



ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

PRINCIPAL

MRS KATY ROBERTS B.Ed, B. Phil (E.B.D.) R.M.A. Cert C.B.T

HEAD TEACHER

GEOFFREY DUNSMORE
Cert Ed, Adv Dip Ed Mngt

FOUNDER & CONSULTANT EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST AND COGNITIVE/BEHAVIOURAL PSYCHOTHERAPIST

DR. J. R. BURLAND, M.Sc., Ph.D.

CONSULTANT CHILD PSYCHIATRIST

DR. P. QUINN M B. Bch. BAO. MRC Psych

EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT

DR. M. FARRELL Ph. D; M.Phil; M.A; B.Ed. (Hons)

SOCIAL WORK AND CHILD PROTECTION CONSULTANT

MRS V. BILLING M.A, M.B.E

The Proprietor of the school is Chelfham Mill School Ltd under the Directorship of Dr J. Roger Burland and Mrs Katy Roberts who can be contacted at the school on **01271 850448** or in writing to:

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CHELFHAM MILL SENIOR STAFF

CARE MANAGER AND PRINCIPAL: MRS KATY ROBERTS

Katy originally worked in residential care before gaining her B.Ed. Later she undertook a distance learning B.Phil (EBD) from the University of Birmingham. In child care she has a N.V.Q. 4 in Care and R.M.A. (Registered Care Managers Award). She also has an Executive Diploma in Management. She is at present undertaking N.V.Q. 5 in Learning and Development and an MSc in Cognitive Behavioural Psychotherapy.

CONSULTANT AND FOUNDER: DR. J. ROGER BURLAND

Roger obtained a B.Sc. (honours) in Psychology and then taught for 3 years in Manchester experiencing the teaching of infants, juniors and secondary pupils. He gained an M.Sc. in Educational Psychology (Child Guidance) and later completed a Ph.D. in Education. He is an accredited cognitive/behavioural psychotherapist with special interest in anger management. Roger founded Chelfham Mill School in 1966 and pioneered the use of Behaviour Therapy with children bringing international acclaim to the school.

HEADTEACHER: MR GEOFF DUNSMORE

After qualifying as a teacher in 1976 at Brighton College of Education, Geoff took on a position with Leicestershire Education Authority (1982) as a teacher developing curriculum initiatives for challenging students unable to cope with mainstream education. He spent the next 23 years with the county Student Support Service working with a full range of emotional and behaviourally challenging young people, becoming Assistant Head to the county Pupil Referral Units. Geoff joined Chelfham in April 06 as Education Co-ordinator with responsibility for supporting our Key Stage 4 developments and extend our Design and Technology department.

HEAD OF CARE: MR KEIR DAVIS

Keir has worked at Chelfham Mill School for 16 years coming from a background of travel sales and construction. He has direct experience of a variety of roles both in the education and care provision. He holds a NVQ level 4 in care and is currently working towards the Registered Managers Award. He is able to use his personal interest and experience in woodcraft, moor walking and countryside pursuits in working with the staff and boys when released from his more 'administrative duties'.

ART AND PLAY THERAPIST: MS SALLY FOSTER

Sally attained a B.A. (Honours) in Fine Art and Psychology and then completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Art Therapy. Sally also has a Certificate in Counselling Skills. She has also completed an accredited play therapy course.

EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT: DR. MICHAEL FARRELL

Michael has the qualification of Ph.D., M.Phil., M.A., B.Ed (Hons). He is a qualified teacher and educational psychologist. He has worked as a Head teacher, lecturer and inspector. He has trained those in education in many countries and published extensively. Michael now works as an independent adviser and trainer in the field of special education.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Chelfham Mill School nestles in its own 32 acres of fields and woodland just 4 miles from the market town of Barnstaple in North Devon. It is on the edge of Exmoor and very near to the wonderful beaches of the area. It may seem a long way away but in practise just 2 hours 5 minutes from Paddington and a 30 minute car ride through beautiful country side.

The site of the school was originally a mill with cottage but at the turn of the century a large house was built. The family living there at the time are shown having tea in the garden.

The house, mill and out buildings were converted to make classrooms and living accommodation in 1966. In the 70's and 80's further classrooms and an administration centre were built. A major transformation took place in 2006 when considerable refurbishment and new building took place when the age range changed to enable pupils up to 16 to be accommodated. Apart from 2 double rooms all rooms are single. The leisure areas are furnished at a very high level of quality.

The grounds are a flat playing field, sloping fields and woodland. A trout stream meanders through the grounds, and in one place this is widened to provide an island, swimming and boating area.

The school was founded in 1966 by Dr Roger Burland and soon established a pioneering role in the development of positive behaviour therapy with children. The school earned an international reputation from its original and creative work. For the past 10 years Mrs Katy Roberts, the Principal has continued the work and developed many original and innovative processes to educate, care and heal some of the most deprived and emotionally disturbed children in the country.