



A message from the new Master

Dr Marion Carter



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To become the Master of the Water Conservators is a privilege, to become the first female Master is a particular pleasure.

The objectives for my year as Master fall into two categories. In the wider sphere I think that it is

important to continue the excellent work of the Masters since the granting of Livery in 2000 in extending our influence and increasing awareness of the Company in the environmental community and in the City.

In our own Company there are some further refinements necessary to our corporate governance to bring us in line with modern practice while maintaining the traditions of the Livery. At a grass roots level I hope to increase the involvement of liverymen in

Company and City events building on the theme of 'pleasure with a purpose'. Introduced by the Past Master Gerald Noone. To this end I have already circulated a list of events with a little more detail than hitherto which I hope will make it easier to fit our events into your diary. As Liverymen we are privileged to participate in a number of city events combining historical pageant with modern significance. These occasions are great opportunities to meet a wide range of people and to forge rewarding relationships.

This year sees the launch of our combined charity The Water Conservation Trust which I hope you will support. I am particular pleased to see the Trustess moving the charitable giving in the direction of education and in particular to the provision of business for post graduate courses which are relevant to the many challenges facing us in the protection and optimisation of natural resources.

I am very much looking forward to serving as Master of the Company and working with the Wardens David Jones the Thames Warden, Sue Owen the Fleet Warden and Colin Drummond the Walbrook Warden and with you all to further the aims and objectives of the Company.



About the new the new Master

Dr Marion J Carter B.Sc., Ph.D., C.Geol., F.G.S., C.Chem., M.R.S.C., Eur Chem., F.Inst.W.M., F.I.Q.

Marion Carter is a hydrogeologist who more than 20 years ago founded MJCA, a specialist consultancy employing 50 people who provide to industry technical advice on scientific issues.

Marion graduated with a first class honours degree in Chemistry and Geology and stayed on at the University of Aston in Birmingham to become the first person to undertake a PhD in waste management following three years research into the hydrogeochemistry of liquid waste disposal. Apart from a two year period in the 1970s spent as a Water Quality Officer with Severn Trent Water Authority she has spent her whole career as a consultant.

Marion has always taken an active interest in professional issues and has sat on the Councils of the Geological Society and the Institution of Geologists. She is a Chartered Geologist and a Chartered Chemist, a Fellow of the Geological Society, a Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry, a Fellow of the Chartered Institution of Waste Management and a Fellow of the Institute of Quarrying. She was a member of the Board of the Environmental Services Association for many years and at various times has been the Chairman of the Training Committee, the Planning Committee, the Public Affairs Committee and the Human Resources Committee.

She has served as a member of the NERC Council and of the Board of the British Geological Survey. For the past four years she has been a member of the DTI Small Business Council. Through her interests in professional and trade matters Marion has been involved in Europe and in the UK with the development of policy in waste and contaminated land.

Her interests include reading, walking and horse riding. She has a small herd of pedigree sucker cows.



About the new Fleet Warden

Installed as Fleet Warden this year is Sue Owen, who has been a member of the Company since January 1998. Sue is widely known within the Company as an active and enthusiastic participant, becoming a Court Assistant in 2000 and having been Chairman of the Finance, Membership and General Purposes Committee for the last two years.



Mrs Sue Owen

Sue also finds time to attend as many events as her busy work schedule - and the delights of the GNER train service from her Durham home - will allow! Sue contributes over 25 years of experience in the water and environmental industry as Commercial Director and board member of Analytical and Environmental Services Ltd (AES), part of Northumbrian Water Group plc.

Her early career began as a scientist in organic chemistry at the laboratories of what was then known as North West Water Authority, before her move to the North East of England. At AES, Sue has been instrumental in its ongoing commercial success and has helped

to build the business into an scientific sampling and analytical service with a first class reputation for technical quality and customer service.

