

A message from the new Master

Professor Gerald P. Noone, MBE

CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COMPANY

As your new Master, I'd like to outline my own and your Court's aims to develop the Company through 2002/03.

I believe we all have an interest, indeed virtually a duty, to help move our Company forwards so keeping faith with those whose huge personal and collective efforts have steered us to and through gaining the Livery in record time.

Since 2000, the focus has rightly been on consolidating our relationships with the City, whilst also canvassing our Liveryman about their views of the future role of our Company.

MOVING FORWARDS

I'm sure our best way forwards is through seeking to engage more members of the Company, both in more activities and at greater depth where relevant. Further leveraging the major and unique opportunity our breadth and depth of representation across the Water and wider Environmental Services Sectors is key along with consensus to ensure that progress is secured at each stage.

I see achieving everyone's greater 'engagement', both internally and externally, as a major personal responsibility and challenge. This is why ensuring that we all become more aware of the opportunities being a Liveryman presents is vital;

be they from our uniquely concentrated networking through to internally communicating awareness of the leading edge technical innovators which secure sustainability of our members' communities.

Success will be reflected in more people attending future events of wider variety, with more also being more deeply involved where they are able. Effective Communications to the members of the Company is essential to successful progress.



**Professor Gerald P Noone
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OPPORTUNITIES

My own Company's strap line "Safe in Our Hands" reflects the heart of the communications opportunity we as Conservators have. Growing environmental pressures such as increasing

climate uncertainty, further exotic discharges (industrial as well as reject pharmaceuticals, etc) which water treatment now has to also overcome, are all set against every rising customer expectations. Customers expect that any of the "consequences of modern living" on the environment and their safe, plentiful supplies will always be 'handled'. Raising awareness, through exploiting our collective efforts allows us to successfully engage not only with the City, but also other influencers, our friends and family and others so providing a win win for us all and everyone's futures.

The route to greater engagement within the Company, as well as getting others to understand our critical role in securing their economic and personal well-being, requires a focus on readily understandable, relevant communications. This will be a major focus going forwards; both information directly to you at home and at our events. An example now follows.

OUR AMAZING OUTPUTS

Our three 'umbilicals of water pipe, sewer and weekly rubbish collection remain the essence of public health. The fact that some drinking water standards, at 1 part per 10 billion, are around 1000 times higher than those for pharmaceuticals is amazing. Also knowing that a tonne of water delivered is about the same cost as a single tablet moves that amazing to the incredible –

communicating this is one of our problems to overcome!

Let me conclude in thanking those of you who have already offered to help with the technical committee and welcome in advance those of you who come to relevant, enjoyable events and activities. These should also deliver to you that extra satisfaction from deeper engagement.

Master

About the new Master

Along with many of fellow Northumbrians, he has gradually moved south since the snows of March 1947. The fact that snow is now unlikely to be seen post 2020 in the Midlands has a certain poignancy to his interest in climate stretching from 1960. Prior to doing Chemical Engineering Research from 1969 to 1973, he attended St Catherine's Prep. and St Cuthbert's Grammar Schools in Newcastle on Tyne.

A first degree in Newcastle followed by Research in Bradford, then the country's largest chemical engineering department, was followed by short post graduation roles at CEGB and a Multinational Drug Company. He joined Severn Trent in 1974 on its formation. Roles in demand forecasting, water management, tariff development and wider resources planning was followed by around 10 years in major plant scale development activities; across sludge, water and sewage treatment.

He is sure all Liverymen joined the Environmental Sector driven largely by its ethos - vital, service, personally satisfying etc. In his own case, having studied Chemical

Engineering, he saw the Water Services Industry as offering particularly satisfying opportunities. He realised that 'Water' was an absolutely fundamental process industry support for the Energy (oil, coal, electricity), Food, Pharmaceuticals he had been considering before switching to Water Services. Despite appearances, the treatment plants in water, sewage and sludge are in fact very sophisticated reactors - the process opportunity comes from pursuing a deeper understanding to improve overall plant resilience and productivity.

He counted himself as being extremely lucky to have had the selfless backing of superb colleagues and visionary company support. The successes helped him to be awarded an MBE in 1988 for technical services to the Industry. Contacts with Newcastle University then deepened to a Visiting Chair from approximately 10 years ago, an honour and delight, as it ensured he both keep up to date and ensured some of those other parts of his brain got the chance to survive.

