

The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators



Company History 2000 to 2015

15 Years from the Grant of Livery

Preface

During my year as Master of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators I was very privileged to attend a significant number of interesting and historic events. I felt that Members of the Company should be made more aware of the activities to which the Master is invited.

This led me to consider producing a document that would combine my experiences as Master and a history of the Company to follow on from “The History so far 1988 to 2000” produced by Geoffrey Truesdale OBE (Master 1991/92) and Bruce Hewett (Master 1997/98).

This document covering the 15 years from the Grant of Livery includes historical information about the Company and activities as well as a record of some of the events organised by the City of London Corporation and other City related organisations.

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Introduction

The Livery movement as we know it today started in medieval times as trade guilds. These guilds of the City of London represented the trades of the time that had the foresight to promote and encourage their trade within their own fraternity and more inclusively in the City of London.

“The Fellowship of the Brotherhood of St Christopher” existed from 1496. This fraternity, although not a City Livery Company did in fact regulate the operation of water-bearers in the City for well over 200 years.

The Water Conservators Company, formed as a Guild only as recently as 1988, has always within its membership had a movement which has been representative of the Water Cycle.

The history of our Livery Company from its origin as the Guild of Water Conservators on 28th April 1988 and the progression to the Grant of Livery on 25th January 2000 is described in “The History so far 1988 to 2000”. This early period in the Company history ended with the Millennium Clothing of Liverymen at Guildhall on 15th March 2000.

This document is the continuation of the history from that time to the end of 2015, including the granting of our Royal Charter in July 2005.

Over this period the Company has developed. Internally we have reviewed our governance, our goals and how we interact with the City and society. Our profile externally has become established but there is always more work to do.

The Water Conservation Trust, our charity, has grown. We now have a thriving schools programme through which we are helping children to appreciate the environment and the importance of water in our lives. This

complements our already successful bursary programme.

Our events calendar is well established and we have made some important additions to the Blue Plaques in London recognising water in the history of the City. We were also founder members of the WET 10 group of water related Livery Companies. Our Company and our professions have made a significant contribution to the sustainable development of the environment and the City.

On our website you will find back copies of The Conservator, the Company newsletter and the Masters’ reports for their year in office. These set out what the Master did during the year and some highlighted events. Since 2012 the Master’s Blog has been introduced which keeps members informed on a regular basis. This information complements this document.

Chapter 1

The First Five Years as a Livery Company

On 1st January 2000, the Company achieved its ambition to become a Company with Livery. We became the 102nd Livery Company of the City of London.

The Lord Mayor presented the Letters Patent to the Master at a very impressive ceremony at the Mansion House on 25th January. The Clothing Ceremony held at the Guildhall on 15th March was a great success with 107 Freemen being clothed in the Livery.

The Master, Ted Jackson, wanted the obtaining of Livery status to be just the beginning of the way forward for the Company. He chaired a seminar looking at the new role of the Company. A paper by the Wardens was outlined by the Master and debated by the Liverymen present. From this, three sub-committees were set up to look at Membership and the requirements of Liverymen and Freemen, the interaction of the Company with the Lord Mayor, and the City and the Environment.

After the success of achieving Livery status the first full year saw an increased level of activity, both in the City and in our relationship with other Livery Companies. Past Master Nick Paul reported that it had been a delight to see the very positive welcome that we had received from other Livery Companies.

The Court and Committees were kept busy, particularly in respect of resolving the future role of the Company now that Livery status had been achieved. Reports were prepared on membership, the Company's role in water conservation and its relationship with the City.

The activities of the first months of Livery status were covered in the previous history document.

The first Court meeting of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators was held on Thursday 20th January 2000 at the Watermen's Hall.

At the 2nd Court meeting (Election Court), convened on 24th May 2000, it was confirmed that from 29th June 2000 the Watermen's Hall would be our registered address with an office. It is necessary for a Livery Company to have a registered address in the City. Later, the cost of having an office in the City could not be justified. So, in 2012, it was decided to have only a registered address and it was agreed this should be HQS Wellington, the Master Mariners' Hall, moored on the Thames Embankment.

