

## Governor Profile – Peter Smith

I grew up in a small Dorset hamlet attending the local C of E Primary School which consisted of only two teachers, two classes and less than forty pupils. More as a result of education from my parents than from the school, I transferred to Grammar School in Dorchester before graduating in Biological Sciences in 1975. This led to thirteen years of research sponsored by the Cancer Research Campaign and the Medical Research Council on the aetiology of gastric cancer during which I was awarded a PhD in Biochemistry by Surrey University.

In 1989 a change in career led to me managing and developing UK Government funded technical projects in the Middle East and North Africa and becoming an expert in standards and the elimination of technical barriers to trade.

My experience includes:

- Seven years in Saudi Arabia for the UK Government and the European Committee for Standardization (CEN)
- one month in the West Bank and Gaza strip as an advisor to the Palestinian National Authority;
- a tour of India to conduct a European Commission funded study on the Indian food testing infrastructure;
- leading a technical co-operation programme between the EU and Tunisia;
- managing projects in Taiwan, Egypt, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman

Sadly during our time in Saudi Arabia my wife and mother of Natasha and Hannah then aged 5 and 4, died of breast cancer. This led me to restructure my career so that I could bring my children home to the UK and better organise my working life around their upbringing. Thus in January 2000 I founded my own business, Al-Massader Al-Dualiyah (Resource International) which is a Saudi/British Joint venture providing technology and consultancy services in the Middle East and Europe.

I subsequently got remarried to Premila in All Saints Church and we live in Carshalton with Natasha, Hannah, my step son Omar and my latest daughter Sarah. All four of my children enjoyed attending and thrived at All Saints and the youngest, Sarah is still there. Omar is now studying for his A Levels and Natasha and Hannah are both at university.

As a Foundation Governor, I hope to use my analytical and multicultural experience, reinforced by my Christian beliefs and faith to help ensure that all children at All Saints discover the joy of learning and achieve their true potential in a safe, happy and Christian environment.