

Launching of the Maidstone Sea Cadets new Trinity 500 Rowing Boat, the Conservator

Inspired by Great Britain's success at Olympic rowing the Master Peter Matthews and Court Assistant Trevor Harrington thought that they would have a go, as a livery company winning a medal in Rio in 2016 seemed like a wonderful idea. So along they went to the Maidstone Sea Cadets for some help. Fortunately the cadet unit had recently taken delivery of their new Trinity 500 rowing boat which the Water Conservators had funded from their Water Conservation Trust.



So, on the 4th August 2012 the Master accompanied by his Court Assistant and their wives went to Maidstone to launch and try out the new boat, the *Conservator*. The launch was organised by Sub Lieutenant Nicolas Gilks and attended by Peter Lewis Area Liaison Commander, David Naghi Chairman of the Maidstone Sea Cadets and other members of the unit.

Having helped with the launch it was now the Master's turn to take the oars. Supported by some of the cadets including Lily Adams the 2011 Best Cadet of the Year he set off up river.

Reaching Maidstone Bridge after some 10 minutes and catching many crabs on the way, realism sank in.... Rio was just too far away.

The day was therefore concluded with tea and a tour of the unit's base at Masters Towers.

