

Myddelton Lunch at Trinity House 29 January 2014



Above: A wet procession from St Mary at Hill

A service at St Mary-at-Hill Church for the annual re-dedication of the Livery was held - on yet another very wet day - at the end of January, after which, the congregation proceeded to Trinity House led by The Master, Wardens, Past Masters and Court in their robes and raincoats. There, the Master was joined by guests including Lord Mayor Alderman Fiona Woolf CBE and the Lord Mayors Consort Mr Nicholas Woolf, together with Alderman Andrew Parmley, Mr Richard Agutter Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths Company and Dr Heather McLaughlin, Master of the World Traders.



Right: Lord Mayor Alderman Fiona Woolf & Master Ivor Richards

Below: Mayor of Ruthin Councillor Rosie Hughes-Moseley with the Myddelton Chalice



The Master was also delighted to welcome several members of the Myddelton family as well as the Mayor of Ruthin, Councillor Rosie Hughes-Moseley, who brought to the celebration the silver chalice which Hugh Myddelton had presented to the town in 1617.



Following his speech, the Master presented a specially bound copy of 'Reflections on Water' to the Lord Mayor. In her response on behalf of the guests the Lord Mayor thanked the Master for the most generous hospitality, for the contribution to the Lord Mayor's Appeal and, for the book which she would treasure.



The Lord Mayor spoke of her 'watery' affiliations – a proud member of the Plumbers' Company, and a long-serving board member and Director until recently of Affinity Water. She commended the Water Conservators and other "Wet 10" livery companies on their efforts to improve knowledge of water conservation and even more importantly respect for our environment.

Above: The Master presents a specially bound copy of 'Reflections on Water'

Having spent most of her time on the Women's Business Council, set up by the Government Equalities Office, the continuing major gender imbalance in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) embarrasses her, and she has commissioned a new work stream in the City Corporation's Education Strategy to look at ways young people from every background – and both genders – might get interested in STEM.



The Lord Mayor, as Alderman of ward of Candlewick at the heart of the City, presented the Master with a pewter candlestick which stands on three Celtic knots – to represent her Scottish roots! She also presented the Clerk with a very elegant, long-handled coffee spoon – because she understands that a Clerk needs plenty of coffee to do his Master's bidding!

A collection on departure raised in excess of £600 for the WCT.