

**CHRISTOPHER GILBERT SNEATH MBE C ENG FCIBSE FCGI  
FCIPHE Hon SoPHE (K51-56)**

He was born on 25 June 1938 and after leaving the College has had a distinguished career in the building engineering, heating, ventilating and allied industries.

He has also been back to the College and spoken to the boys of his old house Kerrison and talked about his career. This gave the boys an insight into engineering rather than the normal route to the construction business. One of the company's that he ran looked after all the Royal Palaces in London including Buckingham Palace, Houses of Parliament and the Tower of London. This covered a period of some 15 years.



He was awarded an MBE in the 2013 Queen's Birthday Honour List. It read as follows "Chairman, Watersafe, for services to the plumbing and heating industry".

A detailed description of his career is given below:-

**COMPANY**

1959 - 1961 Crane Ltd – Technical Sales Engineer

1961 - 1968 GN Haden & Sons Ltd – Building Engineering Services Engineer

1968 - 1992 Barrett & Wright Group 1971 - 1992 Managing Director

1983 - 1992 Group Managing Director

1968 - 1992 The City Plumbing & Heating Co Ltd. Director and Managing Director

Gratte Barrett & Wright Ltd. Joint Venture Director

1992 - 2000 AG Manly Group Ltd. Director

1994 - 2000 CJ Bartley Ltd. Director

1999 - 2001 BSC Consulting

**ALLIED INDUSTRY SECTOR**

1976 Deputy Chairman District Heating Association

1978 - 1982 Member Small Firms Council CBI

1993 - 1994 Assessor for Services Sector on Sir Michael Latham's Government Review of the Construction Industry

1993 - 1994 Chairman Working Group 3. Construction Industry Board Implementation process. Code of Practice for the Selection of Sub-Contractors. Also Code of Practice for Selection of Main Contractors.

1998 - 2001 Joint Head of BSRIA Research Programme "The Uptake of Productivity Improvements"

1999 - 2001 Deputy Chairman Construction Board

2000 - 2001 Chairman, Deputy Prime Ministers Construction Safety Working Group

- 2003 - 2004 Strategic Forum Implementation Group
- 1999 - 2001 Chairman QSP and Sector Advisory Group for Construction
- 2003 - 2004 Chairman Government Sponsored "Licence to Practice" Steering Group"
- 2003 - 2005 Chairman "Britain's Favourite Plumber Award" Also 2017 and 2018.
- 1999 - 2008 Chairman Plumbing & Heating Industry Alliance
- 2008 - Chairman, WaterSafe Board

#### **HEATING AND VENTILATING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**

- 1979 - 1982 Chairman, London Region
- 1979 - 1988 Chairman, South East Region
- 1986 - 2001 Chairman Commercial & Contractual Committee
- 1989 - 1992 Chairman Financial Advisory Committee
- 1983 - 2001 HVCA Council
- 1992 - 1994 Casec Council
- 1990 - 1991 President
- 1996 - 1997 President
- 1995 H&V News Gold Award
- 2000 HVCA Distinguished Service Award

#### **MISC**

- 2002 - 2003 Chairman, Potters Bar Abbeyfield Trust
- 2003 - 2005 Governor Mount Grace School, Potters Bar
- 1991 - Director & Trustee PHAB UK Ltd. (Charity for the integration of the Handicapped and Able Bodied).
- 2007 - 2009 Chairman, Technical Committee, Worshipful Company of Plumbers
- 2009 - 2010 Upper Warden, Worshipful Company of Plumber