

## **Brief Notes on Some of the Speakers at RADSTOCK WORKS**

### **Angela Ladd**

I started up my own business as a German translator/interpreter/tutor in 1993 after updating my commercial skills at Norton Radstock College with funding from the ESF and becoming a full member of the Chartered Institute of Linguists. Since then I have worked with numerous local small businesses on exporting. I was the Export Communications Consultant covering the whole of the South West for UKTI and the British Chambers of Commerce for several years. I was on the Tourism Committee of the Bath Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the FSB Bath Branch for several years prior to becoming Chairman of Small Business Focus.

Small Business Focus was set up:

- to help small businesses boost awareness of their products and services to their potential markets
- to represent the interests of small businesses in consultations with the councils, local authority, MPs, MEPs, government and other bodies
- to secure beneficial services for our members at advantageous rates.

### **Duncan Kerr**

I am newly in place in the Economy, Enterprise and Business Team as a Principal Officer. I have moved from the Borough of Poole where I worked in the Economic Development Team covering Employment & Skills, Supporting Manufacturing/Advanced Engineering and the Creative Industries whilst also supporting the Carbon reduction team. My role with in BANES will be to support business and economic development in the districts, whilst also concentrating on Advanced Engineering, Financial/ Business Services, Construction and Environmental Goods and Services with a specific focus on carbon reduction programmes in local business

### **John Bull**

Cllr John Bull has been a BANES Councillor for Paulton since 2007 and is also Leader of the Labour Group on the Council-. He has been heavily involved with the project to relocate the Paulton Branch Library- into the Shopping precinct and to set up an internet cafe in the building as well as other services.

### **Kerr Stirling**

Kerr Stirling chaired the Steering Group of local residents responsible for producing the Paulton Community Plan. He graduated from Glasgow University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering before pursuing a career in the aerospace & defence industry. Kerr held jobs in mechanical research, engine development, programme management, strategic planning, IT and account management, with Rolls-Royce, EDS and MoD, finally establishing himself as an independent consultant/interim manager for a few years. He retired in 2006.

### **Simon Allen**

Councillor Simon Allen is a Radstock resident, Ward Councillor and Cabinet Member for WellBeing(Adult Social Care and Public Health) on Bath and North East Somerset Council. Originally from Northern Ireland, Simon is a qualified Social Worker and currently works for a Charity working with adults with Autism. Simon lives in Radstock with his wife and young family.