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#### **D H C Batten Esq**

David Batten qualified as a solicitor in 1976 and has been involved with the family firm of Battens Solicitors since then; initially in litigation and family and then as Managing Partner for eight years. He is currently the company's chairman. He is also executive chairman of Church House Trust Plc a small regional private bank. He is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, a member of Council of the Royal Bath and West and its senior horse steward. He is also Director of Aldon Eventing the company that runs Aldon Horse Trials which has over the last twenty five years raised considerable sums for charitable causes.

**Captain L W L Chelton RN**

Lewis Chelton was called to the Bar, Inner Temple in 1966. He served in the Royal Navy from 1951 until 1987 as a Fleet Supply Officer 1979 – 1981, promoted to Captain in 1981 and was Chief Naval Judge Advocate 1982 – 1984. Currently Vice Chairman RS Surtees Society and Member of Farmers Club, Captain Chelton enjoys shooting, gardening and country life.

**D J C Hindley Esq JP MA**

Read English at Selwyn College, Cambridge and joined the staff of King's School Bruton in 1963 where he served as Head of English, a housemaster, Senior Master and President of Common Room. He was appointed Magistrate for Somerset in 1992 and is Chairman of the Avon and Somerset Justices' Issues Group. He was elected Chairman of the South Somerset Youth Court Panel from 2001 – 2006. At the beginning of 2007 he was elected Chairman of the South Somerset Bench. David Hindley has been a Governor since 2001.

**Mrs C A Davidson BA**

Chris Davidson joined the Geography Department at Bruton School for Girls in 1977 and retired as Head of Geography and Head of Careers in 2003. Prior to working at Bruton, Chris taught at Colston's Girls School in Bristol. Chris was appointed to the Board of Governors in November 2003 and is the Staff Liaison Governor.

**A S Durward Esq**

Educated at Stowe and Cambridge where he read Economics, Scott Durward has worked in the financial services industry and was responsible for the merger of the Alliance and Leicester Building Societies after which he became Group Chief Executive. He has also been a Council member and Treasurer of Loughborough University, Chairman of Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance and a Director of John Laing Plc. Scott is married with two adult sons and three grandchildren.

**Professor M J Welham PhD**

Melanie Welham is a Professor at the University of Bath and co-director of its Centre for Regenerative Medicine. She graduated with a degree in Biochemistry from Imperial, London (1985) and studied for a PhD in cancer research with what is now Cancer Research UK (awarded in 1988). Following a 6-year research position in Canada, she returned to an academic appointment in Bath in 1995, where she has been engaged in research, teaching and administrative tasks. Professor Welham was awarded the Eli Lilly prize for Pharmaceutical Excellence in 1998, a BBSRC Research Development Fellowship in 2003 and a personal chair in 2004, which made her the first female professor in the 100-year history of her Department. She sits on a number of national Bioscience committees and editorial boards. Professor Welham is married and has two young daughters. Appointed Governor in September 2005.

**Lady Reith**

Born and educated in Northern Ireland, June Reith has a degree in politics and worked as a newsreader for the BBC and a freelance broadcaster for independent radio stations in Northern Ireland and England. Lady Reith now devotes much of her time to charity work including the British Legion, is a LEA Governor and mother of two teenage sons.

**N D Jefferis Esq BSc MBA**

Nic Jefferis originally trained as a Civil Engineer after completing his degree at Exeter University and worked in the construction and offshore industries. He gained an MBA from Cranfield School of Management and joined Westland Group. Since then he has had a range of work as a consultant advising organisations on how to use information more effectively. His interests are in the applying technology and has recently started a company providing Telecare to help people stay in their own homes. He occasionally finds time to go dinghy sailing and stage manage for the Evercreech Drama Group. He has lived near Shepton Mallet since 1988 and his two daughters attended Bruton School for Girls from 1998 - 2011.

