

# OBITUARIES

## HRH PRINCESS ALICE, DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER,

GCB, CI, GCVO, GBE, Grand Cordon of Al Kamal  
Princess Alice was born Lady Alice Christabel Montagu-Douglas-Scott on Christmas Day 1901, the third daughter of the 7th Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry. Lady Alice married Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester and third son of King George V on 6 November 1935. Both of her sons were born during the Second World War; the eldest, Prince William, was tragically killed in a flying accident on 28 August 1972.

Princess Alice took a great interest in the work of the Red Cross and the Order of St John and had close connections with the Women's Royal Voluntary Service and the Women's Royal Air Force, which she headed since 1940. In 1945 she moved with her family to Australia, where the Duke of Gloucester was Governor-General from 1945–7. There she became Commandant-in-Chief of the Australian Women's Land Army and of the three women's services. On her return to Britain Princess Alice increased her charitable commitments becoming president or patron of many organisations, including several hospitals.

Princess Alice became the oldest living member of the royal family, reaching the age of 102, before dying peacefully in her sleep at Kensington Palace on 29 October 2004.

**Aberdare (4th)**, Lord, KBE, PC, politician, who as a hereditary peer was elected to remain in the House of Lords following the 1999 reforms; president of the Tennis and Rackets Association (1972–2004), aged 85 – *d.* 23 January 2005, *b.* 16 June 1919

**Aiken**, Air Chief Marshal Sir John, KCB, Commander British Forces Near East (1973–6); director-general of Intelligence, MOD (1978–81), aged 82 – *d.* 31 May 2005, *b.* 22 December 1922

**Allen**, Dave, comedian, aged 68 – *d.* 10 March 2005, *b.* 6 July 1936

**Al-Nahyan**, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan, president of the United Arab Emirates (1971–2004), aged 86 – *d.* 2 November 2004, *b.* 1918

**Al-Saud**, King Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz, king and prime minister of Saudi Arabia (1982–2005), aged 82 – *d.* 1 August 2005, believed to have been born in 1923

**Arafat**, Yasser, Palestinian leader (1974–2004), aged 75 – *d.* 11 November 2004, *b.* 24 August 1929

**Austin**, Vice-Adm. Sir Peter, aged 84 – *d.* 13 May 2005, *b.* 16 April 1921

**Avedon**, Richard, photographer, aged 81 – *d.* 1 October 2004, *b.* 15 May 1923

**Axelrod**, Julius, American biochemist and joint winner of the 1970 Nobel Prize for Physiology, aged 92 – *d.* 29 December 2004, *b.* 30 May 1912

**Bancroft**, Anne, American actor, aged 73 – *d.* 6 June 2005, *b.* 17 September 1931

**Bellow**, Saul, American novelist, aged 89 – *d.* 5 April 2005, *b.* 10 June 1915

**Benenson**, Peter, British lawyer and founder of Amnesty International, aged 83 – *d.* 25 February 2005, *b.* 31 July 1921

**Bethe**, Hans, German-born physicist, winner of the 1967

Nobel Prize for his work on stellar and solar energy, aged 98 – *d.* 6 March 2005, *b.* 2 July 1906

**Bishop**, Sir Frederick, CB, CVO, civil servant and director of the National Trust (1971–5), aged 89 – *d.* 2 March 2005, *b.* 4 December 1915

**Blacker**, Gen. Sir Jeremy, KCB, CBE, Master-General of the Ordnance (1991–5), aged 65 – *d.* 17 March 2005, *b.* 6 May 1939

**Blatch**, Baroness, CBE, PC, politician, deputy leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords (2000–5), aged 67, *d.* 31 May 2005, *b.* 24 July 1937

**Blumenfeld**, Simon, author and journalist, aged 97 – *d.* 13 April 2005, *b.* 25 November 1907

**Bolton**, Michael, silversmith, aged 66 – *d.* 7 January 2005, *b.* 24 October 1938

**Brown**, Bill, footballer, aged 73 – *d.* 30 November 2004, *b.* 8 October 1931

**Buller**, John, composer, aged 77 – *d.* 12 September 2004, *b.* 7 February 1927

**Britton**, Sir Edward, CBE, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers (1970–5), aged 95 – *d.* 3 January 2005, *b.* 7 December 1909

