

## **Chris Sims**

Chris got involved with the K&A through the Bruce Boats, he is a member and current President of Swindon Phoenix Rotary Club. Since 2013, they have been hiring 'Rebecca' and taking out different groups of disabled or disadvantaged children and adults each day travelling from Great Bedwyn to Hungerford with a group and then from Hungerford to Great Bedwyn the next day with a different group. Chris passed his CCBM (Certificate in Community Boat Management) after a long weekend of training from Rob Dean and Patrick Titman. Despite being a Rotarian, Chris only turns 53 in March; he has retired from paid work after 30 years of fiddling with IT mostly in the City for various Investment Management firms. He has been married to Sarah for almost 29 years, they have lived in Swindon for the last 25 years and have two children away at university and out of his fridge. Amongst other things Chris is a trustee of the Swindon Carers Centre and a trustee of the Brunel SEN MAT in Swindon and the keeper of two rescue Westies that may become regulars at the office in Devizes.

## **Chris Bolt CB**

Chris Bolt is an economist who has worked in the field of economic regulation for more than twenty years, holding senior roles in both the public and private sectors. His regulation experience has included Ofwat (1989-1994), the Office of the Rail Regulator (1994-1999) and Transco plc (1999-2002). More recently, he was the statutory Arbiter for the London Underground Public-Private Partnership Agreements (2002-2011), and the first Chairman of the Office of Rail Regulation (2004-2009). Currently, he is regulation adviser to the London law firm Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner and a non-executive director of Affinity Water Ltd. Before moving to Swindon in 2018, Chris's voluntary activities were mainly on the West Somerset Railway. He was a Trustee of the West Somerset Steam Railway Trust Ltd from 2010, and Treasurer from 2012, until 2018, and coordinated the successful bid for HLF funding to refresh and relaunch the railway museum at Bishops Lydeard. He was also Finance Director of the West Somerset Railway PLC from 2014 to 2017, where he was responsible for budgeting and business planning.

## **Rob Dunton**

Rob Dunton is a conservation architect and former Director of the leading historic buildings architects, Donald Insall Associates. The early part of his career was devoted to developing 'pump priming' projects in the City of Chester to restore abandoned or neglected historic buildings, using multiple government grants where the project would otherwise be economically non-viable. He spent the 1980s in London, mainly in restoring well-known civic buildings such as the Public Record Office, College of Arms and Bank of England. Increasing work in Cambridge resulted in him setting up a new Donald Insall office there in 1993, taking on several long-term repair and expansion programmes, notably at Trinity College, Jesus College, Magdalene and Gonville & Caius College. On moving to Bath in 2000, he continued similar work in Oxford, at Christ Church, All Souls and Pembroke College, but also restored Cardiff Castle and an entire Bath crescent. His work on the Our Crofton Story project in 2018 reminded him of his early years in the Junior Division of the K & A C T in the late 1960s, keeping open the long pound with weed clearing boats, and later digging out silt from the Caen Hill flight with the Waterway Recovery Group. During the 1970s he also volunteered in restoring boats at the Ellesmere Port Boat Museum.