In advance of Privatisation, he became the first Commercial Manager of Severn Trent before being made Marketing, Sales and Communications Director about 10 years ago. This role, whilst quite different, exploited his full technical/industry knowledge needed to engage customers in both understanding what they really needed, as well as explaining the truly amazing services the Sectors provide.



Deputy Master's Report 2000/2001

I have been incredibly honoured to serve as Master. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable and highly memorable year with a number of experiences that I will always treasure.

It is perhaps not until you become a Master that you realise the significant role you play in the corporate life of the City of London as part of a larger group. When the members of that group are assembled and formally dressed in their beautifully colourful regalia it is a magnificent sight to behold. Only then can you appreciate what it means to be a Master - and indeed a member - of a Livery company.

Among the occasions when this grand spectacle is at its finest is at the Election of the Lord Mayor - an event I was delighted to attend on October 1st at the Guildhall. Equally as impressive I am sure will be the Election of the Sheriffs in June, which I attended.

During my 12 months as Master, two unforgettable experiences have been the Myddleton Lunch and a mini-voyage from Toulon to Gibraltar on board the Royal Navy survey ship, HMS Scott, thanks to the Company's affiliation with the Naval vessel. Both events are detailed elsewhere in the newsletter.

On September 6th, I was also fortunate enough to be invited by the RAF's number one Aeronautical Information Documents Unit (AIDU) to a Battle of Britain cocktail party at RAF Northolt. One of the highlights was the sight of a lone Spitfire soaring overhead.

My wife Angela and I were entertained again by the unit in November, thanks to Wing

Commander Gary Barber. As part of the unit's hospitality, Angela was even treated to her first ever trip in a helicopter and was lucky enough to be flown over London in one of the Queen's flight.

During the year, the Company has also further developed its strong affiliation with the sea cadets and on three occasions I visited the training ship (TS) Scott at Maidstone, Kent. I was present in July for the annual inspection as well as October's splendid Trafalgar Night Dinner where the 12 year old cadets made a superb effort. In January, I was there when the commanding officer, Peter Lewis, was presented with a bar to his long service medal while his number one, Deidre Lorimer, received her own long service medal.

I have also had the pleasure of accepting invitations from the Worshipful Company of Musicians to join them for two marvellous events. On October 3rd, I attended the Company's beautiful choral evensong service in St Paul's Cathedral as well as the festival in Westminster Cathedral on November 21st in honour of their patron saint St Cecilia. Both were wonderfully uplifting and again the sight of the Masters in their robes of office was truly magnificent.

In November, I was privileged to attend the Remembrance Day ceremonies and plant a commemorative poppy in the field at St Paul's Cathedral. I was also proud to take part in the procession to the merchant navy war memorial along with other Masters of water-related livery companies, led by the Honourable Company of Master Mariners.

Also in November, our own annual banquet at the Vintners Hall was a splendid evening where we were able to strengthen our ties with the

sea cadet movement by welcoming their senior officer and our principal guest, Rear Admiral Sir Jonahon Todd.

Following the Christmas Court in December, the Carol Service was immensely enjoyable. Held jointly with the Fuellers' company, we filled St Michael's, Cornhill with the sound of festive singing.

In January, I was proud to witness the success of our first lecture, which saw Chris Binnie speak so eloquently on the history and future of water in London. Organised jointly with the Worshipful Company of Plumbers and held at the Institute of Electrical Engineers, it was an occasion enjoyed by many of our members and is an event we hope to repeat.

On March 14th, the Lord Mayor's Livery Dinner was a glittering affair held in the grandeur of the Egyptian Hall with the Lord Mayor guarded by the company of Pikemen and Musketeers in their splendid medieval dress.

More recently, the 25th anniversary luncheon of the Chartered Surveyors' Company at Drapers' Hall on April 15th was a tremendous occasion and attracted a phenomenal attendance, with 90 out of 103 Masters present.

Finally, as my year as Master drew to a close, I had the pleasure of the Tudor Pull in May.

Our wonderful Thames Cutter has enjoyed great success in its first season crewed by the younger members of the Worshipful Company of Watermen and Lightermen and they ensured the Clerk, Ralph Riley, and I arrived in fine style at the finish line.

