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### Message from the Master



In July at Installation I expressed a feeling of a 'great awakening' in the Company. How true that has been over the past three months – so much so it has sometimes proved difficult keeping up. Our livery is about serious purpose and charity combined with fellowship and conviviality – and on all fronts we have been very much awake! It's a wonderful feeling.

This month's update focuses on some of the great things our charity is doing and on our growing associate membership programme. The two are related and are at the heart of our mission to educate and develop future generations of conservators and people who share our vision.

I have described previously the excellent work we are doing on climate change and water policy – which continues apace with ever widening participation. We have a unique perspective given the breadth of our membership (from water and waste executives through to consultants, government officials, regulators and people with a more general interest in water and the environment) as well as its depth (both current and retired practitioners of our art, which means we preserve vital institutional memory of what has worked, or not, in the past).

We have more to look forward to in the coming month as outlined below followed thereafter by a series of key events at the heart of our tradition as a livery – our Banquet on 10 November, our Carol Service on 15 December and our Myddelton Lunch on 23 January.

With every good wish,

Colin Drummond  
Master

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masterwaterconservator21.blogspot.com/](https://masterwaterconservator21.blogspot.com/)

### Master's Weekend

On Friday 16 September, 18 of us gathered at the historic Castle Hotel for the Master's Weekend in Somerset. Saturday included a visit to Taunton Castle itself where we were treated to a wonderful talk by author and historian, Tom Mayberry MBE DL, on the history of the Somerset Levels. This was followed by a visit to the Museum of Somerset and then to the award winning Sheppy's cider museum and orchards. The formal weekend ended after breakfast the following morning and a great time was had by all.

### October Events (see website for all event details)

5 October 2022 Musicians' Evensong St Paul's

25 October 2022 Webinar: The Mercenary River by Nick Higham

27 October 2022 Ceremony of the Keys Tower of London

### October Webinar

Nick Higham, who spent 14 years as the BBC's arts and media correspondent, will be presenting this month's webinar "The Mercenary River: A History of London's Water Supply" on Tuesday 25th October 2022 at 5.30pm. Joining details are on the website.



### Sponsored Walk

Thanks to everyone who has donated to this year's Water Conservation Trust sponsored walk along the Regents Canal and a special

thanks to those who took part on the walk helping us raise funds for our schools programme to encourage water related science and environmental learning. If you haven't sponsored us already but would still like to please contact [rob.casey1@hotmail.com](mailto:rob.casey1@hotmail.com)

### Spitalfields City Farm



Following the successful implementation of a bursary scheme to offer free educational visits to the Museum of Water and Steam at Kew to schools with a high proportion of disadvantaged children, the Water Conservation Trust has set up a similar scheme with Spitalfields City Farm in East London. The Trust has already funded visits by Hugh Myddelton and Winton schools in Islington (see above). The children learn about food production, growing vegetables and fruit, pollination, natural pest control and animal welfare.

### Associate Member Programme

Great evening at the Fox on the Green Islington for our Associate Water Conservators and potential young members. Allan Barton gave a presentation on his career development and Martin Bigg (standing below) talked about membership benefits. This was followed by a networking session.

