

Installation of Master

The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators celebrated the Installation of Professor Peter Matthews as the 24th Master Water Conservator at the Tallow Chandlers Hall in the City of London on 4 July 2012. Peter will serve for one year, supported by three Wardens: Ivor Richards (Thames Warden), Roger North (Fleet Warden) and Peter Hall (Walbrook Warden).

Welcoming guests to the Installation Lunch, Peter said 'Never has a time felt so right, when we have the subjects of flood and drought in people's minds, for us to be at the forefront of society, championing the virtues and benefits of water conservation.' He added that 'Liverymen and Freemen of the Company, with such diversity of experience, can provide a perspective on so many environmental matters by viewing them through the lens of water'.

In proposing a toast in water to the guests, Court Assistant Keith Tozzi particularly welcomed Mrs Pamela Taylor, Chief Executive, Water UK, Alderman Parmley and members of other City Livery Companies, and Lucinda Gale from Brunel University, who was awarded The Water Conservators Company Dissertation Prize for her dissertation: '*Empowering individual carbon footprint reduction: Development of a tool to assess the impact of lifestyle choices on carbon footprint and to personalise emission reduction alternatives.*'



Lucinda Gale

Water Conservators Company Dissertation Prize-winner 2012

Pamela Taylor, responding on behalf of the guests, commented on the excellent record of the UK's water services in protecting and promoting public health, and the wider and unavoidable role in society in pursuit of social, environmental and economic objectives. However, further and significant challenges were inevitable: some could only be addressed by changing the mindset of providers and users to successfully meet changing demands and reduce the sectors carbon footprint. The industry had accepted the need to rethink and constantly innovate. It was well positioned to build on the work of its forebears, and combine continuity with stability and innovation.



Peter Matthews, The Master Water Conservator and guest speaker Mrs Pamela Taylor, Chief Executive, Water UK

A collection was taken after the Installation Lunch which raised £880 for the Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers' **MAGICAL TAXI TOUR** to Disneyland Paris in September 2012.