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Message from the Master 23/24



We have turned and now have a strong wind behind us!

At our Michaelmas Court we enjoyed the views of Sarah Mukherjee on the future of the environment profession. I was pleased to welcome Tom Flood as our new Walbrook Warden, Brett Bader, Nigel Mattravers, Yusuf Samiullah, and Richard Waller as new members of the Court, Justin Harper as a new Liveryman, and Matthew Clack and Jessica Fox as new Freemen. And more on the way. The new Court recognised our challenging financial position and strongly supported our forthcoming activities. Brimming with ideas, the Court enthusiastically committed to growing the Company and bolstering our recruitment.

We are active! For the first time for years, many of us drove our sheep across the Thames supported by friends. We have been out on our Cutter twice and supported the Election of the Lord Mayor Michael Mainelli, a member of our Company. I have had the privilege of attending events at other Livery Companies and meeting many Masters. Our successful webinar programme is growing and we continue to tackle professional, sector and technical



issues. It is encouraging to see the government taking notice of and accepting our proposals.

I look forward to our busy programme including visits to the Apothecaries' Hall, Mansion House, viewing the King's anointing screen to which we contributed financially, our Banquet in the magnificent Armourers' Hall and especially the return of the Company Magic Tap at the Lord Mayor's Show.

Give, learn and enjoy our leading Livery Company.

Martin Bigg
Master

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Future Events (see website for all event details)

- 17 October – Visit to the Apothecaries' Hall and meal at Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese
- 23 October – WCWC Webinar: Sustainable resource management, Dr Adam Read
- 1 November - Associates Event, Mansion House Tour
- 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

October Webinar

Dr Adam Read, Chief External Affairs and Sustainability Officer, SUEZ Recycling &

Recovery UK, will be presenting our next webinar on Monday 23rd October 2023 at 5.30pm titled "Sustainable Resource Management – delivering Net Zero, a sector in transition and the need for new green skills?"

Adam will reflect on the evolving UK waste & resource policy landscape, in particular the progress and implications of Extended Producer Responsibility, Deposit Return Schemes, the Plastic Tax and Consistent Collections. He will identify opportunities to deliver Net Zero, the risks and rewards, and the competing interests of 'going green'. Details and booking on the website, join us.

Annual Banquet



You are warmly invited to attend our Annual Banquet at the Armourers' Hall on 8 November, when our Guest Speaker will be Past Lord Mayor of London and Master Wax Chandler, Dame Fiona Woolf, DBE, DStJ, DL. We will be entertained by the harmonious voices of the international award winning Strictly a Cappella. E-mail Christine Duthie via clerk@waterconservators.org to reserve a place.

WCT Sponsored Walk



This year our annual Water Conservation Trust sponsored walk on 1 October was around the Walthamstow Wetlands. The walk raises funds for the Trust's schools programme. The Walthamstow Reservoirs were constructed by the East London Waterworks Company over 100 years ago and are a great habitat for a wide variety of wildlife.

