

DAVID HAREWOOD



David Harewood was born and grew up in the Small Heath area of Birmingham, England, where he attended St. Benedict's Junior School and Washwood Heath Comprehensive School. As a schoolboy, he excelled at all sports, from sprinting through basketball to rugby and especially football. He was the goal-keeper for the Washwood Heath side that won the Under-16 All-England Championship. If it were not for acting, it is likely that he would have followed a career as a professional goal-keeper. In his youth, he worked in a wine bar, Albert's in Dale End, in Birmingham City Centre.

At 18, he gained a place at the [Royal Academy of Dramatic Art](#). He began a career in 1990 and appeared in [The Hawk](#), [Great Moments in Aviation](#), [Harnessing Peacocks](#), [Mad Dogs and Englishmen](#), [Macbeth on the Estate](#), [Strings](#) and [Ballykissangel](#). He is very well known for his television appearances on [The Vice](#) and [Fat Friends](#) and for his movie roles in [Blood Diamond](#) and [The Merchant of Venice](#). He played Don Coleman in [Hustle series 7 The Fall of Railton FC \(2011\)](#).

In 2007, David visited [Harewood House](#) in [Yorkshire](#) and spoke with [Viscount Lascelles](#) (a cousin of [the Queen](#)). David's surname "Harewood" comes from the time when his ancestors were captured in Africa, transported to the Caribbean as slaves, and owned by the Lascelles family (the [Earls of Harewood](#)). Lord Lascelles explained that his wish was for the Harewood name to stand for positive things in the future, as nothing could be done about what happened 250 years ago.

Also in 2007, David Harewood donated his [bone marrow](#) and as a result saved the life of a very sick patient.

In 2008, David Harewood played Major Simon Brooks in [The Palace](#); he also appeared (that December) on [Celebrity Mastermind](#), with specialist subject [Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials](#) — and he appeared in the [BBC](#) film adaptation of the Philip Pullman novels [The Ruby in the Smoke](#) and [The Shadow in the North](#), both of which are titles from the Sally Lockhart Mysteries.

In 2009, David appeared in the BBC single drama [Mrs Mandela](#), playing [Nelson Mandela](#). He also portrayed [Brother Tuck](#) in the third series of [Robin Hood](#). He appeared in the [Doctor Who](#) story [The End of Time](#). He played [Martin Luther King](#) in the premiere of the play [The Mountaintop](#), by the American playwright [Katori Hall](#), directed by [James Dacre](#), which opened at [Theatre503](#) in London on 9 June 2009.

David Harewood next appeared in two episodes of [Chris Ryan's Strike Back](#) as Colonel Tshuma. From June to September 2010, he played [Theseus](#) in the premiere of [Moira Buffini's](#) play [Welcome to Thebes](#) at the [National Theatre](#) in London. He played the character Martin Viner in an episode of [New Tricks](#). He narrates [Welcome to Lagos](#), a BBC documentary about Lagos. And in October 2010, Harewood commenced filming for a new British independent film, [The Hot Potato](#). The film will also star [Ray Winstone](#), [Colm Meaney](#) and [Jack Huston](#). He played Frankenstein's monster in the TV live event [Frankenstein's Wedding](#).

From 2011, Harewood starred as David Estes, the Director of the CIA's Counterterrorism Center, in the [Showtime](#) series [Homeland](#). He also voiced Captain Quinton Cole in the video game [Battlefield 3](#).

In the 2012 New Year Honours, David Harewood was appointed [Member of the Order of the British Empire](#) (MBE) for services to drama.

In May 2012, he presented a Party Election Broadcast for the British Labour Party.

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1993	<i>The Hawk</i>	Sergeant Streete	
1995	<i>Mad Dogs and Englishmen</i>	Jessop	
1998	<i>I Wonder Who's Kissing You Now</i>	Moses	
1999	<i>Between Dreams</i>	Orderly	Short film
2004	<i>Strings</i>	Erito	Voice; English dub
2004	<i>The Merchant of Venice</i>	Prince of Morocco	
2005	<i>Separate Lies</i>	Inspector Marshall	
2006	<i>Blood Diamond</i>	Captain Poison	
2010	<i>Second Chance</i>	Rob Jenkins	Short film
2011	<i>The Hot Potato</i>	Harrison	
2011	<i>Victim</i>	Mr. Ansah	
2012	<i>The Man Inside</i>	Eugene Murdoch	lead role

