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MASTER PLUMBER 2017/2018

Robert Burgon spent his entire career working for the Scottish and Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers' Federation (SNIPEF) and the Plumbing and Mechanical Services (UK) Industry Pension Scheme. Prior to his retirement in November 2016, Robert had been Chief Executive of both of these organisations for 28 years.

During his working life, Robert represented the plumbing industry in a wide range of organisations, both within the UK and globally. In 1991/1992 he helped to create BPEC (Training) Ltd, the industry's training and standards body, and was the first CEO of that organisation. He served on the Executive Board of the World Plumbing Council from 2002-2011 and served as Chairman from 2008-2011. During his tenure as Chairman, he launched World Plumbing Day which is celebrated throughout the world on 11 March each year. This day is used to promote the important role played by the plumbing industry in relation to public health, energy use and the environment, themes which Robert will continue to emphasise during his term as Master Plumber.

Robert became a Liveryman of the Plumbers' Company in 2004 and was appointed to the Court of Assistants in 2010. He was the first Chairman of the Company's Membership Committee and has also served as a Trustee of the Company's charitable trust.

In his (limited) spare time, Robert has been organist in his local church for more than 40 years and enjoys a wide range of music (classical and progressive rock included). He is a fair-weather gardener, maker of jams and chutneys, avid reader and cryptic crossworder. He is a volunteer advisor for The Pensions Advisory Service and is a Trustee of the Church of Scotland Investors Trust.

Robert has been married to Sheila for 37 years and she retired as a Primary School Teacher in 2016. Robert and Sheila's home is in North Berwick, East Lothian, Scotland and he is the first Scottish-based Master Plumber since 1972. They have a son (Brian, aged 27) and daughter (Liz, aged 24) both of whom live and work in Edinburgh.