

The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators

*Promoting a diverse and sustainable
environment*

Monthly Update



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Message from the Master



Happy New Year to Everyone!

Our incredibly wide-ranging activities and achievements are due to the involvement and generous contributions from many across the Company. Follow us on LinkedIn, read my blogs, and watch out for our new website, coming soon. Grateful thanks to all.

At the Christmas Court we confirmed new insurance cover for the Company assets, including the gowns and badges, and reviewed our finances. Following a report from our Past Masters, we reaffirmed our focus on water and environmental management and promotion of a diverse and sustainable environment. We updated work on recruitment, marketing and messaging. Following a request from the Lord Mayor we agreed to welcome guests of the City to our events where appropriate. Past Master Rob Casey updated us on the Water Conservators' leading Climate Action Implementation Plan and we agreed how we would offset our carbon emissions. I was very pleased to welcome Afzal Ginwalla as a Court Assistant and three new Freemen to the Company: Terrence Jerrom, Gerald O'Shaughnessy and Richard Sawle.

During December I caught up with students and staff celebrating 200 years of Birkbeck, University of London, and at UWE Bristol. After six carol services, including Community Carols by Candlelight, led by our Chaplain at All Hallows by the Tower, and the obligatory mince pies, I welcomed the Christmas break.

We are the first Livery Company, with the Plumbers' Company, to deliver a Coffee Colloquy for the Lord Mayor. Join us at the Mansion House on 16 January, at 08.45 for 09.15.

I invite everyone to our Rededication Service at All Hallows by the Tower on 25 January at 11.00, followed by our Myddelton Lunch at Trinity House. Our Guest Speaker Tony Juniper, Chair of Natural England, is a dedicated and outspoken environmentalist.

I am grateful to those who have committed to sponsor and support our next City Water debate on 21 March. We have an impressive array of speakers and would welcome sponsorship for the reception afterwards.

Save the date 26-28 April 2024 for the Master's Weekend in Bristol.

The past six months as your Master have flown by. Only a few years ago I put my name forward to join our Company, not knowing the opportunities or challenges I would face. Certainly, little prepares you for the amazing experience of a Livery Company, especially as Master. Seeing faces light up along the route of the Lord Mayor's Show. The excitement of the Great River Race. Visiting the Mansion House

Strong Room or the Apothecaries' wine cellar (medicinal purposes only!). Seeking to influence politicians and business. Sharing dinner with the Princess Royal, the Duke of Edinburgh or the King. Discussing the judicial system with leading High Court Judges and singing carols at the Old Bailey. Listening to our enthusiastic students and seeing the benefits of our support to schools. Sharing our beautiful environment on walks and talks. Meeting amazing people. Not forgetting our dinners together.

Encourage your friends and contacts to join the Company. Would you like to join the Court? Everyone can contribute to the future success of the Company, become a future Warden or Master, or lead an initiative that could change lives. It is up to each of us how much we would like to do, but I can guarantee that the more we each put in, the more rewarding and fun it is.

I encourage everyone to seize the opportunities of the New Year.

Professor Martin Bigg
Master.

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Follow my blog <https://masterwaterconservator23.blogspot.com/>



Future Events

16 January 2024 - Coffee Colloquy:
Clean water and sanitation for all -
Mansion House

18 January 2024 - Webinar: John
Knights, Founder & Chairman of
LeaderShape Global - What Future
Stakeholders will Expect

25 January 2024 - Myddelton
Service, All Hallows by the Tower,
followed by Myddelton Lunch,
Trinity House

11 February 2024 - Tower Bridge
Visit

13 February 2024 - Pancake Race,
Guildhall Yard - join the Company
team

15 February 2024 - Webinar: Tom
Spencer, Moorland Restoration &
Natural Flood Management

28 February 2024 - Discussion
Dinner: Speaker Sir John Armit

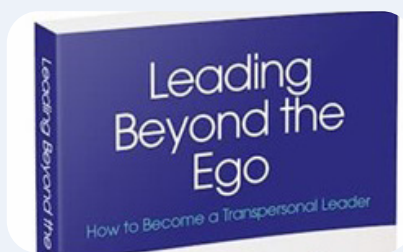
7 March 2024 - Webinar: Professor
Carolyn Roberts, Thames Barrier
March 2024 - Steam Museum Visit,
Brentford (awaiting details)

21 March 2024 - City Water Debate

Coffee Colloquy

A coffee colloquy is being organised by the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators with the Plumbers' Company on Tuesday 16 January 2024 at 08.45 for 09.15 in the Mansion House. It is part of a series over the next 10 months on the UN Sustainable Development Goals and covers Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation. The Mayoral Theme of the 695th Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli, "Connect to Prosper", celebrates our multiple knowledge miles, showing that the UK is a place where problems come to be solved. The Coffee Colloquies demonstrate this, bringing together varied voices from within and around the City to talk about how their work supports the achievement of one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. For more details and to register go to: [Clean Water and Sanitation \(SDG6\) Tickets, Tue 16 Jan 2024 at 08:45 | Eventbrite](#)

January Webinar



John Knights, Chairman of LeaderShape Global, will be presenting our next webinar on Thursday 18 January 2023 at 18.00 titled "Developing the Leaders We Need for Sustainability and Regeneration". John has coached many senior leaders globally and been involved in the design and delivery of state-of-the-art leadership programmes using advanced andragogic methodologies. This includes a post-graduate programme entitled Globally Responsible Leadership for Sustainable Transformation delivered in cooperation with seven universities around the world. Click on this link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leading-beyond-the-ego-what-future-stakeholders-will-expect-tickets-781752752527?aff=oddtcreator>

February Webinar



The topic for our February webinar on Thursday 15 February 2024 at 18.00 will be "Moorland Restoration and Natural Flood Management" presented by Tom Spencer, Moors for the Future Partnership. The Moors for the Future Partnership aims to reverse historic damage to the moorland plants, in which air pollution and wildfire killed off huge areas of vegetation. Moorland restoration has benefits in terms of water resources, water quality

and Natural Flood Management. Details will be on the website shortly.

Myddelton Lunch



On the 25 January 2024 we will be celebrating the granting of Livery in the year 2000 and the life of Sir Hugh Myddelton with a Service of Re-dedication followed by Lunch. Everyone is invited to the Service at 11.00 (at which the Company Cross is re-dedicated) led by the Company's Chaplain, the Revd Katherine Hedderly, Vicar, at All Hallows by the Tower. Following the Service, the Company will then process to Trinity House for the Myddelton Lunch. Reception drinks will be served from 12.00 to 12.25 followed by Lunch.



The guest speaker will be Tony Juniper CBE, Chair of Natural England. Prizes and certificates will be awarded to the Postgraduate Student Dissertation Prize Winners, thanks to the Water Conservation Trust. Places may be reserved by e-mailing Christine Duthie via clerk@waterconservators.org. Closing date Sunday 14 January 2024.

