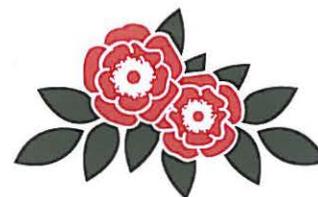


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University awards honorary fellowships

The University of Central Lancashire will pay tribute to distinguished citizens at its Degree and Awards Ceremonies next week when it confers Honorary Fellowships upon eight people earmarked to be ideal role models for its students.

Former Preston North End and Liverpool footballer, now a successful football broadcaster, Mark Lawrenson, is among those receiving an award, as is fellow BBC broadcaster, Eric Robson, presenter of Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time and Chair of Cumbria Tourist Board.

Others to be honoured are Seamus Heaney, critically acclaimed poet; Alison Norman CBE, Director of Nursing and Operations at Christie Hospital Manchester; Terry Eagleton, academic and literary critic; Tom Bloxham MBE, founder of innovative property developers, Urban Splash; Dr Peter Jost, renowned industrialist; and Brigadier Alex Birtwistle in recognition of a distinguished military career and his handling of the foot-and-mouth outbreak in Lancashire and Cumbria.

Photo opportunities

Honorary Fellows will be available at the following times for photographs and interviews in the Avenham Suite of the Guildhall:

Monday 7 July	2pm	Alison Norman
Tuesday 8 July	10am	Eric Robson
	2pm	Mark Lawrenson
Wednesday 9 July	10am	Terry Eagleton
	2pm	Seamus Heaney
Thursday 10 July	10am	Tom Bloxham
	2pm	Dr Peter Jost
Friday 11 July	10am	Brigadier Alex Birtwistle

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