Her experience and knowledge of analytical chemistry in the water industry is utilised nationally by BSI, DTI, the EA and the Standing Committee of Analysts. Internationally, she is also actively involved with CEN and ISO committees, where she leads the UK delegation of chemists representing Britain's interests in chemical, biochemical and physical methods of analysis in the technical committees for Water Quality. Sue commented: "I am pleased and honoured to have been Elected as Fleet Warden and I'm looking forward to making a concerted contribution to the success of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators.

"It is important that we continue to broaden our outlook and so extend our membership and influence across the wider environmental industry. At the same time, we must ensure that we retain the comfortable and friendly atmosphere of a supportive network of likeminded people that is such an asset to the Livery Company."



About the new Walbrook Warden

Colin Drummond our new Walbrook Warden has been in the water and environmental business since 1992 when he was appointed a director of Pennon Group PLC, the water and waste management company. He is chief executive of Viridor Waste, Pennon's waste management subsidiary; previously he was chairman of T J Brent, its specialist pipeline contractor and Viridor Instrumentation which

supplied specialist instrumentation to the water industry worldwide.



Mr Colin Drummond

Prior to joining Pennon, Colin was a divisional Chief Executive of Coats Viyella PLC, a director of Renold PLC, a strategy consultant with the Boston Consulting Group and an official with the Bank of England. He was a member of the Government Advisory Committee on Business and the Environment (ACBE V) from 2001 to 2003. He has an MA from Oxford and an MBA from Harvard and is a Licentiate of Trinity College of Music.

Colin was born in Belfast and lives in Somerset with his wife Georgina and two sons. In his spare time Colin is Organist and Choirmaster of St John the Baptist Church in Wellington and a trustee of the Calvert Trust Exmoor. He plays a poor round of golf and grows vegetables.



Deputy Master's Report 2003/2004

Writing this report at the end of my term of office as Master of the Company I am amazed at the speed with which the year has passed. I do not think that this is

simply a matter of age, but rather a function of how many different things happen whilst one is Master.

I said, at the beginning of my term, that I would want to focus on the internal processes of the Company and try to ensure that they were better when I left office than when I arrived. Only time will tell if this has happened. What we have done is to put into place a new audit arrangement and, as a result, a set of procedures to control the financial processes. This is not, I hasten to add, because of 'problems' with our finances but because I believe that we must be seen to embrace the best practices which we see business adopting. Corporate governance has a role for us too!!

None of what I have done during this past year would have been possible without the help and involvement of others. First, there is the Clerk Ralph Riley. Ralph is always either present or at the end of a phone to answer questions and explain the precedents. The City is not without its challenges and the newest company is assessed alongside the Great Twelve. The Wardens are of enormous support and will always lend a hand even though they are swimming hard to stay afloat in their own busy schedules. In particular I have to thank this year's Thames Warden Marion Carter for both her support and friendship. Sue Owen has been a Tower of Strength as chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. It is through this committee that all business is transacted at some stage in its progress; thank you Sue.

Have you ever stopped to think of all the many members of our company who are actively involved in making it work. I have mentioned our Clerk, the Wardens and Sue. There is also the Court, the Past Masters and the Committee

members; not only the FM & G.P, but also the Charities and Grants, a new Audit Committee and the Strategy Working Group.

This year has also seen the completion of the restructuring of our Charities. We are all aware of the central role charity plays in the life of the livery. Our Hon Solicitor and Fleet Warden, David Jones has steered us through the merging of our two old charities into one Water Conservation Trust. Many thanks to the trustees of both of the old charities for all they have done to facilitate this and to the trustees of the new charity, and in particular Jeff Rasbash for taking the chair of this new Committee of Trustees. We all must get behind this Charity and make our support tangible through charitable giving.

During the year it has also been a pleasure to help greet the City's newest Livery Company; The Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers as Number 104. Yes, since we took livery, there are now two behind us number 103 being the Firefighters and there are others preparing to take livery such as the Management Consultants and the Security Professionals. Livery remains a vital and relevant movement and very much at the heart of how the City of London functions.

I have also reported in this edition of the newsletter on the functions I have attended this year on behalf of the Company, what I cannot give a sense of is how vibrant and current the livery is in the City. This is one of the reasons why the City is such a power house, not just in the UK, but also internationally.

