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A Message from the Master

It is an enormous privilege to be installed as your 30th Master; Wendy and I are looking forward to serving the Company in the year ahead. After my wonderful Installation Ceremony held at the magnificent Stationers' Hall which was attended by our members and distinguished guests from other Livery Companies, I set out the challenges that befall us as the Water Conservators enters its fourth decade.

The biggest and most significant issue is that of membership. No organisation big or small can survive without a strong, vibrant and committed team of like-minded people who carry the objectives of the organisation forward. It goes without saying that in the Water Conservators we have that in spades! We could not have achieved all that we have done if we did not.

But what is also needed is a steady stream of new recruits to add new ideas, new thinking and new perspectives; a healthy queue of new recruits provides focus, energy and a sense of dynamism that feeds off itself and takes an organisation to a new level. As with many Livery Companies, we need to grow our numbers if we are to prosper in the years ahead.

Last year we saw the creation of the Associate Liveryman grade, a low-cost entry point for younger members. This has proved to be a successful initiative. But this in itself is not enough; it is incumbent on all of us across the wider Company membership to drive our networks as hard as we can to bring forward people who could join the Water Conservators. I have therefore launched H₂Outreach - or H₂O for short - a drive for recruitment that involves

all of you, not just the Wardens and the Court but everyone to get new members. H₂Outreach will set an objective of increasing membership by 10% by 2020 and will continue after my year. I am delighted that my potential successors have agreed to continue with this drive going forward. I am afraid that simply doing nothing is not an option – the challenge has been set; let us rise to it.

Our first ever Spring Networking Event held in May at the Guildhall was a great success with a waiting list for places by invitation. Subject to the Court's approval I should like to make this an annual event where we can continue to showcase the Company and the benefits of membership.

One challenge that faces many Livery Companies is that of relevance. How are the Water Conservators relevant and how can we respond to the challenges of today? And certainly there are many challenges that face humanity right now; Plastic in the Ocean; Micro Beads; Water Poverty; the effects of Climate Change. In my year I would like to arm all our members with the latest thinking about these issues, the things that matter to people right now. For surely the strength of the Water Conservators – and indeed any Livery Company – is the powerful network of experience, talent and academic thought that collectively is unparalleled. Therefore, via speeches, visits, events and thought pieces and with the latest thinking and developments on these matters you can have at your fingertips – as part of H₂O - the means to demonstrate to new and prospective members the relevance of the Water Conservators.

In addition will be the further development of our confidential mentoring programme which offers support and guidance to mentees



at whatever stage in their careers. I am delighted that a number of very experienced members of the Company have stepped forward as mentors. Another way of demonstrating our relevance.

Finally, we will continue to develop the relationships we have forged with other professional institutions to garner membership. These include the CIWM, CIWEM and IEMA; and there are others.

I am confident that these objectives will – if we all play our part – put the Water Conservators at the very forefront of the water, environment, waste and recycling space for the foreseeable future. H₂Outreach is vital.

But it's not all hard work; we have a number of social events planned including a visit to the Globe Theatre (Othello), to the Bank of England Museum, a City Walk, a consort's visit to Kensington Palace, a visit to a cutting edge renewable energy plant and the Masters weekend. Watch out for details.

So, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to serving you all in the year ahead.

Simon Catford
Master



Our Wardens 2018 - 2019

Mark Lane MA (Cantab), FRSA – Thames Warden

After spells working as a solicitor in Bahrain and Hong Kong, Mark spent 25 years as a Partner at the City law firm Pinsent Masons. Here in 1995 he founded the firm's Water Group, thereafter spending many years drafting and negotiating contracts for desalination plants and wastewater treatment plants, particularly in the Middle East.

Around 2005 he channeled his growing interest in new water technologies into founding Wet Networks, a "Dragons Den" for young companies in the water technology space who are looking for funding. Wet Networks continue today and the 35th event in the ongoing series was held on the 4th July

this year. With three events a year, this means that the initiative is now 13 years old!

