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A very special single-topic 'we're off to the Palace' edition featuring a very special lady

The British Glass Foundation is pleased ... no, actually we're much more than that; let's try 'absolutely delighted' ... to announce that one of our number is in line for a unique day out at Buckingham Palace.

Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Honours list 2015 includes the name of our very own **Lynn Boleyn** who has been awarded the **MBE** for services to the community of Wall Heath.

Although Lynn already unquestionably deserves a gong for her secretarial duties in keeping the BGF running on rails, it is her sterling community work in and around Wall Heath over many years, which manifested itself in a lengthy spell as elected local councilor, that has quite rightly been recognized by this award.

Lynn is the sort of character who sees something that needs doing and just gets on with it without fuss, drama or expectation of reward. Which must make this all the sweeter. Her efforts have included leading the campaign to save Maidensbridge School from closure and, more recently, helping to raise over £1.2m for the new football pitches at Kewford Eagles www.kewfordeagles.co.uk where she is a Charity Trustee. She is also a former Chair of the local RSPCA and a highly altruistic lady in several other fields, although the recognition did not cite her equally tireless devotion to a certain Frankie Valli as secretary of his UK fan club. Such matters are always reported initially in the London Gazette, so here's the link: <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/notice/2348044>.

And here's another connection ... local lad made good Lenny Henry has been knighted for services to drama and charity: <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/notice/2347490>. So I reckon fellow Trustee Allister Malcolm exercised some pretty sound judgment in recently securing Sir Len's signature for his *Celebrity Doodles* project.

This calls for a photograph of both, methinks. And by good fortune, here from our archives is an image taken in October 2013 when Lynn Boleyn MBE and Sir Lenny Henry - both then just plain 'Ms' and 'Mr' respectively, met at Sir Lenny's celebration on being granted the Freedom of the Borough of Dudley. For those who may not know either of them, Lynn is the one on the left.



Congratulations **Lynn Boleyn MBE**. On behalf of the BGF, we are all mighty proud of you.

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