**Peter English, MBE
Deputy Master**



Past Master's Events 2001/2002

July 2001

- * Installation and installation lunch
- * Prize giving at City of London Freeman's School
- * Sheriff and Recorders Fund AGM and Reception
- * Present jug of Thames water to Lord Mayor
- * Conservancy Day visit to the Crowe Stones at Southend on Sea
- * Maidstone Sea Cadets annual RN inspection
- * Buckingham Palace Garden Party
 - * Cocktail party and tour of HMS Scott
- * Joiners' Company service and dinner

August 2001

- * Inspection of Cropstone facilities with the Thames Warden

September 2001

- * Modern companies dinner
- * Visit to the Globe theatre
- * Michaelmas Court lunch
- * Guild of Air Pilots lecture
- * Opening of Information Technologists' Hall
- * Livery reception

October 2001

- * Business lunch
- * Election of Lord Mayor
- * Musicians' Company evensong
- * Marketors' lecture
- * Feltmakers' dinner
- * Firefighters' dinner
- * Trafalgar Night dinner, TS Scott
- * Scientific Instrument Makers' dinner
- * Visit to HMS Scott

November 2001

- * Field of Remembrance - St Paul's
- * Annual banquet
- * Visit to number one AIDU, RAF Northolt
- * Lay wreath at Merchant Navy War Memorial

- * Horners' lecture
- * Festival of St Cecilia - Westminster Abbey

December 2001

- * Christmas court
- * Joint Carol Service with Fuellers' Company - St Michaels, Cornhill
- * Reception at the Museum of London
- * Joiners' Company Carol Service

January 2002

- * Maidstone Sea Cadets reception
- * Cutlers Company Court dinner
- * Dedication service and Myddleton Lunch
- * Joint lecture with Plumbers' Company

February 2002

- * Jubilee service - St Paul's
- * CIWEM Metropolitan branch dinner
- * Unveiling of shields at Guildhall
- * 'Tacitus' lecture by World Traders' Company
- * Dinner at Brewers' Hall

March 2002

- * Hackney Carriage Drivers dinner
- * Visit to College of Arms
- * Lord Mayor's dinner
- * United Guilds Service

April 2002

- * Master Mariners' Company Master and Clerks lunch
- * Toulon to Gibraltar with HMS Scott
- * Chartered Surveyors' Company 25th anniversary lunch
- * Company of Watermen and Lightermen Master and Clerks lunch
- * Election Court
- * Engineers Company dinner

May 2002

- * Visit to Cropstone
- * Tudor Pull
- * Sons of the Clergy choral service - St Paul's
- * Black Country Museum visit
- * Joiners' Company ladies banquet

June 2002

- * Visit to Ironbridge
- * Cricket day at the Oval
- * Golf day at Ellesborough
- * Election of the Sheriffs at Guildhall

July 2002

- * Installation lunch



About the new Walbrook Warden

David Jones was born and bred in London and works in the City office as a partner in the international law firm of Hammond Suddards Edge. He is the global head of Construction and Engineering and is also in overall charge of the development of the Hong Kong office and expansion into mainland China.



David has specialised in the water industry for many years writing various types of water contracts and dealing with disputes in water related contracts. He has worked on water projects extensively around the world from the Cayman Islands to Jordan and in the Far East. He became a member of the Company of Water Conservators in 1992, a member of the Court in 1995 and a Warden in 2002.

David is married with two daughters, one of whom now works

for an international PR consultancy in London and the other is currently studying law at Newcastle University. He is a season ticket holder at Chelsea Football Club and for his sins has been watching the team since 1959. He is an avid golfer and it is rumoured has won more than once at the Company's annual golf day.



The Clerk's Column



Following on from the last edition when the Company asked your opinions upon future correspondence being sent by email, I have to report that although there was a liking for the idea the vast majority preferred the existing arrangement. Therefore instead of swelling the Company coffers we will continue to line the pockets of the Post Office. There was a feeling however that perhaps more details could be available on the Company Website!

In the last edition members were invited to suggest some less formal events in our calendar that might be held outside London and thus keep costs to a minimum, to date the Clerk can report that he has not received any suggestions.

It hardly seems a year ago that Peter English was installed as Master and now Gerald Noone has

been installed. It has been a busy and rewarding year for the Company especially with our Cutter getting more exposure and not least your Clerk also being exposed to iclement weather conditions whilst being rowed at varying events on the Thames. More details of the Cutter are in the Bargemaster's report elsewhere in this newsletter.

I am pleased to report that the Company's new website went live as of 3rd July 2002 at www.waterconservators.org thanks to the input and financial assistance from AES and Anglian Water. The new site is currently quite basic but still well worth looking at and is certainly an improvement on the last attempt. There are still various links to be included including the Corporation of London and the other City Livery Companies. The Company is also investigating the possibility of setting up a page for members only accessed by password. Further details will follow at a future date.

