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A member of the CIPHE's disciplinary committee, the marathon man is also a company chairman and business investor

Q What interests you about the industry?

A I have always had an inquisitive nature. When I was about 15 and living at home with my mother in a local authority-owned home, they sent a team of plumbers to install central heating and a new bathroom suite. I was amazed at the complexity of the Cylinder cupboard pipework and the skill involved at the time, and so began my journey of interest.

Q How did you get into it?

A When I left school in 1987, I registered for the YTS (Youth Training Scheme), which at the time was run by the CITB (Construction Industry Training Board), to become an apprentice plumber. I attended Walthamstow College on day release and worked on site and in occupied premises until I received the City & Guilds qualification.

Q What's the best thing you have learned?



A I always tell people the best thing I've learned is a trade! This is my safety net; whatever else happens, I can always rely on my skill to earn a living.

Q How did you get into your current role?

A After a varied career, from plumbing and heating engineer

Q WHAT'S BEEN YOUR STAND-OUT MOMENT?

A Receiving the Master Plumber award in 2004 at Merchant Taylors' Hall, and the Freedom of the City of London, and becoming a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Plumbers was a great honour for me.

to designer and estimator, I moved into sales and became a partner in a plumbing, heating and electrical merchants. My business partner and I then diversified into supplying specialist controls and materials to the lift and escalator industry and we are now one of the largest suppliers to this industry in the country.

Q If you had the chance would you do it all over again?

A Definitely! I have built on the foundations that my apprenticeship and my trade gave me. To this day, I have so much admiration for training and apprenticeships. ●

Q TELL US SOMETHING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU

A I am a keen runner and I ran the London Marathon in 2011 for the Little Havens Hospice, a charity that provides specialist care for babies, children and teenagers, which I also support through my company. I've enjoyed fitness from an early age and I studied nutrition, which also interests me.



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