**Brown**, Vice-Admiral Sir David, KCB, Flag Officer Plymouth (1982–5), aged 77 – *d.* 13 July 2005, *b.* 27 November 1927

**Bruce of Donington**, Lord, aged 92 – *d.* 18 April 2005, *b.* 3 October 1912

**Bryson**, Adm. Sir Lindsay, KCB, Controller of the Navy (1981–5), aged 80 – *d.* 24 March 2005, *b.* 22 January 1925

**Callaghan of Cardiff**, Lord, KG, PC, Labour prime minister (1976–9), aged 92 – *d.* 26 March 2005, *b.* 27 March 1912

**Calton**, Patsy, Liberal Democrat MP for Cheadle (2001–5), aged 56 – *d.* 29 May 2005, *b.* 19 September 1948

**Campbell of Croy**, Lord, MC and bar, PC, Conservative MP for Moray and Nairn (1959–74), Secretary of State for Scotland (1970–4); created a life peer in 1974, aged 83 – *d.* 26 April 2005, *b.* 8 June 1921

**Carlisle of Bucklow**, Lord, PC, QC, cabinet minister (1979–81), aged 76 – *d.* 14 July 2005, *b.* 8 July 1929

**Carson**, Johnny, American television presenter, aged 79 – *d.* 23 January 2005, *b.* 23 October 1925

**Chapple**, Lord, leader of the Electrical Trades Union (1966–) and chairman of the Trades Union Congress (1983–4); awarded a life peerage in 1985, aged 83 – *d.* 19 October 2004, *b.* 8 August 1921

**Chisholm**, Shirley, American politician, the first black woman elected to Congress (1968–83), aged 80 – *d.* 1 January 2005, *b.* 30 November 1924

**Clark of Kempston**, Lord, PC, Conservative MP, aged 86 – *d.* 4 October 2004, *b.* 18 October 1917

**Clough**, Brian, footballer and manager, aged 69 – *d.* 20 September 2004, *b.* 21 March 1935

**Cook**, Robin, PC, MP, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (1997–2001), leader of the Commons (2001–3) and MP for Livingston (1983–2005), aged 59 – *d.* 6 August 2005, *b.* 28 February 1946

**Corfield**, Sir Frederick, PC, QC, Conservative MP for South Gloucester (1955–74), aged 90 – *d.* 25 August 2005, *b.* 1 June 1915

