

## The Annual Ceremony of the Tudor Pull – June 2008

On Sunday 1 June the Master Water Conservator and his Lady took part in the annual ceremony of the Tudor Pull. This commenced

at Hampton Court Palace where the Master assisted by the Beadle presented a stela made from an ancient wooden conduit for carriage down river for safe keeping at the Tower of London. The Master, his Lady and the Beadle escorted by musicians in Tudor garb proceeded to the Queen's cutter when they were rowed by the Queen's Watermen to Richmond.



After refreshments the Master and his Lady joined the Company cutter, the Water Forget-Me-Not, and were rowed by a crew under our own Bargemaster, in convoy with the barges of a number of other Livery Companies, to the Tower of London where the stela was presented for safe keeping for the coming year.

The weather was clement though windy and our Bargemaster most ably steered through rough water from Westminster onwards.

It was a splendid pageant doing great honour to our Company.'

