

Annabella Scott

Annabella is a local resident. She was a JP in Inner London for 29 years, sitting in youth, adult and family proceedings' courts. She chaired the Inner London Youth Panel from 1994 – 1997 and was a member of the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales from 1998 – 2004. She has worked as an advisor at various Citizens' Advice Bureaux in London and has been a trustee of a number of charities, including the Howard League for Penal Reform.

Annabella is currently a trustee of the Barnwood Trust, the Holfords of Westonbirt Trust and the Westonbirt School Foundation. As a Governor of Westonbirt Schools, she has a particular interest in music and geography.



Dermot McMeekin: Chairman of Governors.

Dermot McMeekin was appointed as Chairman of Governors at Westonbirt School and Rose Hill Westonbirt in March 2010. His early career was as a Solicitor in Trowers & Hamblins working in Lincoln's Inn & Bahrain.

Mr. McMeekin left the world of law in 1980 to attend Harvard Business School where he obtained an MBA in 1982, subsequently joining the US management consultancy Arthur D. Little and working in Boston, Saudi Arabia and Singapore. He joined Andersen Consulting (now Accenture) in 1993 as Managing Partner of their Asia Strategy Practice based in Singapore.

After retiring from Accenture in 2004, Dermot returned to England and now lives just outside Tetbury. He is Chairman of PMC Treasury Ltd, a financial boutique working primarily with the private equity sector, and is a Non-Executive Director with the NHS in Gloucestershire. Dermot is also a Governor at St. Clare's International College in Oxford.

Dermot has been married to his wife, Pam, for thirty years and has four children, all of whom went to boarding schools with an ethos similar to Westonbirt and Rose Hill Westonbirt Schools. His three sons boarded at Horris Hill & Radley College and his daughter Kitsy studied at Knighton House and Westonbirt School. Kitsy left Westonbirt in 2003 and, having benefitted hugely from her time at the school, now teaches in London.

Mr. McMeekin enjoys sport, music, theatre and is a keen golf and tennis player.

Hans Falkenburg

Hans came to the UK in 1979 with a Business Degree from HEAO in Rotterdam. He pursued a career in property with Cushman & Wakefield (then Healey & Baker) where he qualified as a chartered surveyor and subsequently with CB Richard Ellis (the Saint Quintin).

In 1987 Hans moved to the 'client' side and became Property Director of House of Fraser/Harrods. This was followed by 3 years at Marks and Spencer until he was asked to set up Lidl in the UK as Director of Operations. In 1997 Hans became CEO at Cotswold Outdoor, which he has developed into the UK's leading quality outdoor retailer, currently trading from over 55 stores.

Henrietta Metters

Henrietta has been a Martyrs' Memorial Governor since 2004. Henrietta's interest is in education and the spiritual welfare of pupils; her particular responsibilities as a Governor at Westonbirt School have been with Rose Hill Westonbirt School.

Henrietta is a qualified teacher in mathematics and she has worked within the independent sector for over thirty years, playing an active role in both teaching and governing.

Henrietta is a licensed Lay Minister for a group of churches near Westonbirt. She is married with two grown-up children.

Ian Etchells

Ian was born in Cheshire and went to Marple Hall Grammar School. Ian then went to St. Luke's College (now Exeter University) and was one of the first cohort of Bachelor of Education Students.

Ian has taught at a good range of independent schools, including Kingswood House, Exeter Cathedral School, Edington School, Haileybury Junior School and now at St. John's-on-the-Hill, where he became Headmaster in 1993.

Jacqui Jones

Jacqui Jones was a pupil at Westonbirt School from 1977-1982, and is the Westonbirt Association's representative on the Governing Body. With an MA, Jacqui has been a Senior Lecturer at Swansea Metropolitan University since 1992.

Working as International Placement Director for the Faculty of Business and Management, Jacqui works closely with a range of leading worldwide organisations including Ritz Carlton Hotels and Disney, and is responsible for placing 200 students in specialist roles in tourism, sport and business throughout the world.

Jacqui is a member of the University's Academic Board and has been an External Examiner at Bournemouth University.

Within the commercial sector, Jacqui was UK Director of Challenger Sports, America's leading total soccer company from 2004-2006, an organisation she still works closely with. In 2008-2009, Jacqui was responsible for the training and guest service strategies for the opening of the £71 million Bluestone National Park Resort in Pembrokeshire. As a Director of Global Challenger LTD Jacqui is currently actively involved in training and consultancy projects.

Jenefer Greenwood: Vice Chairman.

Jenefer was educated at Westonbirt School before graduating with Honours in Urban Estate Management from John Moores University.

In 2003, Jenefer joined Grosvenor as Retail Strategist, with particular responsibility for the retail positioning, leasing direction and marketing within the £3 billion development programme. She has now assumed a wider marketing role within Grosvenor.

Previously Jenefer worked for CB Hillier Parker for 25 years, where she was Head of Retail. Jenefer was appointed a Crown Estate Commissioner in 2004, and is Chairman of the National Skills Academy for Retail. Jenefer is a past President of the British Council of Shopping Centres (BCSC) and a member of the ICSC European Advisory Board.

Julian Squire

Julian has enjoyed a business career spanning both corporate multinationals and entrepreneurial organisations, including participation in the UK's biggest management buy-out and as a finalist in 'Entrepreneur of the Year'.

