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The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators

Promoting a diverse and sustainable environment

Michaelmas Court Lunch

Wednesday 23 September 2026

Founders' Hall

*You are invited to attend the Michaelmas Court Lunch of
The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators, at Founders' Hall, London*



The guest speaker will be

Professor Chris Baines

Environmental Advisor, Writer & Broadcaster and
recipient of the RHS Victoria Medal of Honour 2026

who will share his views on interests in water and environmental management

Reception drinks will be served from 12.15pm to 12.45pm, followed by lunch

Places may be reserved by e-mailing Chris Millett via clerk@waterconservators.org giving the names of those attending & any dietary restrictions. The cost is £100 per head. Payment instructions will be sent once the booking is confirmed. Please note, spaces are limited so please book early. The closing date for booking is:

Wednesday 9 September 2026



Our Guest Speaker

Professor Chris Baines

Environmental Advisor, Writer & Broadcaster. Professor Chris Baines has an international reputation as an environmental communicator and an inspiring public speaker.

Chris is a national Vice President of the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts and recipient of lifetime achievement medals from the RSPB and the British Association of Nature Conservationists. He has always worked to build creative partnerships between business, government and conservation, and he works with opinion leaders in the water, housebuilding, energy, minerals and ethical investment industries.

Chris provided environmental guidance for the London 2012 Olympics, the London Millennium Dome, and more recently London's award-winning 'Elephant Park' housing redevelopment scheme.

Chris studied horticulture at London University and is also a qualified landscape architect. He was awarded a medal at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show for the first-ever Wildlife Garden, and first appeared on BBC Gardeners' World as long ago as 1979. Chris is also a member of the Water Conservators livery company.

Founders' Hall

What is a Founder? In its earliest form the Founders' Company was made up of craftspeople who specialised in brass and 'latten' (an alloy of copper and zinc resembling brass) including making 'candlesticks, buckles, straps and other such like articles'.

The term has evolved greatly over time and now encompasses a very wide range of trades and professions, with people from all walks of life united by an interest in the Company, its heritage, and its activities. Members participate in a wide variety of activities; an annual spring tour, various sporting groups, meals throughout the year, and committees that govern philanthropic giving, with grants towards education, specifically in the metallurgy and materials engineering sphere. The company boasts a warm, intimate Livery Hall right in the heart of London, in the historic centre of Smithfield (Cloth Fair to be precise).



**Founders' Hall
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Nearest Tube Station is Barbican

