

The Myddelton Lunch at the Mansion House



The Lord Mayor, the Master and the Lady Mayoress and the Master's wife Sue

More than 170 Company members and guests attended the Myddelton Lunch at the Mansion House in the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lay Sheriff on Thursday, 29th January. It was a prestigious and enjoyable occasion - the first time that the Company has been privileged to hold an event in this sumptuous venue.

Four years have passed since this Company and the World Traders received their Grants of Livery in these same surroundings. When the Master, Dr Kevin Bond, spoke it was reassuring to be reminded that

membership of the Company has grown by 50% in that relatively short time. And in his response the Lord Mayor, Alderman Robert Finch, made flattering reference to both the significance and the progress of this, one of the City's youngest Livery Companies.

The vital role played by Sir Hugh Myddelton in the history of the City's water supply is marked by the Company in several ways. The wolf's head from his Coat of Arms appears both on our own Coat of Arms and also on the Beadle's staff. Sir Hugh was a wealthy Goldsmith

in the City who was able not only to initiate the New River project successfully after many years of inconclusive discussion and also, when money ran short during construction, to enlist the assistance (on terms) of King James I. One of his brothers was Sir Thomas Myddelton, Lord Mayor of London in the year that the New River was completed, who attended the ceremony held at the terminal reservoir in Islington which marked the availability of the first really substantial quantity of fresh water for distribution in the City.

It was very appropriate that the lunch should have marked the close links of the Myddelton family with both the City of London and its water supply”.



The Lord Mayor strikes home with a remark to the Master



The Master replies on behalf of the Company

Company Accounts 2002/3

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th June 2003

	2003 £	2002 £
Income	49,791	53,025
Administrative Expenses	(46,133)	(50,669)
Operating Surplus/(Shortfall)	3,658	2,356
Other Income and Expenses		
Bank Deposit Interest Earned	766	1,030
	4,424	3,386
Taxation	0	0
Net Surplus/(Shortfall) for the year	<u>4,424</u>	<u>3,386</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2003

	2003 £	2002 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	24,933	26,419
Current Assets		
Stocks	30,636	30,341
Cash at Bank and in hand	25,464	19,849
Debtors	0	0
	<u>56,100</u>	<u>50,190</u>
Current Liabilities		
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(850)</u>	<u>(850)</u>
	(850)	(850)
Current Assets less liabilities	55,250	49,340
Net Assets	<u>80,183</u>	<u>75,759</u>
Surplus b/f from previous year	75,759	72,373
Current Surplus/(Shortfall)	4,424	3,386
Surplus to c/f	<u>80,183</u>	<u>75,759</u>

Water Conservators raise a toast to international water quality

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The Water Conservators played host to an international delegation of over 170 chemists, biologists and microbiologists at a drinks reception in Cardiff during October.

Scientists representing 18 different countries, had gathered in the Welsh capital for the annual conference of the water quality and water analysis technical committees of the International Standards Organisation (ISO) and its European counterpart, (CEN).

Speaking at the reception, the Master, Dr Kevin Bond, delivered a brief history of both the Livery movement and the Water Conservators, much to the interest of the audience - in particular those from Japan and the USA.



Dr Sibylle Schmitt thanking the Company for hosting the dinner

Later, the Master was able to renew acquaintances with old colleagues from his time as Chief Executive of the former National Rivers Authority as an enjoyable evening was had by all, with wine and water flowing.

“The ISO and CEN technical committees for water quality run in parallel with each other to avoid contradiction or duplication,” explains Sue Owen, Court Assistant and leader of the UK delegation of chemistry experts at the conference.

“The ISO group was first established in 1975 by some 20 countries joining together in order to develop and maintain a series of ISO standards for water quality control. Then in 1990, a similar body was required by CEN, to establish methods for existing and future European Union (EU) guidelines on water quality and it made sense that the committees run together.

It is vital to have appropriate methods of analysis for potable, marine, river, waste and ground waters in order to comply with regulation. Committee discussions are fed back to national committees, such as our own BSI (British Standards Institute) and used as references for water companies and environmental agencies.

One of the main items on the agenda at this meeting was the suitability of detection limits and methods for the new list of priority pollutants which require measurement under the EU Water Framework Directive

On a lighter note, participation in the conference also provides a great chance to meet up with old friends and colleagues and is always a

hugely enjoyable social occasion. Delegates at the Cardiff event were intrigued by the traditions and history of Wales and its mother tongue and are already looking forward to the next conference in 2005 which will be held in Japan.”



SPALDING GENTLEMEN'S SOCIETY

When I attend meetings of the Spalding Gentlemen's Society, I wear my members' tie. The emblem on it, which is also on the cover of the Society's annual reports, is the Water Bouquet, taken from the armorial bearings of Maurice Johnson, the Society's founder. The Water Bouquet is a frequently used heraldic device derived from leather water bottles carried on a yoke. It has taken various forms from simplified to ornate, and the more decorative form, illustrated here, is used on the annual report. It is a heraldic pun on the initials of the founder, M J. The armorial bearings were originally granted to Maurice Johnson's great great grandfather, Martyn Johnson, lord of the manors of Aunby and Sutterton.