In 2002, Gerald Noone as Master, wanted to raise awareness in the City of the work of Water Conservators and its vital importance to everyone's economic as well as personal health and well being. A document titled "Awareness Raising Facts" was produced and circulated to every member of the Company to use when networking.

Kevin Bond followed as Master and his focus was on the internal processes of the Company. A new audit arrangement was put into place and, as a result, a set of procedures to control the financial processes. This was not because of 'problems' with our finances but it was felt we needed to address corporate governance in order to bring us in line with modern business practice while maintaining the traditions of the Livery.

Chapter 2

The Grant of the Company's Royal Charter

After the granting of the Letters Patent the most significant event in the history of a Livery Company is the grant of a Royal Charter. In the Ordinances of the Company one of the objectives was to apply "when the time shall seem meet to Her Majesty in Council for a Charter of Incorporation". A Royal Charter is a document that is signed by the King or Queen that gives an organisation particular rights. Today Royal Charters are normally reserved for organisations that work in the public interest.

The granting of a Royal Charter confers on the Company the status of an incorporated body the consequence of which is that the Company becomes a single legal entity rather than a collection of individuals. As a legal entity the Company can own property and enter into legal agreements, sue and be sued. In respect of Livery Companies the main benefit of the Charter is the status that it confers on the Company and in particular the increase in credibility when dealing with Government or other Chartered Bodies. This is highly important to a young company such as the Water Conservators whose Liverymen generally are active in the water and environment industries and wish to influence Government policy and contribute their skills and knowledge for the good of the City.

Application for a Royal Charter is made by the submission of a Petition to Her Majesty the Queen through the Privy Council. The Privy Council is a body of advisors appointed by a Sovereign and now chiefly on an honorary basis and including present and former Government Ministers. Once incorporated by Royal Charter a body surrenders to the Privy Council significant aspects of the control of its internal affairs. Amendments to Charters can be made only with agreement of the Queen in

Council and amendments to the body's by-laws require the approval of the Council.

The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators was presented with its Royal Charter only 5 years after the Grant of Livery which is a very short period. It was generally believed that the grant of a Royal Charter to a Livery Company followed many years after the Grant of Livery. This myth was dispelled following a chance meeting at a Royal Garden Party in July 2004 between the Master at the time Dr Marion Carter and the Clerk to the Privy Council Alex Galloway who had that morning been dealing with an application from one of the Livery Companies for a Royal Charter. He explained that the length of time since the Grant of the Livery was not relevant to the application for a Royal Charter and that provided the Company met the criteria the Company could apply at any time. Each application is dealt with on its merits but in essence the criteria for a Livery Company are that it should have no significant overlap with other bodies, be financially sound and have a track record of achievement which is met generally through charitable work.

From preliminary discussions between the Master Dr Marion Carter and Alex Galloway there seemed to be no reason why a Petition for a Royal Charter should be delayed if the company wished to proceed. At a Court meeting on 1st December 2004 a small working party was set up comprising the Deputy Master Kevin Bond, the Walbrook Warden Colin Drummond and the Walbrook Warden Elect Ian Staniforth under the chairmanship of the Master.

The process of petitioning for a Charter is a public one with a formal Charter application published by the Office of the Privy Council

to allow other interested individuals or organisations to comment or to lodge a counter petition. As any proposal which is rendered controversial by a counter petition is unlikely to succeed it is very important that before an application is made an applicant consults all those whose views the Privy Council would take into account in considering the application. "The Privy Council" is another way of saying "Ministers" and in their capacity as Privy Councillors, Ministers are advised by their Departments. The Departments with a major interest were DEFRA, the Department for Environment, Farming, and Rural Affairs and the DTI, the Department for Trade and Industry who were duly consulted by members of the Company. Other chartered bodies with an interest included the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management, the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management, the Royal Institution of Chartered Engineers and the Royal Society of Chemistry. The City of London Corporation was consulted together with the Worshipful Company of Plumbers. Following the misunderstanding with the Company of Plumbers during the formation of the Guild this consultation was of particular importance.

