

## Rowing the Water Forget-me-not 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014

The Water Conservators' Company is one of the few Livery companies fortunate enough to own a cutter. The Water Forget-me-not is normally rowed by a team of ladies from the Poplar Rowing Club under the guidance of our Bargemaster John Dwan and currently, we have an unrivalled success of winning the races.

The cutter only goes into the water on special occasions such as the Tudor Pull, when the Master is carried from Hampton Court. On the day before the Tudor Pull, a small group of intrepid but enthusiastic oarsmen and oarswomen associated with the company took up the challenge to row the cutter for approximately 5 miles from Kew to Richmond.

Under John's watchful eye and with assistance from the incoming tide and two regular rowers, Tasha and Rachel, we set out to cheers from our supporters. Despite the headwind and slightly choppy water we achieved a respectable rhythm and reached Richmond roughly 90 minutes later!





In exchange for this opportunity, the temporary rowers gave a contribution towards the cutter upkeep.

We may do it again next year..... So if anyone is interested in joining in please let us know – no previous rowing experience necessary!