I must take this opportunity to thank the speakers at our dinners and lunches during this past year; Bob Mark, Sir John Harman, Hugh Berridge and Alderman Robert

Finch the Lord Mayor. I reserve my final comments to pay tribute to the Past Masters of this Company. They, in the collective but, particularly in the individual, have been a huge source of strength and advice to me. It was our Past Master and Clerk Emeritus, Hugh Berridge who brought me into the Company and has continued to be an enormous support to me. It is the Past Masters who have always been there to proffer advice and support during my year. Gentlemen, a very big thank you.

To all my fellow Freemen and Liverymen of The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators, a humble thank you for the honour you have given me to serve as your Master for the year.

Report on Activities

The year just finishing this July has been hugely interesting to me as your Master. I have expressed my appreciation to the many who have helped and supported me in the company. There have been countless others in the wider livery movement and the City with whom I have had contact during the year.

The Master of the Company of course is invited to a range of functions, ranging from Dinner and Lunch to the City formalities. During the past year I have been privileged to attend the installation of the new Master of the Scientific Instrument Makers and to have lunched or dined with the Weavers, Master Mariners, Launderers, Information Technologists, Butchers and Farmers to name a few. I thougherly enjoyed attending the Annual Dinner of CIWEM and meeting many old friends and work colleagues at a time of such change for those of us involved in the water and environmental movement.

The joint lecture we held with the

Insurers on the flood risk to the City by the River Thames which was given by the Chairman of the Environment Agency; Sir John Harman was very well received. We were very fortunate to have the Masters of a number of other Livery Companies present for the lecture as well as Liverymen from the Insurers and our own Company.

Our 'In House Party', the Annual Banquet was huge fun and Sue and I enjoyed this event probably above all others as it is a sharing of fellowship within the family.

For pomp and a sense of having made it! the Myddelton Lunch, held at Mansion House in the presence of, and with the support of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, cannot be beaten. The United Guilds Service, one of the services in St Paul's held during the year, was preceeded the night before by Dinner for the Upper Bailiff, Masters and Prime Wardens of all Livery Companies in the Mansion House hosted by the Lord Mayor. For all the splendour of Mansion House, there is, I think, a very special sense of occasion to be in St Paul's when it is full of Liverymen and the beautiful sound of choral music.

Our joint Carol Service with the Fuellers was a wonderful lead-in to the celebration of Christmas and just one example of the way in which companies are sharing the whole livery experience in an increasing way.

Our cutter, The Water Forget Me Not, participated in the Port of London Challenge, The Admirals Cup and the great progression of our 'Stella' from Hampton Court to the Tower of London with me somewhat precariously seated in the rear trying to give encouragement to the oarsmen pulling my dead weight along the Thames. Despite

the obvious handicap of an overweight Master, our crew completed the year once again with a clean sweep of victories.

Finally, there were, of course, our other Company functions; the Installation Lunch and the Michaelmas Lunch. These wonderful occasions of the Company coming together to share friendship and food. My report on activities for the year must conclude by thanking all who either offered hospitality or took a share in our hospitality every thanks for their friendship.

Kevin Bond
Deputy Master



Charity Update

Merger and Management

Members of the Company were recently advised that the Company's two Charities were to be merged into one. That process is now complete. All the beneficiaries of the Charitable Trust Fund (CTF) have been taken over by the Water Conservation Trust (WCT), and the accumulated proceeds and investments have been transferred to the (WCT). The WCT is supervised by six Trustees. Although they are members of the Company, they act independently of it and are personally responsible for the well being of the Charity under the law.

Pupils' Prizes

The Company's initial major educational initiative, the Pupil's Prizes scheme, is increasingly being taken up by members. The scheme encourages children at any local school in their study of water and conservation. Pictures of some of the prize winners have appeared

from time to time in The Conservator. Up to £100, and the prized Water Conservation Goblets are shared among the winning pupils from each school. (Why not become a School Water Conservator? Details of can be obtained from the Clerk or on our website, www.waterconservators.org.)



