

Sir Tom Farmer CVO CBE KCSG DL

Born on 10th July 1940, Sir Tom was educated at St. Mary's Primary School and Holy Cross Academy, Edinburgh.

Business

Sir Tom founded Kwik-Fit in 1971 from which he resigned after the sale to Ford in 1999. His company, Maiden Craig Investments, has a number of business interests which include property development and investments in new business start-ups.



Appointments

His present appointments are

- Chairman of The Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award,
- Trustee of the Clerk Maxwell Cancer Research Fund
- Honorary President – Young Enterprise Scotland
- Trustee of Scottish Business Achievement Award Trust
- Honorary President of the Entrepreneurial Exchange
- Deputy Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh
- Non-executive Director of Scottish Power

Honours and Awards

- 2009 Royal Victorian Order (CVO - Commander of the Victorian Order in the Queen's New Year's Honours)
- 1997 Knight Bachelor in the Queen's Birthday Honours
- 1990 CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours
- 1997 Knight Commander with Star of the Order of St. Gregory the Great (Pope John Paul II)
- 1996 Officier in de Orde van Orange-Nassau of The Netherlands (Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands)
- 1993 The Knight Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland (The President of Poland)

The Doctorates he has been awarded are

- Honorary Degree of Doctor, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh
- Honorary Doctorate in Business Administration, Napier University, Edinburgh
- Honorary Degree of Doctor of Technology, Glasgow Caledonian University
- Degree of Doctor *honoris causa*, University of Edinburgh
- Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws, University of St. Andrews
- Honorary Fellowship from Stevenson College, Edinburgh

In March 2007, he was appointed founder Chancellor of Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh.

The awards he has received are

- The Institute of Management Gold Medal
- Scotland's Elite Leader of the Year Award
- Scottish Businessman of the Year
- Recipient of the Golden Plate Award – American Academy of Achievement
- Entrepreneurial Exchange – Exceptional Achievement Award
- Clydesdale Bank Corporate Citizenship Award
- The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (Paul Harris Fellowship) Award
- The Andrew Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy (Sir Tom is the first Scot to receive this prestigious Award)
- Patron of the Arts in the Vatican Museums
- Companionship of The Royal College of Surgeons
- FRSE – Fellow of The Royal Society of Edinburgh

He has been married to wife Anne for 43 years and they have two children and three grandchildren.