

## ***INTRODUCING YOUR GOVERNING BODY***

***Barbara Loweth Foundation Governor - Chair***

***Responsibilities: Curriculum Committee -Chair, Personnel Sub Committee, Special Needs, GB Representative on the William Gilpin Educational Trust.***

*I moved to Boldre with my husband and 2 daughters 33 years ago, more recently retiring to the peace and tranquillity of Norleywood! I have worshipped at St. Johns and St. Mary's churches for most of that time. Before retiring I taught in First and Primary Schools, the Refugee Reception Centre at Sopley, Special Schools and a unit for severely Dyslexic students based at Applemore College. Finally I held a similar position at Brockenhurst College before spending my last 2 years there training the Teaching Assistants who work in schools.*

*I have served 13 years as a magistrate on the New Forest Bench sitting in both Adult and Family Courts. I joined the Governing body of William Gilpin School in 2004 in the hope that my experience in education would enable me to make a positive contribution to future Governance of the school. Little did I realise then what a challenging time I was letting myself in for!!*

*I enjoy playing tennis, dance, theatre, music, travelling, flower arranging, walking and cycling in the forest. Any spare time is spent having fun with our four grandchildren.*

***Sandy Walford Foundation Governor – Vice Chair***

***Responsibilities: Curriculum Committee, Gifted and Talented, GB Rep on the local New Forest Forum, Personnel Sub Committee.***

*I joined the Governing Body in September 2006. As a family we came to live in the New Forest 26 years ago. We have 3 grown up children and two grandsons. During our children's school days I very much enjoyed helping in school listening to individual children reading each week and assisting whenever possible with school outings and sports events.*

*I currently have a full time management post at Southampton General Hospital. I have a great love of the countryside and I enjoy walking and cycling throughout the forest. My gardening skills are thwarted by the enthusiasm of the local wildlife who eat everything I plant!*

*I enjoy playing tennis and sailing and when I retire, I look forward to having greater involvement with the community but also some time to travel.*

**Anna Montegue-Jones Foundation Governor**  
**Responsibilities: Curriculum Committee, Community Partnership –Chair, Modern Foreign Languages**

*As a family we have lived in Boldre for 21 years and I have been a Governor at William Gilpin School since September 2006. During that time I have enjoyed my involvement in the school's many activities.*

*Over the years I have spent time fund raising locally, especially for Oakhaven Hospice and the Countryside Education Trust. More recently I have become involved with my husband in activities associated with St. John's Church. I thoroughly enjoy time spent with my family and all their young friends, being outside and playing tennis.*

**Lee Thomas Parent Governor**  
**Responsibilities: Curriculum Committee, Governor Training Liaison and Games**

*I work as a manager for the Skills Funding Agency which is part of the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills. I have one child at the school, Kesia, in year 3. I have been the Parent Governor since 2008. I am secretary and manager of Lymington Mariners Rugby Club and when I get the chance I enjoy helping Mr Baker with the after school tag rugby sessions for the Key Stage 2 children.*

**Valerie van der Hoven Foundation Governor**  
**Responsibilities: Curriculum Committee, Science**

*I have 2 young sons, who both attend William Gilpin School and I work part time. My background is in event management and my interests include riding, skiing and gardening. As well as being a Governor for the school I am also treasurer for the Bees Knees pre school which is held in the village hall. I have been a Governor for 3 years.*

**Jayne Walder Foundation Governor**  
**Responsibilities: Finance Committee.**

*I joined the Governing Body in 2009 as I was keen to assist with helping the school achieve the challenges that the future would bring and for the opportunity to enhance my own personal development. I am a mum to 2 boys, the eldest being at the school in KS1. I work for the Event Management Company. In my spare time I enjoy an array of sports and am hoping to complete the London Marathon in 2011!*

**Paul Chapman Sponsor Governor**  
**Responsibilities : Finance Committee**

*I have lived locally for 10 years and am very active in the community organising events and fund raising. I am a Director of an Insurance Broking firm in Hampshire and also a Director and Trustee of the Wheatsheaf Trust, a large charity based in Hampshire. I sit on Boldre church's Fund Raising Committee and the Boldre Club committee and am responsible for organising the annual Pilley firework display. In any spare time I enjoy playing with boats! I joined the School's Governing Body last year to assist primarily with financial matters.*

**Chris Tarrant Foundation Governor**  
**Responsibilities Finance Committee**

*Although I have spent my life in Education, I have never taught children younger than 10 so I am looking forward to learning how they become the interesting young people that we inherit in the Secondary sector. My main subjects were Geography and Theology, and I taught in Nigeria and Aylesbury before moving to Croydon in 1993 to be Head of Wilson's (GM Grammar School) and then Trinity Whitgift (HMC Selective Day School). I enjoyed trying to stretch the horizons, self belief and aspirations of our pupils, but retired early in 2006 as my wife Joyce (a GP) had to take retirement on health grounds. Our home has been in Boldre since 1999, and our three children have equally fallen in love with the New Forest. All of them now live within 30 minutes drive, and they have provided us with five grandchildren, aged 3 and under, who keep us entertained. My other interests include hiking, tennis, art and architecture and classical music.*

**Jo Humpheys LEA Governor**  
**Responsibilities Curriculum Committee**

*I have had connections with Boldre and Boldre Church going back some 40 years when, after graduating, I moved to Hampshire for my first teaching job in Fareham and would spend most of my weekends with my sister and her young family who lived in Boldre Lane at that time. I had studied Art and Design, specialising in Fashion Design, and alongside teaching was to continue freelance design work whenever possible.*

*Soon after marrying, my husband I moved to Lymington when I gave up teaching whilst bringing up our young family. When our youngest son started school I returned to part time teaching and worked temporarily at Priestlands School and also at Brockenhurst College where I remained as a member of the Art Department for 18 years. I taught Art and Design 'A' Level and GNVQ courses, an A level textile course and the Art module of the Access course for mature students. I was also a form tutor. I left the College seven years ago to run the Interior Design section of my husband's ever increasingly busy yacht Design Company.*

*Working in this very different world I have not lost my interest in education and was thrilled when the opportunity to join the William Gilpin School's Board of Governors arose earlier this year. I have a passion for education and the part*

*schools and the community play in helping to provide inspirational and broad experiences to prepare young people for happy and productive lives ahead, and as thoughtful, caring members of their community.*

***Chris Butler Ex Officio***

***Responsibilities: Representative of the Church  
Community Partnership, RE.***

*Chris is our link to Boldre Church where he is one of the Church Wardens and sings in the choir. He is also a talented musician and MC and is a great support to the school on numerous occasions.*

***Joy Forrest Headteacher***

***Curriculum, Finance, Community Partnership Committees***

*Joy needs no further introduction. She works alongside us in a very open and friendly manner enabling us all to do our very best to support her, the staff, the parents, the children and the local community to ensure that William Gilpin School provides all its children with an inspirational and challenging education.*

***Alison Timmings Staff Representative***

***Curriculum and Finance Committees***

*Alison is Assistant Head and our year 5/6 teacher*

***Pim Farquhar Clerk to the Governors***

***Responsibilities: Supports the Chair of Governors at meetings and takes the minutes, distributes incoming mail.***

*I have lived in Pilley, Bull Hill and Boldre since 1972. I worked for NFDC for 13 years as a planner. My husband and I have three grown up daughters. I am now retired and enjoy helping in the village where I can.*