The photographs shows the Company's Chaplain Rev Adrian Hopwood making a presentation recently to the children of Ridgeway School and winners at the Matthew Humberstone Business & Enterprise College in Cleethorpes.



Water Conservation Bursaries

It is with great pleasure that the Trustees agreed in principle to support the Company to launch a second major educational initiative, to be funded by the Water Conservation Trust. It is to provide bursaries to post-graduate university students, to encourage the study of the topic, within the higher education sphere. They are to be known as Water Conservation Bursaries. By the time this edition is published,

Liverymen and Freemen should have

received a personal letter from our new Master, Marion Carter, regarding the launch.



Other Ongoing Projects

Need - WCT continues to assist individuals that have fallen upon hard times or have suffered major illnesses and who once worked in the water industry, or whose spouses once worked in the industry and who were previously supported by CTF.

CIWEM Young Members Study Tour.- Financial support for members of the Military Works Force to attend the Institution's annual study tour.

Tony Drake Scholarship. - A travelling scholarship to contribute to the study of a water conservation related topic, in another country.

Maidstone Sea Cadets. - General support of the cadets to participate in seafaring activities.



The photograph shows a contingent of the Maidstone Cadets escorting

the Master and Thames Warden at the Last November's Lord Mayor's Show.

City of London Freeman's School. - An annual grant to support conservation activities in the form of a book presented at the Annual Prize Giving and Open Day.

Dissertation Prize. - Annual prize given for the best dissertation, presented for the UEL MSc in Pipeline Technology and Network Management.



Previous Projects

Our Charities have been active since we were a Guild and have supported numerous projects, some of which are listed below.

Water Champions Venture. - Seed-corn funding for PENON Water Champions programme which is administered by the Devon & Cornwall wild life trusts. It helped both trusts to carry out their work on nature reserves, rivers and wetlands.

SEMAT - A DTI Programme providing support for overseas personnel for the Secondment to European Measurement and Testing programme.

Shoals of Capricorn. - A research project entailing a hydrographical study of the area.

National Grid of Learning. - The establishment of a national curriculum website dealing with water conservation issues.

LOGVEC - General livery support for establishing links with schools local to the City.

The University of East London. - Seed-corn funding to support the establishment of new Professorial Chair to serve the water industry.

Thames Cutter - Assistance with the purchase of a cutter to train young oarsmen, which is also used on company ceremonial occasions.



Liveable City Awards - A grant to the conservation section of the Corporation of London Sustainable City Forum.

Future Projects

The trustees are always pleased to know of any relevant projects, or ideas for sponsorship, and Liverymen and Freemen are encouraged to share them with the Clerk who will pass them on to the trustees! Some of those under consideration are as follows.

Conference sponsorship. - Funding for full-time students to attend relevant industry conferences and seminars at home and overseas.

Sponsorship of young persons with a disability. - Awards to facilitate enjoyment of the water environment.

Resource research - Identification of the industry's future educational and professional needs.

Appeal

The Deputy Master, Dr Kevin Bond said in his recent letter to members

“Charitable giving sits firmly at the heart of all City of London livery companies and I'm very pleased to say that due to the continued generosity of liverymen and freemen, our Company is no exception to this.” Most Water Conservators entered into covenants or made gift aid donations to our charities when they first joined the Company. Their generous gifts allowed the charities to establish and develop the capital investments, which are expended each year on the Company's existing charitable projects. However, the majority (although not all) of the covenants are now time expired. It is hoped that members will be kind enough support our charity once more. Once members have had a little time to digest the contents of the Master's letter, senior members of the Company will be making personal contact with all liverymen and freemen to encourage them to enter into some form of giving, to support the work of the Trust.

Jeff Rasbash
Chairman of WCT



A Potted History

And in the beginning there were two institutions, I.P.H.E. and I.W.P.C. and these two institutions were associates of an American organisation W.P.C.F.

And a man came from across the water and he said unto these two institutions, “From now on, thy leading members shall become Sludge Shovellers”, and the institutions obeyed and begat the Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovellers.

