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Message from the Master 22/23



Welcome to my update for June, my last as Master - and what a month it has been! First of all a group of Conservators had a wonderful weekend in Holmfirth courtesy of Past Master Rob Casey - it was his Master's weekend carried forward from 2020/21 when it could not be held due to lockdowns. We are very lucky to have two Masters' weekends in the past year and deeply grateful to Rob, Lynva Russell and all others involved in organising the event. The following week the Master and Consort decamped to Glasgow for the annual weekend of all Livery Masters and Consorts; this comprised a splendid and varied programme of dinners, tours and whisky tasting. My final event of the year was the Company's Summer Reception at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, the third event we have held there during the year; this was a perfect opportunity for new and existing members of the Company to get to know each other; it was a very congenial and stylish way to end the year.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure being your Master (especially for a second time round). Thank you for all your support and fellowship. Georgina and I are delighted to be passing the Company over, strong in spirit, to Martin and Eileen who have done so much for us and the Company over the past year and have such positive plans for the coming year.

Every good wish to you all,

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Future Events (see website for all event details)

3 July 2023, LCAG Annual Conference, Merchant Taylor's Hall
5 July 2023, Installation Court Lunch, Bakers' Hall
8 July 2023, Steam Explorers Celebration, Museum of Water and Steam
15 July 2023, Visit to St Albans
20 July 2023, Swan Upping, Reading
9 August 2023, Thames trip aboard Princess Marina from Caversham

Late June Webinar

Our final webinar of the 2022/23 year was on Tuesday 20 June 2023 and presented by Eleni Antoniadou highlighting some of the key environmental challenges of delivering a project in the interior of Antarctica. Eleni showed us some stunning photographs and explained key aspects of the environmental protection legislation in Antarctica. Our webinars series will restart in September after a summer break.



PLT Event at the LMWS

Pollinating London Together held a special event to engage with local schools and families at the London Museum of Water and Steam on the 29th May 2023. Activities included participating in the Citizen Science Project to record pollinators, netting and identifying pollinators, building a bee hotel and a pollinator shopping game. The Water Conservation Trust distributed bee hotels and seed packs to encourage children and schools to engage with the national Citizen Science Project to monitor pollinators. The event was a great success with over 150 people attending.

Visit to Holmfirth



On Friday 9 June 2023 members of the Water Conservation Trust met up in the picturesque town of Holmfirth in Yorkshire, scene of the much-loved TV series "Last of the Summer Wine", for a weekend visit to see the work of River Holme Connections (RHC). The Trust funds RHCs' Mayfly in the classroom project to increase engagement and education of water quality and river habitats among children in schools in the Huddersfield area. Our visit included a walk along the River Holme, a presentation on the wider activities of RHC by the RHC team, plus visits to Compo's Restaurant and Sid's Café, and a walk to Bilberry Reservoir.

Admiral of the Port's Challenge



The event was held on 13 June and the route goes from HQS Wellington to Westminster Boating Base and is contested by traditional Thames Watermen's Cutters supported or crewed by Livery companies. The cutters are rowed by four oars and rigged with ceremonial canopies and flags. For the Water Conservators' cutter Forget-me-not the Thames Warden Martin Bigg and the Clerk Christine Duthie took the role of the obligatory passengers. The prizes were awarded to the Water Conservators Crew by Sheriff of London, Andrew Marsden, on behalf of the Lord Mayor.

