

The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators

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Monthly Update



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Message from the Master



It's been another very active month for the Water Conservators as you will see from the articles below (and indeed from our regular blogs). I hope you are all enjoying the wonderful buzz in the Company. We are playing our full part in the life of the City and are being noticed. Particular highlights for me have been:

- The formal appointment of our wonderful new Clerk, Christine Duthie (see below); Christine, welcome! You are a tower of strength!
- My meeting with the Lord Mayor presumptive for 2023/24, our own honorary Freeman Michael Mainelli; Michael shared some of his plans for his year in office; we will support him fully and plan to have our own float at the Lord Mayor's parade in 2023; Michael has kindly agreed to be guest speaker at our Election Court lunch on 5 April 2023
- My meeting with Alan Lovell DL, chair of the Environment Agency, who has agreed to join a powerful line up of speakers at our City Water Debate on 21 March 2023; the topic is RUNNING WATER - governance of the water sector; other speakers include Sir Dieter Helm (Oxford University), John Hirst CBE (chair of Anglian Water) and Lila Thompson (chief executive of British Water)
- My meeting, along with a number of other Masters, with the current Lord Mayor Vincent Keaveny; I described our planned City Water Debate which was seen by the meeting as an excellent example of the power of Livery Companies in convening serious discussion in their areas of expertise
- A wonderful Company visit to the Tower of London for the Ceremony of the Keys, courtesy of our Beadle, Yeoman Warder Mark Anderson
- The Worshipful Company of Engineers' Mansion House Banquet where Michael

Mainelli represented the Lord Mayor (and specifically highlighted Hugh Myddelton and the New River as an example of engineering excellence); we will welcome the Master Engineer, Audrey Canning and her consort, John, to our own Banquet next week.

I so look forward to seeing many of you at our Banquet on 10 November where our guest speaker will be John Gummer/Lord Deben. This will be very special for me as John spoke at our Banquet in 2007 when I was previously Master.

With every good wish,
Colin Drummond
Master

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masterwaterconservator21.blogspot.com/](https://masterwaterconservator21.blogspot.com/)

November Events (see website for all event details)

- 2 November 2022 Associates Webinar by Simon Spooner, Atkins
- 10 November 2022 Annual Banquet, Cutlers' Hall
- 12 November 2022 Lord Mayors Show, City of London
- 29 November 2022 WCWC Webinar by Julie Hill
- 14 December 2022 Associates Dinner, The India Club

November Webinar

This month's webinar will be on Tuesday 29th November at 5.30pm and is titled 'What will make us all become more water efficient'? The presenter will be Julie Hill, Non-executive Board Member of the Office for Environmental Protection (OEP) and Chair of the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES).



Defra Consultations

Water Conservators have responded to two recently issued consultation papers by Defra and held two successful zoom meetings with the Director of Water at Defra. A group of members led by Past Master Peter Matthews are currently pulling together further ideas on governance and water resources. This exercise has mobilised the considerable experience and expertise within our company to lead our response in terms of future options. Contact Peter at slepeymatthews@gmail.com if you would like to get involved.

New Clerk



We are all delighted to welcome the appointment of our new Clerk, Christine Duthie. After a thorough selection process led by Past Master Roger North, the Court unanimously approved the substantive appointment of Christine as Clerk of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators as of 1st October 2022. We are all very grateful to Christine for taking on the role of Acting Clerk from 1 July, a role she has performed superbly, and wish her well in her permanent role. Christine became a member of Water Conservators in 2014 and has previously served as a Court Assistant to the Company. She is also currently Hon. Secretary to the Water Conservation Trust.

Associates Christmas Dinner

To follow our successful Associates Webinar on the 2nd November we are delighted to be holding a Christmas Dinner for our Associate Members at the India Club, Strand, on the 14th December 2022. The dinner is open to our Associate Members, their guests, and everyone interested in our Associates Programme (booking details on our website). This informal event will provide an opportunity to network with Company Members and other fellow dinners.

