

Changing of the guard

After British Prime Minister David Cameron tends his resignation to the Queen, Theresa May, home secretary since 2010, will lead the Conservative government in a post-Brexit world

OUTGOING: David Cameron, 49



INCOMING: Theresa May, 59



■ **Oct 9, 1966:** Born in London. Father is a stockbroker, mother a retired justice of the peace

■ **Education:** Reads Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford

■ **Early career, 1988-93:** Conservative Research Department, briefing senior government figures

■ **1994-2001:** Director of Corporate Affairs at **Carlton Communications**

■ **Political career:** Becomes MP for Witney in 2001

■ **2005:** Becomes Conservative leader, succeeding **Michael Howard**

■ **2010:** Elected Prime Minister, leading coalition government with Liberal Democrats

■ **2015:** Returned for second term after Conservatives win surprise election victory

■ **2016:** Backs Remain campaign in referendum on leaving European Union. Resigns after Leave campaign wins

■ **Oct 1, 1956:** Born in Eastbourne. Daughter of Anglican priest. Both parents die before May is 25

■ **Education:** Reads Geography at Oxford

■ **Early career, 1977-83:** Financial consultant at **Bank of England**

■ **1985-97:** Association for Payment Clearing Services, helping prepare for rollout of **Euro** currency

■ **Political career:** Elected MP for Maidenhead in 1997

■ **2009-10:** Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary

■ **2010:** Appointed Home Secretary and Minister for Women and Equalities, giving up latter in 2012

■ **2015:** Pursues reform of police, taking hard line on drug policy and immigration

■ **2016:** Backs Remain campaign in **Brexit** referendum. Becomes Conservative Party leader and Prime Minister

