



The Conservator

A Message from the Master

There is a Chinese curse which says "May you live in interesting times" and in 1966 Robert F Kennedy chose these words adding "Like it or not, we live in interesting times. They are times of danger and uncertainty; but they are also more open to the creative energy of men than any other time in history". Some 54 years later, those words could not be more appropriate.

The Covid-19 Pandemic has touched all our lives and the disruption to the economy and our families and friends is profound – even Livery Companies have been dramatically affected with our normal Court Meetings and social events thrown into disarray.

With so many events cancelled or delayed, our Court decided to extend my year as Master by two months, meaning that I shall remain in the role until September when hopefully we can all meet at a re-programmed Installation Court and Luncheon.

In the meantime, we have continued to operate as normally as possible using the electronic systems available to us all. My Masters Committee has continued to meet 'virtually' and we have also been able to agree the recommendations of the Nominations Committee which proposed next years team as:

- Master – Rob Casey
- Thames Warden – Graham Howells
- Fleet Warden – Martin Baggs
- Walbrook Warden – Christine Jarvis

Congratulations to them all and we look forward to their installation in September.



In an attempt to maintain contact with and interest from our members and their families, back in April I launched a Photography Competition for three distinct age groups, 0-10 years, 11-17 years and over 18 years. Deputy Master Simon Catford agreed to Chair a panel of judges and the closing date was the end of May. I was delighted that we received so many entries and selecting a winner in each category was difficult for the judges. However, they did select winners and I am delighted that we have been able to include them here – see pages 4 and 5 for the results.

Some of our Members have been quick to identify key areas of research and operation that could help with the Covid-19 Pandemic – as a result we established a new section on our website ("Covid Corner") to enable papers relevant to the industries we represent to be recorded. My thanks to the contributors.

Despite the very substantial upheaval to our personal lives and businesses in recent months, I believe our Company is in good heart. Thank you for your ongoing support and as the Queen has reminded us "We will meet again".

Mark Lane
Master

The Conservator

In these challenging times, this Summer 2020 edition of The Conservator has been published as usual. Normally it would have included a message from the new Master and details of the Wardens for the coming year. However, with the necessity to cancel the Installation Court and Luncheon originally planned for Monday 6th July this has not been possible.

We are, however, planning a special edition of The Conservator in September 2020 immediately following the newly scheduled Installation Court and Luncheon on Tuesday 15th September, to be held at the Tallow Chandlers Hall. If readers have any ideas for articles, please contact our PR Manager, Keith Tozzi (keithtozzi@aol.com).

In the meantime, we are sending Monthly Updates by email to all Members to keep them informed of the work of the Company. Updates for May and June have already been issued.



Keith Tozzi
Past Master & PR Manager

Election Court Meeting

The April 2020 Election Court Meeting, originally scheduled for the 21st April was held “over the internet” to ensure that essential business could be discussed and where necessary agreed.

In addition to the election of the Master and Wardens for 2020/21 (see Masters report on page 1), the Court also had to consider Court Assistants for the ensuing year. Two Court assistants were stepping down, Nigel Cartwright (who will continue to harass us all at Company Lunches where he is responsible for managing our important collections!) and Trevor Harrington, who having completed 12 years on the Court was obliged to resign as he had reached the end of his term in office. Both Nigel and Trevor have been stalwarts of the Court and we look forward to seeing them at future Company events.

The Court was pleased to appoint four new Court Assistants. They were: Martin Bigg, Ramon Bravo Gonzalez, Tony Williams and Andrew Williamson. We look forward to working with them later in the year.



Also at the Court Meeting, Past Master Peter Hall (see photograph) indicated his intention to step down as Treasurer – a role he has filled with distinction for many years. The Court were delighted to appoint Deputy Master Simon Catford as the new Treasurer.

Mark Lane
Master

New Company Chaplain

The Company was delighted to announce earlier this year that the Revd Katherine Hedderly, Vicar of All Hallows by the Tower and Area Dean of the City of London, had been appointed as their new Chaplain.



