

**Proposal for the award of the St Michael Medallion
to
Liveryman Peter Cheesman**

The Freedom and Livery Committee proposes to the Court that the St Michael Medallion should be awarded to Liveryman Peter Cheesman in recognition of his exceptional contribution to the education of plumbers. It is a stipulation of the award that it shall be made to any person who, or organisation which, has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of Plumbing.

Peter is registered as an Engineering Technician (Eng Tech) through the CIPHE and is entered on the Register of Plumbers inaugurated by the Worshipful Company of Plumbers in 1886. He has been awarded Licentiateship of City & Guilds and is also a Master Plumber Certificate holder.

He started working at Croydon College in 2005. He was employed as a lecturer teaching mostly on apprenticeship programmes at level 2 and level 3 plumbing and is now teaching the sons of previous students, which he is very proud of.

His teaching related very much to what the students were doing on site everyday. The College regards him as a very reliable and popular member of the teaching team over the years and he has been a vital link for the college with external awarding bodies, external partners and stakeholders.

His enthusiasm for teaching the craft of plumbing extended beyond his paid employment and he has been a valuable member of the team at the Company Museum of Plumbing at the Weald and Down Museum, Singleton. He is at home in the Educational Days on sand casting and demonstrates how lead was worked and crafted by the plumbers in years gone by. As an example of his skill in lead work, he designed and made the lead planter for the Duchess of Cornwall. Also when Singleton had a casting challenge for making 66 lead planters to commemorate the Livery Company 650th birthday, Peter made all the wooden casting boxes and the patterns.

Peter was involved in one of the big challenges for Singleton when it became necessary to obtain a furnace with full flame failure facility. One was found in America but to purchase and import would have cost £15,000. Peter designed one and working with a welding colleague made one for well under £1,000.

He is also active in maintenance such as replacing gas hoses, repairing benches, displaying new exhibits, helping to produce videos for educational purposes.

He has been able to bring his expertise to the Plumbers' Company by his membership of the Education Committee where he has assisted with the review of the bursary awards and has also taken a special interest in the new apprenticeship standards (Trailblazer). This has been a real benefit to us both as a voice for us, but also as an important information source.

Through his enthusiasm and wide educational skills many students owe their enthusiasm for plumbing and have been equipped with the knowledge that has enabled them to become proud to be a professional plumber.

The Freedom and Livery Committee are of the opinion that Peter Cheesman has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of Plumbing.

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