Mark was Chairman of British Water for three years from 2011 to 2013 and in 2013/14, Mark chaired a team who wrote a report for the Government Chief Scientist entitled "Tapping the Potential - A Fresh Vision for the UK Water Technology Industry." The publication of this Report led to the formation of The UK Water Partnership, of which Mark is a founding Director. Its purpose is to enable the research and development of new water technologies and to bring them through to commercialisation. In his capacity as a Director of The UK Water Partnership, Mark was a catalyst in the formation of The UK Flood Partnership.



Since leaving Pinsent Masons, Mark's own consultancy company has given commercial and strategic advice to younger water technology companies.

Installed as Thames Warden on 9th July 2018, Mark is married to Judy, and his interests include spending time with their four grandchildren, running, tennis, real tennis, and gardening, of which there is much to do in Dorset!

Rob Casey BSc, Eng, MCIWEM – Fleet Warden

Rob joined the Company as a Freeman in 2006 and was installed as Fleet Warden on 9th July 2018. Born in North West London, Rob obtained a degree in Civil Engineering at Imperial College London and started a career in the water industry, initially with Southern Water, moving to Thames Water in 1977. Rob has over 40 years of experience in water systems engineering with specialisation in applying hydraulic models for planning, designing and optimising major water supply systems.

For 20 years as Network Analysis Manager and Water Modelling Manager at Thames Water Rob managed

a group responsible for all clean water hydraulic modelling for a supply network supporting over 7.5 million customers and in 2015 he was appointed Water Strategy Manager.

Rob is a member of the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management and was Chairman of the Metropolitan Branch in 1999/2000. He was also a member of the American Water Works Association for 20 years, serving as a technical expert on AWWA research projects. He has presented papers at conferences all around the world and was a lecturer for Water Training International on Network Analysis and Distribution Function courses.



As a Trustee for the Water Conservation Trust Rob coordinates the schools programme for the Trust. In 2015 he became a governor at Hugh Myddelton School that has enabled a special link between the Water Conservators and the school.

Rob has a keen interest in the history of London's water supply and is an ambassador for the Museum of London Archaeology.

Malcolm Butchers – Walbrook Warden

Malcolm joined the Company in 2012, was elected as a Court Assistant in 2015 and was installed as Walbrook Warden on 9th July 2018.

Malcolm was educated in various military-run schools and academies in Singapore, Malaysia, Germany and the UK before completing his secondary education at Bexhill Grammar School in Sussex.

He began his career in the Water & Wastewater Industry in 1973, initially with the National Rivers Authority in Sussex and then working in various departments as the organisation went through its metamorphosis, finally

emerging as Southern Water plc in 1989. He did, however, take a three year break between 1986 and 1989 spending three years as Purchasing Manager for the UK arm of the Swedish pump manufacturer, Johnson Pump AB before returning to the newly privatised Southern Water.

Malcolm then held senior roles in Purchasing & Supply, Operations and Internal Audit before rounding off his time with Southern Water as Commercial Manager for the ground-breaking and industry-leading Universal Metering Programme.

After taking early retirement in 2012 he was engaged on several commercial projects through his own man-



agement consultancy business but decided to fully retire in 2017 to spend more time pursuing his love of travelling, golf, carp fishing and walking his labrador, Isla.

Malcolm lives in Eastbourne, Sussex with his wife Kate and they have two children, Tom and Sophie. When not indulging his main hobbies he is Chairman and Director of a small property management company.

Spring Networking Event

One of my aims during my year as Master was to try and increase the number of younger people in the Company. During the year the Court approved a new category of membership called Associate Freeman which was aimed at students and professionals under the age of 40. The benefits for this group are lower fees, a mentoring scheme, attendance at certain Company functions and specific evening events. A "Networking Event" was held in May at the Guildhall which was well attended by both young people and was also expanded to include a number of potential Liverymen.

An excellent speech was given by Liveryman Robbie Epsom in which he spoke of his own involvement and

set out the benefits to be gained from membership of the Company. Simon Catford, the then Thames Warden, introduced the mentoring scheme which he had developed. Following the short speeches drinks and canapés were served and I, the Deputy Master, the Wardens, Past Master Sue Owen and the Clerk engaged with the assembled company. The majority of people seemed interested in the Company and membership forms were distributed as people left. It remains to be seen if this initiative will bear fruit.