Katherine trained at NTMTC London in Contextual Theology and was ordained in 2006, serving her curacy at St Michael & All Angels, Bedford Park before being appointed Associate Vicar at St Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square in 2009. She has lived, worked and ministered in London for 30 years.

Katherine has a background in the film and television business, was a producer and director of an independent production company and is a graduate of the National Film & Television School and the University of Oxford.

Katherine said of the appointment “It is a great privilege to be serving the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators, and I am excited to see how the environmental concerns of All Hallows and our maritime and river links will be developed through this new relationship”.

Keith Tozzi
Past Master & PR Manager

Associate Freeman Pub Evening

The Company has organised a number of informal evenings in recent years, where friends of the Company and prospective new Members can meet the Master



and senior Members in an informal atmosphere.

The latest of these evenings took place earlier this year. Organised by Associate Freeman Dorry Price to attract new younger members the event took place at The King's Stores pub in Spitalfields.

Attracting nearly 30 young professionals, the lively evening was enhanced by an interesting presentation by Shneel Malik on “Designing for Behaviour Change”. We will be repeating this event later this year in September.

Keith Tozzi
Past Master & PR Manager

Company's 1st Webinar

Our first webinar on 10th June was led by Court Assistant David Lloyd Owen. Entitled “The Covid-19 Complex - Water, Wastewater and the Pandemic”, it attracted a wide audience and much participation. Further webinars will follow - details will be on our website.



Myddelton Church Service and Luncheon



To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the granting of Livery to our Company and to re-dedicate the Company Cross, a service was held earlier this year in All Hallows-by-the-Tower Church. The Church, which overlooks the Tower of London is a beautiful Grade 1 listed building and is the oldest Church in the City of London, originally founded around AD675. The service was led by the Rev. Katherine Hedderly and the Rev. Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover.

Following the well-attended service, the Master, Wardens, Past Masters and Members processed from the Church to the historic 18th century Trinity House for a reception and luncheon. The procession was led by the Company Beadle Tim Gutteridge.



Following an excellent three course luncheon, Thames Warden Rob Casey introduced the principal guests to the lively audience - they included the Master World Trader and Sir Andrew Parmley who is an Honorary Liveryman of our Company and was Lord Mayor

in 2016/17. The guest speaker was Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli, the current Aldermanic Sheriff of the City of London and an Honorary Liveryman of our Company. The theme of his speech was "Dripping with Green Finance" – very relevant to our Company.

Christine Jarvis
Walbrook Warden Elect



Presentation to New Bishop of Dover

The Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin MBE is an Honorary Freeman of our Company and was our Chaplain until her recent appointment as Bishop of Dover. Born in Montego Bay, Jamaica, Rose was Priest in Charge of St Mary-at-Hill Church in the City of London, was Chaplain

to the Speaker of the House of Commons until 2019 and has been a Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen since 2007.

Rose served our Company as Chaplain with distinction and it was with great pleasure that our Master, Mark Lane, presented her with an inscribed water jug at the Myddelton Luncheon earlier this year.



Keith Tozzi
Past Master & PR Manager



Master's Dinner

Each year it has become the practice for the Master to entertain Members of the Court and Past Masters, together with their Consorts, at a dinner as a thank you for their support during the year.

This year Master Mark Lane chose the Travellers Club in Pall Mall for the event. The Club, founded in 1819

was intended "for gentlemen who had travelled out of the British Isles to a distance of at least five hundred miles from London in a direct line". The Inner drawing Room of the Club was an excellent venue for the 27 guests who attended.

Mark Lane
Master



Photography

At the end of April 2020, the Master launched a Photography Competition to help maintain morale and communications with Members and their families during the Covid-19 Pandemic lockdown.

The competition was open to all Members of the Company and their partners and extended families. There were three age categories; 0 - 10 years, 11 - 17 years and 18 years &

over. The theme was "Spring Water" and the closing date was set for Sunday 31st May. A £30 book token was to be awarded by the Master to the Winner in each category.

