



*Worshipful Company of Water Conservators*  
**Election Court Lunch**

*Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019*  
*Wax Chandlers' Hall*



*You are cordially invited to attend the Election Court Lunch of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators at Wax Chandlers' Hall - one of the few unknown Halls in the City of London.*

***The guest speaker will be Professor William Blake from Plymouth University***

*Reception drinks will be served from 12.15pm to 12.40pm followed by lunch and the traditional offering of the Stirrup Cup.*

*Please reply by completing the slip below then send, with an accompanying cheque, to: **The Clerk, Water Conservators Company, The Lark, 2 Bell Lane, Worlington, Suffolk, IP28 8SE.***

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***Please return by 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019***

*I (name in blocks).....*

*Would like to attend the election Lunch and bring ..... (number of guests)*

*Please state any special dietary requirements.....*

*I would like to be seated near/next to.....*

*I enclose a cheque for £..... (£90 per head) made payable to "The Company of Water Conservators"*

***Our Speaker***

*Professor Will Blake is Professor of Catchment Science at the School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences (Faculty of Science and Engineering) at Plymouth University. He is widely published and an internationally recognised academic for his research into river catchment and the impact of human activities and natural disturbances in channels and estuaries. He is also Director of the Plymouth University Consolidated Radioisotope Facility. Will is an engaging speaker and has a wealth of knowledge and experience that will appeal to members and his subject is highly topical. You are urged to take the opportunity to hear what Will has to say.*



## ***History of the Wax Chandlers***

The Wax Chandlers Company is one of the City of London **livery companies**. The business of a Wax Chandler was the preparation, making and sale of beeswax and beeswax products. Wax Chandlery included torches, images, wax for seals, medical uses and candles. Before the Reformation, acts of devotion to speed souls through Purgatory required vast quantities of beeswax for candles, tapers and images. Medieval trade relied on wax seals to attest contracts and the like and wax coated writing tablets were the BlackBerries of the time.

In 1371 the Company gained Ordinances that gave them control over the trade of Wax Chandlers in the City of London. It is now governed by a **Royal Charter**, which was granted in 1484 – we are the only livery company to have a charter of King Richard III. The Company’s Operative Charter was purchased from King Charles II in 1663. The Company is not a company regulated by the Companies Act. Neither is it a charity, although much of what it does meets present day definitions of charitable activity. It, like many ancient English institutions, has always crossed, consciously and unconsciously, the border between public good and private needs.

The Company has re-established its links with the modern **wax** industry and it continues to promote excellence and integrity in the trade. It maintains its association with beeswax through its support of beekeeping, particularly with regard to good husbandry and research; the Company sponsors the **National Honey Show** and it is a member of the **British Bee Keepers Association** (BBKA) and the **Central Association of Bee Keepers** (CABK). Through its historical links with the honeybee the Company is interested in promoting a healthy environment, and as a long established City organisation the Company seeks to encourage and promote sustainability and good governance in the City. The Wax Chandlers Company is a founding member of the Cleantech Cluster, which is a platform that supports and promotes cleantech businesses in the Greater London area.

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***Name(s) of guest(s)***

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