For more information on the new Associate Freeman category of membership please contact the Clerk.

Mike Williamson
Deputy Master



WET 10

The WET 10 is an informal grouping of Livery Companies who are either producers or users of water. The name refers to the original grouping, but is neither wet nor ten in number!

The Water Conservators have taken responsibility for managing this group and each year organize a lecture or debate on a key topical subject. This year the debate, held on 21st March was chaired by our Master, Mike Williamson, and was entitled "Mind the



Gap – The future water security challenge for London and South East England" and was sponsored by Thames Water.

A large audience of Company Members and guests heard Richard Aylard (pictured with Philip Fletcher), Thames Water's External Affairs and Sustainability Director set the scene with an excellent presentation of their draft Water Resources Management Plan. This was followed by speakers who formed a Review Panel consisting of John Dickie, from London First, Sir Tony Redmond, Regional Chair of the Consumer Council for Water, Leonie Cooper, the London Assembly Member who chairs their Environment Committee and Martin Salter, National Campaigns Co-Ordinator of the Angling Trust. A lively debate followed by questions from the floor was rounded off with drinks and canapés.

Keith Tozzi
Past Master and PR Manager

What is GDPR?

Yes, on the 25th May 2018 the new "General Data Protection Regulations" came into force.

How could anyone fail to know this as we all got bombarded from all sides, maybe the new GDPR means that we will no longer receive spam emails, but I doubt it!

It probably therefore came as no surprise when you received a similar request from me, in the form of a pink sheet with a tear off slip, to which I am pleased to say that the vast majority of the membership have filled in and returned – Thank you

How I administer the database without members consent remains a mystery, however I am pleased to report that even without members consent, I am still able to issue flyers for events by post and by email. You will have seen recently that the Company now has a "Privacy Statement" which can be viewed on our website at any time.

Ralph Riley
Clerk



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The next edition of The Conservator will be published in January 2019. If readers have any ideas for articles, please contact our PR Manager, Keith Tozzi (keithtozzi@aol.com).



Deputy Master's Report

Reflections on my year as Master 2017 – 2018

by Mike Williamson

I feel greatly privileged to have been installed as the 29th Master of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators on 7 July 2017. Held in the magnificent Drapers' Hall, the Installation Ceremony, as in the previous year, was held in front of Company members and their guests. I was honoured to have Lord Strathclyde, who was for a time my Minister in the Department of the Environment, as my guest speaker. His speech was highly complimentary, informative, enlightening and humorous.



I had my first introduction to the busy life of the Master as I attended the Paviers' Company dinner at Cutlers' Hall in the evening following my installation!

Our Michaelmas Lunch was held on HQS Wellington. The sun shone and we had reception drinks on the Quarter Deck. I was delighted to welcome Fiona Adler who told us of her experiences while being a Lay Sheriff during the time Andrew Parmley was the Aldermanic Sheriff. She mentioned her and my mutual love of acting and kept us amused about her time as a Sheriff.

The Annual Banquet was held at Cutlers' Hall, one of the most elegant Livery Halls. My guest speaker was Ian Harris, CEO of the Wine and Spirit Education Trust. Ian's speech was both interesting and humorous. We were also well entertained by students from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama with their rendition of songs from stage shows.

The Christmas Court Lunch was a jolly affair in the Alderman's Dining Room at the Guildhall. A musical interlude was provided by the whistles in the Christmas Crackers!



The annual Service of Re-dedication was held at St. Mary-at-Hill Church and was led by our Hon. Chaplain, the Rev'd Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin. Rose's sermon was highly relevant to the Company and also included a very heartfelt tribute to the work and devotion of Past Master Colin Bland. The Myddelton Lunch which followed was held at Trinity House. My guest speaker was Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli, currently the Master World Trader, who gave an illuminating and humorous speech. Michael has since consented to become an Honorary Freeman of the Company.

The final formal Company event of my year was the Election Court and Lunch which was held in the Waterman's Hall. I was delighted to welcome Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley as the guest speaker who gave an interesting account of his year as Lord Mayor which, as usual, included much humour.