- Craig**, Barbara, Principal of Somerville College, Oxford (1967–80), aged 89 – *d.* 25 January 2005, *b.* 22 October 1915
- Crook**, Arthur, editor of *The Times Literary Supplement* (1959–74), aged 93 – *d.* 15 July 2005, *b.* 16 February 1912
- Crossley-Holland**, Joan, MBE, potter and founder of the Oxford Gallery, aged 92 – *d.* 12 January 2005, *b.* 3 April 1912
- Curtis**, John, editor and publisher, aged 76 – *d.* 3 February 2005, *b.* 25 December 1928
- Dacie**, Sir John, FRS, haematologist and founder of the Leukaemia Research Fund (1960), aged 92 – *d.* 12 February 2005, *b.* 20 July 1912
- Debreu**, Gerard, French-born mathematician and economist, winner of the 1983 Nobel Prize for Economics, aged 83 – *d.* 31 December 2004, *b.* 4 July 1921
- Derrida**, Jacques, French philosopher and literary theorist, aged 74 – *d.* 8 October 2004, *b.* 15 July 1930
- Doll**, Sir Richard, CH, epidemiologist, aged 92 – *d.* 24 July 2005, *b.* 28 October 1912
- Donaldson of Lymington**, Lord, PC, Master of the Rolls (1982–92), aged 84 – *d.* 31 August 2005, *b.* 6 October 1920
- Duisenberg**, Wim, first president of the European Central Bank (1998–2003), aged 70 – 31 July 2005, *b.* 9 July 1935
- Dworkin**, Andrea, feminist author, aged 58 – *d.* 9 April 2005, *b.* 26 September 1946
- Emery**, Sir Peter, Conservative MP for Reading (1959–66), Honiton (1967–97) and Devon East (1997–2001), aged 78 – *d.* 9 December 2004, *b.* 27 February 1926
- Evans**, Gwynfor, president of Plaid Cymru (1945–81) and MP for Carmarthen (1966–70 and 1974–9), aged 92, *d.* 21 April 2005, *b.* 1 September 1912
- Eyadema**, Gnassingbe, president of Togo (1967–2005), aged 69 – *d.* 5 February 2005, *b.* 26 December 1937
- Faulkner**, Max, OBE, golfer, aged 88 – *d.* 26 February 2005, *b.* 29 July 1916
- Fisher**, Sir Henry, lawyer, banker and president of Wolfson College, Oxford (1975–85), aged 87 – *d.* 10 April 2005, *b.* 20 January 1918
- Fitt**, Lord, MP for Belfast West (1966–83) and former leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party in Northern Ireland, aged 79 – *d.* 26 August 2005, *b.* 9 April 1926
- FitzWalter (21st)**, Lord, aged 90 – *d.* 14 October 2004, *b.* 15 January 1914
- Franklin**, Gretchen, actor, aged 94 – *d.* 11 July 2005, *b.* 7 July 1911
- Garang**, John, vice-president of Sudan, aged 60 – *d.* 30 July 2005, *b.* 23 June 1945
- Gibbs**, Field Marshal Sir Roland, Chief of the General Staff (1976–9), aged 83 – *d.* 31 October 2004, *b.* 22 June 1921
- Godwin**, Fay, photographer, aged 74 – *d.* 27 May 2005, *b.* 17 February 1931
- Hastings**, Sir Stephen, MC, MP for Mid-Bedfordshire (1960–83), aged 83 – *d.* 9 January 2005, *b.* 4 May 1921
- Hanson**, Lord, Conservative peer and businessman, aged 82 – *d.* 1 November 2004, *b.* 20 January 1922
- Heath**, Sir Edward, KG, MBE, PC, Conservative Prime Minister (1970–4), aged 89 – *d.* 17 July 2005 *b.* 9 July 1916
- Holland**, Sir Kenneth, CBE, QFSM, fire-fighter, aged 86 – *d.* 3 June 2005, *b.* 20 September 1918
- Hunter**, Bob, Canadian environmental activist and co-founder of Greenpeace, aged 63 – *d.* 2 May 2005, *b.* 13 October 1941
