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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 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.

D J C Hindley Esq JP MA



After reading English at Cambridge, David Hindley joined the staff of King's School, Bruton where he became successively Head of English, a Housemaster, Senior Master and President of Common Room. In 1992 he was appointed a Magistrate for South Somerset, serving as Chairman of the Youth Court from 2001 until 2006, Chairman of the Bench from 2007 until 2010 and Chairman of the Avon and Somerset Justices' Issues Group in 2010.

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.

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 business consultant advising organisations on how to manage their data and information more effectively. 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 Taunton School as well as Bruton and until recently of Malvern and Stowe. Educated at Wycombe Abbey School, Gill is happily married with three children and two grand-daughters.

M J C Streatfeild Esq BA ACA



Educated at Lancing College and St. Edmund Hall, Oxford where he studied Geography, Mike Streatfeild is an ex teacher civil servant and 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.

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.

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 was then engaged on a part time basis by the Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools to run their training programme. He retired fully in August 2012. Nigel lives near Wincanton with his wife Diana, a retired music teacher. He is Churchwarden of St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister; PCC Treasurer and Treasurer of the SSAFA Somerset Branch. Past appointments include serving on the boards of charitable companies; the board 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.

Mrs E Balfour MA



Elisabeth Balfour (a.k.a. Ingles) read languages at Edinburgh, then went into publishing, as editor, managing editor and later editorial director. Going freelance in 1989, she was a copy-editor or project editor on a considerable number of heavyweight art history and music history titles, among them the *Grove Dictionary of Opera*, the *New Kobbé's Opera Book*, *Janson's History of Art* and Arnason's *History of Modern Art*, as well as several titles for British Museum Press. She has written three short art books. First widowed in 1986, she moved to Bruton in 2003 with her second husband, Michael Balfour, writer and publisher, who died in 2011. She edits *The Dove*, Bruton's award-winning parish and community magazine. She is editor of the new Bruton Town website, and sits on the committees of Bruton Museum and the Festival of Arts.

Mrs L A Anderson CFP™ MCSI FPFS



Lisa is a past boarding pupil (1976-1984) and a former employee (2000-2004) of Bruton School for Girls. Lisa is a Chartered Financial Planner employed by Old Mill Accountants and Financial Planners advising her clients on all aspects of wealth management and personal tax planning. She is a Fellow of the Personal Finance Society and holds the CFP™ qualification which is accredited through the CISI. Lisa is a firm believer in professional study and is now working towards her STEP qualification. Lisa lives with her partner David on the outskirts of Glastonbury and has a daughter who is in higher education with plans to join the Armed Forces once she has graduated. Lisa is an active member of SHOGA and has other interests which include quilting/sewing and various creative crafts as well as being a keen baker.

A G Lane Esq



Andrew Lane was educated in Muswell Hill, London and left school at the age of 16 to work on the assembly line, in a factory, producing transistor radios. After three years he progressed into sales and became sales manager. He went on to spend four years in the music Industry as a tour manager for the rock band Emerson Lake and Palmer, before entering the Brand Licensing industry in 1977. Andrew joined a small company producing gift products and secured the license for Star Wars products in 1980, the company was later sold to Hasbro, the global toy company, where Andrew became Global Licensing Director. In 2008 Andrew set up Fluid World, an independent licensing agency based in London, and went on to launch Hello Kitty in the UK, making it the biggest children's brand in the UK, which won many awards within the industry. In 2010 Andrew won the 'Licensing Life Time Achievement Award' and continues to enjoy mentoring young talent in the industry. In his personal life, Andrew has two sons and a daughter who previously attended Bruton School for Girls and is now in the Brand Licensing industry herself having completed an internship with Marks & Spencer. Andrew is a trustee of Narcotics Anonymous and is a committee member for Care for Cary.

Colonel S C Bate OBE MBA BA FCMI



Simon was educated at St George's School, Harpenden, and is a graduate with both a BA(Hons) and an MBA of the Open University. He was commissioned into the Royal Artillery and has served in Germany, Belgium, Northern Ireland, Belize, Bosnia, Kosovo, Macedonia and Iraq. He was awarded his OBE in the Iraq Operational Honours and Awards list in 2004. His final appointment prior to leaving the Army was as the Chief of Staff to the EU Military and Police mission supporting the African Union in Darfur, Sudan. He left the Army in 2007 and became the Chief Executive of Derbyshire Police Authority until 2011, when he became the Adjutant and Director of Welfare at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, the home of the Chelsea Pensioners. In 2017 he left Chelsea and became the Master of Sexey's Hospital in Bruton. Simon lives in Bruton and Marston Magna with his wife Nicky and has two sons, one of whom is an Army Officer and the other is about to join the Royal Navy. His interests include following the English cricket and rugby teams with mixed results and enjoying country life and all that it brings.