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Meet the team

Meet the team behind ABC Tales Radio.

Tony Cook

Tony began his working career by founding his own newspaper back in 1975. Much to his delight the Exeter Flying Post continues to this day - although he left to pursue other avenues in 1979.

He went into radio with BBC South West and then on via Radio Trent in Nottingham, Centre Radio and Leicester Sound to IRN in London and then to presenting the hit show Tony Cook's Talking Sport on LBC.

He is still a Director of the award winning TV company Praxis Films, where he worked on films like the BAFTA winning Secret History: Bloody Sunday and the Secret Lives films on Marie Stopes and Billy Butlin. He is also a co-founder of the red/green political magazine Red Pepper.

He's also stood for Parliament, written two (unpublished) novels, set up and run a whole raft of small businesses, been married for 32 years, has three children, two grandchildren and lost all of his hair.

David Keighley

David is a graduate of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and trained on newspapers in the north of England before joining the BBC as a news producer and editor. He subsequently moved into PR for the corporation, and handled first the local radio and then the television news and current affairs briefs. In 1985, he became Controller of Public Affairs at breakfast television company TV-am., responsible for press, city, and public relations, in what was then one of the country's highest profile companies. He was part of the senior strategy team involved in all aspects of business development.

After TV-am he ran his own Soho-based media PR and marketing company whose clients included Reuters Television, the BBC, Channel 4, Virgin Radio and Television, several independent production companies and a range of ITV companies. He also was originator and joint founder of Newsworld, a company which ran the world's first annual international, exhibition and marketplace for news broadcasters.

In 1999, he set up Newswatch, a company which monitors broadcast output for a variety of think-tanks to check for political balance and veracity on issues such as the European Union.

He was for four years (2002-6) chief executive of the African Public Broadcasting Foundation, a body working to develop public service broadcasting on the continent, and the marketing director of the African Broadcasting Network (ABN). In 1995, he helped set up Airwise, an internet business aimed at providing information for business travellers, and has been closely involved in the development of internet-based services in most of his activities since then.

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