

The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators

*Promoting a diverse and sustainable
environment*

Monthly Update



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Message from the Master



We live in interesting and exciting times.

As we approach the Election, water and the environment are not very far away from any discussion. I believe that we, with our broad range of skills and experience in water and environment, have a responsibility to share our knowledge. Our meetings and webinars help keep us up to speed with the current science, technology and understanding around these issues. We address the misinformation, perception and prejudice and give informed responses to consultations and in public debate. As a Company, we provide a place for informed debate and discussion, valuing a range of views and striving for consensus and a better-informed outcome. Increasingly, from our LinkedIn page and website and at events people want to know more about the Company. I am very encouraged by the numbers of new members joining us or interested in our Company.

I am looking forward to welcoming four new Liverymen and eleven Freemen to the Company at our

Installation Court meeting on 3 July. Over this year we will have welcomed seven new Liverymen and 24 Freemen to the Company as well as welcoming back several past members.

In the past month we have heard about water problems in the UK, e-waste management, and women in the water sector. I have represented the Company Beating the Bounds for our Company Church, at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party and at many other events including breakfast with the Lord Mayor.

I look forward to raising money for the Lord Mayor's Appeal by abseiling down the Cheesegrater and our cutter winning the Admiral of the Port Challenge.

Eileen, my Consort, is also looking for sponsorship for her Wing Walking on 30 July in aid of bionic arms for children. Please go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/eileen-bigg-1715008445683>

Professor Martin Bigg
Master

Watch out for The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators on LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/clerk-water-conservators-livery-company-467999159>

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

Future Events

7 June 2024 - The Master Water

Conservator's Abseil for Charity
10 June 2024 – New Members' Dinner

18 June 2024 – Admiral of the Port Challenge

24 June 2024 – Election of Sheriffs, Guildhall

24 June 2024 – Webinar

– International Water and Wastewater Issues – cancelled

27 June 2024 – Crack the Code - Visit to Bletchley Park (New Date)

2 July 2024 - Master Water Conservators' Thank you Sunset Cruise and Dinner

3 July 2024 – Installation Court and Lunch

w/c 8 July – Webinar - IDEAMAPS Data Ecosystem project

23/24 July 2024 – Company members' evening on Water Forget-me-not

Tudor Pull

With the Company of Watermen and Lightermen, on 19 May we took the Stela (a section of elm water pipe), from Hampton Court to the Tower of London where we presented it to the Governor. We were accompanied by the Royal Watermen and a flotilla of small boats including our own cutter, Water Forget-me-not, carrying the Thames Warden and his Consort.



Thames Cruise and Tideway Tour

Members of the Company took advantage of the sunshine for a guided tour of the Thames on 24 May to see the sites where the new 25km Super Sewer is being built to intercept the millions of tonnes of raw sewage which overflow into the Thames each year. We saw how it connects with a system built 150 years ago for a city half its current size. There is another opportunity for a tour on 19 September. Book early to avoid disappointment.



The Master's Abseil for Charity

As part of our wider commitment to charity the Master is thrilled to be participating in the Lord Mayor's Appeal Abseil Challenge 2024 on 7 June 2024. Please watch him from about 11.45 at 122 Leadenhall Street (the Cheesegrater), City of



London, and use this JustGiving site to support him.
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/martin-bigg-1713264669847>

Thank you for your support and making a difference. Together, we can create a better future for all.

Admiral of the Port Challenge 18 June

The Lord Mayor of London, the chief dignitary of the City of London, is ex officio the Admiral of the Port of London. Come and watch this event, in his honour, which is for a crew comprising four rowers, two



passengers (Master and Consort) and a cox. It is only for Thames Watermen's Cutters of which our Water Forget-me-not is a shining example. All the cutters are in full regalia. They will assemble at Coin Street on the South Bank of the Thames just downstream from Waterloo Bridge from 17.30 on the foreshore. They depart at 18.15 and head downstream to HQS Wellington for the start at 18:30. The end of the race is the Westminster Boating Base.

Election of Sheriffs 24 June

All Liverymen with one's year's standing are eligible to vote and will be admitted to Guildhall by ticket only. All Liverymen are expected to arrive in good time in order to be seated by 11.30am at the latest, prior to the Lord Mayor's arrival. The Lord Mayor and the Aldermen, as well as the High Officers, process into the Great Hall shortly before 12noon. We then adjourn to a nearby Livery Hall for lunch. Please contact the Clerk if interested in attending.

Crack The Code 27 June

The Water Conservators have organized a 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. For details see link below.

[Crack the Code – The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators](#)

July Webinar

Dr Grant Tregonning, Research Associate at the Urban Big Data Centre at the University of Glasgow, will be presenting our July webinar on the "IDEAMAPS Data Ecosystem project". The final date has still to be agreed with Grant.



The IDEAMAPS project aims to map different factors of deprivation (flood risk, healthcare, housing, water and sanitation etc) in slums across the world. The project is generating new data and enhancing the capabilities of various stakeholders to understand and address urban poverty, health, and well-being.

