

Winter Dinner

Watermen's Hall

17th February 2009

It felt like a Georgian Assembly in the lovely surroundings of Watermen's Hall, the venue for the 2009 Winter Dinner. Our Guest speaker was the Rev. Dr. Martin Dudley, not only our Honorary Chaplain, but also our Honorary Treasurer... and, on this occasion, our honoured Guest Speaker.

He regaled us with tales of City Life inspired by biblical reference to our name: The Guild of Public Relations Practitioners. Only Martin could present such a multifarious topic and have the audience totally engrossed. When the Clerk and I were considering a speaker for the Winter Dinner we discussed someone who could deliver both humour and inform our guests of life in the City. The Clerk suggested Sir Brian Rix, the famous British actor and charity worker. However, he was unavailable and it was then that I suggested the Rev. Dr. Martin Dudley... who better? I thought... we both agreed and it turned out to be a sound choice... our speaker was a great success.



We had lots of interest for membership on the night due to everyone having had such a good time. Our other esteemed guests included the Master and Clerk of the Information Technologists and the



Clerk of the Watermen and Lightermen. We also had in attendance MOG(V)'s Commanding Officer, Lt Col Tim Purbrick of the Media Operations Group (Volunteers), the Guild's official Military Affiliation. Also present was Colonel R E Harrold OBE, the Deputy Governor of HM Tower of London. Sitting on his left was His Honour Judge Sir Gavyn Arthur (675th Lord Mayor of the City of London) and Middle Warden of the Guild. Our other guests included Past Masters with whom it was my great pleasure to take wine... we are indebted to them for their previous work and commitment to the Guild. Of

course the evening would not have been the success it was without our members and their guests.

It is an honour to be Master of this Guild and I look forward to our next major event at the Mansion House in June when I hope to see you all there.