

## Making the most of drive time

**Joe Cherry, now retired: Sir Stuart's chauffeur 1993 to 2004**

"Sir Stuart was absolutely fantastic, a real pleasure to work for. In fact his whole family were wonderful. Sometimes he was under a lot of pressure and would have had a hectic day, but he was still a pleasure to drive and we always had a laugh and a joke. I looked forward to going to work. We went to all the branches and to a lot of other places, but I remember one particular day when we went to the Waitrose in Newark. I went up to the PDR to get some breakfast and Sir Stuart was at a table chatting to some Partners. He saw me queuing and called out to the girl behind the counter: 'Don't let him have any fried bread!' And she didn't! She said to me: 'I'm sorry, but I can't: he's the Chairman.' We had quite a laugh about that – especially as he liked a bit of fried bread himself. On branch visits, you'd often find Partners were shaking in their boots at the thought of meeting him, but afterwards they'd just say what a lovely man he was. And they were right."

## Tomorrow's business today

**Mark Goyder: Founder Director, Tomorrow's Company**

"I first met Stuart Hampson when we were developing an inquiry at the RSA working with business leaders to chart the role of business in a changing world. Stuart was initially sceptical. However he soon became one of the most committed Inquiry Team members. After the successful completion of the original RSA Tomorrow's Company inquiry Stuart was crucial in persuading me to set up Tomorrow's Company as an independent organisation and JLP has been one of our most loyal supporters since. Stuart joined our trustee board and became our second chairman. Meantime he was invited by the DTI to sit on the steering committee of the Company Law Review from which position he helped to ensure that the next century's framework for companies directly reflected the enlightened shareholder value philosophy of Tomorrow's Company. Stuart is outstanding in the way that he combines generosity of spirit, a leader's robustness and vision for businesses that build long-term success on the basis of strong people relationships."



## A developing partnership

**Jeremy Newsum: Group Chief Executive, Grosvenor (John Lewis's development partner on projects that currently include John Lewis Cambridge. (Pictured, Sir Stuart, with the Duke of Westminster (right) and Rob Hammond, Chief Executive Cambridge City Council)**

"Stuart has shown total respect for the past history of John Lewis and its Founder and, using this foundation of 'solid rock', has looked into the future to create a business that thrives better than ever in this modern world. Stuart's dedication to a principle and to the culture of John Lewis is inspiring and we at Grosvenor are very proud to have him and John Lewis as our partners."

## Piano accompaniment

**Bobby Chen: young pianist supported by the Partnership in his studies at the Royal Academy of Music, now a professional musician**

"I wish to congratulate Sir Stuart on his extremely successful tenure as Chairman of the John Lewis Partnership. Through his wholehearted support of the arts, Sir Stuart has made it possible for me to further my musical studies at the Royal Academy of Music where I received the best possible training for a life in music. He has also given me numerous opportunities to perform at high-profile events and for all this I am eternally grateful. I have had the privilege of meeting Sir Stuart on a number of occasions and feel honoured to have known him. I wish him all the very best in his future endeavours."

## A host of interests

**Amanda Gow, Section Manager, Business Dining Room, Victoria**

"The Business Dining Room is where the Chairman does some of his business entertaining and he has always taken a real interest in the menus and wine. He has been a great host to his guests, but he has also taken a personal interest in all the Partners who work here. He wants to make people feel at ease and is very supportive, very encouraging. I have a huge amount of respect for him as he really does practise what he preaches in terms of PboP. The care he takes with people shines through."