

Goodbye Ivan and thank you very much

Ivan Godfrey, a Governor at Two Moors Primary School, a Member of the School Commissioning Board, and Chair, since its inception, of the hugely important and influential Devon Schools' Forum, and contributor and member of innumerable fora and Boards has decided, after 20 years as a Governor and over 30 years as a modern languages teacher, to call it a day as a Governor to concentrate on his charity work and hobby of walking with his wife – and not just ambling across bits of Dartmoor like I do, but real full on walking in many challenging areas of the world!!!!

It is impossible to recount all of Ivan's brilliant commitment to education in Devon. He has been a stalwart member of his school Governing Body, including being Chair for many years, and his broader commitment to Governance in Devon and through his association with and work for DAG and is unmatched and will be greatly missed.

Ivan stood down from his role as the DAG County Secretary in 2006 and Roger Adcock penned a memorable Ode at that time to celebrate his incomparable work. Roger has kindly produced one more piece of doggerel to commemorate a brilliant "career" as a Governor viz:

Valedictory to Ivan the Governor General

So it's end of term for Ivan!
Can this possibly be true?
Surely it means all schools must close,
Without him what'll they do?

All governors will be bereft,
Thus his Report will read,
"Distinction in all subjects gained,
He is the best of breed.

He's shown distinctive promise!
So best wishes from us all
In his well-deserved retirement
As our Governor General."

In addition to all the above, Ivan was instrumental in setting up and running the hugely important, and successful, DAG Area Meetings and has been President of DAG for the last 3 years, where his wisdom and enlightened contributions have been very much appreciated.

Ivan, on behalf of all the Governors in Devon and the thousands of children whose lives you have touched, all we can say is thank you and good luck.

David Tall