

## John presents flowers at Paralympics

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Maldon MP. John Whittingdale, was asked by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games to present flowers to 3 sets of medallists in the Olympic Stadium on Sunday, 2nd September.

John presented flowers to each of the three medal winners in the Women's Shotput F54/55/56, the Men's Javelin Throw F33/34 and the Women's 200 metres T46

John, who is Chairman of the House of Commons Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee, said: "Having spent 7 years chairing the Committee monitoring preparations for the Games, it was a tremendous honour to be asked to present the flowers to the Paralympic medal winners in the Olympic Stadium. The atmosphere in the Stadium was tremendous and even though TeamGB did not win a medal in these particular categories, the warmth of the crowd's reception was very moving. Coming after such a successful Olympic Games, the Paralympics have been truly inspiring, demonstrating the courage, determination and ability of so many remarkable athletes. I hope that they will also have helped to transform attitudes to disabled people and the challenges they face".

John is pictured with the three medal winners in the Women's Shot Put F54/55/56 category:  
Gold Medal: Liwan Yang (China) Silver Medal: Marianne Buggenhagen (Germany) Bronze Medal: Angela Madsen (USA)

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