abramsky to tell him how to make it work. TV execs have never known much about poor-relation radio. Now, thanks to Abramsky, they

have to.

She created Radio Pive, the news-and-sport Radio Bloke station lowed by footy-mad lads. As boss of BBC radio, she has watched over the reinvention of Radio Two, from a musical rest-home, to a hip, grown-up destination, and she's restored the order (and listeners) that Nineties 'modernisation' had stripped from Radio 4. Britons now turn on their transies more often than their TVs. Radio's hot again. hot again

DID YOU KNOW? Abramsky's grandfather scow rabbi, imprisoned under Joseph



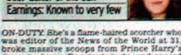
ON-DUTY. The Today programme is as important a part of the political and media elite's breakfast as cornflakes or croissants. Radio 4's classic shows, like Woman's Hour, Start The Week, and Any Questions? are national institutions. The Archers is a middle-class obsession.

middle-class obsession.

But under Boaden's predecessor James Boyle, 4's calm assurance was destroyed by radical changes to the schedule that left listeners angry and confused. Boaden, who began her BBC career with Radio Leeds in 1983, has put the furniture back in the right places, modernised more subtly, and attracted record numbers of listeners. Phew! The establishment can relax.

OFF-DUTY Boaden is married to journalist Stephen Burley. They spend their spare time at their house on the Yorkshire coast, where Boaden indulges her hobbles: walking cooking eating good food — 'and spending time with my husband'.

**REBEKAH WADE, 34** Job: Editor of the Sun



was editor of the News of the World at 31, broke massive scoops from Prince Harry's drugs to Angus Deayton's tarts, and caused huge controversy when her name-and-shame campaign against paedophiles sparked mob violence and attacks on paediatricians.

Now this world-class networker, with ambi-tions to match, is the first woman editor of Britain's biggest daily tabloid. As her recent

DID YOU KNOW: Bennett went to Oxford



OFF-DUTY Lives in Dartmouth Park, South-East London with husband Alasdair Liddell (an NHS manager) and their two children. was a Moscow rabbi, im Stalin's reign of terror.

HELEN BOADEN, 46 Job: Controller, Radio 4

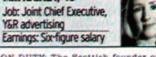


front-page about a Labour MP and his i ront-page about a Labour MP and his rent-boy researcher proved, there's no girly sweetness about Wade's methods. A mark of her influence: Tony Blair spent more time at the Sun party celebrating the paper's switch of editors than at the Commons debate on the war against Iraq.

off-DUTY Married to Ross Kemp, alias EastEnders' Grant Mitchell. They live in a large Victorian house in Battersea. Works out at the Harbour Club in Cheisea.

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DID YOU KNOW: The Sun used to say, Hop
Off You Frogs, but Wade — who speaks fluent
French — began her journalistic career on
the Paris magazine Architecture Aujourd'hui. So her anti-French beadline read,
'Chirac est un ver' ('Chirac is a worm').

M.T. RAINEY, 46 Y&R advertising



ON-DUTY: The Scottish founder of an independent ad agency, bought by U.S. giants Young & Rubicam last year in a £24million deal that made her a millionaire, MT (short for Mary Teresa) Rainey is now in charge of the UK's sixth largest agency. When Marks & Sparks broke the habits of a lifetime and began advertising, she guided their campaigns. Rainey has also worked for clients as varied as Lego, Carisberg, Virgin and Jaguar.
But this Glasgow University psychology

But this Glasgow University psychology graduate, who spent a decade working in the U.S., has applied her skills to

conscience as well as commerce, working on ads for a campaign against domestic OFF-DUTY: Rainey, who is single, lives in

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West London, handy for the boutiques of Notting Hill where she loves browsing. DID YOU KNOW: Despite being a million aire, Rainey does not have a car, preferring to take minicabs.

**GAIL REBUCK CBE, 51** Job: Chief Executive, Random House Earnings: Est £1m a year

ON-DUTY. Rebuck made her name 20 years ON-DUTY Rebuck made her name 20 years ago as the co-founder of the Century publishing company. Its buyout by Hutchinson brought her first fimillion. And a further takeover led both it and her to megapublishers Random House — part of the giant German Bertelsmann group — whose imprints include Jonathan Cape and Chattockwindus, with authors such as Sebastian Paulks and Salman Rushdie.

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Rebuk's empire stretches from the UK to Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. And if that did not give her enough influence, her marriage to Tony Blair's polister Philip Gould puts her at the heart of New Labour high society.

OFF-DUTY: Rebuck and Gould have two daughters, Georgia and Grace. They divide their time between a house in Camden, North London, and a 15th-century villa in Majorca.