Early in my year I was delighted to present the then Lord Mayor, Andrew Parmley, with a large jug of Thames Water. This annual ceremony commemorates the sale of the Thames Conservancy to the Corporation of London by King Richard I in the year 1197. The passing of water was well received by the Lord Mayor!

One of the saddest occasions in my year was the death of Past Master Colin Bland. I had worked with Colin for many years when he was Chairman of the Water Conservation Trust. He was a lovely man and I was honoured to have given the eulogy at his funeral in August. It was pleasing to see that it was attended by a good number of Company members.

Our affiliation with the services has always been important and I was delighted to have been invited with Sandra to

a reception at RAF Northolt and shortly after that to their Battle of Britain Dining-in Night where we were treated to a Spitfire flypast and the "Last Post" ceremony. I was also pleased to attend the RAF100 celebration at the Guildhall. Our affiliation with the Royal Navy is with the unique ocean survey vessel HMS Scott. Sandra and I were invited by Commander Nick Foster for a tour of, and lunch on board, the vessel which at the time was moored at Devonport Dockyard awaiting a new engine.



In March this year it was the turn of our Company to organise the Modern Companies Dinner which took place in Waterman's Hall. The event was well attended and it was a pleasure to have Peter Estlin as our guest speaker. It also provided an opportunity for me to spread the word to a wider audience about the undue use and indiscriminate disposal of plastic bottles of water!

An event at which the Company plays an important role is the Tudor Pull which celebrates the use of the River Thames as a means of transport. I presented the "Stela" to an actor playing the part of Henry VIII at Hampton Court, and it is then transported, together with the participants in the event, including Sandra and I, on board the Queen's Barge, Gloriana, to the Tower of London where it is then handed to the Governor.



On the social front a very enjoyable afternoon was spent at the Globe Theatre's production of "Much ado About Nothing", unusually set in Mexico!. The visit to Hampton Court Palace with lunch at the "Mute Swan" was both interesting and extremely convivial. We were taken round the Palace by my Bailiff Christine Jarvis who was an excellent guide. The "Whitechapel Fatberg" had hit the headlines and I was pleased to be able to organise a visit to the Museum of London to view their exhibition containing a small section of this rather unsavoury object. I was fortunate to get tickets for a visit to the Postal Museum, in itself very interesting and which was combined with a very popular ride on the rail mail train. The next event was Beating Retreat on Horseguards Parade by the massed-bands of the Royal Marines and the Royal Navy.



The Master's Weekend was held in the Dorking area with organised visits to

Polesden Lacy and Denbies Vineyard. It was very pleasing to see very good numbers supporting all these social events.

Having relinquished my role as secretary to the Water Conservation Trust prior to my installation as Master, in my role as a Trustee I organised a poetry competition in primary schools with which the Trust has an affiliation. The standard of the poems by young children was excellent. With the help and support of Past Master Peter Hall we will be producing a small booklet containing the entries. I was also particularly pleased to attend the opening of the STEAM Room at the Hugh Myddelton School. The Trust also supports the Maidstone Sea Cadets and I was pleased to accept an invitation to the opening of their new mooring facilities which were part funded by the Trust.

Every year the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust invites the Masters and Consorts of the Livery Companies to Ironbridge for a weekend of events. After a rather tedious and long journey the first event was a formal dinner in excellent company at Coalbrookdale. The following day there were visits to three museums and the Victorian village followed by an extremely enjoyable President's Ball in the evening - an occasion for everyone, including the

Lord Mayor and Sheriffs to let their hair down! A very memorable weekend.



I have represented the Company, accompanied in a number of cases by Sandra, at many other major events throughout the year. There have been numerous Livery lunches and Dinners, many lectures, several services at St. Paul's Cathedral, wreath laying, driving sheep over London Bridge and the Royal Garden Party all of which have been covered in my Blogs.

In conclusion I must thank the many people who have supported me and helped to make this an enjoyable and successful year. In particular my thanks to Ralph Riley, the Wardens, Deputy Master, Court Assistants, my Bailiff, the Beadle, the Bargemaster and of course my wife Sandra and my family. As Deputy Master I look forward to supporting our new Master, Simon Catford, during his year.