If there are any members of the Company that would like to make an input through various articles and the like to any future newsletters then your ideas will be most welcome.

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Chelsea Flower Show

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Since 1993 the Royal Horticultural Society has invited Junior Club Members of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies to exhibit at the Chelsea Flower Show. The juniors are aged between 8 and 17 years and their entries are pre assessed by the RHS and then exhibited and judged in the Floral Marquee at the Show.

In 2001 the title for the Junior exhibits was 'Heraldic Emblem', a collage 25 cm by 25 cm of pressed, dried or preserved natural plant material.

Brittaney Thain, aged 10, from Grimsby Flower Lovers' Junior Club depicted the Company crest using delphinium, honesty, lobelia, rose anaphalis, pampas etc and was delighted to be presented with her Silver Award when she visited the Show on 25th May 2001.



The Crest in flowers

OBITUARIES

James Roxby Simpson

Jim Simpson who died aged 72 was one of the small band of dedicated enthusiasts who were founder members of the then Guild of Water Conservators.

Born in 1929 he was educated at the University of Durham where he took a BSc degree in Applied Science/Civil Engineering. He then studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he graduated SM in 1955. This was followed by further post graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, and it was there that he met Winifred Reid his future wife.

Returning to the UK he worked for Babbie Shaw & Morton in Glasgow before taking up a post in 1960 as a lecturer in Public Health Engineering at the University of Newcastle. In 1969 he joined D Balfour & Sons, directing their research & development activities, leaving in 1978 to set up his own business as a consultant. For the next 20 years he undertook many and varied assignments in Europe, North & South America, the Middle East and China.

He was a visiting professor at Middlesex Polytechnic and the Universities of Southampton and Newcastle and was the inventor of various systems relating to sewage treatment and water purification.

In 1992 he was appointed to the OFWAT Northern Region Customer Consultative Committee, a post which though time consuming gave him considerable pleasure.

Following his retirement in 1999 he still retained a keen interest in all matters connected with the water industry and greatly enjoyed discussing the 'politics of the day

'with friends and past colleagues especially when accompanied by a 'rusty nail'.

In 2000 he received from the China State Environmental Protection Administration a Merit Certificate in recognition of his distinguished contribution to Sino/British environmental co-operation.

Also in 2000 he was elected a Councillor on the Tynedale District Council, a post he held until his death. Among his other interests was the study of old maps occasionally giving talks on those covering Northumberland.

He is survived by his wife Winifred and their two children Kirsteen and John.

Chris Taylor

We were saddened to hear of the death of Chris Taylor, the managing partner of Laytons, solicitors, and one of the few solicitors we have within the Company.

Chris joined the Company in 1995, and certainly in the early days was an attender at functions, etc.

Marrying late in life, it is very sad that he has died of heart and lung trouble at the early age of 50, leaving a young family, to whom we send our condolences.

Cliff Darlow

Arthur Clifford Darlow was born at Hitchin (Herts) on 15 May 1922. He was of course, known to all his many friends and colleagues as "Cliff".

During the 2nd World War he served in the Fleet Air Arm, flying Swordfish planes and was involved in protecting the hazardous and vital convoys to Russia.

On cessation of hostilities he was able to complete his Master's degree at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford. Early in his career he became personal assistant to Sir Joseph Rawlinson, the then Chief Engineer at the London County Council. With the formation of the Greater London Council in 1965 he transferred to the Public Health Department under E.H. Vick, and later S.H. Dainty, as Deputy Director (Administration).

In 1974, just prior to the establishment of the Water Authorities, Cliff retired early on health grounds and subsequently underwent multiple heart by-pass surgery. However, having taken considerable interest in all aspects of the water industry, and having become a member of IWEM and similar bodies, he was shortly appointed as a member of the Board of Thames Water, and then for some years Chairman of the Planning Committee.

He was made a Freeman of the City of London in 1994 and was proud and happy to be associated with the Water Conservators Company.

A very sociable man, Cliff was interested in most sporting activities. He played hockey as a young man and, having lived for many years in Wimbledon, was a loyal supporter of the Wimbledon Club.

Unfortunately, in the last few years of his life, he suffered from the progressive ravages of Parkinson's disease to which he eventually succumbed at a nursing home at Oxford.

He is survived by his loving wife Olive, whom he married towards the end of the war, and their daughter Rosemary.



