

# The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators

*Promoting a diverse and sustainable  
environment*

## Monthly Update



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### Message from the Master



I am looking forward to more exciting events and developments.

On 8 November we are holding our Annual Banquet in the amazing Armourers' Hall with Past Lord Mayor Dame Fiona Woolf. 11 November sees the City of London welcome the 695th Lord Mayor Michael Mainelli at the Lord Mayor's Show. Come and support us and our Magic Tap float. Our City Water Debate coming up on 22 November on financing the required investment in the water sector to 2050 has an excellent expert panel of parliamentary and business speakers.

Within the Company at FMGP and Court we are working on ideas and proposals on Going for Growth. We are also discussing updating our Ordinances to make our Company more welcoming.



In October I was honoured to represent the Company at the Mansion House Dinner when the King observed that we are a "community of communities", and we should "take the action that is

needed, to make the sacrifices needed, to secure our planet for generations yet unborn". It was encouraging to hear the Lord Mayor acknowledge the work of the Livery Climate Action Group. I am engaging with other Livery Companies on delivering our environmental obligations.

I was very pleased at the recent UK Water Industry Summit where a senior water sector leader gratefully acknowledged the support of the Water Conservation Trust in 1994/5 when she was a student. The Trust is supporting a further 15 postgraduate students this year raising the total supported to 200.

Together we can build a better, brighter future.

Professor Martin Bigg  
Master.

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### Future Events

- 8 November - Annual Banquet, Armourers' Hall
- 11 November - Lord Mayor's Show, City of London
- 22 November - The City Water Debate, Bakers' Hall
- 29 November - Associates' Webinar: Sean Comber, Recent Developments in the Environmental Sector and Opportunities for Career Development
- 6 December - City Monuments Tour, St Paul's/ Westminster Abbey
- 6 December - Webinar: David Lloyd Owen, Water Privatisation
- 14 December - Carol Service, All Hallows by the Tower

### December Webinar

David Lloyd Owen, Managing Director of Envisager, will be presenting our next webinar on Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 6pm titled "Privatisation in England and Wales: Past reasons, present problems & future prospects". In this presentation David will reflect how the water sector has evolved since

privatisation in 1989. The 2025-30 Asset Management Period is going to be the most crucial one the sector has faced. What do we need to do and how can we do this affordably, efficiently and effectively in order to regain the public's trust?

### Associates Webinar

Our next Associates' webinar on Wednesday, 29th November at 6pm is titled "The Environmental Sector and Opportunities for Career Development". Prof. Sean Comber from Stantec UK will discuss recent developments in the environmental sector and their implications for career development. Sean is an environmental chemistry expert focused primarily on the aquatic environment and specialises in the sources, fate, regulation, and compliance of chemicals.

### Tour of the Apothecaries' Hall

On the 17th of October members and friends of the Company were given a tour of the Apothecaries' Hall by Nick Royle, Clerk (Chief Executive) of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries. This is the oldest remaining Livery Company Hall in the City of London, having been acquired in 1632. The tour included a visit to the Apothecaries' shop, the Court room, Great Hall and an amazing wine cellar. Court Assistant Christine Jarvis then gave everyone a fascinating mini guided tour of the area followed by dinner in Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese.