And after some years, the Shovellers thought they might do something useful, and a man called

Berridge suggested that they might do something in the City of London.

And a deputation went to see people in the City of London, who said, "A Company of Sludge Shovellers? Not on your Nelly!" And it was found that one Shoveller, a man called McDowell, was already a liveryman of the City of London and was well versed in the City customs and practices.

Therefore it came to pass that at a meeting held at the Institution of Civil Engineers, chaired by the said McDowell, a Guild of Waterbearers came into being. But the Waterbearers had made a mistake, saying that they were the only people in the City from the water industry.

And this was wrong, as the Worshipful Company of Plumbers told them in no uncertain terms as some of their members were on the pure water side.

The advice was to the new Guild that they could not become a Company until they had sorted matters with the Plumbers, but lunches and representations felt on stony ground and to try to please the plumbers, the Guild changed its name to the Guild of Water Conservators.

The man tasked to take the Guild to livery status was the same McDowell and, being a forthright engineer, he said, "Sod this for a game" and persuaded the Court to apply for Company status.

The City Fathers, in their wisdom, did direct that the two parties should meet and the then Master of the Guild, one Shirley, was a naval man used to pouring oil upon troubled waters and in the meeting, he used the utmost tact and diplomacy and the problem was resolved.

At a meeting of the City Fathers, the appointment of the Water Conservators as a Company without Livery was approved and the three observers, the Master Harris, the same McDowell and one Ralph Riley, did shout "Hurrah" and drank a bottle of Champagne before disposing of the bottle in an environmentally friendly manner.

And the new Company, sponsored by a previous Lord Mayor and ably led by the Clerk, the same Berridge, with excellent Masters, did comply with all the customs and traditions of the City of London.

And the City Fathers said, "Behold, this is a good and worthy lot. They shall become liverymen."

And so it came to pass, with the new millennium, that the Company, at an imposing ceremony in the Mansion House, did become a Company with Livery.

And a little while later, at a ceremony in the Guildhall, many members of the Company were clothed as liverymen and there was great rejoicing.

And, thus, the Company became Worshipful. May it flourish, root and branch, forever.

Aquaris



The New Barge Master

David Lawrence has taken over from David Latham as the Company's Barge Master. Following a period when the Company's Barge - Water Forget-Me-Not - has lead the way in many of the Thames Cutter events there is an awful lot to live up to.

Consequently the Company has sort out a very suitable candidate.

David Lawrence was a competent oarsman but excelled at racing kayaks at World Championships and at other major events on the international circuit - that is until age caught up with him.

He now runs the Royal Canoe Club at Teddington which is one of the national training centres for the sport but also includes within its family both Walbrook Rowing Club and the Skiff Club.

Until recently David was the Head of Navigation for the Environments Agency but in a previous job with the London Region of the Sports Council he was part of the group that established the Great River Race and the building programme for the Thames Cutters. An initiative that has blossomed into the programme of events run by the Thames Traditional Rowing Association - the events in which the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators rule the roost.

The Great River Race

This year the Company entered into a partnership with the City of London, Naval Reserve Unit at HMS President.

The event is for all kinds of traditionally rowed craft, intended to recreate the journeys on the river that have taken place since Henry VIII licensed the first Watermen during the 1500's. Each craft therefore has to carry a passenger and fly a suitable flag to indicate its affiliations. Craft take part that are as different as - 'Captain Blyth's jolly boat' from the Bounty to the sleek 'Cornish Pilot Gigs' and each is handicapped over the course. None the less a record entry of 280

This year the event took place on Saturday the 11th of September from Ham House, in Richmond, to the Mast of the Cutty Sark, in Greenwich - a distance of 28 miles.

The event was rowed in a strong head wind that made conditions through the City difficult as standing waves build up down stream of the major bridges. Downstream of Tower Bridge the head wind was more difficult to row against, particularly for crews already on their last legs.

boats carrying crews of at least 6 rowers, as young as 14 and as old as 70, take part. Our crew of Naval Matelots completed the course within 3 hours, which at the very least provided very good training for the London Services Challenge - the Fishmongers Cup that is to be rowed on the 25th September between the Fire Brigade, Police, Port of London Authority and the Cities Army, Naval and Air Force Units.