Television

Year(s)	Title	Role	Notes
1990	<u>Casualty</u>	Paul Grant	Episode 5.9: "A Will to Die"
1990, 1992, 1995, 1997	<u>The Bill</u>	Williams, Malcolm Jackson, Ed Parrish, Robbie Coker	Four episodes
1991	<i>For the Greater Good</i>	David West	TV film
1991	<u>Minder</u>	Vinny's minder	Episode 8.10: "Too Many Crooks"
1991	<u>Murder Most Horrid</u>	Jonathan	Episode 1.5: "Murder at Tea Time"
1991	<i>Pirate Prince</i>	Jean-Baptiste	TV film
1991-1993	<u>Spatz</u>	Derek Puley	Three episodes
1993	<i>Anna Lee: Headcase</i>	Stevie Johnson	TV film
1993	<u>Press Gang</u>	Doctor	Episode 5.2: "Friendly Fire"
1993	<u>Medics</u>	Nick	Episode 3.6
1993	<u>Harnessing Peacocks</u>	Terry	TV film
1994	<u>Great Moments in Aviation</u>	Steward	TV film
1994	<u>Bermuda Grace</u>	Trevor Watkins	TV film
1994	<i>Capital Lives</i>		Episode 1.5: "Fall"

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1995	<i>Hearts and Minds</i>	Trevor	
1995	<u>Game On</u>	Paul Johnson	Episode 1.5: "Big Wednesday"
1995	<u>Agony Again</u>	Daniel	Seven episodes
1997	<i>Macbeth on the Estate</i>	<u>Macduff</u>	TV film
1997	<u>Kavanagh QC</u>	David Adams	Episode 3.1: "Mute of Malice"
1997	<u>Comedy Premieres: Cold Feet</u>	Police Sergeant	
1998	<u>Ballykissangel</u>	Henry	Episode 4.9: "As Stars Look Down"
1999-2001	<u>Always and Everyone</u>	Dr. Mike Gregson	Main cast
1999-2003	<u>The Vice</u>	Sgt./D.I. Joe Robinson	Main cast
2001	<u>An Unsuitable Job for a Woman</u>	DI Peterson	Episode 1.4: "Playing God"
2001	<i>The Fear</i>	Storyteller	
2001-2002	<u>Babyfather</u>	Augustus 'Gus' Pottinger	Main cast
2004	<u>Silent Witness</u>	Angus Stuart	Episodes 8.3 and 8.4: "Death by Water"
2004-2005	<u>Fat Friends</u>	Max Robertson	11 episodes
2006	<u>New Street Law</u>	DI Branston	Two episodes

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2006	<i>The Ruby in the Smoke</i>	Matthew Bedwell, Reverend Nicholas Bedwell	TV film
2007	<i>New Tricks</i>	Martin Viner	Episode 4.3: "Ducking and Diving"
2007	<i>The Shadow in the North</i>	Nicholas Bedwell	TV film
2008	<i>The Palace</i>	Major Simon Brooks	Main cast; eight episodes
2008	<i>The Last Enemy</i>	Patrick Nye	TV mini-series; five episodes
2008	<i>Criminal Justice</i>	Freddie Graham	TV mini-series; three episodes
2009	<i>Gunrush</i>	Robbie	TV film
2009	<i>Robin Hood</i>	<i>Tuck</i>	12 episodes
2009	<i>The Fixer</i>	Richard Millar	Episode 2.4
2009-2010	<i>Doctor Who</i>	Joshua Naismith	<i>The End of Time</i>
2010	<i>Mrs Mandela</i>	<i>Nelson Mandela</i>	TV film
2010	<i>Strike Back</i>	Colonel Tshuma	Episodes 1.3 and 1.4
2011	<i>Hustle</i>	Don Coleman	Episode 7.5: "The Fall of Railton FC"
2011	<i>Frankenstein's Wedding</i>	The Creature	Live-televised stage performance
2011	<i>The Body Farm</i>	Wilkes	Episode 1.3

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2011-present	<i>Homeland</i>	David Estes	15 episodes
2012	<i>Treasure Island</i> <i>Billy Bones</i>	TV mini-series	
2012	<i>Horizon - Global Weirding</i>	narrator	TV documentary series

Video games

- [*Battlefield 3*](#) (2011) - Captain Quinton Cole

Radio

Harewood played [*Patroclus*](#) in the 1998 BBC radio trilogy [*Troy*](#).

On Friday 4th May 2012, David Harewood hosted a special [BBC Radio 2 Friday Night is Music Night](#) celebrating the life of Ray Charles, broadcast live from Cheltenham Jazz Festival. The show featured the [Guy Barker](#) orchestra, with leader Cynthia Fleming and guest artists [Madeline Bell](#), [Gregory Porter](#), and [James Tormé](#).

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