Mike Williamson
Deputy Master

A Key Message from CIWM's CEO



We find ourselves at an interesting juncture in the resources and waste management sector with a unique opportunity to influence future policy directions in relation to safeguarding the environment and ensuring that the circular economy becomes a reality.

Numerous government strategies have outlined ambitions to protect the environment, lower Britain's carbon future and boost productivity within the next 35 years. A noteworthy step towards achieving these objectives is the forthcoming Resource and Waste strategy for England which will focus on maximising resource productivity, maximising the value that we get from resources throughout their lifetimes, and managing materials at end of life. These initiatives, set against the uncertain and ever-evolving backdrop of Brexit, create a valuable window of opportunity to shape government thinking about how the UK can unite to co-ordinate and manage policy in these critical areas to deliver benefits across the board.

It is people who determine how to best manage resources and waste for the future and CIWM exists to help them decide appropriately. We provide an impartial, influential and respected voice for the sector in policy discussions in Belfast, Brussels, Cardiff, Dublin, Edinburgh and London, help-

ing to ensure policy development is informed by theoretical and practical understanding and experience.

As the leading body for sector professionals, CIWM represents thousands of individuals in the UK and overseas. We support our members to be successful in their roles by providing technical and career advice, information, training and networking opportunities. We set and maintain professional standards, developing and sharing knowledge and best practice.

It is our mission to influence, inform and inspire the sustainable management of resource and waste and our specialised knowledge and trusted reputation enable us to do so, playing a vital part in shaping the future role and reputation of the sector.

To find out more about CIWM and how you can become a member, please visit www.ciwm.co.uk.

Colin Church
CEO, CIWM

Sports Report

Rowing

Early in my year as Master I attended the Port of London Challenge. On this occasion Sandra and I were onboard the control boat and watched our team of ladies row the Company Cutter "The Water Forget-me-not" from HQS



Wellington to Chelsea Bridge. Once again this amazing ladies crew were victorious, even beating the control boat to the finishing line! Towards the end of our year we were rowed in the Company Cutter in the Admiral of the Port Challenge, from HQS Wellington to the Westminster Boating Base. For this event it was not possible to assemble the ladies crew and our Bargemaster, Johnny Dwan, organised a men's crew. Although winning our heat by a good margin, the participants in the second heat had better tidal and wind conditions and unfortunately we were beaten into third place by just 10 seconds! Congratulations must go to the crew (pictured), which included Johnny Dwan's son Merlin, on a tremendous performance.

Mike Williamson
Deputy Master

14th Inter-Livery Pancake Race

As our Clerk was on holiday and I was unable to run due to an ankle injury, I was given the task of being Team Leader. This year our team was represented by Fleet Warden Mark Lane in the Masters race, Freeman Andrew Williamson in the Livery race, Bailiff Lynva Russell in the Ladies race and Walbrook Warden Rob Casey in the Novelty race. As the ground in the Guildhall Yard was extremely wet and slippery, it was decided that the "British Weather Clause" in the rules would be invoked. That meant that instead of running, an alternative competition of



pancake tossing would take place. The winner in each category would be the one who tossed the pancake the most times within 30 seconds! Although highly competitive, our team unfortunately failed to achieve the finals. Rob Casey's costume representing the Lord Mayors Charity "Place 2Be" was exemplary, but again we unfortunately failed to meet the final.

Mike Williamson
Deputy Master

Golf Report 2018

Within the Water Conservators there is a small group of golfers from which I select the teams to play in two annual inter-livery golf events. These are the Prince Arthur Cup at Walton Heath in May and at the beginning of July the Marketors' Fellowship Golf day played at Verulam Golf Club, St. Albans. This is the "home of the Ryder Cup".

I know there are some of you who play but are not available on the day. However, I am sure there are men and lady members of the Company who play golf but don't participate. I get a limited number of invites for our members to enter other Livery Company Golf Days so if you let me have your contact details I will put you on the golf circulation list. So what happened during this year? Unfortunately, we could not get a fourth person for our team to enter the Prince Arthur Cup competition. I hope we will be able to enter a team in 2019. The Marketors' Fellowship Golf Day was held at Verulam Golf Club on 2nd July 2018. It was a very hot day and our team of David Port, Richard Waller, Christine North and me put up a challenge but this was not strong enough to win any prizes.