- Johnson**, Derek, athlete and 800 m silver medallist at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, aged 71 – *d.* 30 August 2004, *b.* 5 January 1933
- Kear**, Janet, OBE, ornithologist, aged 71 – *d.* 24 November 2004, *b.* 13 January 1933
- Kilby**, Jack, inventor of the microchip, winner of the Nobel Prize for Physics in 2000, aged 81 – *d.* 20 June 2005, *b.* 8 November 1923
- King of Wartnaby**, Lord, businessman, chairman of British Airways (1981–93), aged 87 – *d.* 12 July 2005, *b.* 29 August 1918
- Kintore (13th)**, Earl of, chief of the Clan Keith, aged 65 – *d.* 30 October 2004, *b.* 22 February 1939
- Kübler-Ross**, Elisabeth, Swiss-born physician, author and pioneer of terminal care, aged 78 – *d.* 24 August 2004, *b.* 8 July 1926
- Lane**, Lord, PC, AFC, Lord Chief Justice of England (1980–92), aged 87 – *d.* 22 August 2005, *b.* 17 July 1918
- Lloyd**, Maude, ballerina (1927–40) and, jointly with her husband, ballet critic for *The Observer* under the pseudonym 'Alexander Bland' (1955–82), aged 96 – *d.* 27 November 2004, *b.* 16 August 1908
- Leigh**, Janet, American actor, aged 77 – *d.* 3 October 2004, *b.* 6 July 1927
- Leinster (8th)**, The Duke of, aged 90 – *d.* 3 December 2004, *b.* 27 May 1914
- Lothian (12th)**, Marquess of, aged 82 – *d.* 11 October 2004, *b.* 8 September 1922
- Lympany**, Dame Moura, DBE, concert pianist, aged 89 – *d.* 28 March 2005, *b.* 18 August 1916
- Markova**, Dame Alicia, DBE, ballerina, aged 94 – *d.* 2 December 2004, *b.* 1 December 1910
- McGeown**, Prof. Mollie, nephrologist whose work at Belfast City Hospital spearheaded the development of kidney transplantation, aged 81 – *d.* 21 November 2004, *b.* 19 July 1923
- Meadows**, Bernard, sculptor and Professor of sculpture, Royal College of Art (1960–80), aged 89, *d.* 12 January 2005, *b.* 19 February 1915
- Merchant**, Ismail, film producer, aged 68 – *d.* 25 May 2005, *b.* 25 December 1936
- Meyer**, Sir Anthony, Bt., Conservative MP for Eton and Slough (1964–6), West Flint (1970–83) and Clwyd North-East (1983–92), aged 84 – *d.* 24 December 2004, *b.* 27 October 1920
- Miller**, Arthur, American playwright, aged 89 – *d.* 10 February 2005, *b.* 17 October 1915
- Mills**, Sir John, CBE, actor, aged 97 – *d.* 23 April 2005, *b.* 28 February 1908
- Mowlam**, Dr Mo (Marjorie), PC, Labour politician, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (1997–9), aged 55 – *d.* 19 August 2005, *b.* 18 September 1949
- Murray**, Dame Rosemary, DBE, vice-chancellor of the University of Cambridge (1975–7), aged 91 – *d.* 8 October 2004, *b.* 28 July 1913
- Nicholson**, Bill, footballer and manager of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club (1958–74), aged 85 – *d.* 23 October 2004, *b.* 26 January 1919
- Nicolson**, Nigel, MBE, writer, politician and founder of Weidenfeld and Nicolson publishers, aged 87 – *d.* 23 September 2004, *b.* 3 May 1926
- Ogilvy**, Sir Angus, KCVO, PC, husband to HRH Princess Alexandra, The Hon. Lady Ogilvy, and second son of

