

## The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators

Promoting a diverse and sustainable environment

# <u> Annual Banquet</u>

## Wednesday 6 November 2024



You are warmly invited to attend our Annual Banquet at Pewterers' Hall, Oat Lane, London, EC2V 7DE

The guest speaker will be

### Lord Chris Smith Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge

We will be entertained by singers from the Guildhall School of Music

At the end of the evening there will be the traditional offering of a Stirrup Cup

6.30 pm for 7.00 pm, Carriages at 10.45 pm

Dinner Jacket / Mess Dress with decorations and miniatures

Places may be reserved by e-mailing Chris Millett via <u>clerk@waterconservators.org</u> giving names of those attending, any dietary restrictions and any preferences for whom you wish to sit beside. Cost is £140 per head and you will be provided with banking details for payment when your reservation is acknowledged.

Closing date for booking is Friday 18 October 2024.

#### Lord Chris Smith

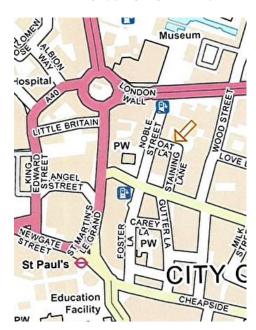


Our prestigious speaker has been Master of Pembroke College since 2015. Lord Smith is a former Culture Secretary and was Chairman of the Environment Agency from 2008 to 2014. He is currently Chairman of South Staffs and Cambridge Water Company.

Lord Smith will reflect on the importance of water and its interaction with the environment, and the need to ensure sustainability of water supplies into the future.

### The Worshipful Company of Pewterers

The Worshipful Company of Pewterers is one of the oldest Livery Companies in the City of London. Records show that it has maintained its involvement with the Pewter trade continuously since 1348 when "the goodfolk, makers of vessels of pewter" sought approval from the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of London for the Articles of their trade. Today the Pewterers' Company is actively involved with the Pewter trade through support for the Association of British Pewter Craftsmen (ABPC). The ABPC was formed in 1970 as an initiative of the Pewterers Company and its members are required to touchmark their finished products, much as Pewterers were obliged to do in centuries past. The seahorse is the modern touchmark signifying high quality.



The Pewterers Company, in association with the ABPC, runs an annual competition, Pewter Live, for UK design students. This is one of the few design competitions which actively links a student with a manufacturer to ensure that the design concepts are viable for manufacture. New products have reached the market as a direct result of this competition.

The Pewterers' Company today is a far cry from the early days when, for example, a supply of armour was kept at Pewterers Hall and an armourer employed to keep it in top condition for the wars when Yeomen were fully equipped with both arms and clothing by the Company. The Pewterers' Company today remains in the forefront of the promotion of pewter and maintains connections with pewter trade associations.

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