A further consultation was with the Royal College of Arms in order to transfer to the Company the Arms, Crest and Supporters granted to the Master, Wardens and Court of Assistants of the Guild of Water Conservators of the City of London. Initially, Robert Noel, the Lancaster Herald was contacted who passed on the letter to Sir Henry Paston-Bedingfeld, York Herald who as Rouge Croix Pursuivant of Arms acted as agent for the grant of arms to the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators.

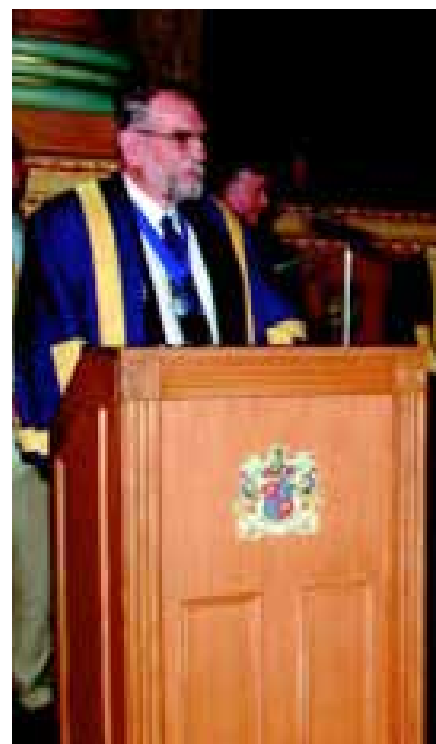
Meanwhile a draft Charter was prepared together with draft Ordinances. The drafting of the Charter followed the format of the Charter granted to the Worshipful Company of Engineers on 11th February 2004. The Company of Engineers provided invaluable assistance making available their paperwork to act as a template and providing guidance on the process. The drafting was carried out by John Hobson, the partner of the Master, whose skills had been developed as a career Civil Servant.

The Ordinances of the Company had been reviewed during the process of applying for Livery Status in January 2000. In the Ordinances the objectives of the Company are stated. As the objectives form part of the Royal Charter initially it was intended that they be deleted from the Ordinances. However, it became clear that changing the Ordinances would be a lengthy process and it was agreed that the objectives would remain in the Ordinances and be duplicated in the Charter. The Standing Orders again having been comprehensively reviewed during the process of applying for Livery Status were satisfactory with no amendment. Having completed drafting of the Charter and having reviewed the Ordinances and Standing Orders the documents were considered by the Court at their meeting on 27th January 2005. The Court resolved that a Petition be presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for the grant of a Charter of Incorporation to the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators.

On 18th March 2005 the Privy Council Office informed the Company that at a Council held on the 9th February 2005 Her Majesty the Queen approved an Order that the Petition be referred to a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council who



*Mr Alex Galloway presenting the Royal Charter
to the Master Dr Marion Carter*



*Mike McDowell
Founder Master*

are to consider it and report their opinion to Her Majesty. A notice of the Petition by the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators praying for the grant of a Charter was published in the Gazette, the official public record, on 11th March 2005 requesting that all petitions for or against such a grant should be delivered to the Privy Council Office on or before 19th April 2005. Thorough preparatory work paid off and no petitions against the grant of a Charter were received. On the 7th May 2005 at a meeting of the Privy Council the Queen approved the grant of the Charter to the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators. The Charter does not have any legal effect until the date of sealing. The sealed copy of the Charter is printed on vellum and is an impressive illustrated document similar in presentation to the Letters Patent, the document is priceless! A Royal Charter if lost or destroyed cannot be replaced.

On 1st July 2005 the Charter was sealed and the terms came into legal effect. Thus the effective date of the incorporation of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators is 1st July 2005 five years five months and five days after the presentation of the letters patent.

The presentation of the Royal Charter took place at a reception in Goldsmiths Hall on Tuesday 5th July 2005 attended by 304 guests including 54 Masters, 8 Aldermen, 5 deputies and the Aldermanic Sheriff together with senior representatives of water and environment companies, Members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons, regulators, civil servants and representatives of trade bodies. The Charter was presented to the Master Dr Marion Carter by the Clerk to the Privy Council Alex Galloway. Mr Galloway referred to the speed with which the Company had been able to achieve Charter status and said that the Company was well placed to fulfil

an increasing role in the vitally important water and environment sector.

