

INSTALLATION LUNCH on HQS WELLINGTON

On the 1st July, the 2015 Installation Lunch was again held on the banks of the Thames on a 1934 built gun ship, originally named *HMS Wellington*. The ship was deployed around New Zealand waters before the Second World War and subsequently served a gruelling six year spell protecting the Atlantic convoys. She was purchased in 1947 and restored by the Honourable Company of Master Mariners to serve as their Livery Hall and Headquarters.



Following an excellent lunch the new Walbrook Warden, Richard Waller welcomed guests Terry Last Master Pavior, Captain Jim Conybeare Master Mariner and Issa Tahhan Deputy Master Environmental Cleaner.





A special welcome was given to the principal guest Professor Sir Brian Hoskins who started his career as Royal Society Research Professor at Reading University. His research was in weather and climate and, in particular, the understanding of atmospheric motion from frontal to planetary scales.

His international roles have included being vice-chair of the Joint Scientific Committee for the World Climate Research Programme, President of the International Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences and involvement in the 2007 IPCC international climate change assessment; contribution to the Stern Review

credited with pushing the issue of climate change to the centre of the political agenda in the UK. He was knighted in 2007 for his services to the environment.

Sir Brian gave an interesting account of issues relating to climate change and the improved techniques for forecasting whilst explaining their limitations. He concluded by proposing a toast to the Company.

The new Master Peter Hall congratulated Sir Brian on his recent award of the IUGG (International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics) Gold Medal and his interesting speech.

The Master went on to thank the retiring Master Roger North (now Deputy Master) and observed that his year had been remarkable in a number of ways: he and his wife Christine had represented Water Conservators at a huge number of City events, he had updated our military links and paid special attention to the needs of our Corporate Members.

The Installation Lunch is the occasion when the recently elected officers of the Water Conservator's Company are installed and introduced to the Members.



Left: l to r: Thames Warden Keith Tozzi, Master Peter Hall, Fleet Warden Mike Williamson and Walbrook Warden Richard Waller.

Many thanks to Master's Bailiff David Richards for again taking the excellent photos – and getting everyone organised!!

Also installed were the Wardens and Bailiffs for the coming year; Keith Tozzi as Thames Warden, Mike Williamson as Fleet Warden and Richard Waller as Walbrook Warden.

David Richards was also installed as Master's Bailiff and Dylan Barker as Thames Warden's Bailiff.

The Company is managed by its Court, which includes the Master and Wardens, Past Masters, and Court Assistants. This is a key responsibility and four new Court Assistants Malcolm Butchers, Simon Catford, Ken Marsh and Nigel Mattravers were also appointed.

Lastly, the retiring collection, ably managed by Nigel Cartwright, was for the Hackney Carriage Drivers Disney Trip.



Walbrook Warden, Richard Waller