NEW MEMBERS

Mr Ken Brendish

Business Development Director
Earth Tech Engineering Ltd

Mr Dave Davidson

Technical Director
AES Ltd

Mrs Jackie George

Company Secretary
Anglian Water Plc

Mr Steve Goodwin

Managing Director
Aquabio Ltd

Mr Roger Hewitt

Chief Executive
Castle Environmental

Mr Tony Lloyd

Superintending Inspector
Drinking Water Inspectorate

Mr Tony Mitchell

Managing Director
S Grundon (Waste) Ltd

Mr David Nickols

Managing Director
Binnie Black & Veatch

Dr Peter Whittle

Self Employed
Consultant Scientist

MEMBER IN HONOURS LIST

Mr Bob Baty - OBE

Barge Master's Report

After a winter under wraps in Cory's yard in Charlton the Water Forget-Me-Not took to the water for the annual Tudor Pull, which took place this year on 5th May 2002. Our Cutter was ceremonially rigged with the Master, Peter English and our Clerk, Ralph Riley on board. Members of the Company and their wives, together with members of the Watermen and Lightermen's Company enjoyed a fine day on the Silver Dolphin as spectators. The event continues to gather support with nine escorting cutters including the Fishmongers' Company, the Glaziers' Company and Trinity House.

Members of the Company do please come along to the events we take part in and support our Cutter.

Our next event was the Admiral of the Port Challenge, a race from Westminster to Battersea Nine Elms. Our Cutter was ceremonially rigged with the Master, Peter English, and our Assistant Barge Master, David Cowie on board. The Master's wife followed the race in the accompanying launch and enjoyed watching a fine victory by our cutter.

Directly after the Admiral of the Port Challenge, the Water Forget-Me-Not was towed up to Richmond by Mark Edwards, our cutter builder and thence to Bushy Park to take part in the Queen's Golden Jubilee Picnic. Eight Cutters formed a spectacular avenue for the Queen to proceed along and to inspect a model of her new Royal Barge 'The Jubilant' currently under construction by Mark Edwards. The master and his wife Angela together with our Clerk and David Cowie formed the escort to our Cutter.

The next outing of the Cutter will be on Tuesday July 16th in the Port of London Challenge when we shall be defending our title. This is a six-oared race from London Bridge to HQS Wellington at the Temple and back and takes place in the evening at 5.15pm.

We will then be taking part in the Great River Race on Saturday September 7th, this is a 22 mile race from Ham House in Richmond to Island Gardens in the centre of London. It is a handicap race with some 250 craft taking part and starts at 3.30pm and is quite a spectacle. We expect the cutters to start at 5.00pm arriving in Greenwich at 7.00pm. We won £100 last year!

We hope to enter the Lord Mayor's Regatta on Thursday September 26th. Cutters will board from Tower Pier from 5.00pm onwards and will proceed upstream at 5.30pm accompanied by the Lord Mayor in a Port of London Authority launch. At 6.30pm Cutters will form into groups and race from the start at HQS Wellington to the finish at Fishmongers Hall. Each Cutter will be separately timed.

At our September lunch we will have on display the gilet (a waterproof sleeveless top) and sweatshirt that our worn by our crews. Members of the Company will be able to place orders for these items of clothing which are embroidered with the wolf's head and bouget.

Finally I must thank John Dwan for organising our crews. His nephew Nick Dwan, who usually strokes our crews has just won this years Doggets Coat and Badge race

David Latham
Barge Master



Company *events*

Annual Dinner

Last year's Annual Dinner was held at the Vintners' Hall on 7th November 2002 and was attended by 120 Liverymen and their guests. The Guest Speaker was Vice-Admiral Sir Jonathan Todd, Chairman, Sea Cadets Association.



Vice-Admiral Sir Jonathan Todd

The other speakers were Prof Gerald Noone, MBE (Thames Warden) and Mr Peter English, MBE (Master).

At the conclusion of the dinner The Master Presented the "Annual Water Conservators Prizes" to:-

Flight Sergeant Fuller - AIDU - For significant contributions to AIDU (RAF Northolt).



Flight Sergeant Fuller

Mr John Bridgeman - for his paper - The Public perception of the Secondary use of water.



Mr John Bridgeman

Miss Lesley Hamilton - Best Dissertation - "Pipeline Technology" UEL.



Miss Lesley Hamilton

Joint carol service

The first joint carol service held between ourselves and the Worshipful Company of Fuellers was a wonderfully enjoyable and uplifting occasion, which attracted a large attendance from both companies.