The judging panel was chaired by Simon Catford (Deputy Master), assisted by Lorna Alcorn (a Hampshire local artist) and James Noble (a professional photographer).

Simon explained "We received a very good level of entries in each of the age categories. The standard of submissions was high and the judges found it difficult to select winners - so difficult in fact, that they also awarded Highly Commended prizes in each category. The Master kindly agreed to also provide a £15 book token to each of these. Congratulations to all the prize winners and thank you to everyone who submitted an entry".



Oliver Kay (0 - 10 years) Winner



Lucy Copeland (11 - 17 years) Winner



"Floating Landscape" by Angela Ford (18+ years) Winner



Competition



Reece Ward (0 - 10 years) Highly Commended



Leo Hadland (11 - 17 years) Highly Commended



Lynva Russell (18+ years) Highly Commended

Clean City Awards

For 25 years the Clean City Awards Scheme has promoted and rewarded best practice in waste management by City of London businesses.

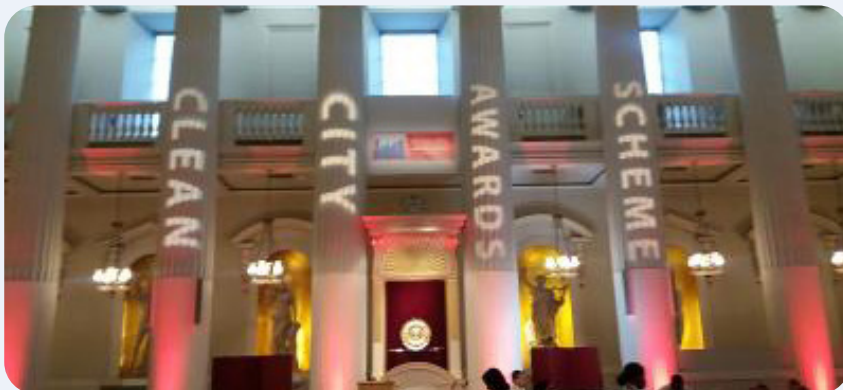
Many City businesses have had the basics of good waste management in

place for years; duty of care, separation of waste, increasing recycling rates, waste reduction and re-use initiatives. The boundaries are constantly being pushed, branching out into supply chain management, collaborative working with cleaning companies and

other businesses and in particular, communicating the messages of good waste management, resource efficiency and environmental sustainability to their staff.

Our Company sponsors one of the prizes given annually as part of this initiative, the "Plastic Free City Award". This year, following extensive judging, our award went to the Bank of England for their excellent work on plastic free initiatives. The presentation ceremony was held in the Egyptian Hall at the Mansion House and presided over by the Lady Mayoress. The Master and Thames Warden Rob Casey were in attendance.

Mark Lane
Master



Water Conservation Trust



Despite all the difficulties surrounding the current Covid-19 Pandemic, the important work of the Water Conservation Trust continues with our focus on education.

Work on improving our “constitution” is however, on hold until Trustees can sensibly sit around a table to work through the proposed changes and improvements. The Trustees have continued to meet using video conferencing to ensure that our programmes are properly managed. Two of our long-standing Trustees have stood down and I should like to thank Ivor Richards and Roger Hewitt for their many years of constructive service to the Trust.

The Universities Programme

At the last count, the Trust had supported 139 students with their fees for Masters courses under its University Bursary Programme. Currently the Trust is supporting 10 universities with a planned increase to 14 in the coming year.

However, the Trust continues to monitor and further support some post graduate students. In the past year grants were made to Nameerah Khan (D.Phil student at Oxford University) for her work focusing on arsenic in groundwater and unrecognised health

outcomes and to Grant Tregonning (PhD Geospacial Engineering student at Newcastle University) for his work focusing on reducing flood risk and prioritising the development of brownfield sites. Such work is at the centre of the industries represented in our Company and justifies the support given by the Trust.

