



### Message from the Master



The energy and enthusiasm in our Company are wonderful! February has been a terrific and varied month with a heady mix of the social and the serious – the very essence of a successful Livery Company.

Company events started with a delightful visit to Charterhouse (undeterred by rail strikes); then the Master's Dinner at the Oxford and Cambridge Club (picture of the aftermath above); then the City Pancake Race (with stunning victories by Court Assistant Andy Williamson and Fleet Warden Dylan Barker); and rounded off by an excellent discussion dinner (Chatham House rules) with Rebecca Pow MP, Minister for Water, and two of her DEFRA officials, again at the Oxford and Cambridge Club. Interspersed with this, your Master and Consort have not neglected their broader City responsibilities, attending the Banquets of the Engineers and the Gardeners, two long standing friends and allies of our Company, and a Chatham House Rules lunch with the Lord Mayor.

From the list of events below you will see that the pace will continue unabated in March and April. Thanks to all of you for making our Company the very special organisation it is!

Colin Drummond  
Master

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### March/April Events (see website for all event details)

- 14 March 2023, Whittington 600, at St Michael Paternoster Royal
- 15 March 2023, Mudlarking, The Thames Foreshore
- 21 March 2023, Wet 10 Debate,

- Bakers' Hall
- 24 March 2023, United Guilds Service, St Paul's Cathedral
- 5 April 2023, Election Court Lunch, Pewterer's Hall
- 17 April 2023, WCWC Webinar, Sustainable Resources by Allan Barton
- 21 April 2023, Lost Rivers Walk, City of London

### February Webinar

Professor Simon Spooner, Principal Scientist, Atkins Infrastructure presented our February webinar titled "Preparing for Combustion Transition: A framework for accelerating our transition to Net Zero". His presentation offered a simpler view of carbon accounting by focusing on where the combustion of fossil fuels takes place and can be easily measured. As the efficiency of the combustion process can also be recorded this enables processes that are most inefficient to be prioritised for replacement enabling a more effective transition to net zero. If you missed the webinar a recording is on our website and well worth a watch.

### April Webinar

Our next webinar will be presented by Allan Barton, Global Business Leader of Arup's resource and waste business at 5.30pm on Monday 17th April 2023. The subject will be "Sustainable Resources, Treasuring the planet's resources for the future: What you can do". Changing society behaviour is difficult, but it starts with individuals taking action to change themselves. The first step in this process is to build a firm determination to change. The webinar will help you develop this firm determination by highlighting the impact we are having on our home, planet Earth.

### Annual City Pancake Races

The above races took place on Shrove Tuesday, 21 February, in Guildhall Yard before a throng of spectators. The Water Conservators fielded a full team comprising Master, Master's Consort, Fleet Warden Dylan Barker and Court Assistant Andy Williamson; we were well supported

by a strong and vocal group of fellow Conservators. Dylan won his heat and was the overall winner in the Liveryman section. Andy, for the second year running, was deserved winner of the Novelty prize, competing this year as an illuminated St Paul's Cathedral - the stork on the roof was particularly commended.



### Visit To The Charterhouse

On Friday 3 February a group of Water Conservators, undeterred by the train strike, had a fascinating guided tour of The Charterhouse, originally a monastery, then stately home, then school and now an almshouse (providing accommodation to some 40 brethren, male and female). The subsequent tour included a visit to the remains of the original cloister and was followed by a tour of the fine Hall and the Great Chamber belonging to the property's subsequent possessors.

### City Water Debate

This year the WCWC City Water Debate on Tuesday 21st March will be "Does the governance of the water sector need to change to meet the requirements of the 2020s and 2030s, and, if so, how?" To discuss this we welcome the following speakers: Sir Dieter Helm CBE (Professor of Economic Policy at the University of Oxford), Alan Lovell DL (Chair of the Environment Agency), Iain Coucher (Chair of the Office of Water Regulation), Lila Thompson (Chief Executive of British Water) and John Hirst CBE (Chair of Anglian Water).