Cutting taken from "Lincolnshire Life" January 2004 edition



Delegates at conference dinner

OBITUARY



Derek Wilfred Berry

Derek Berry, a Freeman of the Company and an enthusiastic Member since 1993 died on Friday 25h July 2003, aged 74 after a long battle with motor neuron disease. His career in water engineering with Howard Humphreys and Partners Consulting Engineers, embraced water resource development, water treatment and distribution as well as irrigation. He was a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers and a Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Joining Howard Humphreys from Portsmouth Polytechnic as a pupil in 1952 Derek progressed to Associate Partner in 1974 and a Partner/Director from 1979 to his retirement from full time employment with the firm in 1986.

His experience with dams and water supply was gained from projects in the Caribbean, site work in Trinidad from 1956 to 1959, Africa and the Middle East. He was awarded the Institution of Civil Engineers 1971 George Stephenson Medal for his joint paper on 'Extensions to the Chania-Sasuma Water Supply Scheme for Nairobi'. From 1973 he was a Panel 1 Engineer (Reservoirs Safety Provisions Act 1930) and from 1985 he was a Member of Panel AR (Reservoir Act 1975).

With Howard Humphreys, Derek was responsible for water supply to major sugar projects in West Africa at Ferkessedougo and Save including dams and irrigation as well as water supply schemes for the Seychelles and he became proficient in French for the African projects. He was also responsible for extensions to Nairobi's water supply.

Working as an independent Consultant from 1986 to 2000 Derek continued his dam assessment work for a number of U.K. Consultants on international projects and also for dams and reservoirs in China and Hong Kong through a local office.

At home at Whitehill, Hampshire, Derek's interests included bridge, bowls, fine wines and gardening. He is survived by his widow, Angela and a daughter from a previous marriage.

MEETINGS, FUNCTIONS & EVENTS

At the Election Court Meeting held in April 2002 it was agreed that in future the Company Calendar should be as follows:

Installation Court
Conservancy Day
Michaelmas Court
Annual Dinner
Carol Service
Christmas Court
Myddleton Lunch
Election Court

1st Wednesday in July
Nearest weekday to 15th July
4th Wednesday in September
1st Thursday in November
1st Wednesday in December
2nd Tuesday in December
Nearest weekday to 25th January
3rd Thursday in April



EVENTS 2004

Tudor Pull
River Thames
6th May 2004

Flood Risk Management Lecture
Institute of Electrical Engineers
3rd June 2004

Golf Day
Elesborough
16th June 2004

Cricket Day
The Oval
18th June 2004

Election of Sheriffs
Guildhall
24th June 2004

Admirals Challenge Cup
River Thames
30th June 2004

Charity Ball
RAF Northolt
6th July 2004

Installation Court/Lunch
Barber Surgeons' Hall
7th July 2004

Port of London Challenge
River Thames
15th July 2004

Social Event
Globe Theatre
8th September 2004

Great River Race
River Thames
11th September 2004

Michaelmas Court/Lunch
Pewterers' Hall
22nd September 2004

Election of Lord Mayor
Guildhall
29th September 2004

Company *events*

THE ANNUAL DINNER

"..... honest talk and wholesome wine."

The Annual Dinner once again proved to be a wonderful occasion enjoyed by over 130 people comprising liverymen and their guests.

Held on this occasion at the beautiful Skinners' Hall, the event, as always, contained all of the tradition, history, pomp and ceremony of the livery movement yet was a relaxed, amusing and tremendously enjoyable evening.

The principal guest and speaker was Commodore Bob Mark, director of strategy, HQ Defence logistics organisation, who delivered a most witty speech when responding on behalf of the guests. It was also a pleasure to welcome back Lieutenant Commander George Tabcart of HMS Scott who returned from his Naval duties to attend the event.

A number of presentations were made to honour worthy achievements throughout the year. On behalf of the company, past master, Nick Paul, awarded a certificate to staff sergeant Mark Hill, who was deemed the best member of the military workforce for his contribution to public health and water sanitation overseas.

Mr John Mould also received a certificate from the company as the individual who presented the best paper, as determined by the University of East London.



Presentation to Mr John Mould of water jug by the Master

The Lord Mayor's Show

The Company participated in the Lord Mayor's Show in November 2003 for the second time. On this occasion we joined with eleven other Modern Companies. Modern Companies being those granted livery since 1952. Our float comprised four representatives of each of the Modern Companies followed by a horse drawn fire engine kindly provided by the then newest Livery Company, the Firefighters. The weather was kind although seasonably chilly! While the Master and I were fairly warm in our thick gowns and jumpers we felt very sorry for the two Maidstone Sea Cadets who made up our party as their uniforms while very smart were not designed for a

cold winter day. The Sea Cadets, both girls, carried our banner manfully - a considerable achievement given the gusty winds. We were grateful for the break which saw us conveniently located near to HMS Wellington, the Hall of the Master Mariners who kindly hosted lunch. Warmed through, we were happy to embark on the final leg of the four mile walk through the City streets. For anyone who has not seen the Lord Mayor's Show I recommend it. The spectacle combines modern exhibits some featuring bands with more traditional often period exhibits like our fire engine.

Dr Marion Carter
Thames Warden





The Master, Thames Warden and the Maidstone Sea Cadets getting ready for the Lord Mayor's Show



The Master Dr Kevin Bond and Thames Warden Dr Marion Carter ready to proceed

Pupil Prizes



Past Master Ted Flaxman with the winners at Stowe School



Court Assistant Jeff Rasbash at Bower Park School