DID YOU KNOW: Rebuck is so focused she signed the deal that made her the Random House boss in the hospital delivery room where she was giving birth to her second daughter Grace.

Her elder daughter Georgie got a toy office for her sixth birthday, staffed by Barbi

HELEN FIELDING, 44 Job: Author Earnings: Worth £2.2million plus

ON-DUTY: Helen Fielding was halfway ON-DOTY: Helen Fielding was naitway through an earnest, tedlous novel about class and race in the Caribbean when her editor made a suggestion; why didn't she take the jolly little column she was writing for the Independent, about life as a single, thirtysomething woman, and turn it into a book?

book?

Three months later, Bridget Jones's Diary

a Nineties spoof of Pride And Prejudice—
was completed, and a cultural phenomenon
was born. More than 10million copies of two
Bridget novels have been sold across 33

countries.

Renee Zellweger has made Bridget a screen idol (another film is on the way in 2004). And countless women have laughed in recognition as Bridget struggles with her job, her weight, her mother and — of course her rene. - her men.

lives in Los , Angeles with her sitcom writer boyfriend Keevin Curran. DID YOU KINOW. Helen Fielding was once a freelance features writer on the Daily Mail.

J.K. ROWILING, 37 Job: Author Earnings: Wyorth £47million

these women from the

ON-DUTY The biggest media or entertainon-DUTY The biggest media or entertainment event of the year will occur on June 21, with the put of the year will occur on June 21, with the put of the year will occur on June 21, order of The Phoenix, the fifth in the boy-wizard serices. Four months before its release, it was air-eady top of the Amazon.co.uk charts, just on advance orders.

Meanwhille, the two Harry Potter films have taken fibililion-plus at the box office, and far, far more in sales of videos, DVDs and Potter-ish mercha undise.

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Harry Poitter, the creation of an impoverished singli-e mum who was trying to eke out a
cheap cofiee in an Edinburgh cafe, is now a
brand on 'the scale of Nike or Coke (and a
Time may raine cover-star). Rowling has
made reading fun, and cool, for tens of mililons of children. And that is an achievement
beyond any price.

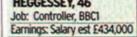
OFF-DUT Y. Rowling married Dr Neil Murray
in December 2001. They have a £4.5million
townhouse in West London and a home in
Scotland. She has a daughter, Jessica, by her
first marriage to Jorge Arantes and a newborn son with her husband.

DID YOU KNOW. Nicholson's Cafe, in which

OFF-DUTY: Having left her Notting Hill flat three years ago, after a sick stalker posted a bullet through her letterbox, Fielding now was owned by her brother-in-law.

LORRAINE HEGGESSEY, 46

fields of campaigning, food, fashion, money,



ON-DUTY. She may be a petite blonde, once described as "The Skinny Controller", but Lorraine Heggessey is no one's pushover. She once confronted tough-guy TV reporter Roger Cook and told him, Answer the question, you fat bastard. She breast-fed her baby in front of Mad Frankie Fraser.

Heggessey inflicted The Weakest Link on the

Hegesey inflicted The Weakest Link on the nation, and she risked the wrath of Britain's cultural watchdogs by making Rolf Harris the presenter of a show on classic art.

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On arriving at BBC1 in 2000, she found a declining channel, symbolised by its balloon logo: a lot of hot air drifting around. Ruthless scheduling (critics claim she has marginalised Panorama, a programme she once produced) and unashamed populism (Harris, she notes, pulled in more viewers than any art show in TV history) have done the trick. BBC1 is winning the battle against a demoralised ITV.

alised ITV.

For most of her career, Heggessey never considered being more than a programme-maker. Now she's one of the most powerful

women in media.

OFF-DUTY, Heggessey relies on her 'incrediby supportive' husband, freelance musician Ron de Jongh to run her home and care for their two daughters, aged 10 and 13. She loves skiing and tennis.

DID YOU KNOW? Her favourite BBC1

programme is the Scottish islands drama series, Two thousand Acres Of Sky.

**DAWN AIREY, 42** Job: MD of Sky Networks



Earnings: Said to be £1m ON-DUTY: As programming chief of

ON-DUTY: As programming chief of Channel 5, Airey — a feisty, ambitious, nononsense Cambridge geography graduate — described its contents as 'football, films and f\*\*\*ing.' But the addition of Home And Away, strong documentaries and U.S. imports made the infant channel a surprise success.

Airey's reputation grew so stellar that she was offered f750,000 a year to head ITV, but just as she was about to sign the deal, Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB stepped in with an even higher bid. Now she's the queen of satellite TV, where the three 'Fs' are still all-important. But is it just a stepping stone to a bigger future — in Murdoch's American empire?