Held at St Michael's, Cornhill on December 5th, the service was a superb start to the festive season, ably conducted by the Rector, the Reverend Dr Peter Mullen and Rev

Adrian Hopwood, Honorary Chaplain to the Water Conservators.

Directed by Jonathan Rennert and with Andrew Earis playing the organ, the music and the choir were fantastic and the congregation also sang very well.

The Masters and a number of the Wardens from each company read lessons and following the service, a lovely supper was shared at the nearby Counting House.

Myddleton Lunch marks historic moment

It was fitting that the momentous dedication of our Livery Company was celebrated in honour of an historic water pioneer.

In the early 1600s, Sir Hugh Myddleton ran the New River Company and built a watercourse bringing life-saving, fresh water from Hertfordshire into the City of London.

In recognition of his achievement, the Company chose to mark its second anniversary of gaining Livery status- and celebrate the official dedication - by holding the Myddleton Lunch on January 25th.

The event began with the historic dedication of the livery in St Michael's Cornhill church. This traditional ceremony was modelled on the ancient traditions of the many other livery companies and was a truly poignant moment for the Master.

Unfortunately, the winter weather put paid to the planned procession from the church to the Tallow Chandlers' Hall where over 90 members gathered for a sumptuous meal.

Needless to say, the weather was unable to spoil the enjoyment of what was a tremendous occasion.

The principal guest was Deputy Pauline Halliday, also present was Mr Alderman Robert Finch. Both were present when the Company received its Letters Patent, in fact they were the Lay and the Aldermanic Sheriffs at the time.

Their presence made it a true birthday celebration and it is hoped that the Company will continue the tradition each year.

Rugby tackled by fifteen

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The thanks go to Kevin Clancey, joint chairman of the London Irish rugby team for his generous hospitality at a home match.

At his invitation, fifteen of us attended the match against Harlequins on Sunday 14th April 2002, where we tackled an excellent three course lunch before taking superb seats near the half way line with a fantastic view of the action.

It was a great pity that more members did not to join those present.

The Master Setting sail on HMS Scott

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I had a boyhood dream to join the Navy until my career took another direction, so my involvement with HMS Scott over the past 12 months

has been particularly enjoyable.

The Company's affiliation with the Royal Naval survey vessel has led to my being invited to a number of events and most recently, the Deputy Master Nick Paul and I, were delighted to join the crew on a three day sailing from Toulon in France to Gibraltar.

Our first morning onboard coincided with the funeral of Her Majesty the Queen Mother and it was a privilege to pay our respects during a two minute silence with full Naval honours.

Throughout our stay, Commander Jamie MacMichael-Phillips made us very welcome and treated us to a comprehensive tour of the ship as well as dinner at the captain's table. Even the force nine gales could not spoil the trip and actually served to make it all the more interesting - especially when I was allowed to take the helm for a couple of minutes!



The Master at the controls

The captain also permitted the first lieutenant John Holmes to 'drive her in' to Gibraltar - a real privilege I understand, as Jamie likes to do the driving.

Standing on the quay as we drew nearer was a man with a green flag marking the exact spot with which the front of the bridge should line up. Needless to say that is precisely where we finished with little or no fuss - something I was very impressed with even if no-one else was.

Once we arrived safely in Gibraltar we were able to dock in the prime position in front of the commander in chief's HQ, as we were the only Royal Navy ship in port.

Indeed, we were sad when the time came to leave the ship and for HMS Scott to set sail to the Azores. The ship later returned to Portsmouth for a refit - nothing to do with my taking the helm I hasten to add!

In addition to Commander Jamie MacMichael Phillips, our thanks go to First Lieutenants John Holmes, James Stride, Max Mason, Rachael Retter, Ken Hume, Derek Powells, Paul Turle. Also to Jude Terry, Sub Lieutenant James Reynolds, Coxswain Petty Officer P Gergory, Charge Chief Colin Laker, Mission Space Petty Officer R Hughes as well as Leading Stewards Peter Grove and Michael Caine.

Visit to RAF

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On 8 May 2002 a party of 16 members of the Water Conservators visited No.1 Aeronautical Information Documents Unit (AIDU) at RAF Northolt. The visit was at the invitation of Wing Commander Gary Barber OBE RAF, the Commanding Officer of the Unit and an Honorary Freeman of the Company.