In September we hope to retain the Past Master's Trophy for the third successive year.

Roger North
Golf Captain

Past Masters



At present there are 19 Past Masters in the Company. At the time of writing in June 2018, the most recent Past Master is Keith Tozzi (2016-2017) and the most senior according to his year of office is Roy Harris (1993-1994) who is also Father of the Company. In the normal course of events a new Past Master is created in July each year.

Within the Company a committee comprised of Past Masters is charged with providing support, advice and wisdom

to the Company and the Master. The committee normally meets twice a year and all Past Masters can attend these meetings. The committee takes its responsibilities seriously but is careful not to try to 'lead' the Master.

Most recently the Past Masters elected Roger North as their chairman for the next three years.

Ivor Richards
Past Master



The Water Conservation Trust



Over the last year the Water Conservation Trust as the Charity of the Water Conservators has been very active and we have continued to deliver our two principal funding programmes successfully.

The Universities' Programme.

During the year we have continued funding bursaries at 7 universities namely, Oxford, Brunel, Birmingham, Imperial College, Queen Mary, Newcastle and Cambridge. This year we have set up relationships with Plymouth and City University with funding to start in the 2018-19 academic year. In 2017/18 we have granted bursaries to the value of £44,000. The beneficiaries of our bursaries greatly appreciate the extra funding and for many our bursary makes the difference between going on to an MSc course or not!

Within our university programme we award prizes for the best MSc dissertation on the course where our bursaries are given. It may not be one of our bursary students who receives the prize. This links the Company with the best of achievement in our universities. Staff



from Queen Mary University attended the Election Court Lunch when best dissertation prizes were awarded to Greg Corcoran and Helen Wilson (pictured with Mike Williamson).

Schools' Programme

It is really exciting to see how the schools programme has developed over the last year. Walbrook Warden, Rob Casey has put in a tremendous amount of work in particular with Hugh Myddelton School in Islington. The Trust has developed

an excellent relationship with the school and we have funded some very worthwhile projects. These have included the makeover of the wildlife area, a grid over the pond within the site, a weather station to support the STEM club at the school plus furniture and lab coats for a new STEAM classroom (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) at the school. Arts has been included to broaden the use of the classroom.

We are now funding maintenance equipment for the wildlife area and reviewing a request for funding for the development of the Nursery area. The recent Ofsted report for Hugh Myddelton School, which highlights the school's journey from "Requires Improvement" in 2015 to "Outstanding" in 2017.

We are delighted to partner the school where we are immediately benefiting some of the youngest most vulnerable and most disadvantaged children in London. (61% are eligible for Free School meals; over half speak English as a second language; nearly a quarter are on the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities register). The school deprivation factor is 0.44 (over twice the national average).



I was privileged to open the STEAM classroom on 16th March 2018. The ceremony was attended by a number of Trustees, school staff, pupils and representatives from Islington Borough Council. It was fascinating to see the pupils working with the equipment in the classroom.

In Wales, Past Master Ivor Richards maintains momentum for our school programme. He has instigated the use of survey plans to help children understand the concepts of distance and space as part of the National Curriculum.

Maidstone Sea Cadets

Over many years the Trust has supported the Maidstone Sea Cadets through

our association with HMS Scott. At the unit's base in Maidstone they have been obliged to construct a new pontoon landing stage. The Trust contributed funding and we are very pleased the official opening will be on 7th July 2018. A number of Trustees will be attending.

Other funding



In the year we have continued our traditional support to the Lord Mayor's charities, to Treloar College and to the annual event organised by the Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers where 200 children with debilitating and life threatening illnesses along with their carers go to Disneyland Paris for a 3 day stay.

The Trust has provided small grants into the Student Eats programme in Exeter, Lancaster, Sheffield and Warwick Universities where students are encouraged to grow their own food.

Other activities

On 15th November 2017 I accepted an invitation from Mark Lane (Fleet Warden) to present to the WET Networks event sponsored by Arup and Pinsent Masons. This was an opportunity to widen knowledge of the Water Conservators and the Water Conservation Trust to the 70 or so delegates in the Water Industry who attended.