The Founder Master Mike McDowell responded and Alderman Sir Gavyn Arthur, former Lord Mayor of the City of London, proposed the toast to the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators. The Master thanked Sir Gavyn for his kind words and reminded the Company that while receiving a Royal Charter is a great privilege it is also a great responsibility. The Master commented that the Company was worthy of the privilege and encouraged members to live up to it by making ever greater efforts in the charitable activities, putting to good use the wealth of expertise in the Company for the benefit of the City and society generally and engaging fully in the activities of the Livery. Thanks were given to the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths for permitting the use of their hall and for generously opening to the guests their Summer Exhibition. The reception was sponsored by Thames Water, South West Water, Viridor, the RAF AIDU and others. The reception achieved the aim of raising the profile of the Company with other livery companies and in the water and environment sectors.

The Royal Charter is framed and hangs in the Chamberlain's Court Room at Guildhall where the ceremony of the Freedom of the City of London takes place. Annually nearly 2000 people are admitted to the Freedom so the Charter is seen by many people on a daily basis. The Court Room has a number of artefacts from other Livery Companies as well as a letter from Lord Nelson and Florence Nightingale's Casket when she was made an Honorary Freeman.

The Royal Charter can be viewed by prior appointment when ceremonies are not taking place.

A copy of the Royal Charter is shown in Appendix D.

Chapter 3

Company Organisation and Development

3.1 Governance

The organisation and management of the Company is laid down in the Ordinances, Standing Orders and Company Manual.

As in most other Livery Companies, the Company is governed by an annually elected Court comprising the Master, Thames Warden, Fleet Warden, Walbrook Warden, Court Assistants and a Clerk. The committees and the membership of the committees are set out in Standing Orders. It was in 2006 that the first formal meeting of the Past Masters was held.

During 2005/06 there was a review of Standing Orders to ensure they compared favourably with best business practice whilst retaining the ethos of a Livery Company. This review gave rise to some intense discussion and exchange of views within the Court and the Past Masters. However, agreement was reached and at the Election Court Meeting on 20th April 2006 revised Standing Orders were approved to become operative from the Installation Court.

At the end of 2007 the Court discussed the fact that the Company did not have a Patron Saint. Several suggestions put forward by Court Assistants and our Chaplain were considered. At the Election Court Meeting on 17th April 2008 it was decided to adopt St. Christopher as the Company's Patron Saint.

In 2007/8 the Company produced its first Corporate Strategy informed by a survey of membership opinion. It was set out for five years but there was no cause for change in a review in 2012/13. Annual Management Plans were produced for a number of years but the aspirations were always based on increasing income from recruitment. The single most important action in the strategy is to increase recruitment.

During 2012/13 the Master at the time, Peter Matthews proposed that the Company should have a manual to provide a record and working document of how the Company operates. The Company Manual complements the Company Ordinances and Standing Orders and is issued to all Court Assistants.

The Livery movement relies on wisdom being passed on within a disciplined structure. The most obvious document being Standing Orders. Before 2013 many other documents relevant to the governance of the Company were held in different places. These included guidance on procedural custom and practice, guidance for the Master and Wardens, strategy, location of assets and contingency planning. It was decided in 2013 to bring all these into one document, the Company Manual, as part of good governance; it contains a confidential section but the rest is accessible by Court Assistants.

The completed Company Manual was approved at the Michaelmas Court Meeting on 24th September 2013.

For a number of years various committees had discussed and commented that the members of the Company did not have easy access to a document to act as a guide to the Company's management, charity and activities. Furthermore, there are a number of procedures, facts and areas of general interest that are not fully documented. In his year as Master, Roger North suggested we should have a handbook which would serve this purpose. As well as members of the Company it would be available to give to individuals interested in joining the Company and potential Corporate Members. So, during 2014/15 the Master's Committee took on the responsibility for producing a Company Handbook with Mike

Williamson the then Walbrook Warden being the author.

