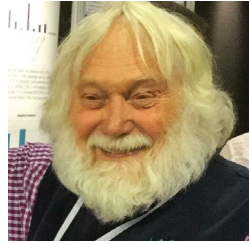


## MBE for John Mills



Retired dentist John Mills has been awarded MBE in the New Year Honours, for services to people with rare diseases, through his role as vice chair and director of operations for Vasculitis UK.

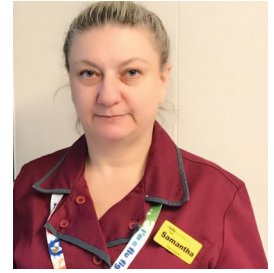
Dr Mills qualified in Sheffield and began working for the NHS in Bakewell in 1966. Forty years later, he retired from Diamond Court Dental Practice in Bakewell.

Dr Mills was diagnosed with vasculitis – Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (GPA) in 2001 at the age of 57. After his recovery he continued to work at Diamond Court Dental Practice for another five years.

Vasculitis UK (VUK) was created by John 13 years ago to fill the gap in support and information for all those diagnosed with vasculitis. VUK is now known nationally and internationally but would not have achieved its current impact without constant support and encouragement from many others. <https://www.vasculitis.org.uk/>.

As Dr Mills is currently unwell, an official presentation by the Lord Lieutenant for Derbyshire was due to take place this January in Dr Mills’ village.

## Dental nurse awarded MBE



Samantha Salaver, Head of Dental Nursing at Guy’s Hospital, has been awarded MBE in the New Year Honours List.

Samantha Salaver, from Enfield, has worked at Guy’s Hospital since 2006 and was recognised for services to dental nursing. She joined the Trust as a sister in the dental directorate before becoming a dental matron and then head of dental nursing.

During her career, Samantha chaired the Association of Dental Hospitals dental nurses’ group, and she worked with NHS England to set up talent management for dental nurses.

She helped set up the Dental Nursing Academy for apprentices at Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust and is currently developing a specialist dental nursing degree.

Samantha said: ‘I was overwhelmed and surprised to hear that I was to receive such an honour as this. I work with an amazing team of dental nurses and others and have been privileged to be supported by Guy’s and St Thomas’. I have had the opportunity to develop the future of dental nursing, and I am very proud to be a dental nurse’.

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