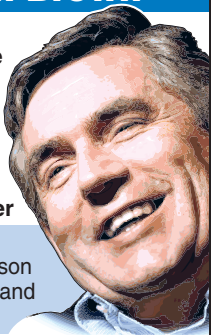


# Gordon Brown

**After a decade in the wings, the longest-serving Chancellor in modern British history is ready to lead the UK as prime minister**



## ■ **Feb 20, 1951:**

Born in Glasgow, son of Church of Scotland minister

■ **Education:** Entered Edinburgh University at age of 16 to study history. Gained First Class Honours and Doctorate – lectured from 1976 to 1980

■ **1980-83:** Journalist at Scottish TV

■ **Political career:** MP for Dunfermline East from 1983 to 2005; MP for Kirkcaldy since 2005. Shadow Chancellor from 1992. Chancellor since Labour won general election in 1997

■ **Family:** Married **Sarah Macaulay** in 2000. Daughter **Jennifer Jane** died in 2002 after being born two months premature. Two sons, **John**, born in 2003, and **James**, born 2006. Interests include football, tennis and movies