**Governor Pen Portraits**

Rebecca Hadfield

I am proud to be the Headteacher of Bosley St. Mary's CE Primary School.

I am guided by the belief that every learner should flourish in school, that children can do amazing things, and that as educators our job is to make that happen.  Our school may be small, but we are big in heart, ambition and potential.   I am fortunate to work alongside colleagues and governors who are dedicated to building a flourishing school.

Like so many in our profession, I have always wanted to teach, although my journey has been different to many of my colleagues. I graduated with a degree in Law from the University of Sheffield in 2003 and then spent over a decade working in retail financial services. I held a range of management roles during the aftermath of the financial crisis which surprisingly has proved to be great grounding for my teaching career.

After a sabbatical in 2013-14, I made the decision to retrain as teacher and was awarded my PGCE from Staffordshire University in 2017. I came to Bosley on my second teaching placement in March 2017, loved the school and have never left! As well as being Headteacher, I teach part time and I am the school's SENDCo, Safeguarding Lead and science subject lead.  No two days are the same and nor would I want them to be.

I am married to Gareth and mummy to Nell.  Like other parents of energetic toddlers, my main hobby is finding ways to get five minutes peace!

John Pollard

I was appointed to the Governing Board as an Associate Governor in 2020, bringing previous experience from being on the governing board of two schools in Congleton, one as a Local Authority Governor and the other as Foundation Governor.

I read Law at Leeds University and qualified as solicitor in 1977. I was a partner specialising in Criminal Law in a firm in Crewe and Congleton until 1995, when I was appointed HM Senior Coroner for Greater Manchester South. I retired in 2016 but continue to help in Manchester North, sitting one day per week.

Since my retirement, I feel I want to put something back into the local community. My aim is to see Bosley St Mary’s increasing its number on roll, improving its Oftsed rating, but most of all, continuing to provide a caring, well-rounded and ethical education to the local children.

Lynsey Needham

I qualified as a Veterinary Surgeon in 2001 and have worked in a local practice since 2005. I have lived in Bosley since 2009 when my husband and I moved into the family farm on Cloudside. Our two boys are following in their ancestors' footsteps by attending Bosley School. I like the caring nature that comes with the small setting, allowing the diverse range of personalities and abilities of the children be embraced, while pushing all to achieve as highly as they can.

I have a passion for driving the school-parent relationship particularly regarding communication and parental engagement.

I enjoy volunteering at the school, hearing the children read to encourage and nurture their passion for reading.

I joined the Governing Board in October 2016 as a Parent Governor, and I am Vice Chair.

Clare Calveley

I have two children at Bosley St Mary’s Primary School, both are enjoying the education experience at Bosley and this makes me feel supportive of the work and vision of the school.

My employment history includes working as a qualiﬁed teacher of Secondary Physical Education (BSc Sports Science & Administration and PGCE Secondary Physical Education) where I enjoyed teaching a variety of pupils in both a physical education and academic capacity. In 2002 I decided upon a career change and returned to university to study a BSc in Prosthetics and Orthotics. In 2005 I became a qualiﬁed Prosthetist/Orthotist and was a valuable member of a large multidisciplinary team treating a wide spectrum of amputees from paediatric to adult patients working in Manchester. After having my ﬁrst child I became part time, working solely as a prosthetist at Haywood Limb Centre, Stoke on Trent.

I have also undertaken a variety of voluntary roles including running a children’s summer play scheme and a bi-weekly Mums and Tot’s Group. I enjoy visiting Bosley St Mary’s on a weekly basis to listen to the children read and am the secretary of the school PTA.

I joined the Governing Board in March 2019 as a Parent Governor.

John Harries aka Vicar John

I became a Foundation Governor in June 2015 following my appointment as vicar for the benefice of Bosley, Sutton, Wincle and Wildboarclough. Prior to this I was a minister in Warrington and Chaplain to a Church of England Secondary School. Prior to becoming ordained in 1996 I was a scientist working at the SERC Daresbury Laboratory in Warrington.

I feel really privileged to be part of such a wonderful school and a governing body and staff who are so committed to the welfare and education of the children.

Richard Howarth

I was born and raised in North Rode and attended Bosley School from 1966 to 1970. I have many happy memories and am keen for the school to flourish, be central to the community and one day maybe benefit my own grandchildren. Along with my wife Kate and our two children, I moved into the village in 2001.

I have a degree in Business Management and have for many years been the Managing Director of our Warehousing and Distribution business based in Winsford. Now being semi- retired we are fortunate enough to enjoy the many beautiful and historic local walks with our dogs.

I look forward to supporting the School and Staff in any way I can and in doing so, put a little back into the community that has given us so many happy years.

I joined the Governing Board as a Co-opted Governor in March 2021

Ruth Livingstone

I have recently been co-opted onto the Governing Body (June 2022). I have an extensive background in Education since beginning my teaching career in 1977. I have worked as a class teacher in a range of different schools across Cheshire East. I was headteacher of a small rural Church school very similar to Bosley St. Marys. My career has taken me through all phases of education from early years to adult education and I am now working part time in Higher Education as a Lecturer in Teacher Training.

My passion for education has never dimmed and I am an advocate for ‘lifelong learning’. My own development as a teacher was enhanced by becoming an Ofsted Inspector and being privileged to visit many different schools across the country. In addition to my lecturing role, I am also currently involved in delivering support and mentoring to new staff members as well as staff development and training programmes.

I have lived in Bosley since 2006 and a change in personal circumstances has meant that I am now able to devote time and my experience to support the staff and Governors of Bosley St. Mary’s school and I am very much looking forward to becoming an established part of the team.

David Heath

I was born and raised on the family farm in Bosley and attended the school from 1966 to 1972. My Father and Grandfather both attended as did my own children.

I continue to live on the farm having recently semi-retired from a larger agricultural business employing 20 staff on several farms in the local counties.

I am keen to see the children in Bosley School thrive and prosper in a caring loving environment.

I am married to Janet whose own children attended the school.

We spend our time looking after our dog, garden, farmhouse, land and expanding families.

I am a keen conservationist, enjoy music, books and all things “arty”.

I joined the Governing Body as a Co-opted Governor in May 2022