

# **BEDALES SCHOOL BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

## **Career Summary Statement**

### **CLARE BRADBURY BSc (Hons) PGCE**

(Retires from Board 2025)

Clare was brought up in a services family and therefore spent many years travelling. She was educated at Bromsgrove School, the University of Lancaster where she studied Psychology and then Westminster College, Oxford where she completed her PGCE in Primary Education. Clare has over 20 years' experience of Prep school education, in both boarding and day environments, in schools up to the ages of 11 and 13. She most recently held the position of Deputy Head at Westbourne House School and is now the Headteacher of Oakwood School in Chichester.

Clare has two boys at Seaford College and is married to John, who is also in education, working at Chichester College. Her interests include renovation of their family home in France, cooking and walking her two energetic dogs, Flo and Lily, in The Downs and on the local beaches.

### **FELIX GREY MChem MPhil**

(Retires from Board 2025)

Felix joined Dunnanie aged 4, and went all the way through Dunhurst and Bedales (1992-2006). He then studied chemistry as an undergraduate at the University of Oxford, researching enzymes for fuel cells in his masters year. After graduating he worked for 2OC, a green energy start-up, turning waste bio-liquids into electricity. This experience lead him into economics, which he studied at the University of Cambridge, gaining a Diploma and an MPhil, before beginning his PhD in 2014. He is currently the William Cook Fellow in economics at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. His research focuses on environmental and political economics, including: the role of lobbying in environmental protection, the importance of companies in blocking or supporting regulation, and the way cities and governments can learn from each other when protecting the environment.

### **AVRIL HARDIE BEd JP**

(Retires from Board 2020)

Teacher of English for 30 years working in Secondary and Further Education establishments in State and Independent sectors. Final 16 years spent at Bedales, roles undertaken ranging from part-time Teacher of English to Joint Acting Deputy Head and Registrar. Currently engaged in sitting in local Adult and Youth Courts as a JP. Mother of two OBs (both working in the Arts). Married to George Hardie (Professor Emeritus of Graphic Design at the University of Brighton and a Royal Designer for Industry who helped perfect the Bedales bee logo). Interests include propagating plants, walking on The Downs, entertaining and reading fiction.

### **MICHÉLE JOHNSON BA**

(Retires from Board 2019)

Michéle Johnson began her career as a sports journalist on *The Cricketer* magazine and went on to edit two fitness magazines before becoming deputy editor to Imran Khan on *Cricket Life International*. In 1990, she became the first female sports sub-editor on the *London Evening Standard* where she worked for 12 years. She is the co-author of *Real Quick: a Celebration of the West Indies Pace Quartets* as well as the author of a cricket coaching manual. She was featured in *Nothing Sacred*, an anthology of new cricket writing.

Michéle moved from London to Hampshire with husband Michael and family in 2003 for their children to begin their Bedales education. Michéle became involved with the Dunhurst Parents Group and became

cochair of its successor, the Friends of Dunhurst. She also served on the Bedales Parents Association for four years. She helped to organise the Workshadowing scheme for Dunhurst pupils for six years as well as being involved in several fund-raising initiatives for Dunhurst and Bedales.

Interests include keeping alpacas and chickens, gardening, cricket and African drumming.

**OWEN JONATHAN LLB (Hons)**

(Retires from Board 2024)

Owen was brought up in Wales and educated at Malvern College and then the University of Bristol where he studied law. He qualified as a solicitor in 1974. He was a partner of City solicitors, Norton Rose, from 1983 to 1994. He then became general counsel to the Kuok Group, based in Hong Kong, one of Asian's largest family owned conglomerates and also served as deputy and then chief executive of publicly listed South China Morning Post, Hong Kong's leading English language newspaper. In 2000 he returned to England and joined PwC as its' general counsel and executive board member until he retired in 2012.

Amongst his current activities, Owen now serves as the senior adviser to Norton Rose Fulbright and is a non-executive director of the investment trust, Invesco Asia Trust plc. He is a founding director and trustee of The Grange Festival, the Hampshire opera company, and a governor of Bedales school. Owen lives locally with his wife, Jane. Two of his three children went to Bedales. Owen's interests include opera, painting and trekking.

**DR ANNA KEAY PhD**

(Retires from Board 2021)

Dr Anna Keay was a pupil at Dunhurst and Bedales between 1984 and 1992, her three siblings are also OBs. She studied History at Magdalen College, Oxford, and then a Ph.D. in British History from Queen Mary, London. She was a Curator of the Historic Royal Palaces from 1995-2001, and then Curatorial Director of English Heritage from 2001 to 2012. She now runs the historic buildings charity, the Landmark Trust. She is also a practicing historian, her books including *The Magnificent Monarch: Charles II and the Ceremonies of Power* (2008). She is married, lives in London and Norfolk and has four-year-old twins.