The final version of the Handbook was approved at the Installation Court meeting on 1st July 2015 and subsequently printed with sponsorship from our Corporate Members.

3.2 Management

The management of the Company remains largely the same as established at the time of the Grant of Livery.

There was, however, a change to the Standing Orders to ensure the Company did not breach age discrimination legislation in that the 70 year age limit for members of the Court was removed in 2010.

As in most Livery Companies there are a number of Officers of the Company.

The Clerk is the Company's Executive Officer.

Hugh Berridge MBE, who had been the Honorary Clerk since July 1996 relinquished his office at the Installation Court Meeting on 29th June 2000 and the Deputy Clerk, Ralph Riley, was installed as Clerk. The Master installed the retiring Honorary Clerk as Clerk Emeritus.

Ralph's career has been within the Guildhall and the Livery movement. In 1974 Ralph started his first employment in the Keeper's Office at Guildhall in the City of London. As time progressed he advanced into the Ceremonial Division of the City Remembrancer's Office. Natural progression allowed Ralph to move to the Chamberlain's Court.

In 1991 he was offered the position of Assistant Clerk of the newly formed Guild

of Water Conservators. From 1991 until 1995, Ralph continued as Assistant Clerk until Company status of the then Guild was achieved when he became Deputy Clerk. As time progressed it became clear to the Water Conservators that they could not function efficiently with a Deputy Clerk also having a full time occupation. That in part is why in 1997 Ralph decided that he would choose the Livery Movement as his future. Since that decision was made he has been Clerk of both the Fuellers and Woolmens Company and was appointed Clerk of the Water Conservators' Company soon after Livery was achieved in the year 2000.

Ralph was made a Freeman of the City of London in 1985, became a Liveryman of the Distillers Company in 1986 and then went on to become a Freeman of both the Fuellers and Water Conservators. He was admitted as a Liveryman of the Water Conservators in 2000.

In 2015 Ralph attended his 40th consecutive United Guilds' Service and perhaps rather fitting that the publishing of the second part of our History ties in nicely with Ralph's 25 year association with this Company, and as he says "Here is to the next 25 years".

The Beadle is employed to assist in the management of Court Meetings and all official Company functions. He also looks after the robes for the Master, Wardens and Past Masters. He attends the Master when he is on official engagements where the Master is gowned.

Mr Anthony Parker took up his appointment as our Beadle on 1st July 1999 and continues today.

Tony came to London in 1961 and joined the Police Cadet Corps, attested as a Constable in 1963, serving in Woolwich, Deptford,

Lewisham and finally Eltham. He retired in April 1992 having received several commendations.

His introduction to the Company was through both Ralph Riley, who he met in 1992 when he was Beadle to the Chamberlain, and Hugh Berridge, when Tony took up his first appointment as Beadle to the Scientific Instrument Makers Company in 1991.

In 1994 when the Water Conservators were granted Company without Livery status Tony was asked to act as Toastmaster at the celebration dinner. He was Toastmaster for the Company regularly after that and when the Company achieved Livery Status he was invited to become Beadle. The Company admitted Tony as an Honorary Freeman at the Election Court Meeting on 20th April 2006.

In 1992 Tony was a founder, and in 2006, Chairman, of the City of London Beadles Guild. He has been Beadle to the Launderers' and the Marketors' Companies. In addition to our Company Tony is currently Beadle to the Scientific Instrument Makers, the Solicitors, the Builders' Merchants, the Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames, and of the Glass Sellers, of which he is a Liveryman "Honorius Causa".

The Bargemaster is responsible for the maintenance and safekeeping of the Company's cutter, "Water Forget-me-not" and for arranging it to be crewed at events.

The Company's first Bargemaster, **David Latham** was appointed Bargemaster on 27th September 2000. He was well known to many members of the Company through his long career in the water industry but it is perhaps not so widely known that he also had a very successful rowing career over many years. David took a keen interest in the Company's



David Latham

Cutter "Water Forget-me-not" since the inception of the idea, and played a major role in the initial kitting-out, arranging crewing, securing practical storage arrangements and in negotiating for the Cutter's use in training youngsters.

