



## Master's Blog #1



Thank you all who were able to come to my Installation on 19 October at Vintners' Hall. Sue and I had a fabulous day. Thank you also to those who donated to "My Weigh-In" to guess how much I will weigh in 12 months time at the end of the year. You have raised nearly £500 for our charity.

My year started that evening with the Art Scholars' Company Lecture at the Bloomberg Building, given by Tim Knox, Director of the Royal Collection, who spoke at our Summer Festival in 2021. It included a fascinating tour of the Mithraeum Roman Temple in the basement. You should visit it if you are ever passing. It's free and displayed brilliantly.



**The Mithraeum Temple under the Bloomberg Building**

Next morning I had a meeting with our new stewards to discuss their roles and responsibilities. A huge thank-you to them for volunteering; I'm looking forward to a fun year ahead.

Friday evening saw Sue and I at the new Builders' Merchants Master's Installation Dinner in Stationers' Hall and the following Monday we were at Glaziers' Hall for the Installation of Mark Glover as Master of the Communicators' Company. For those at my Installation you'll recall that Mark came along to see how an ancient company does it, as they work up to gaining full Livery status themselves. It was so refreshing to see a new company on the threshold, and how vibrant they were.



**A warm congratulations from me to Mark Glover, Master Communicator**

The next day a number of other Masters and I had a meeting with the outgoing Lord Mayor, Alderman Vincent Keaveny, to discuss some of the themes that will continue into Alderman Nicholas Lyons' year, his successor. Then a quick train home to log into the Water Conservators' Webinar "The Mercenary River: A History of London's Water Supply". It was good to see a number of other Plumbers had joined in too.

I was back on the train next day to the Guildhall to witness one of my best friends receive her Freedom of the City of London; she will join our Livery at the January 2023 Court meeting, so I dressed up in all my splendor for the occasion. So great to share in her journey into the Plumbers.

And October ended with the Blacksmith's Award Lunch at Painters' Hall, where they present their main annual awards to their craft and trade and to personnel from their affiliated military units. The very heart of what the Livery is about.

So very much off to a racing start to my year. I sincerely hope a resolution is found to all these train strikes. They are having quite an effect on future events. Watch this space!

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