You can help

Funds to support the various Trust projects are derived in part from dividends and interest on investments, but mainly from Company members. We are grateful to all those who donate but we would also like to encourage more members to give on a regular basis. This will improve our opportunity to plan ahead the amount we can assign to our funding programmes.

The Trustees would welcome any members who would like to join the Charity Committee and to bring their own links to schools or universities.

Roger North

Chairman of the Trustees



Modern Companies Dinner



There are 110 livery companies in the City of London, the earliest dating back to the Middle Ages. The 76th Company, the Fan Makers, was incorporated in 1709 in the reign of Queen Anne and the 77th, the Carmen, were the only company to be granted livery status in the reign of Queen Victoria in 1848. After over 200 years of little activity, the Company of Master Mariners was

formed in 1926 and became the first of the Modern Companies.

In March and September each year, the Masters, Clerks and Senior Wardens of all the Modern Companies meet for a formal dinner. Responsibility for organizing this event rotates between the Companies and in March of this year it was the turn of the Water Conservators to make the arrangements.

The dinner, held at Watermen's Hall on 12th March, was very competently organized by our Clerk, Ralph Riley, hosted by Master Mike Williamson and Alderman Peter Estlin was the very entertaining guest speaker (pictured). A thoroughly enjoyable occasion.

Keith Tozzi
Past Master and PR Manager

Working with Professional Institutions



As a Company we gain our strength from the diversity, enthusiasm and quantity of our membership. I was tasked by the Court with the increase of the latter at the end of 2016. I had understood from a client that Fellows of the ICE automatically get an invitation to join the Engineers Company and have since learned from their Clerk that they in fact have 13 Institutions on which they draw their membership, exclusively from Fellows.

Over the past 12 months the Company has been looking for a closer relationship with several of the professional institutions that operate in our areas of interest, namely water and the environment. We are particularly interested in attracting new members and have been in detailed discussions with CIWM, CIWEM and IEMA about how we might cooperate. I am pleased to report that CIWM and IEMA have formally agreed our collaboration and are to invite their fellows to apply to join as Freemen of the Company.

I hope CIWEM will soon follow CIWM and IEMA in agreeing the same. A good proportion of our Company are from these institutions, but if you would like us to approach any others please do get in touch, d.richards@rmlconsult.com.

David Richards
Court Assistant

New Members include:

Michael James Southworth BSc.
C.Eng. MICE. FCIWEM. C.Env



Jim is internationally experienced with 40 years in both executive and operational management of water and wastewater companies.

From 1976 to 1992 Jim was UK based with North West Water Authority, specialising in major capital project delivery and operational management of water and wastewater facilities.

In 1992 he was assigned overseas for NWWA and was based internationally bidding for the ownership and operation of water utilities. Jim retired from what was now United Utilities in 2010 and set up an independent consultancy specialising in the water sector with offices in the UK, Canada and Bulgaria.

Jim continues his consultancy work but is also managing director of UK based construction company, Blu-3, which specialises in civil engineering and utility infrastructure delivery and is Chairman of a UK based charity, Integrated Water Resources Management.

Did you know?

The Water Conservators have a close link with the Company of Watermen and Lightermen who are recognized as a City Company but for historic reasons are without livery and do not therefore have the nomenclature of "Worshipful".

Watermen are river workers who transfer passengers whilst lightermen transfer goods often in flat-bottomed barges called "lighters". The company has over 500 Journeymen/Freemen who have completed a five year apprenticeship to become qualified Watermen and/or Lightermen.

The Company is based in the beautiful Watermen's Hall (pictured) in St Mary at Hill in the City and close to the River Thames. It is the only original Georgian Livery Hall in the City and was constructed in 1780. Our Company regularly uses this hall for some of its formal events.

Keith Tozzi
Past Master and PR Manager



Forthcoming Events

11th September 2018...
...**Michaelmas Court Lunch**...
...at Armourers' Hall

27th September 2018...
...**Othello**...
...at the Globe Theatre

1st November 2018...
...**Annual Banquet**...
...at Drapers' Hall

Contact the Clerk for further details.