The crew awaiting the start

120 Club

Winners of the Autumn Draw

Derek Netherton
Kevin Bond
Brian Goodwin

Winners of the Spring Draw

David Latham
Alan Bruce
Robin Lowndes



NEW MEMBERS

Mr Nigel Cartwright
retired
DEFRA

Mr William Halson
Chairman
Productivity & Training
Services Ltd

Mr Trevor Harrington
Director
Thames Water Utilities

Mr Samuel Hemmings
Managing Director
Hemmings Group Holdings Ltd

Mr David Lawrence
Director
Royal Canoe Club Trust

Mr Malcolm Morgan
Principal Inspector
Drink Water Inspectorate

Mr Timothy Read
Director
T J Brent Ltd

Mr Nigel Sandy
Independent Consultant
In the Water Industry

Mr Malcolm White
Director
Mott MacDonald Ltd

Journeyman

Mr Jonathan Green
Manager
Thames Water Utilities

Company *events*

Election Court Lunch

Once again we were fortunate to be able to hold our Election Court Luncheon in the splendid Tallow Chandlers Hall. The scene of many of our previous Luncheons and Dinners. The Master, Dr Kevin Bond presided and the principal guest was none other than our Past Master and Clerk Emeritus Hugh Berridge.

The Master formally announced the results of the Election Court for the Officers for the coming year. For the first time the Company is to have a Lady Master Dr Marion Carter and also a Lady Walbook Warden Mrs Sue Owen. David Jones moves up to Thames Warden and Peter Cook to Fleet Warden.

Hugh Berridge in his speech thanked the Company on behalf of the guests and took the time to point out possible ways in which the services and goods in kind of members of the Company could possibly be converted into cash in hand for our charity.

There were opportunities overseas where the services of members and the possibility of Laboratory equipment which was superfluous to requirements in some members laboratories could be put to beneficial use in exchange for a contribution to our charitable fund.

This idea should be explored further and Hugh Berridge is still waiting to hear from some more members who could be interested in assisting in some way.



Installation Court Lunch

The Installation Luncheon and preceding Court meeting were held this year in the Barber Surgeons Hall under the watchful gaze of Holbeins King Henry VIII. It is to be presumed that he took a particular interest in the fact that Dr Marion Carter, our first Lady Master was in the Chair.

The principal guest was Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley who gave a very amusing and exceedingly well researched speech which was greatly appreciated by all. It is so satisfying when the principal guest goes to the trouble to find out things about our industry which the members themselves did not know. Dr Rita Gardner the Director of the Royal Geographical Society was also a guest on this occasion.

The Master in her speech made a comment which she will not be able to live down when she referred to the fact that as the first Lady Master she was delighted to see that there would be soon another Lady Master in the form of Sue Owen rather like as she put it another Number 11 bus, you see one and there is another not far behind.

Founder Members Lunch

The second Founder Members' Lunch was held on 9th September at the Brasserie Restaurant, The Baltic Exchange, which is the home of the City Livery Club.

The excellent lunch with wine was arranged and organised by the Founder Master, Mike McDowell.

Of 63 original members of the Guild of Watermongers, over 30 remain within the Company after 16 years, and many of those have now attended both lunches which have been held.

The Founder Master introduced his guest, the Master Marion Carter, so that members of the Company could talk to her about Company affairs, and he also gave a potted history of the Company, which was well received. Chris Shirley, the next senior Past Master there, thanked Mike for his hard work in organising the affair and also for the work he had put into the Company over the many years and which he was continuing to do.

Next year's lunch, which was requested by all present, has been arranged for Thursday, 15th September 2005, and Founder Members are asked to note this in their diary.



Conservancy Day

In 1197 King Richard 1 sold the Conservancy of the River Thames to the City of London. To commemorate this occasion the Company presents to each Lord Mayor a crystal jug full of Thames Water. This ceremony is held on the closest available day to the 14th July each year. This year was no exception and the Master, Thames Warden, Clerk and Clerk Emeritus appeared at the Mansion House to perform the ceremony.



