



Message from the Master



Spring is about renewal. April began on a high at our Election Court with the admission of six new freemen and one new liveryman plus the re-admission of a retired Past Master; three corporates also joined us. An equally important high was the election of our officers for the coming year: Martin Bigg - Master; Dylan Barker - Thames Warden; Carolyn Roberts - Fleet Warden; and Tom Flood CBE - Walbrook Warden.

This was followed by three Company events demonstrating the varied and full life of our Livery. The 'Tudor Pull' saw your Master and the Master Waterman convey a stela, made out of a medieval water pipe, from Hampton Court Palace by Uber and then from Richmond by river to the Tower of London, where we re-presented it to the Governor of the Tower, escorted by a flotilla of Company cutters, including our own Water Forget Me Not. Subsequently a group of Water Conservators walked the route of the 'hidden' Walbrook stream. Finally at the end of the month Trustees of the WCT and the Master attended a lunch at Wadham College, Oxford, celebrating 15 years of our iconic bursary scheme.

This brings us neatly back to the theme of renewal - given the number of our associates, many of whom have been bursary holders, who are progressing to Freedom and indeed Livery status. Like any vibrant organisation we need constantly to be renewing ourselves - let's keep the feel of Spring!

Colin Drummond
Master

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May/June Events (see website for all event details)

13 May, Livery Companies Thanksgiving Service, Chichester Cathedral
17 May, Associates Pub Evening, Location tba
29 May, PLT Event at the Museum of Water & Steam
6 June, WCWC Webinar - Sustainable Resources by Allan Barton, Arup
9-11 June, WCT Trip to Holmfirth
20 June, WCWC Webinar - Antarctica by Eleni Antoniades
27 June Summer Reception, Oxford and Cambridge Club

June Webinars

Our next webinar will be presented by Allan Barton, Global Business Leader of Arup's resource and waste business at 5.30pm on Tuesday 6th June 2023. The subject will be "Sustainable Resources, Treasuring the planet's resources for the future: What you can do". Changing society behaviour is difficult, but it starts with individuals taking action to change themselves. The first step in this process is to build a firm determination to change. The webinar will help you develop this firm determination by highlighting the impact we are having on our home, planet Earth.

This will be followed by a second webinar at 5.30pm on Tuesday 20th June 2023 presented by Eleni Antoniades based on her recent visit to Antarctica highlighting some of the key environmental issues. Full details to follow in our June edition.

PLT Event at the Museum of Water & Steam

Pollinating London Together will be holding a special event to engage with local schools and families at the London Museum of Water and Steam on the 29th May 2023 between 11:00 and 15:00. Activities will include participating in the Citizen Science Project to record pollinators, netting and identifying pollinators, building a bee hotel, and a pollinator shopping game. The Water Conservation Trust will be distributing seed packs to encourage children and schools to engage with the Citizen Science Project. All WCWC members and Associates are welcome to attend.

Walbrook Walk

The Walbrook is one of London's famous 'lost rivers' - a tributary of the Thames which in Roman times divided Ludgate from Cornhill and played a vital role in the founding of Roman Londinium. On 21 April a group of 18 Conservators braved the chill and rain of an English Spring to walk along its vanished banks expertly led by our guide, Court Assistant Christine Jarvis, who described the fascinating history of the river and pointed out the famous landmarks. The walk ended in the welcome warmth of the Banker pub with a convivial lunch overlooking the Thames.



New Members

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed six new Freeman and a new liveryman (Master's bailiff Dharmesh Joshi) to the Company at the Court meeting before our Election Court lunch at Pewterer's Hall on the 5th April, as well as re-admit Past Master Professor Gerald Noone.



Our members are from Left to Right: Dr. Hans Jensen, Director - UK Water Partnership (Freeman); Graeme Mahler, Retired Seafood Industry Specialist (Freeman); Deena McKinney, Environmental Incident Manager - Thames Water (Freeman); Colin Drummond, OBE DL - Master Water Conservator; Suk Nyan Ng (Freeman), Post-Graduate Student - University of Oxford (Freeman); Grzegorz Skowronek, Water Treatment Technician - CERN, The European Organization for Nuclear Research (Freeman); Nicholas Wise, Head of Estimating and Proposals - Biwater International Limited (Freeman); Dharmesh Joshi (Master's Bailiff), Director Product Development - Aarda Systems Ltd. (Liveryman).

