## Name:

Dr Fiona Porter

#### Dates at Hawthorn:

1981-1989

# **Primary School Attended:**

Coedpenmaen Primary School

#### **Current Job:**

GP (General Practitioner/Doctor)

## Name of Employer:

Self Employed at Cwm Garw Practice, Pontycymmer

## **Career Highlights:**

I love everything about my job. I love the close relationship that you make with patients. I love the opportunity to make a difference. There is great personal reward when a patient makes a special effort to thank you for changing their life.

### **Greatest Achievements:**

I work with the Pernicious Anaemia Society as an Advisory Doctor and have had a published paper on B12. I have initiated a pilot programme in general practice and won an NHS Gold award.

### Favourite memories at Hawthorn:

I have great memories of Hawthorn. It is amazing to think back on how activities at school marked out your future. I loved singing and was in the choir. Mr Shewring made me sing solos and duets too, as well as encouraging me to be in 2 school musicals, which has now become one of my hobbies. I now help run an amateur dramatics group, I act, I sing and I even direct. I am currently directing a pantomime, which will be seen by about 900-1000 people. I recently produced a charity play which raised £3800 for charity. I remember well being part of the Founding Oracle Group. We started a school newspaper and branched out and started a school stationery shop. I made great friends at school, who remain friends to this day!