As members will recall, No.1 AIDU publishes aeronautical information in graphical, textural and digital format for use by UK military and allied forces, as well as civilian users. The party was shown around the extensive purpose-built complex personally by Gary Barber and his staff. They described how the computerised cartographic system is used to digitise and maintain the various Flight Information Publications (FLIPS), which number in thousands.

Since the last Company visit in 1999 new digital presses have been installed which allow rapid production of full-colour products directly from the system without the need for printing plates.

The Unit has also concluded that a move to an objectorientated production system is required for the future which will revolutionise the way in which No.1 AIDU conducts its business, givin its customers a mapping-ondemand capability.

Apart from the future proposals, tge advanced technology currently in use by the Unit greatly impressed everyone on the visit.

Equally impressive was the lunch provided afterwards in the Officers Mess! Following an excellent meal Gary Barber spoke of his pleasure at seeing guests from the Water Conservators and hoped that they had gained a useful insight into the work of AIDU.

In reply Thames Warden Professor Gerald Noone passed on the good wishes of the Master (who had been obliged to cancel at short notice due to family illness) and confirmed that the Company placed great value on the affiliation with the Unit. He expressed the thanks of all the visitors for a most interesting tour of the Unit and the generous hospitality throughout the day.



The happy faces in the group photograph testify to the success of the visit!



Installation Lunch

Over 50 members and guests gathered in the pleasant surroundings of the Pewterers' Hall on 3 July, to celebrate the installation of the new master of the Water Conservators, Prof Gerald Noone, MBE and to hear his vision for the future.

Following a delicious lunch, the retiring master, Peter English MBE, paid a warm tribute to all who had contributed to his highly memorable and enjoyable year.

With tongue planted firmly in cheek, he then warned Prof Noone that the demands of being Master will mean his role at Severn Trent as sales, marketing and communication director must now take a back seat.

Further amusement was provided by the special guest, Mr Alan Woollaston, Master of the Plumbers' Company, before the new Master shared his thoughts for the year ahead.

The Master reflected on the impressive achievement of becoming a Livery Company and heralded the recent founding of the technical committee as being a milestone in the relatively short life of the company.

The Master then revealed his desire for the Water Conservators to play a higher profile role in promoting the vital work of the water industry in future. His aim is that Water Conservators continue to represent the industry at the highest levels as the challenges of climate change are faced.



EVENTS 2002/2003

Great River Race
River Thames
7th September 2002

Celebration of Time
River Thames
14th September 2002

Michaelmas Lunch
Pewterers' Hall
19th September 2002

Election of Lord Mayor
Guildhall
30th September 2002

Master's Dinner
TBA
23rd October 2002

Annual Dinner
TBA
7th November 2002

Carol Service
St Michaels Cornhill
5th December 2002

Christmas Court
The Counting House
11th December 2002

Myddleton Lunch
TBA
27th January 2003

United Guild Service/Joint Lunch
St Paul's/Guildhall
TBA

Election Court/Lunch
TBA
17th April 2003

Election of Sheriffs
Guildhall
TBA

Installation Court/Lunch
TBA
2nd July 2003

The Tudor Pull

The Tudor pull is one of the most colourful events of the Water Conservator's year. This year's event was held on Sunday the 5th of May, a day, which started bright and sunny if a little windy and found the Master and the Clerk gowned and hatted at Hampton Court Palace.

After a welcome coffee and "Danish Pastry" taken within the Palace the "Stela" was presented by the Master in a very colourful public ceremony in front of the imposing and historic main entrance to Hampton Court Palace to their Chief Officer.

The "Stela", which is an object honouring a person or deed, in this case is a slice of a medieval water pipe suitably mounted and donated by our Company for use in this event. The wooden Stela was chosen to draw attention to the potential use of the River Thames, and because of its history and water symbolism. The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators has not only donated the Stela but also undertaken to carefully look after it during the year and present it each year for the Tudor Pull.



The Stela on board

Having received the Stela from the

Master Water Conservator the Hampton Court Palace Officer conveyed it to the Queen's Bargemaster with instructions that it be delivered to the Tower of London by water, under oars and on this tide!

Embarkation from Hampton Court took place at 09.30 when the Queen's Bargemaster, Bob Crouch, with the Stela in the Shallop Lady Mayoress accompanied by the Mayor's of Kingston-upon-Thames, Richmond and Konstanz in Germany. The Shallop was rowed by the Royal Watermen and was escorted by a flotilla of Thames Watermen's Cutter's including the Master Water Conservator and his Clerk. Our Cutter the Water-Forget-Me-Not did not join the flotilla until Richmond. Next year it will start from Hampton Court!

