Rachael Heyhoe Flint   11 June 1939 – 18 January 2017

Rachael Heyhoe was born in Wolverhampton. She was a student at Dartford College of Physical Education from 1957-1960. From 1960-1964 she taught physical education at Woverhampton Municipal Grammar School. She then became a journalist with the *Wolverhampton Chronicle,* a freelance sports writer for the *Daily Telegraph* and *Sunday Telegraph* and a broadcaster. In 1973 she was appointed TV's first female sports presenter with ITV's *World of Sport.*

On 1 November 1971 Rachael Heyhoe married Derrick Flint (1924-2018) and the name *Heyhoe Flint* became famous for achievements in women's cricket. She was chiefly a right-handed batter and occasional leg spin bowler. She played in 22 Women's Test matches from 1960-1979, with a batting average of 45.54 in 38 innings. She took 3 Test wickets and scored three Test centuries, including her highest score of 179 not out, a world record in 1976. She was captain of the England Women's cricket team for 12 years, 1966-1978.

She was appointed MBE in 1972 and was one of the first 10 women admitted to the MCC in 1999, as an honorary life member. In 2004, she was the first woman elected to the full committee of the MCC and latterly became a Trustee. She was made a director of Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C. in 1997, later becoming an ex officio Vice President.

She was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of the West Midlands in 1997 and was President of the Lady Taverners charity from 2001-2011. In February 2003 she was awarded an honorary doctorate HonDSc by the University of Greenwich. She was appointed OBE in the 2008 New Year Honours and in October 2010 was inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame, the first woman to achieve this accolade. In 2010 she became one of the first female directors of the England & Wales Cricket Board.

On 19 November 2010 it was announced that she was to be ennobled to sit in the House of Lords and she was invested as a life peer on 21 January 2011, taking the title, Baroness Heyhoe Flint of Wolverhampton.