



## WHAT THE STARS SAY ABOUT...

# Joanna Lumley



*Soul&Spirit* astrologer **Fiona Graham** delves into the planetary charts of one of Britain's most fabulous actresses

**JOANNA LUMLEY**  
Birthday: May 1, 1946  
Sun Sign: Taurus  
Element: Earth  
Planet: Venus  
Gemstone: Emerald

Joanna with Gurkha soldiers, for whom she has been fighting the government for settlement rights in the UK



### Charm offensive

First impressions suggest Joanna Lumley is the epitome of polish and glamour, from finishing school to her early modelling career. Even in 2007 she was asked to write the introduction to the re-published book *The Magic Key To Charm*. Yet her astrological make-up also describes the charismatic, entertaining actress celebrated for many performances and especially as the earthy, outrageously hedonistic 'fashionista' Patsy Stone in *Absolutely Fabulous* – a title that could be Joanna's own signature. The Sun and Moon in her horoscope converge in sensual Earth-Goddess sign Taurus. Show-stopping Leo is on the career point and her fearless Mars/Pluto conjunction occupies Leo, too. All this is juxtaposed with the airy, refined intelligence of Venus in Gemini. Renowned for her seductive voice (a Taurean talent) and cut glass tones (Mercury in Aries), she is a charismatic mix of high-society sensibilities and rip-roaring humour. As a new moon individual she has single-minded focus wherever she directs her energies and an eternally youthful enthusiasm for projects that motivate her. The fixity of Taurus and Leo, plus Scorpio Ascendant, delivers staying power and results.

### Political power-broking

She may represent sophistication and sexual allure, yet verbal Mercury is in upfront Aries, opposing evangelical and jolly Jupiter. This describes a genius for 'send-up' and larger than life comedic flair but

more significantly in 2009, an intellect designed to champion a cause. Her early rise to stardom in *The New Avengers* (as secret agent and action-heroine) hinted at what was to come in life as well as on screen. With a mind and a voice that cut to the chase, she can inspire passion and commitment. Supremely confident Joanna has a god-given gift for spreading the word

With many planets above the horizon in her chart she is at home in public-life – from show-biz razzmatazz to high-level negotiations. The Taurus concern with stability and ownership permeates her

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strong sense of territorial rights for the Gurkhas, and is enhanced by Leo loyalty to the regiment her father served in as a major. Campaigning against injustice is typical of Jupiter in Libra especially in such a dynamic relationship with mouthpiece Mercury in combative Aries. Uncompromising Scorpio Rising and the tough intensity of her Mars/Pluto conjunction makes Joanna a 'ruthless general' while repaying the debt of a Gurkha soldier saving her father's life. She adopted a 'do or die'

approach, and yet fought with Venus-ruled kid gloves and Scorpio stealth. Her strategy and persuasive charm proved invincible. On May 21, 2009, she accomplished her mission of a government u-turn on policy and achieved new settlement rights in the UK for the Gurkhas.

### Trusted celebrity

Joanna Lumley's popularity soared throughout the campaign, as she captured the public's imagination and trust. It was her most high profile victory, yet her social conscience has led to supporting numerous charities and causes including Free Tibet, Burma Campaign UK and Mind. She has also been honoured with an OBE plus various degrees and doctorates. Touchingly, in a recent interview, she said if she was starting out again, her career would be devoted to planet Earth, and would consider being a forester. Her connection with nature is a supremely Taurus attribute and becoming an eco-warrior would be another perfect vehicle for her crusading spirit. Idealism and expressing the power of her convictions will continue to be a major theme. The all-embracing, hypnotic conjunction of Jupiter and Neptune throughout 2009 strikes at the very foundations of her horoscope; publicly and/or privately, Joanna Lumley will continue to conjure magic and conquer hearts and minds.