

## **Peter Adams**

I was born in Hertfordshire, the youngest of three children, and was one of the final intake of grammar school children prior to the national purge. I graduated from Bristol University in the early 80s and completed my Masters in the early 90s while working for a large international computer firm. Since then I have run my own businesses and also sit on a number of Boards, which keeps me pretty busy.

I met my lovely wife Jacqui in 1985 and she has put up with me since then, which is a testament to her staying power, if not her judgement. We moved from Hertfordshire to West Berkshire in 1995 and were graced with two beautiful daughters over the next couple of years. Cold Ash always seems that little bit more special when they come home to visit.

We have lived happily in Cold Ash since 2005 – we have found it the friendliest of villages. The place and the people are lovely, and we were made welcome from the outset. I am an active member of Cold Ash Tennis Club, one of the most sociable tennis clubs I have ever joined, with a great variety of people of all ages. I just wish I had more time to play. I also enjoy regular local country walks and philosophy – at the same time preferably – try it some time; oh and I also love spending time gardening.

Other than the people, things I particularly love about Cold Ash are the rolling countryside, the sense of space, and the large, mature trees, which help to provide so much beauty and variety of wildlife. I have never experienced such diversity, even just in our garden, and it is reflected throughout much of the Parish, something which helps make it so special. Combine this with the proximity to major road and rail networks, and I can be in London or on the south coast within about an hour. So I think the parish is a special place to live and I want to do my bit to keep it that way for all of us. In these times of increased pressure on rural parishes, this requires a proactive approach to help Cold Ash and the wider Parish remain a sought-after and wonderful place to live, while also protecting what makes it so lovely. I shall certainly strive to play my part in doing just that.