We maintain contact with students that have been supported in the past. Recent career updates have been provided by Lili Dreyer (MSc Dissertation Prize winner from her Masters degree in Sustainability, Entrepreneurship and Design at Brunel University) – Lili subsequently established her successful start-up company Wair which makes sustainable footwear from upcycled textiles. Also, Dr Kristian Metcalfe (who was the Trust’s first MSc bursary student in 2007, who studied at Exeter University) – Kristian went on to complete his Biodiversity Management PhD and is now working with local communities in Cote D’Ivoire implementing the country’s first marine protected area.



The Schools Programme

In addition to the ongoing support offered to schools such as the Hugh Myddelton Primary School in Islington and Ysgol y Gogarth Special School

in North Wales, the Trust has linked with the Museum of Water and Steam at Kew. The purpose of this link is to organise sponsored school visits to the museum – it showcases the amazing heritage of London’s water supply but faces challenges maintaining several iconic steam beam engines from the 1800’s.

The Trust has already funded two pilot visits with a view to establishing a long-term scheme to encourage companies in the water sector to sponsor a number of visits each year.



Master Elect Rob Casey (also a Water Conservation Trust Trustee) had made extensive arrangements to stage a 2020 water exhibition for schools in the Basinghall Suite at the Guildhall in March, to coincide with World Water Day events. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 crisis forced this to be cancelled, but it is hoped to hold the event later this year.

Increased Giving

Charitable giving is at the heart of the livery movement. Please consider ways in which you can help the Water Conservation Trust achieve its objectives by regular donations or offering your time and experience. Thank you.

Roger North
Chairman of the Trustees



Modern Livery Companies Dinner

Each spring and autumn the Masters and Senior Wardens of the Modern Companies (that is those numbered from 87 to 110) meet for a dinner where matters of common interest are the principal agenda items.

This spring, it was the turn of the

International Bankers to organise the event which was held at the Vintners Hall. Our Master Mark Lane reported that there was much less handshaking than has been the custom, but that the common lively themes of the recruitment of younger members and the disbursement of charitable donations were widely discussed.

Mark Lane
Master



Inter-Livery Pancake Race

Each Shrove Tuesday, the Worshipful Company of Poulterers organise an inter-livery pancake race in the Guildhall Yard in the City of London.

This is a fun event and some 30 livery companies take part, including us. Our team this year, running under the nom de plume of "The Water Ones" comprised Thames Warden Rob Casey, Liveryman Andrew Williamson (in the Novelty dress category), the Masters Consort Judy and the Master. The participants (racing in groups of five) have to wear their gowns, badges, an apron, chef's hat and gloves and the novelty theme has to reflect the current Lord Mayor's identified charities. The team was ably managed by Deputy Master Simon Catford and was well supported by Wendy Catford and Past Master Mike Williamson and Sandra.

The team did the Company proud! Andrew Williamson won a thoroughly deserved third place in the Novelty Dress Category with his brilliant, but rather difficult to run in, Wind Turbine outfit! The Master managed to scrape into the Finals of the Masters Race, but unfortunately failed to win.

Mark Lane
Master



On-line Payments

Our Clerk Ralph Riley and Webmaster Sue Paterson have successfully led a project to enable our Members to make payments and event bookings on-line. This sounds simple, but it did involve a redesign of the front-end of our website and the creation of new links to enable payments to be made securely without compromising personal financial details.

The system went live in April and will simplify some of the administration of the previous manual systems.

Keith Tozzi
Past Master & PR Manager



Visit to Treloars College

Treloar's is a very special place. It is a residential special needs school, based in Alton, Hampshire. It was established by Lord Mayor Treloar in 1907, so it is 113 years old.

Our Company, and our charity (The Water Conservation Trust) have established an ongoing relationship with the school, by raising funds, providing practical support and using the schools printing service to produce stationery, Christmas cards and our publications.

The Master and his Consort visited Treloars College during March to accompany, along with many other Masters and their Consorts, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress on their annual visit. And what a humbling and uplifting day it was.

Humbling because, in truth, it was a reminder to us all of our own good fortune in life; uplifting because the

caring love and professionalism of the 800 staff at Treloars who nurture and develop the 170 severely disabled children who attend the College was inspirational to witness.

