



THE GUILD OF MERCERS' SCHOLARS

Mr Gerald Edwards

Guild Master 2018-19

Gerry joined the Guild by Patrimony when he was 21 having accompanied his late maternal grandfather – Howard H. Crane - to the Installation Dinners for several years.

Gerry's grandfather had attended Mercers School and became involved in the Civic Guild of Old Mercers (as it was known then) at its very inception and as a result Gerry's late father became involved as well. It was both his grandfather and father who persuaded Gerry to become a Freeman of the City of London and involved in the Guild and this has led to him being involved at Court level. Gerry's grandfather was Master in 1967/68 (sadly Gerry was too young to be at his Installation!) and his father was Master in 1990/1991 and the first non-Mercer to take on this role.



By profession he is both a Chartered Quantity Surveyor and a Chartered Horticulturalist. After being Director of a large local authority for some years Gerry decided to work full time in horticulture which he had been involved with in a parallel universe for many years! His specialist area of work is in fruit growing and orchard maintenance and whilst he acts as a specialist consultant throughout the country, he also works for the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) as one of their national fruit advisors and apple identifiers. Gerry is Chairman of the RHS Fruit Group and Vice Chair of the RHS Fruit, Vegetable and Herb Committee.

The City of London is very special to Gerry and he still maintains many property contacts there and provides advice as required. It was always his intention to join a Livery Company and 15 years ago he became a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers – a quite natural fit for him! Gerry has served on the Court of the Fruiterers and is currently a member of their Membership and Communications Sub Committee.