The Mayor's of Kingston, Richmond and Konstanz disembarked at Richmond where much needed refreshments were provided by Mark Edwards, who built the Water-Forget-Me-Not.



The Master and Clerk

A further six cutters joined the flotilla at Richmond and the procession continued. Arrival at the Tower of London, delayed by 20 minutes as a fresh northerly wind and some rain set the rowers back; even the Master and the Clerk were for once pleased to be wearing gown and hat and in addition were

obliged to wear gloves; the early morning weather had gone.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster joined the Royal Barge at Westminster Boating Base and the comfortable cruiser carrying the other Liverymen of the Water Conservators Company also joined the procession at about this point.

Once disembarked at Tower Pier the Stela procession formed up and marched to the Tower of London. At the Tower it was robustly



The Tower Parade

challenged as it approached the gates by a Yeoman Warder in his scarlet uniform and after confirming that it was harmless, the Stela was allowed to proceed to the Tower Green where it was received by the Deputy Governor in fine ceremonial style.



Presentation of Stela

Afterwards the rowers and passengers were all invited into the Yeoman Warders' Club to slake their thirsts, which after rowing some 23 miles were considerable.

Golf Day

On the 19th June, a total of 32 Members and their guests gathered at the Ellesborough Golf Club near Wendover for the Company's Annual Golf Day. A welcome feature this year was the increase in the number of ladies taking part. Due to the generosity of Chris Shirley, we have now been able to introduce a cup for the winning lady player, which has been named the Clarendon Prize.

Fortunately, the miserable weather of May and early June relented and we had a lovely warm summer's day. Unfortunately, Doug Smith was not able to defend his title as he had to be in the USA but at least it guaranteed a different name on the trophy this year.

With one or two exceptions, it was left to the guests to tame the course and show the Company members how it should be done. However, Peter Chave had a solid round in the afternoon and was the winner of the Dewplan Trophy, a just reward for all the support that he has given to the Golf Day over the years.



The Master presenting the trophy to Peter Chave

As usual, David Jones played some steady golf to win the Bill Smith Trophy for the best member score for the day, although he tailed off in the afternoon as the jet-lag from his flight back from Hong Kong the previous day started to take effect.



A Happy David Jones with his wife

Among the guests, there was a good round from Stuart Henderson (Richard Waller's guest) to win the best male guest prize while Nikki Bland (Past Master Bland's daughter) had an outstanding 18 holes to win the Clarendon Prize.

We congratulate all the winners and thank everyone who took part for making it such a successful day. Particular thanks are due to the Master for presenting the prizes after dinner. For your diaries, please note that next year's Golf Day will be on Wednesday 18th June 2003.

Morning Team Competition

Winners	43 pts
Roger North	16 pts
Nick Paul	14 pts
Hugh Johnson	24 pts

Male Guests

Winner	Stuart Henderson	36 pts
Second	Mike Goodman	34 pts
Third	Hugh Johnson	33 pts

Clarendon Prize

Winner	Nikki Bland	40 pts
Second	Jo Shirley	36 pts
Third	Bina Gafham	36 pts

Nearest the Pin

Winner	Mike Goodman
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Dewplan Trophy

Winner	Peter Chave	34 pts
Second	Mike Martin	31 pts
Third	David Jones	31 pts

Bill Smith Cup

Winner	David Jones	51 pts
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Cricket June 2002

Once again thanks to the courtesy of the Clerk Emeritus, Hugh Berridge, Liverymen and their guests were able to enjoy the hospitality of Surrey County Cricket Club and the facilities of their famous pavilion and spend a delightful day watching a first class match at the Oval.

This year's event was held on the 12th June 2002 and the protagonists were Surrey (of course) and Kent. The weather this year was not at its best and play could not start until after lunch.

Nevertheless the smaller than usual group of Water Conservators and their guests spent an enjoyable morning in absorbing and witty conversation and aperitif's.

The ambience of the Captain's Room at the Oval, which had been made available to us once again is very conducive to such activity; perhaps the presence of all the past Captains of Surrey looking down on the assembled company stimulates the soul!

An excellent lunch was partaken by all in the impressive and historic main dining room in the Pavilion. The conversation continued unabated even when play actually commenced; a fitting tribute to delightful food and drink.

In the afternoon we were able to enjoy the cricket match in undisturbed peace, the weather remaining clement for the rest of the day.

This day continues to be one the highlights of our calendar and one not to be missed.