We visited a class for Primary age children, and a Residential House for Secondary School age children. It was very interesting to have an opportunity to talk over lunch to members of the teaching staff about their work at the College.

This was followed in the afternoon by a performance by some of the children of an abridged version of A Midsummer Night's Dream in the theatre. We were hugely impressed by the achievement of the pupils in the production.

I am very pleased that, as Water Conservators, we support such a worthwhile charity.

Mark Lane
Master



New Almoner

Because of workload commitments Sue Paterson is giving up the role of Company Almoner, but she continues as our Webmaster. Trevor Harrington has agreed to take on the Almoner role, which is especially important at this difficult time. Whilst Trevor intends to be pro-active should you need to contact him, his email address is: harrington24@hotmail.com



Did you know?

The Guildhall Art Gallery

Immediately adjacent to The Guildhall and accessed via Guildhall Yard is the elegant Guildhall Art Gallery. The first Guildhall Art Gallery was built on this site in 1885 to display the City of London Corporation's growing art collection. The project was inspired by the success of new galleries supported by local authorities in Liverpool, Manchester and Leeds.



The Victorian gallery was unfortunately almost entirely destroyed by fire during a severe air raid in the Second World War on 10 May 1941. Large parts of the collection had been removed to underground storage in Wiltshire, together with those of other London museums and galleries, but 164 paintings, drawings, watercolours and prints and 20 sculptures were lost.

In 1985 the City decided to redevelop the site and add a new Gallery on its lower levels. The architect was Richard Gilbert Scott, who had earlier worked on the Guildhall restoration. In 1987 the remains of the original Gallery were demolished. Shortly afterwards

the Museum of London Archaeological Service discovered the remains of London's Roman Amphitheatre and the building was re-designed to incorporate this astounding piece of architectural history. The new Guildhall Art Gallery finally opened to the public in August 1999 and the Amphitheatre in 2002. In late 2014, coinciding with the 15th anniversary of its re-opening, the Gallery underwent a re-hang, doubling the number of paintings on display and presenting a new curatorial selection.



There are two permanent exhibitions. The first is a rich variety of Victorian paintings that can be seen as you enter the Gallery, displayed in original 19th century style. The second is the Gallery's collection of London paintings which opens a window into unusual, memorable and colourful scenes from the city's history. Dating from the 17th century onwards, they provide a vivid record of events including The Great Fire of London in 1666 and the opening of Tower Bridge in 1894.

Entrance to the Gallery is free and it is well worth a visit.

Keith Tozzi
Past Master & PR Manager

The Sir John Soane Museum

Earlier this year, at the Masters invitation, a small group of Members gathered at a wine bar in Holborn for lunch before walking to the Sir John Soane Museum in Lincoln's Inn Fields.

They were treated to a fascinating introduction to the life and work of Sir John Soane – and what a life it was! Born in 1753 to a bricklayer, he became a hod carrier at the age of 14 as his father had died and he had to help support his family. After work he would sketch some of the architectural features of the buildings he had worked on – his elder brother recognised his talent and showed the drawings to various notables. Before long his architectural career, specialising in the Neo-Classical style, was launched and he rose to the top of his profession becoming Professor of Architecture at the Royal Academy.

A fascinating Museum that is well worth a visit. Many thanks to the Master for organising this visit.

Simon Catford
Deputy Master



Forthcoming Events

Installation Luncheon



Covid-19 restrictions permitting, the Installation Luncheon (deferred from July) will take place at the Tallow Chandlers Hall on 15th September. The Guest Speaker will be Richard Aylard, the External Affairs and Sustainability Director at Thames Water. Full details are on our website and this is the first event that members will be able to book with our new on-line system.

Annual Banquet

The Annual Banquet is one of the most important social events in the Company calendar. This year it will be

held at Cutlers Hall on 12th November. The Guest Speaker will be Martin Salter, National Campaign & Policy Co-ordinator of the Angling Trust. Full details are on our website.

