

# Michaelmas Court Lunch Armourer's Hall 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019



The Armourer's Hall offered a warm welcome on a cool September day. Sea Trout and samphire was followed by Guinea Fowl stuffed with apricots. The Master wisely eschewed the chocolate marble parfait due to the sheer number of lunches and dinners he is called to ingest. Christine Jarvis introduced our Guest Speaker, Cate Lamb.

Cate Lamb, the Global Director of Water Security at the Carbon Disclosure Project was just the person to address the Company under the words "MAKE ALL SURE" gilded into the upper wall of the dining hall. Cate gave us a wide-ranging introduction to the need for companies to be more transparent about what they take out of local water resources, let alone what goes back in.



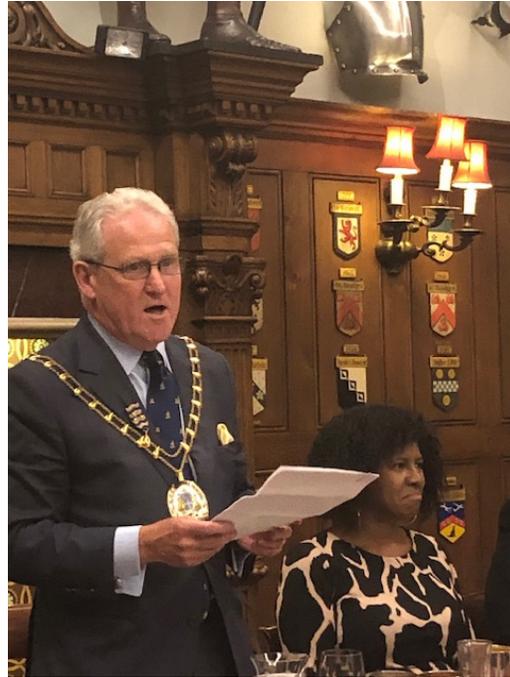
She argued that "to build long term resilience... there never has been a more crucial time to get water resources management right."

Shareholders, from pensioners to fund managers, need to think carefully about their investments as "less than 2% of assets in these institutions can be classified as sustainable...98% is at best neutral."

*Guest Speaker Cate Lamb, the Global Director of Water Security at the Carbon Disclosure Project*

She noted that Mark Carney, the Governor of the Bank of England is leading the way - "our Leonardo da Vinci"- towards improved accountability and she invited us to "imagine if every loan to a company came with a water-related expectation."

Cate proposed the toast 'Root and Branch' to the Company in water. Mark Lane, The Master, responded, outlining all that has happened since he assumed his role two months ago. While unveiling future events, Mark peppered us with a phalanx of painful puns from "we can look forward to making a splash" (re the Wet 10 next March) to "but you don't want to faucet" which generated generous groans. The ultimate aim of the Company's Charity (The Water Conservation Trust), to support education in the water and broader environment sectors, goes from strength to strength with 110 students at 18 universities having received Water Conservation Trust bursaries in the past decade. "The core purpose of the Company has never been more relevant than today," Mark concluded.



*The Master, Mark Lane*

Afterwards, Nigel Cartwright announced that £700 had been raised for the Water Conservation Trust at the lunch. A triumph of crinkle over tinkle.

*Court Assistant, David Lloyd Owen*