EVENTS 2004/5

Election of Lord Mayor

Guildhall
29th September 2004

Annual Banquet

Haberdashers' Hall
4th November 2004

Silent Ceremony

Guildhall
12th November 2004

Lord Mayor's Show

City of London
13th November 2004

Joint Carol Service

St Michaels Church, Cornhill
1st December 2004

Myddleton Lunch

Drapers' Hall
27th January 2005

Social Event

Old Bailey
February 2005

United Guilds Service

St Paul's Cathedral
18th March 2005

Election Court Lunch

TBA
21st April 2005

Tudor Pull

River Thames
May 2005

Golf Day

Ellesborough
15th June 2005

Cricket Day

Oval
June 2005

Installation Court Lunch

TBA
6th July 2005

On this occasion there was a technical hitch...the Company had no Thames Warden. This had arisen because Thames Warden Elect had been unable to attend his installation, as he had to attend his youngest daughter's graduation from Newcastle University. To overcome this difficulty the Lord Mayor had kindly agreed to allow the installation to take place at Mansion House, another first for the Company. The installation was performed by the Clerk Emeritus.

Shortly thereafter the Water Jug Ceremony began with the Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress and Duty Esquire in attendance. The Master, Marion Carter presented the crystal jug, by this time full of Thames Water to the Lord Mayor, Alderman Robert Finch. Thereafter the Lord Mayor and all those in attendance then drank a delightful glass of water. However it did not last, as no sooner had the water run dry, cold champagne appeared. We all felt that King Richard would have approved.



The Lord Mayor receiving the Jug from the Master



The Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, the Master, Wardens and Clerks

The Admirals Cup

At the request of the Master, the Thames Warden appeared as a principal guest at the Admiral's Challenge Cup. Although on this occasion the Company's Cutter was not entered (the crew were unavailable) it was an important day for the Company as it had donated the armbands that would be worn by the winning crew.

For the first time the course was long, running from Tower Bridge to Chelsea. On previous years it had gone from London Bridge to Vauxhall and back again with most of the guests staying sipping wine by the start and finish line at Fishmongers Hall.

In order to get the crews back to Tower Bridge a flotilla of boats followed with the Thames River closed by the P.L.A

Both male and female crews had entered. Sadly there was one male crew that failed to keep up with the rest. As a result the flotilla of boats following, carrying only a few passengers/guests finished at least 45 minutes behind the winner.

I never saw the finish and the whole event ran late by about 2 hours. However every story has a happy ending and the winners got their winners arm bands with the Company's name on them.

David Jones
Thames Warden

Golf Day

On the 16th June, 26 Members and their guests gathered at the Ellesborough Golf Club to do battle in the Company's Annual Golf Day, with a further 5 Members and guests joining us for dinner in the evening.

We were again fortunate in having a fine day and Roger North played exceptionally well in the afternoon to win the Dewplan Trophy by a clear margin. Peter Cook also had a solid round in the afternoon to match his morning performance and was the winner of the Bill Smith Trophy.

Among the guests, it was good to see some excellent rounds from Ted Horlick and from Jo Shirley (Chris Shirley's wife), just reward for all the support that they have given us over the years.



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 held on Wednesday 15th June 2005

Morning Team Competition

Winners 38pts
 Roger North
 Ted Horlick
 Jean Jones

Male Guests

Winner Ted Horlick 36pts
 Second John Hampson 33pts
 Third Phil Edwards 28pts

Clarendon Prize

Winner Jo Shirley 36pts
 Second Nikki Bland 35pts
 Third Jean Jones 34pts

Nearest the Pin

Roger North

Dewplan Trophy

Winner Roger North 43pts
 Second Mike Martin 36pts
 Third Peter Cook 35pts

Bill Smith Cup

Winner Peter Cook 51 pts



The Master presenting the Bill Smith Cup to Peter Cook



The Master presenting the Dewplan Trophy to Roger North



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