

## Governor Profile: Sir Vivian Ramsey



Having read Engineering Science and Economics at Oxford, Sir Vivian Ramsey OA 1968, began his career as a Civil Engineer. He later took the Diploma of Law course at City University and then read for the Bar, where he established an expertise in construction and engineering disputes, which took him all over the world. Appointed to the High Court in the Queen's Bench Division in 2005, he is a Judge in the Technology and Construction Court. He received a knighthood in 2007.

Sir Vivian joined the Abingdon Governing Body in 2009 and sits on the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Married with four children, his interests include vineyards and the renovation of buildings. He is the son of the Right Reverend Ian Ramsey onetime Bishop of Durham and the first chairman of TASS – The Abingdon School Society – which was the forerunner of the present ASPA – Abingdon School Parents' Association. ■

*Sir Vivian will host the Professional Networking Legal Dinner on Friday 7 October at the School.*

## Di Bloomfield



Di Bloomfield, who has been a familiar face about the School for thirty-four years, retired at the end of last term. She first started work at Abingdon in 1977, after ten years as a cleaner she was appointed assistant housekeeper, and twelve years later head housekeeper. When asked recently what the job has entailed she laughed and said anything and everything, whatever she's been asked to do.

Things have changed and the School has grown in both numbers and buildings, thirty-four years ago there were six cleaners on the staff, now there are more than forty, including those in the boarding houses. However, Di says that it has always been a happy place to work, helped by having a great team.

Born and brought up in Abingdon, working at the School has been something of a family affair – both Di's mother-in-law and father-in-law worked here, as do two of her brothers.

The mother of two and grandmother of six, Di does not envisage a quiet retirement but she's looking forward to being free to do whatever she wants to do. ■

## Exam Results

Despite the trepidation with which they approached their results, Abingdon boys had nothing to fear: 65% of all A levels were at grades A\* and A, and 20 boys achieved 3 A\*s or more. At GCSE, 81% of all results were at grades A\* and A, two boys achieved 12 A\*s each and 17 boys 10 A\*s or more. The Head, Felicity Lusk, spoke for the whole School when she expressed her pride in their performances and offered her congratulations to the boys, their families and the staff.

*Exam statistics and a breakdown of the results can be found at [www.abingdon.org.uk](http://www.abingdon.org.uk)*



**The rugby squad at the Goedgedacht Farm Trust where they spent two days with the children**