

THE 2018 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTATION TO  
SIR TERRY MORGAN



It was doubly unfortunate that we were not able to dovetail the presentation of the 2018 Achievement Award to Sir Terry Morgan, CBE, FREng, FIEE, with one of the Company's formal events. Unfortunate for Sir Terry because it denied him the pomp that usually accompanies such a presentation and unfortunate for Liverymen because it denied them a chance of meeting an engaging personality. As it was, a presentation was made at the Athenaeum Club in London on the 1st August.

The Master and six Liverymen with three guests assembled in the Club's drawing room, and then went to the Library to make the presentation of the Achievement Trophy. This was followed by an enjoyable and lively dinner.

Sir Terry was raised in Abertillery and having failed his 11plus attended Croesyceiliog Comprehensive School. He joined Lucas Girling as a craft apprentice and earned an HND at Newport and Monmouth College of Technology. He then graduated from Birmingham University with an MSc in Engineering Production and Management, and he now has an Honorary Doctorate from

Birmingham University. His subsequent career took him to Operations Director, Rover Group; Managing Director (Land Rover), Rover Group; Group HR Director BAe Systems; Group Managing Director Operations BAe Systems; and Chief Executive of Tube Lines. He became Chairman of Crossrail in 2009. Two weeks before the presentation, Sir Terry was nominated as Chairman of HS2 and took over the post from Sir David Higgins on the day of the presentation. He has such a variety of additional posts that there is a danger in enumerating them that some may be omitted. He is, for instance, Chairman of Ricardo plc, Chairman HS2 College Governing Body, Chairman London City Airport, Trustee Crossrail Art Foundation, on the Council of Birmingham University, and a Heart of the City Council Member. He is a Past President of the Chartered Management Institute and an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers.

In accepting his award, and in subsequent conversations, Sir Terry laid emphasis on his support for apprenticeships (Crossrail has 550 apprentices). He is a former Chair of the National Skills Academy and has been involved with the introduction of skills centres for manufacturing and for high speed rail and has considerable knowledge of the subject. We were able to explain how our awards programme was indeed aimed in part at apprentices and how we are eager to support apprentices in Wales and to acknowledge the part employers play in promoting their skills. It was thus satisfying to have in our Achievement Award winner someone whose interest was in tune with our own.

Sir Terry has had active roles in engineering management and has played, and will continue to play, an important part in delivering the biggest of infrastructure projects for the Government. The manner of his career, his involvement with numerous bodies, and his achievements mean that he can clearly and deservedly take his place alongside those whom the Company has previously honoured with the Achievement Award of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales.