**REAR ADMIRAL JOHN LIPPIETT CB CBE DL**

(Retires from Board 2019)

John Lippiett was educated at Brighton, Hove and Sussex Grammar School from where he joined the Royal Navy for a 36 year career. His appointments and travel were many and various, and he commanded a number of ships and a large shore establishment before becoming a flag officer both at sea and abroad. His final job was as Commandant of the Joint Services Staff College from where he took early retirement to become the Chief Executive of the Mary Rose Trust in Portsmouth and oversaw the building of the new museum which opened in 2013.

John has lived in West Sussex through his life. Married to Jenny, they sail and walk in the vicinity of Chichester, garden, enjoy being grandparents, and are the proud parents of three OB children who are fine examples of what the school has to offer. John is chairman of the John Badley Foundation (formerly known as the Bedales Schools Development Trust).

**STEPHEN NOKES**

(Retires from Board 2026)

Educated in Hampshire, Wales and Oxford University Stephen was formerly Head of John Hampden Grammar School. A founder member of the Grammar School Heads Association, from which he stepped down as Chairman in July 2016, he still advises GSHA and in this capacity he had frequent

involvement with ministers and civil servants in the DFE. He is an expert consultant with RSAcademics regarding Headship appointments.

Stephen has extensive experience of both independent and state sector schools. He has been a Governor at three independent schools and is currently a Governor at two outstanding state schools.

Interested in digital learning and computer science he is a Trustee of the Causeway Foundation, which initiated and supports a program of computer masterclasses for young people across the UK led by the Royal Institution.

### **MATTHEW RICE BA**

(Retires from Board 2020)

Educated Bedales 1975-1980, Chelsea School of Art and Central School of Art (Theatre Design). Four children, three educated at Bedales. 1985 Established David Linley Furniture with eponymous OB. Since 1989 has worked with his wife running Emma Bridgewater, more eponymy, a pottery employing 250 people mainly in Stoke on Trent. 25 years of designing for these companies, books on Architecture, "Village Buildings of Britain", "Building Norfolk", "Rice's Architectural Primer", "The lost city of Stoke on Trent", and "Rice's Church Primer". Lives outside Oxford. Interests: Piano, food and fancy fowl.

### **GEOFFREY WARD MA PhD FRSA**

(Retires from Board 2023)

Principal of Homerton College, University of Cambridge, since 2013. He is also Chairman of the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, where he studied in the 1970s, at Clare College. In 1978 he took up the post of Lecturer and then Senior Lecturer in English at the University of Liverpool, leaving in 1995 to take up a Professorship and Headship of Department at the University of Dundee; there he was appointed Deputy Principal in 2001. In 2007 he moved to Royal Holloway College, University of London, first as Dean of the Arts Faculty and then as Vice Principal. He has lectured widely in Europe, Japan and the USA, where he held a Leverhulme Fellowship while researching a book, *The Writing of America* (2001) one of numerous academic monographs and articles on American Literature. Periodically he writes and presents programmes for BBC Radio 3 on American writers, the most recent of which, on novelist David Foster Wallace, has enjoyed over a quarter of a million visits on YouTube. A published poet (last collection *Worry Dream*, 2013), one-time nonexecutive director of Dundee Repertory Theatre and other organizations in Scotland, Geoff is a member of the editorial board of *The Cambridge Quarterly*, a Governor of the Stephen Perse Foundation, a Life Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an Honorary Fellow of Harris Manchester College, Oxford. His and Marion's older son Richard was Deputy Head Boy at Bedales; Robbie is also a Bedalian, studying for his A-levels.

### **CHARLES WATSON**

(Retires from Board 2019)

Educated at Sherborne School and a history graduate of Kings College London University, Charles Watson has spent his career building business across the professional services sector. 25 of these were with leading international financial communications consultancy Financial Dynamics, where as CEO he led the 2003 management buy out of the business, and its subsequent sale to FTI Consulting in 2006. He has subsequently taken on a number of chairmanship roles across a variety of businesses which include the Karma Communications Group (an integrated advertising and digital communications agency group); New College of the Humanities (an independent university college founded by Professor AC Grayling) and more recently chairman of Teneo International, a leading

global critical issues consulting group – where he leads all the business’ operations outside of North America.

Both his children attended Bedales Schools – along with two nieces, one nephew and two cousins. He was closely involved in the creation of the Bedales Schools Development Trust (now known as the John Badley Foundation), of which he served as its first chairman and he also chairs the external relations committee of the board of governors. Charles' many interests include fly fishing, sailing, skiing and mountaineering.

### **TIMOTHY WISE**

(Retires from Board 2022)

Brought up in the Far East and Switzerland. Educated at Radley College and Christ Church, Oxford. Qualified as a solicitor with Freshfields and moved into merchant banking with Kleinwort Benson in 1987. Spent three years in New York from 1989 – 1992. Joined Cazenove and became a partner in 2000. Now Chairman of J.P. Morgan Cazenove, the successor company to Cazenove and is a Member of the Development Committee of the National Gallery. Married to Judith, a garden designer, with three children who have all been educated at Bedales.

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