A Fellow of the Institute of Hospitality, Julian has experience as director of publically quoted companies specialising in contract services, facilities management and property. In the public sector, he has chaired several public private partnerships, supplying infrastructural assets in Healthcare and the MoD.

Julian won an exhibition scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music and maintains a strong musical interest. He lives in Sherston and divides his time between home, the City (where he is Master of a Livery Company) and his farm in France.

Martin Barrow

Martin spent most of his working life in East Asia, primarily in Hong Kong, Japan and Thailand, with the Jardine Matheson Group. Martin has had a particular involvement in helping Westonbirt's links with that region, which he continues to visit frequently. Martin took the initiative to start Westonbirt School's International Day, which has been running for three years and helps encourage all pupils to learn about each other's culture and way of life.

Martin is the Governor responsible for liaison with the ELT team. He chaired the Marketing Committee for 4 years and has chaired the Risk Committee since 2010.

Martin lives near Westonbirt School.

Philippa Leggate

Philippa, known as Pippa, has served as a Governor at Westonbirt School since September 2006 and chairs the Education Committee.

A former Headmistress of three schools, Pippa has extensive educational experience gained from a career in education as teacher, school Headteacher and consultant, both overseas and in the UK. Pippa was founding Headteacher of the American British Academy (ABA), in Oman, Head of the Overseas School of Colombo, Sri Lanka and from 1997-2006 Head of Malvern Girls' College. Whilst at Malvern Girls' College, Pippa served on the GSA and BSA committees and was Chairman of the BSA 2005-2006.

In addition, Pippa worked as an inspector for the Independent Schools Inspectorate in the UK and has served on accreditation teams, both for Middle States and ECIS.

Since 2006, Pippa has served as a Principal Consultant with CfBT School Design Initiative, the development of the Dubai Schools Inspection Bureau and CfBT's quality assurance services for international schools.

Pippa is married to David, with three grown-up offspring, and lives in Gloucestershire.

Richard Boggis-Rolfe

Richard is Chief Executive and Chairman of Odgers Berndtson, the leading executive search firm in the UK and one of the largest in the world. Odgers Berndtson exists to assist clients with key appointments as a trusted advisor. The company works in an unusually wide range of industry sectors and management functions; although the majority of business is with clients in the commercial and financial sectors, Odgers Berndtson have the UK's largest not-for-profit practice which serves clients in central and local Government, health, education and charities. The company operates internationally with a presence in most major markets.

Richard was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge and The London Business School. He served in the Coldstream Guards before joining Russell Reynolds Associates and then Norman Broadbent's parent company, BNB Resources PLC and led its recruitment, advertising and training activities in the UK and internationally.

Richard is Chairman of the National Employer Advisory Board, which assists the Ministry of Defence with its relationships with the civilian employers of military reservists. He is a Governor of Westonbirt School, Chairman of the Holfords of Westonbirt Trust and a warden of the Pewterers Company.

Rob Collinson

Rob is Chair of the Finance Committee of the Governing Body at Westonbirt School. He has held the position of Governor for ten years, and is a Chartered Accountant.

Rob has four daughters.

Sarah Porter

Sarah sits on the Governing Body at Westonbirt School for the Marketing Committee and Westonbirt Leisure Board.

Sarah's background includes positions in marketing, PR, event management and administration.

Sarah is happily married with two children, and lives in Wiltshire.

Simon Charles Fisher

Simon was educated at Clifton College, Bristol and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he obtained an Honours Degree in History. In 1980 Simon qualified as a chartered accountant with Arthur Andersen and then moved into the industry as the Finance Director of a large subsidiary of a UK multifunctional FT 100 Company. Simon set up as a sole practitioner in 1983, specialising in M & A work and providing financial advice to SME companies, alongside the traditional accountancy practice disciplines.

Simon is Chairman of Governors of Hopelands School, Stonehouse, a small independent private school, for 14 years.

Since 2000, Simon has been Trustee of Barnwood Trust, a large Gloucestershire based charity, acting as Vice Chairman of the Grants Committee.

Simon is married with four children, who are all privately educated.

Susan Castle

Susan gained an Honours Degree in Business Studies from City University Business School before commencing a career in international purchasing, working first for a national car manufacturer and later for an international electronics company. Susan later studied law, gaining a Graduate Diploma in Law from Staffordshire University, winning the Staffordshire University Law Prize and Worcester Law Society Prize in doing so. After gaining a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice from Nottingham Law School, Susan qualified as a solicitor with Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP and later Winterbothams LLP, where she was partner.

Susan remains a partner of the Supreme Court (non-practising) and is an accredited mediator. She is currently pursuing a postgraduate course at the University of Gloucester. A former trustee of Ignition Gloucestershire, she is a member of John Street Baptist Church (Stroud), and a Martyrs' Memorial and Church of England Trust appointed governor of Westonbirt School.

Susan's hobbies include dance and birdwatching.

Susan Whitfield

Susan was educated at Westonbirt School and then New Hall, Cambridge.

Susan joined the Governing Body of Westonbirt School in September 2008, and chairs the Personnel Committee. She is also a member of the Education Committee and a liaison member for boarding.

Prior to retiring in 2008, Susan was a Headteacher at Notting Hill and Ealing High School. Susan is a President, Schoolmistress and Governess of the Benevolent Institution.