

# The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators

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environment

## Monthly Update



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### Message from the Master



I write at the end of a very busy couple of months as followers of my blog will have seen. Highlights for me were our glittering annual Banquet, where Lord Deben gave an inspiring speech, and the Lord Mayor's parade and associated events. The Community Carol Service at All Hallows on 15 December was a perfect beginning to the Christmas season.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members who have joined us over the past six months; they are an impressive and diverse group as you will see from the article below, and I know we will all want to add our personal welcome and get to know them better at coming Company events. At the same time I would like to record with deep sorrow the death of our dear friend and long standing Company auditor, Paul Jerrome; a proper obituary of all he has done for us will follow.

We have a very active ongoing programme for the new year (See list of events below). You should already have received invitations to our annual Myddelton Service and lunch on Monday 23 January 2023. This is a very important event, as we rededicate ourselves to the objectives of our fellowship and commemorate those of our number who have passed away during the year; after the Service we process from All Hallows to lunch at Trinity House. We will be joined at lunch by Masters of various other liveries as well as a number of our bursary and dissertation students; as I have said before the WCT's university awards scheme is one of the glories of our Company and is increasingly admired through the City. Our guest speaker, most appropriately for the venue and for our armed forces links, is a veritable old sea dog Rear Admiral Brian Perowne CB DL.

As you will see we also have good mix of other events planned, both social and more serious. Plans are well progressed for our showcase annual City Water Debate (to be held on 21 March 2023). More in the next edition.

Meanwhile may I wish you all the compliments of the Season.

Colin Drummond  
Master

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### January/February

Events (see website for all event  
details)

- 18 January 2023 WCWC Webinar by the National Infrastructure Commission
- 23 January 2023 Myddelton Lunch, Trinity House
- 1 February 2023, WCWC Associates Webinar: Prof Carolyn Roberts
- 21 February 2023, Pancake Race, Guildhall Yard

### January Webinar

The January webinar will be on Wednesday 18th January at 5.30pm and is titled "Preparing for a Drier Future". Our two presenters will be Jim Hall, Professor of Climate and Environmental Risks in the University of Oxford, and Jon Chappell, Senior Policy Adviser at the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC). The webinar will focus on the key water resource recommendations made in NIC's 2018 report "Preparing For A Drier Future" and their implementation.

### New Members

Jessica Bain, Justin Harper and Gemma Harvey all joined as Freemen this year. Dr Gemma Harvey is a Reader in Physical Geography in the School of Geography at Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) and is Bailiff to our Thames Warden. Jessica recently graduated from the University of Dundee, where she read Environmental Science and Geography. Justin graduated

with a degree in Government and Law at the LSE in the 90's, he is a CIMA fellow of 20+ years' experience specialising in costing and pricing of projects.

Brett Bader joined as a Liveryman because he already has Freedom of the City and is a Liveryman of the Educators' Company. He also has a National Professional Qualification for Headship. Further details on our new members will be in the winter edition of the Conservator.

### Visit to Holmfirth



WCWC and WCT are planning a weekend around the picturesque town of Holmfirth in Yorkshire for the weekend of 9-11th June 2023, with accommodation at the Old Bridge Inn in the centre of the town. Famous as the location of the much loved "Last of the Summer Wine" TV series, the weekend will include the opportunity to see the amazing work of River Holme Connections, who receive funding from the Water Conservation Trust for their school outdoors activities. Further details will be on our website in due course.

### Obituary

Paul Jerrome, the Company's Auditor and our Trust's Independent Inspector, passed away in early December after a short illness. Paul played a major part in our history and development, having taken on these responsibilities in the early 1990s and serving the Company to the present. Paul was a great friend to the Company, reliable and sound. Paul is survived by his wife Barbara and the Company's thoughts and prayers are with her and the family. Further details will be in the winter edition of the Conservator.