OFF-DUTY: Ever the geographer, Airey

OFF-DUTY Ever the geographer, Airey collects antique maps — her best-ever investment, she claims — and goes on long country walks.

DID YOU KNOW? Her nickname is Zulu

## Nicki Chapman, 36

9 Entertainment arnings: Reputedly £500.000p.

Where would Will, Gareth and a zillion teenage girls be without her?



U.S. alone.
And that's beside a
TV career that has
blossomed from the
judging panel of
Pop Stars and Pop
Idol, to a daytime
slot on BBC1. Up
every day at 5am,
Chapman drives to Chapman drives to the BBC in her Audi A4 convert-ible, does her TV work, wipes off her make-up, pulls on her jeans, and gets into 19 by lunch, ready for another

OFF-DUTY Married to record executive Dave Shackleton for four years. No children. She grew up in Herne Bay. Kent watching East Enders at home

> Church otte sing at Nicki's wedding, fly ing in just after singing for Bill Clin ton at the

ON-DUTY: The ex-shop assistant from Tower Hamiets left school at 16. She began her media career at 21 selling ads on The Guardian. Within a decade, aged 31, she was the youngest-ever board member of giant magazine publishers IPC, overseeing magazines from Marie Claire to Loaded. Within a few years, she was running the whole company. day's work.

whole company.

Now she's the boss of the Trinity Mirror group, owners of the Daily Mirror and a group, owners of the Daily Mirror and a massive regional paper group. As the Mirror, Sunday Mirror and People suffer losses in sales and advertising revenues, observers are wondering; will Bailey sell them? And what will she tell Mirror editor Piers Morgan? OFF-DUTY Married with three step-chil-dren, She drives Porsches and wears Prada.

DID YOU KNOW: 'Sly' is short for Sylvia.

sport, academia and politics

SLY BAILEY, 41

Job: Chief Executive of

Trinity Mirror group

Income: Estimated

£750,000 plus

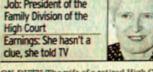
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## DAME ELIZABETH **BUTLER-SLOSS, 69**

Job: President of the Family Division of the High Court Earnings: She hasn't a



ON-DUTY. The wife of a retired High Court judge and sister of the late Lord Chancellor, Lord Havers, Dame Elizabeth (a former Tory candidate for Vauxhall) became a High Court Judge in 1979, aged 46, before Joining the Court of Appeal in 1988.

She became nationally-known with her inquiry into the Cleveland Child Abuse inquiry, and hit headlines again when granting lifelong anonymity to the killers of toddler James Bulger.

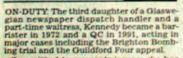
The first woman to hold her post, Dame Elizabeth has a huge influence on divorce and child-custody law, thereby affecting the lives of millions of Britons, and her rulings are central to issues of parental and children's rights arising from fertility treat-

OFF-DUTY: Married to Joseph Butler-They have three children and live in East Devon.

DID YOU KNOW: Dame Elizabeth is actor Nigel Havers's auntie.

## BARONESS HELENA KENNEDY, QC, 52

Job: Barrister, author Earnings: Undisclosed



Committed to women's issues, she has defended battered women who kill their partners, written an award-winning book Eve Was Framed about the law's treatment of women, and handled sex-discrimination

very influential in New Labour circles, she is also Chair of the Human Genetics Commission, President of the Children's Bureau, holds or has held various high-level academic posts, has headed endless important inquiries and has 15 honorary doctor-ates. Directly affects lives through her Helena Kennedy Bursary, awarding £1,000

## Job: PA to Cherie Blair Earnings: est £58,000pa



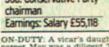
ON-DUTY Millar a Left-wing feminist vegarian, whose partner is spin-chief Alasta Campbell, has spent the past six year organising Cherie's life, as the PM's wife, an organising Chene's life, as the PM a wire, a ferociously guarding her from the Press which Millar herself was once a member. I Campbell-Millars have been family frien as well as employees, of the Blairs. But ye of fierce control have been wrecked by chaos of the Cherie-Caplin-Foster affair.

So now the question must be asked, wh has the most influence — Millar the minde or Caplin, the sexy style guru?

OFF-DUTY Millar met Campbell on a train scheme for journalists in the early Eight They have two sons and a daughter, i remain unmarried. They live in North Lond

## THERESA MAY. MP. 46

Job: Conservative Party



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ON-DUTY: A vicar's daughter with a City career, May was a diligent Tory spokesman on education and transport. But it was her Size 10 lilac leather jacket and heels that sent MPs into a frenzy.

