



## THE COMPANY OF MERCHANT TAYLORS

### **Dr Allen Warren, M.A, D.Phil, F.R.H.S., M.B.E.**

Allen Warren was born in Abingdon, Berks., on July 14<sup>th</sup> 1945, the son of Cyril Warren, a civil servant, and his wife, Alice. Both came from rural backgrounds in Gloucestershire and County Tipperary in Ireland. Cyril worked for the G.P.O. and most of his career was spent in the S.W.Regional Office in Bristol, latterly as the Operations Controller for the west of England.

He was educated at Bristol Grammar School [1953-1963] and then studied history at New College, Oxford, graduating in 1967. He subsequently went on to do doctoral research also in Oxford, returning to New College to take up the Salvesen Junior Fellowship [1968-1971]. He joined the history department of the University of York in 1971, retiring fully in 2011. From 1996 until 2003 he was the Head of the Department.

In addition, in 1984 he was appointed Provost of Vanbrugh College in the university, a post he held until 2008, also being 'Dean' of Colleges from 2003.

Dr Warren was awarded the M.B.E for 'services to higher education' in 2010.

Outside his professional life, he has been continuously involved as a volunteer in the work of the Scout Movement, firstly as a boy member [1956-1962], then as a leader [1962-1977] and then as the County Commissioner for North Yorkshire [1977-1985]. In 1982, he was elected to the executive governing body of the UK Scout Association and remained a member until 1995.

In 2000, following the Cathedrals Measure [1999], he was appointed as a chapter canon to York Minster by the Archbishop of York as part of wider changes which brought lay members onto Cathedral Chapters for the first time. He served for six years and then became, again at the Archbishop's invitation, a member of the Archbishop's Council until 2014.

He was a governor of Pocklington School, East Riding of Yorkshire, from 2003 until 2017, chairing its education committee.

He became a member of the Merchant Taylors Company of York in 2009.

Since retiring in 2011, he has continued to work with young people through his membership of lay panels within the North Yorkshire Youth Justice Service, and is also a research and campaigns co-ordinator in Mid North Yorkshire Citizens Advice. Retirement has also allowed him to renew his enthusiasm for opera and also to acquire a totally new pleasure in fly fishing.