

McCARTNEY POP

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LOSING a leg to a landmine has brought journalist Stuart Hughes a lot of surprises – but none as big as meeting his Beatles idol Sir Paul McCartney

The BBC News producer – originally from Rhiwbina, Cardiff – chatted to Sir Paul and his wife Heather Mills-McCartney at an event for the Mines Advisory Group (MAG).

Stuart, 32, has been patron of the mine-clearing charity since his right lower leg was amputated after he stepped on a landmine during last year's Iraq war. Heather Mills-McCartney lost her

left lower leg in a car accident in 1993 and, with her husband, supports MAG's international work through their fund-raising charity, Adopt A Minefield.

Stuart said: "I was star-struck. In my work I come across lots of famous people and it doesn't usually faze me but my jaw dropped when

Amputees meet star

TOUGH TASK

- MAG works in 20 countries, including Angola, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Iraq, Laos, Lebanon, Sudan and Vietnam.
- It is estimated that someone is killed or injured by a landmine somewhere in the world every 20 minutes.
- More than 350 different types of antipersonnel mines exist, with 82 countries affected.

they walked into the room.
"I was really amazed by how down-to-earth they both were. Heather seemed really interested in hearing about my experience and the work MAG is doing around the world. It's brilliant that such a famous couple are taking an interest in the cause that's become so close to my heart since the accident.



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■ AWARD Kate

Honour mission for Kate

WAR correspondent Kate Adie was due to receive an honorary fellowship from Cardiff University today.

The former BBC chief news correspondent was being honoured alongside Jonathan Porritt, former director of Friends of the Earth and former chairman of the Ecology Party, now the Green Party.

They are just two of the fellowships which will be presented during the eight graduation ceremonies this week in St David's Hall.

The list also includes the Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Llandaff, The Most Revd Dr Barry Morgan.

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