The leopard-print kitten heels she wore to deliver her Tory Conference speech attracted as much attention as her controversial message that the Tories had to lose their image as the Nasty Party. There have been reports that her time as Chairman will soon be up—but can the party really afford to sideline such a rare female star?

OFF-DUTY: Lives in Sonning, Berkshire,

of Sucure such a rare female star?

OFF-DUTY Lives in Sonning, Berkshire, with her banker husband Philip. They have no children. A regular shopper at the Chelsea branch of LK Bennett, favourité designers include Amanda Wakeley, Aquascutum and Versace. Drives a sporty Audi convertible and holidays at Lake Como in Italy.

DID YOU KNOW: Those leonard print

DID YOU KNOW: Those leopard-pris fot2Trot shoes sold out so tast a gromley that their grateful design es sold out so fast at Ru er Bev eldman flew from America to presen heresa with a new design, inspired by her.

## USHA PRASHAR, **CBE, 54**

the National Literacy



ON-DUTY Born in Kenya, but educated at Wakefield Girls School, then Leeds and Glasgow Universities, Prashar has blazed rails, both as a woman and a British Indian. In 1997, she was the first female Chairman of the Parole Board, and also the first woman to be appointed Director of the National Council for Voluntary

## Baroness Morgan Of Huyton, 43

## Tony's secret fixer

ON-DUTY: Years of loyal work for the Labour Party paid off in November 2001 for former teacher Sally Morgan, when Tony Blair's old friend, and her great rival Anji Hunter quit the PM's office to work for BP. Morgan, who had earlier lost an internal powerstruggle with the ruthless Hunter, when working as the PM's Political Secretary, suddenly found herself in Hunter's old role, as Blair's right-hand

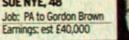
She is one of three advisers running the No 10 Office in the style of the U.S. President's West Wing, Morgan controls access to Blair and conducts private negotiations on his behalf. If you want to get close to him, you'd better get close to her first.

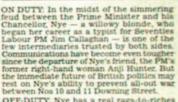
OFF-DUTY: Lives in a £1 million South London home with her barrister husband John Lyons, and their two sons

DID YOU KNOW: Morgan made a rare appearance in the public eye when it was revealed that she was sending one of her sons to a £9,000-a-year public school.

pportunity and reduce crime. In 1993, she elped found the National Literacy Trust. OFF-DUTY Married to Vijay Kumar Sharma

# SUE NYE, 48





OFF-DUTY. Nye has a real rags-to-riches story. She began childhood in a two-room Brixton flat. She's now married to Gavyn Davies, the Labour-supporting Chairman of the BBC who has a £120million fortune. They have two sumptuous homes, one in North Devon, and one son, Ben.

the first woman to be appointed Director of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations.

Prashar is also a passionate advocate of the importance of literacy, believing that it can break down social barriers, provide

# Tessa Jowell, 55

Job: Culture Secretary ilary: £125,000

## Nanny of New Labour



lawyer David Mills, golf partner of Labour spin-king Alastair Campbell. Jowell has tw children and three step-children, a home in North London and a luxurious country pile in Gloucestershire, complete with pool, Jacuzzi and Colombian housekeeper.

DID YOU KNOW: Mills is currently being

investigated by Italian authorities over claims of his involvement in an alleged tax evasion and money laundering scandal linked to his client, Italy's billionaire premier Silvio Berlusconi. He denies any wrongdoing.

# **POWER BROKERS**

Cherie Booth QC, 48

ob: Barrister and judge

an astonishing mix of

wing, yet so

obsessed by

ary: est £350,000 salar

ON-DUTY: To some a heroine, to others a wicked witch, Cherie

Booth - alias Mrs Tony Blair - is

contradictions. Fiercely feminist,

yet willing to use tears to gain public sympathy; fiercely Left-



DAME RENNIE FRITCHIE, 60 Job: Public **Appointments** Commissioner Earnings: £126,000

ON-DUTY: Dame Rennie is a woman who inspires by example. At 28, abandoned by her husband, with two children to raise, she was living in a council house on the East Coast of Scotland. Now, she is a Dame, responsible for regulating 11,000 appointments made on quangos and official bodies. She does the job without fear of offending the Government. One of her first reports noted that in the first 18 months of the Biair Government, 284 Labour councillors were picked for health authority posts compared with 36 Liberal Democrats and 23 Tories.

OFF-DUTY: Lives in Gloucestershire. Tragi-cally, one of her sons was killed in a hit-and-run car smash. DID YOU KNOW: Dame Rennie's Who's Who interests include, 'Listening to the Archers'

## BARONESS THATCHER, 77 Job: Former PM

Earnings: Undisclosed, included up to £1.5m per year from public speaking plus £22,550 PM's pension



less stable world order.

