

Profiles of Grangefield School Governors

Colin Peacy (Chair of Governors LA)

Colin is Chair of Governors and also a member of the Resources, Curriculum and Community committees. He was appointed a parent governor when the school opened in Sept 2000 and became a Local Authority governor in Sept 2012. Colin's family have always lived in Bishops Cleeve. His wife, Alison, is a primary school teacher and his two children attend Cleeve School, both having been pupils at Grangefield School. Colin graduated from Plymouth with a degree in Environmental Science, trained with Hazelwoods and is the financial controller for Cotswold Collections Ltd, a Cheltenham based mail order company.



Simon Edwards (Vice Chairman, Parent Governor)

Simon has been on the governing body for the last five years, he has been Vice Chair for three of those years and recently stood down from chairmanship of the Curriculum & Standards committee. He sits on the Community and Curriculum & Standards committees as well as taking an active part in school events. Away from school, he is a lighting cameraman and director of photography and has over the years worked on many projects from feature films and commercials to childrens TV. He also occasionally works at Gloucestershire College with their film and TV students and is working towards a teaching qualification in his spare time.



Allie Lack (Staff Governor)

Allie has been a Teaching Assistant at Grangefield School for nine years and a mid-day supervisor for seven. Whist currently supporting the Year Four class, Allie has previously worked in most year groups across Key Stage One and Two. Both Allie's children attended Grangefield and have now moved on to Cleeve School.



Hannah Gilroy (Staff Governor)

Hannah has been a teacher at Grangefield for nine years and Deputy Head for two. Whilst currently covering a PPA role in KS2, Hannah has taught in most Key Stage 2 classes and has taught music in KS1. Hannah has taught in two other schools, one in Gloucestershire and one in Devon. Hannah has been a governor at the school for 9 Years.

Hannah is a keen sportswomen who runs regularly; a highlight being taking part in the London Marathon 2012.



Andrew Moss (Parent Governor)

Andrew has been a parent governor for one year, and is also a member of the School Finance and Resources Committee. Andrew lives in Bishops Cleeve and has two children, one currently at Grangefield School (Year Six) and one at Cleeve Secondary School (Year Eight). Andrew grew up in Lancashire; attending University in Hull, before moving to Cheltenham in 1994, and then qualifying as an accountant. Andrew spent 20 years working in the finance profession. Since 2010 he has run his own accountancy business. Andrew has been involved with the school for a number of years, helping out when he can, particularly with the school football team. He also runs a local children's football team at Cleeve Colts. Andrew believes that sport at school, no matter what the sport or what level it is played, should play a big part in a child's development.



Ian Fletcher (Parent Governor)

Ian has been a parent governor for 1 year, he is a member of the Curriculum and Standards and E-Safety committees. Ian was born in Cheltenham and grew up in Prestbury, he attended Pates Grammar School and studied Biochemistry and Physiology at Reading University before joining the Police. He is currently a Detective Inspector with Gloucestershire Police. Ian has three boys at Grangefield - in years 6, 4 and 1. Ian is a keen sports fan, he coaches one of the local football teams at Bishops Cleeve Colts but his real passion is for rugby and he has helped out with tag rugby events at the school.



Lorraine Cooper (Parent Governor)

Lorraine has been a parent governor since 2012. She has two sons at Grangefield School and her youngest son will hopefully be joining the reception class in September 2014.

Lorraine is currently a part-time teacher, teaching children aged 2 to 19 years with Severe, Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties. She has a BSc (Hons) Degree in Human Psychology, a PGCE and a Post Graduate Certificate in Special Educational Needs.



Geoffrey Rowe (LA Governor)

Geoffrey has been Chief Executive of the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham for the last seven years. Previously he has worked for Welsh National Opera; the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield and Granada Television. He lives in Pittville, Cheltenham and has three children and three grandchildren.



Alan Cornish (Community Governor)

Alan has been a Community Governor since 2004 and has lived locally in Woodmancote since moving from Newport (South Wales) in 1999. Alan and his wife have two adult children and three grandchildren aged 13, 9 and 5. A Banker by profession, Alan's career took him from his native Devon to Somerset then to Cardiff and Newport where he retired as Human Resources Director for Wales for his Bank. Following retirement Alan worked at a Doctors Practice in Cardiff, managing a fund holding budget of some £2m as well as assisting a firm of Estate Agents on the financial side. After moving to Woodmancote Alan took on the position of Clerk to the Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council and continued in this role for five years. Alan is also involved with a local Rotary Club raising money for local and international charities and he and his wife enjoy walking and going on holiday.



Philip (Phil) Johnson (Community Governor)

Phil is a resident of Prestbury, married, with three sons and three grandsons, and has served as a Community Governor for twelve years. Professionally he is a Chartered Town Planner who has worked for a number of authorities throughout the country, ending as Director of Planning for Northumberland. On moving to Cheltenham in 1994 Phil became a lecturer in the Environment Department at the University of Gloucestershire. Phil is now retired enjoying walking, theatre, travel and family.



John W. Coopey MBE (Community Governor)

John was born in the City of Gloucester and is a Freeman of the City. Educated at Cheltenham Grammar School, he left to join the Gloucestershire Constabulary as a Cadet. John served in the RAF during his National Service and on being de-mobilised returned to the Gloucestershire Constabulary as a Constable. John served the force for 33years rising to the rank of Superintendent and retired in 1987. John then entered the Coroner's service as a Coroner's Officer. Whilst there he set up the Coroner's Officers Association for England and Wales to standardise the training of Officers and provide a progressive Training programme. This has resulted in there now being a University Course in Coronial Investigations at Teesside University and has also resulted in John receiving the MBE. John retired in 1999 but is still involved with the Association, being its national President. John is married and has three daughters with seven grandchildren. He regularly assists with driving the disabled and special needs children in the Cheltenham Area and is a member of the Rotary Club, having been in the organisation for some 30years.

