

Ms. Cheryl MacLeod

I was born in Dartmouth but lived in Exeter from eight years old, attending the girls' grammar school there and gaining 'A' levels in English, French and Latin. I spent a great deal of time in hospital as a child but was always an avid reader so studying English Language and Literature (BA Hons.) at Manchester University was a natural progression. Then I completed a PGCE in 1970 and began my long teaching career. I have been a Head of English/Drama in three schools - the last being The Bolitho in Penzance.

From 1979 my then husband was employed in Europe so we lived in Holland, France and Belgium. I enjoyed consolidating my French, learning Dutch and working for a year as a Project Coordinator for Dow Chemicals in Rotterdam. Our son was born in 1983 and we returned to the UK in '86. A little later I resumed teaching in Market Harborough, Lutterworth and Rugby. I was a staff governor in this last school.

In 2004 my present partner and I decided to move to Cornwall - an area we both knew well and loved. We have lived in St Erth since 2007 and have always felt very comfortable in this lively community where there is so much social activity. We both participate in the St Erth Players, the Twinning Association, the Residents' Association and the Safari Suppers. My attempt at Line Dancing did not last long, but I enjoy the book club. I try (but often fail) to stay fit by walking, swimming and gardening.

I retired in August 2011 intending to take it easy, but was soon caught up in local politics trying to defend St Erth against plans from both Cornwall Council and private developers. I became a Parish Councillor in April 2012, and in October 2012 a Governor for St Erth School. I was 'promoted' to Chair of Governors in January 2014.

Education has been my passion for a long time, and I believe that you are never too old to learn. I am learning every day as a school governor and think that curiosity (far from killing the cat) enhances the enjoyment of life.