The Tory Party has never recovered from the internal coup that removed her. Tony Blair rode to victory on the back of her policies. And she proved, beyond question, that a woman can run the country.

the country.

OFF-DUTY: Lives in Belgravia, London with her 87-year-old husband, (Sir) Denis, who underwent a heart bypass operation in January this year Car. chauffeur-driven Jaguar.

DID YOU KNOW: Medicine has finally done what opponents could not and silenced Mrs T. Following a series of minor strokes, doctors

have ordered her to make no more public speeches.

## HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, 76 Job: Monarch and Head of State Earnings: £7.7million 'salary'

ON-DUTY. Of course, Her Majesty has virtually no formal political power. But she has known every PM since Churchill, met each of them every week, and been the ultimate sounding-board — wise, well-informed and

totally discreet — for leaders in times of crisis. Her role as mother of an increasingly fractured Royal Family has — for good and ill—affected our views, both of the monarchy and of family life itself. The majority of her subjects have known no other ruler. And if you want to know how different it would be without her, just imagine singing, 'God save the King'. OFF-DUTY. Mother-of-four and married to

OFF-DUTY. Mother-of-four and married to Philip, but you just possibly knew that already. Divides her time between Buckingham Palace, Windsor, Balmoral and Sandringham. Salary is strictly to cover official household costs, including salaries (£4.7m), garden parties (£423,326), food for entertaining and staff (£393,544), petrol (£43,150), flowers (£30,000) and computer equipment (£87,500).

## **BRITAIN'S** British politics (as Prime Minister's consort) since the departure of Mrs T

her family's need for capital that she all-but destroyed her reputation in a bizarre property deal; fiercely intellectual, yet devoted to her New Age style guru

Carole Caplin. As a lawyer, she is a powerful voice for feminism and civil rights, and is a Recorder (junior judge). As a wife, she exerts huge Influence over her Prime Minister

The most controversial woman in

Daily Mail, Monday, March 31, 2003

husband. As a talking-point, she's a national obsessi **OFF-DUTY: Married to Tony** Blair MP. They have four children and divide their time between Downing Street, Chequers, Tuscany and various friends'

European estates. Favourite designer remains Ronit Zilkha. Drives a Chrysler Voyager. DID YOU KNOW: In 1972, a teenage Cherie told a friend she wanted to be Britain's first female Prime Minister.



Rachel Lomax, 57

'Old Lady of Threadneedle Street' now has a powerful

ON-DUTY: Brilliant, impatient, forthright Rachel Lomax was facing the toughest job in Whitehall trying to get the trains to run on time — when she was poached from her job as Permanent Secretary, Department of Transport to become the first woman Deputy Governor in the 300-year history of the Bank of England.

So now she's got the secon toughest task: getting the economy back on track. She's certainly got the talent for the job. A she was vice

three Whitehall departments bel moving to the Bank of England. OFF-DUTY: Now divorced, she worked part-time for seven years while raising her two sons.

DID YOU KNOW: She can conquer the world of high finance and government, but not her craving for nicotine. She's smoked her way to the top, colleagues joke.



Daily Mail



Earnings: Salary about £200,000

woman at the top

Bank and head of



to students entering higher education as

OFF-DUTY: Married to top facial cancer

surgeon Iain Hutchinson, she has one daughter and two sons (one by her former

ON-DUTY: Just after the New Year, Man-

ON-DUTY Just after the New Year, Main-ningham-Buller sent Tony Blair a handwrit-ten note. It told him her agents had uncov-ered a plot to make the deadly ricin toxin in Britain. It was her advice, too, that caused Heathrow to be ringed with troops and

tanks.

The second woman to head MI5, with a fibillion budget and 1,900 staff, she has to plug the gaps left by an asylum policy that encourages terrorists into the UK. As she struggles to keep us safe, does this Benenden school contemporary of Princess Anne, who's been an agent since 1974, ever wish she'd kept her first job — as an English teacher?

OFF-DUTY Married since 1991 - her hus-

band has five children from a previous mar-riage. They live in Bath and she's a great believer in the family Sunday.

DID YOU KNOW: Manningham-Buller has inherited a nickname coined for her father,

Lord Chancellor in Harold Macmillan's Tory government, It's 'Bullying-Manner'.

er in the family Sunday lunch.

**ELIZA MANNINGHAM-**

Job: Director General of MI5

Earnings: Salary £150,000

**BULLER, 54**