- the 12th Duke of Airlie, aged 76 – *d.* 26 December 2004, *b.* 14 September 1928
- Orme**, Lord, Labour MP for Salford West (1964–83) and Salford East (1983–97), aged 82 – *d.* 28 April 2005, *b.* 5 April 1923
- Pain**, Lt.-Gen. Sir Rollo, KCB, MC, head of British Defence Staff, Washington (1975–8), aged 83 – *d.* 14 April 2005, *b.* 11 May 1921
- Page**, Sir Frederick, CBE, FRS, aero-engineer, aged 88 – *d.* 29 May 2005, *b.* 20 February 1917
- Patriarch Petros VII of Alexandria**, spiritual leader of Africa's Greek Orthodox community, aged 55 – *d.* 11 September 2004, *b.* 3 September 1949
- Paolozzi**, Sir Eduardo, CBE, artist, aged 81, *d.* 22 April 2005, *b.* 7 March 1924
- Pope John Paul II**, His Holiness (Karol Wojtyła), appointed Archbishop of Krakow, 1964, created Cardinal, 1967, assumed pontificate 16 October 1978, aged 84 – *d.* 2 April 2004 in Rome, *b.* 18 May 1920 in Poland
- Peel**, John, broadcaster and columnist, aged 65 – *d.* 25 October 2004, *b.* 31 August 1939
- Pereira**, Sir Charles, FRS, tropical agriculturist, aged 91 – *d.* 19 December 2004, *b.* 12 May 1913
- Peyton**, Kate, BBC producer and news reporter, killed on assignment in Somalia, aged 39 – *d.* 9 February 2005, *b.* 13 December 1965
- Phillips**, Hugh, FRCS, orthopaedic surgeon and president of the Royal College of Surgeons (2004–5), aged 65 – *d.* 24 June 2005, *b.* 19 March 1940
- Polworth (10th)**, Lord, Minister of State, Scottish Office (1972–4), aged 88 – *d.* 4 January 2005, *b.* 17 November 1916
- Pratt**, Caroline, showjumper, aged 42 – *d.* 4 September 2004, *b.* 23 June 1962
- Prince Rainier III of Monaco**, aged 81 – *d.* 6 April 2005, *b.* 31 May 1923
- Ratcliffe**, Derek, conservationist, architect of the 1977 Nature Conservation Review, which identified important wildlife habitats in Britain, aged 75 – *d.* 23 May 2005, *b.* 29 July 1929
- Ramone**, Johnny (John Cummings), guitarist, aged 55 – *d.* 15 September 2004, *b.* 8 October 1948
- Reeve**, Christopher, US actor, aged 52 – *d.* 10 October 2004, *b.* 25 September 1952
- Richards**, Lt.-Gen. Sir John, KCB, KCVO, Commandant General Royal Marines (1977–81) and Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps (1982–92), aged 77 – *d.* 5 October 2004, *b.* 21 February 1927
- Ridley**, Dame Betty, DBE, Third Church Estates Commissioner (1972–81), aged 95 – *d.* 1 August 2005, *b.* 10 September 1909
- Robin**, Gordon, director of the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge (1958–82), aged 83 – *d.* 21 September 2004, *b.* 17 January 1921 in Melbourne, Australia
- Roll of Ipsden**, Lord, KCMG, CB, aged 97 – *d.* 30 March 2005, *b.* 1 December 1907
- Rotblat**, Prof. Sir Joseph, FRS, recipient of the Nobel Prize for Peace (1995), aged 96 – *d.* 31 August 2005, *b.* 4 November 1908
- Rothschild**, Dame Miriam, DBE, FRS, naturalist, entomologist and conservationist, aged 96 – *d.* 20 January 2005, *b.* 5 August 1908
- Rue**, DBE, Dr Dame (Elsie) Rosemary, founder of the 'part-time training scheme for married women doctors' in the 1960s and president of the Women's Medical Federation (1982–3), aged 76 – *d.* 24 December 2004, *b.* 14 June 1928
- Russell (5th)**, Earl, Professor of British history, King's College, London (1990–2002) and Liberal Peer, aged 67 – *d.* 14 October 2004, *b.* 15 April 1937
- Sadie**, Stanley, CBE, musicologist, writer and editor of the 20-volume *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, aged 74 – *d.* 21 March 2005, *b.* 30 October 1930
- Scarman**, Lord, PC, OBE, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary and author of the report on the Brixton riots of April 1981, aged 93 – *d.* 8 December 2004, *b.* 29 July 1911
- Scott**, Sir Nicholas, KBE, Northern Ireland Minister (1986–7), Social Security Minister (1987–94) and Conservative MP for Paddington South (1966–74) and Chelsea (1974–97), aged 71 – *d.* 6 January 2005, *b.* 5 August 1933
- Sams**, Eric, linguist and musical and literary theorist, aged 78 – *d.* 13 September 2004, *b.* 3 May 1926
- Saunders**, Dame Cicely, OM, DBE, founder of the modern hospice movement, aged 87 – *d.* 14 July 2005, *b.* 22 June 1918
- Shaw**, Artie, American jazz clarinettist, aged 94 – *d.* 30 December 2004, *b.* 23 May 1910
- Shearman**, William, founder of Crisis, the charity for the homeless, aged 61 – *d.* 17 June 2005, *b.* 16 November 1937
- Sheppard of Liverpool**, Lord, English cricket captain (1954), Bishop of Liverpool (1975–97), aged 75 – *d.* 5 March 2005, *b.* 6 March 1929
- Sontag**, Susan, American writer, political activist and theorist, aged 71 – *d.* 28 December 2004, *b.* 16 January 1933
- Smieton**, Dame Mary, DBE, civil servant and Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Education (1959–63), aged 102 – *d.* 23 January 2005, *b.* 5 December 1902
- Spender**, Humphrey, photographer, textile designer and painter, aged 94 – *d.* 11 March 2005, *b.* 19 April 1910
- Tait**, Adm. Sir Gordon, KCB, DSC, Second Sea Lord (1977–9), aged 83 – *d.* 29 May 2005, *b.* 30 October 1921
- Thomas**, Frank, Disney Studios animator (1934–1978) whose work included *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* (1937) and *Cinderella* (1950), aged 92 – *d.* 8 September 2004, *b.* 5 September 1912
- Thompson**, Sir Donald, Conservative MP for Sowerby (1979–83) and Calder Valley (1983–97), party whip and Lord Commissioner of the Treasury (1983–6) and Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (1986–9), aged 73 – *d.* 14 March 2005, *b.* 13 November 1931
- Thompson**, Hunter S., American writer, aged 67 – *d.* 20 February 2005, *b.* 18 July 1937
- Trintignant**, Maurice, French racing driver, aged 87 – *d.* 12 February 2005, *b.* 30 October 1917
- Trotman**, Lord, chairman and chief executive of the Ford Motor Company (1993–8), created a life peer in 1999, aged 71 – *d.* 26 April 2005, *b.* 22 July 1933
- Tyrrell**, David, CBE, FRS, virologist and head of the Common Cold Research Unit (1982–90), aged 79 – *d.* 2 May 2005, *b.* 19 June 1925
- Vandross**, Luther, American soul singer, aged 54 – *d.* 1 July 2005, *b.* 20 April 1951
- Vane**, Sir John, FRS, pharmacologist, winner of the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1982 for his discovery in 1976 of the blood-clotting inhibitor prostaglandin and his