**Mrs G J Hylson-Smith BA**

Gill Hylson-Smith is a retired head of Westonbirt School for Girls. She has taught in a wide variety of schools and now spends her time on numerous educational and charitable committees. She is a governor of Malvern, Taunton School and Stowe as well as Bruton. Educated at Wycombe Abbey School, Gill is happily married with three children and two grand-daughters.

**M J C Streatfeild Esq BA Oxon (Hons) FCA**

Educated Lancing College and St. Edmund Hall, Oxford where he studied Geography, Mike Streatfeild is an ex-school teacher, civil servant and now a chartered accountant. A practising Christian, Mike is married with two daughters who both attended Bruton School for Girls. He is the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

**Mrs K Jack BA Oxon (Hons)**

Katy Jack is an ex-pupil and Head Girl of Bruton School for Girls. On leaving the school she studied Jurisprudence at New College, Oxford where she also obtained three Blues and captained the University netball team. She trained and qualified as an employment lawyer with the international law firm Allen & Overy. Katy is married and is the mother of three young boys.

### **H L Davies Esq CMG BA**

Hugh Davies was born in India of British parents and educated in the UK at Rugby School and Cambridge University. After a gap year spent teaching, he entered HM Diplomatic Service in 1965 and served for 33 years. He became a China specialist, studying Mandarin during a posting in Hong Kong, and subsequently serving two stints in Beijing, one in Singapore, and a second one in Hong Kong. He also had three home postings, each one in successively more senior jobs in the Far Eastern Department, as well as two further overseas (non-Chinese) postings to Bonn and to OECD Paris. In his final posting in Hong Kong (1993-97) he led the British negotiating team as Ambassador in handling the details for the Return of Hong Kong to China, working closely with the Governor, Chris Patten. Since taking early retirement in 1999, he has worked as an Adviser to Prudential Plc and to Old Mutual Plc and is now an independent China business consultant. He is Chairman of the China Association, Vice-Chairman of the Great Britain China Centre, and Board member of the China Britain Business Council. He is also a member of the Advisory Council of the China Policy Unit at Nottingham University. He is married with two grown up children.

### **Miss E R Webbe LLB TEP**

Elizabeth Webbe qualified as a solicitor in 1989 having read law at University College London. She worked for 15 years at a major law firm in London before relocating to Wiltshire in 2001 and she now works in Salisbury at Trethowans LLP where she is head of the 'Wealth and Inheritance' team. She is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners and is involved in a number of charities locally variously as a trustee, Board director and company secretary.

### **Mrs T C Wood**

Diana Wood is the widow of former Chairman of Governors, Terence Wood. She was born in Chester and educated in North Wales. She joined HM Diplomatic Service in 1962 and served in Khartoum, Brussels, Northern Ireland and Kenya and New Delhi where she met Terence. Postings as a diplomatic wife followed in West Berlin, Harvard, Rome, and Vienna where Terence was Ambassador. After retirement, Diana served on the Committee of the FCO Families Association and remains their local representative, is a Parish Councillor, a Member of the Association of St Margaret's Somerset Hospice, and is involved in local organisations. She enjoys country life, gardening and the theatre.

### **Mr N B Noble Esq OBE FCIS**

Nigel was educated at Lindisfarne College and later served as a governor. He was commissioned into the Royal Artillery and served in the Army until 1994. On leaving he chose to be a bursar – first in the Further Education Sector – and then for ten very happy years at The Lady Eleanor Holles School. During this appointment he served on the board of the Independent Schools Bursars Association and chaired the Finance Sub-Committee. He retired from full time employment in 2007 and is engaged on a part time basis by the Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools. Nigel lives near Wincanton with his wife Diana, a retired music teacher. He is Churchwarden of St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister; PCC Treasurer; a past committee member of the Army & Navy Club and trustee of a final salary pension scheme. His interests include fly fishing, shooting and modern military history. They have two grown up sons and two grandchildren.