

The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators

*Promoting a diverse and sustainable
environment*

Monthly Update



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Message from the Master



Water and environmental issues are seldom out of the news. The finances of the water industry and sewage discharges are currently high profile media and political issues. As a Livery Company committed to a diverse and sustainable environment we are using our expertise and experience to advance better understanding through our webinars, discussions, debates and engagements. We are welcoming many more members who want to contribute as well as enjoy the comradeship of like-minded individuals. Please keep up the success of engaging colleagues and connections who would like to contribute and share our journey with us.

This is going to be an exciting and busy month for the Company. Very soon you will be receiving details of our new website. It includes a new section on News from the Company and is much easier to use and update than its predecessor. Please watch out and feedback your comments as we continue to make it even better.

Our super and busy Clerk and a small group are currently identifying and reviewing all the

things she does. We are trying to share the work round more. We are also reviewing how we appoint honorary members. Much goes on behind the scenes. If you would like to be more involved and/or join the Court, please let the Wardens and me know.

We are looking forward to the visit to the Thames Barrier and River Thames trip on 11 April, the Election Court Lunch with the Lord Mayor and Sheriff on 17 April and the Master's Weekend in Bristol on 26-28 April. There are only a few places left for all these, so book now. In June there will be an opportunity for us to try our expertise rowing the cutter on the Thames and in September a visit to the Thames Tideway (Super Sewer) by boat. Watch out for details!

I was pleased to represent the Company on 14 March when the Lord Mayor hosted a dinner in the Mansion House, in thanks for all the support from the Livery Companies.



At the moving United Guilds' Service in St Paul's Cathedral on 15 March we gave thanks for the Livery, its work and its sacrifices during the Second World War. A must go to event, it is one of the few occasions when the Livery Companies and Guilds of the City

gather together as a whole.

A recent Company highlight was the very successful City Water Debate - working with nature and managing catchments, see the details over. The Water Conservators are an active part of a very valuable movement.

Let us keep growing in influence and numbers.

Professor Martin Bigg
Master

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Future Events

- 10 April 2024 – Webinar: A Vision for the Water Environment to 2030
- 11 April 2024 – Visit to Thames Barrier and River Thames trip
- 15 April 2024 – Associates Webinar: Alex Money, Making water work for you
- 17 April 2024 – Election Court Lunch with the Lord Mayor
- 18 April 2024 - Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch, Guildhall
- 26/28 April 2024 – Master's Weekend, Bristol
- 15 May 2024 – Webinar - E-Waste Management in Hong Kong and Singapore - examples for London?
- 16 May 2024 - Bletchley Park code breaking centre by train



19 May 2024 – Tudor Pull from Hampton Court to the Tower of London

22 May 2024 – Associates Webinar: Women in the water sector and the Community of Women in Water

To be confirmed – Opportunity to row the Company Cutter on the Thames

18 June 2024 – Admiral of the Port Challenge

19 September 2024 – Water and land visit to the Thames Tideway

April Webinar



Matthew Doran, Land Use Policy Adviser at the Country Land and Business Association (CLA), will be presenting our April webinar on Wednesday 10 April 2024 6.00pm to 7.15pm titled “A Vision for the Water Environment to 2030”. This webinar will discuss the key water-related issues faced by landowners and land managers, and it will outline a variety of solutions which the Country Land and Business Association (CLA) has identified. The webinar takes its title from the CLA’s Water Strategy, published in 2021. It will also cover more recent developments in the CLA’s thinking. Please register via the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/870883344527?aff=oddtcreator>

Thames Barrier and River Thames trip



Join us on 11 April for a visit to this marvellous piece of engineering completed in 1982 and still protecting London from flooding (just). The visit has been arranged to coincide with the planned testing of the operation of the barrier. The visit starts at 10.45hrs at the Thames Barrier visitor reception and during our time there the barrier is scheduled to open. We will hear about the history of the river and the risk of flooding in London, the environment and wildlife of the Thames. After lunch at a local hostelry we will board a boat to travel through the Barrier, past the O2 (the Millennium Dome), the Cutty Sark, Canary Wharf, under Tower Bridge and past the Tower of London, and into central London. To book, details are on our website.

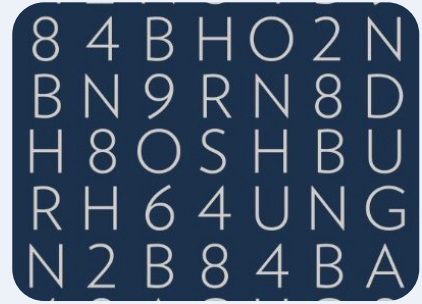
Lunch with the Lord Mayor, Alderman Michael Mainelli



Our Election Court Lunch will be held on Wednesday 17 April in the impressive setting of “87 Barts Close”, the Worshipful Company of Butchers’ Hall at 87 Bartholomew Close, London EC1A 7EB. The Lord Mayor will be sharing his vision for a growing, prosperous and sustainable future. He will be accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Elisabeth Mainelli, Sheriff and Alderwoman, Dame Susan Langley, DBE and Gary Langley. Reception drinks will be served from 12.15. Details on our website.

Crack the Code

Join the Water Conservators at Bletchley Park on Thursday 16 May leaving Euston Station at 10.45hrs



to start at 11.45hrs. We have arranged a guided tour to discover the incredible achievements of Britain’s World War Two Codebreakers at Bletchley Park where it all happened. Find out more about the brilliant minds and complex machines that made this vital work possible, and discover the global impact Bletchley Park had on the outcome of the war. Details on our website.

City Water Debate



The City Water Debate, hosted by the Water Conservators, was held on 21 March at Bakers’ Hall and titled “Go with the flow: Working with nature and managing catchments”. The evening was opened by Professor Martin Bigg, the Master of the Company, and chaired by Colin Drummond, OBE DL, Deputy Master. Our guest speakers were Bart Schoonbaert (Associate Director, Arup), the Rt Hon Ruth Kelly PC (Chair, Water UK -pictured above), Mark Lloyd (Chief Executive, the Rivers Trust), Richard Bramley (Chair, Environment Forum, National Farmers’ Union) and Peter Simpson (Chief Executive, Anglian Water). After an extended question and answer session with members of the WCWC and guests, there were further informal discussions. A summary report of the debate is available on the Company website.