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- work on aspirin, aged 77 – *d.* 19 November 2004, *b.* 29 March 1927
- Vasconcellos**, Josefina de, MBE, sculptor, aged 100, *d.* 20 July 2005, *b.* 26 October 1904
- Velthuijs**, Max, Dutch children's author and illustrator whose work was translated into over 50 languages, aged 81 – *d.* 25 January 2005, *b.* 22 May 1923
- Walker**, Prof. George, FRS, volcanologist, aged 78 – *d.* 17 January 2005, *b.* 2 March 1926
- Wardington (2nd)**, Lord, book collector, aged 91 – *d.* 6 July 2005, *b.* 22 January 1924
- Whaddon**, Lord, Labour MP for King's Lynn (1964–70), aged 78 – *d.* 16 August 2005, *b.* 14 August 1927
- Whipple**, Fred, astronomer, aged 97 – *d.* 30 August 2004, *b.* 5 November 1906
- Whiteley**, Richard, OBE, television presenter, aged 61 – *d.* 26 June 2005, *b.* 28 December 1943
- Whyte**, The Very Revd James, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (1988–9), aged 85 – *d.* 17 June 2005, *b.* 28 January 1920
- Wilkins**, Maurice, CBE, FRS, biophysicist, winner of the 1962 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine together with Crick and Watson, for discovering the structure of DNA, aged 87 – *d.* 5 October 2004, *b.* 16 December 1916
- Williams**, Clifford, theatre director, aged 78 – *d.* 20 August 2005, *b.* 30 December 1926
- Williamson**, Audley Bowdler, inventor of Swarfega, aged 88 – *d.* 21 November 2004, *b.* 28 February 1916
- Winskill**, Air Cdre Sir Archibald, KCVO, CBE, DFC and bar, AE, fighter pilot and former Captain of The Queen's Flight (1968–82), aged 88 – *d.* 9 August 2005, *b.* 24 January 1917
- Wonfor**, Andrea, OBE, television executive, aged 60 – *d.* 10 September 2004, *b.* 31 July 1944
- Wood**, Ivor, children's television animator who worked on *The Magic Roundabout* and *The Wombles*, aged 72 – *d.* 13 October 2004, *b.* 4 May 1932
- Wright**, Sir Denis, GCMG, ambassador to Iran (1963–71), aged 94, *d.* 18 May 2005, *b.* 23 March 1911
- Wright**, Sir Edward, mathematician and principal and vice-chancellor of University of Aberdeen (1962–76), aged 98 – *d.* 2 February 2005, *b.* 13 February 1906
- Zhvania**, Zurab, Prime Minister of Georgia (2004–5), aged 41 – *d.* 3 February 2005, *b.* 12 September 1963
- Ziyang**, Zhao, General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party (1987–9), aged 85 – *d.* 17 January 2005, *b.* 17 October 1919