In 2004 **David Lawrence** took over the position of Bargemaster from David Latham. David was a competent oarsman but excelled at racing kayaks at World Championships and at other major events on the international circuit. Preceding his appointment David was the Head of Navigation for the Environment 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 currently run by the Thames Traditional Rowing Association.

David Lawrence continued as Bargemaster until **Johnny Dwan** started duties unofficially in 2006. It was on 19th April 2007 that Johnny Dwan's appointment was confirmed by the Court and he continues in this role today. In his capacity as Bargemaster Johnny attends Court lunches and dinners.

Johnny's family history goes back many generations on the River Thames. He was apprenticed aged 15 by his Grandfather, who was a Waterman and Lighterman and 45 years later, in family tradition, he is still afloat.

He started his rowing career when he was 14, becoming a member of Poplar and Blackwell Rowing Club and going on to represent England and Great Britain.



Johnny Dwan alongside "Gloriana" the Queen's row barge.

The two events that gave him the most pleasure during his rowing career were winning the Doggetts Coat and Badge in 1977 and in 2000 rowing and winning the Millennium Coat and Badge with his good friend Mark Hunter, Olympic Gold Medallist in the double sculls in Beijing.

In 2000 he had the honour of becoming a Queens Waterman and Swan Upper and in 2012 received a Diamond Jubilee Medal for services to the Queen as a Waterman.

Johnny was made an Hon. Freeman of the Company in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year and admitted at the Election Court Meeting on 17th April 2012.

The Honorary Chaplain provides pastoral and religious support to the Company and its members.

The first Chaplain to the Company at the time of the Grant of Livery was the Reverend Adrian Hopwood. He remained in office until he resigned in 2010.

During his time as Chaplain, Adrian said grace on many occasions with varying words to suit the occasion. One of these we adopted as our Company Grace:-

Lord we thank you for this Company
For friends to greet
For food to eat
For wine to drink and
For Water to treat.

At the Court meeting on 25th April 2002 the proposal to form an affiliation with St Michael's Cornhill with the Rector in residence being made an Honorary Freeman of the Company was approved. The proposal was put to Dr Peter Mullen who was pleased to accept.

At the Election Court Meeting 19th April 2007 Peter Mullen was re-appointed Hon. Chaplain. Peter retired from being Rector at St Michaels and moved to Eastbourne in 2012.

After the departure of Peter Mullen the Water Conservators, along with a number of other Livery Companies, started to use St Mary-at-Hill as its church. The Myddelton Re-dedication service was held there and the Company was invited to join the congregation for their annual candlelight carol service at which the Master reads a lesson. As we were using St. Mary-at-Hill it seemed appropriate to appoint the Priest in Charge, **Revd Canon Flora Winfield**, as our Hon. Chaplain. She was installed at the Installation Court in July 2013.

Flora's appointments have included being personal adviser on ecumenical affairs to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, being the first woman commissioned as a Chaplain in the British Army and the first woman appointed as a Canon Residentiary of Winchester Cathedral. In 2014 Flora was appointed as the Anglican Communion Representative to the United Nations Institutions in Geneva. With this appointment and her other commitments we decided Flora did not have time to continue as our Hon. Chaplain.

St Mary at Hill continued to be used as the Company's church and in 2015 Flora's replacement, the **Revd. Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin** was approached to be the Company's Hon. Chaplain. An appointment she was delighted to accept.



Rose was born and grew up in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Commissioned as a Church Army Officer in 1982, her theological training took place at the West Midlands Ministerial Training Course at Queens

Theological College. She was ordained Deacon in 1991, and Priest in 1994. In 2007 she was appointed a Chaplain to the Queen, making her one of only a few who are occasionally invited to officiate and preach at the 400-year-old Queen's Chapel beside St. James' Palace. In 2010, she was appointed Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons in addition to her parish work. In March 2013, she was made a Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral in recognition of "her service to the Church, community and most recently as Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons".

The Honorary Solicitor is a member of the Company and provides the Company with legal advice.

David Jones who is now a Past Master has been our Honorary Solicitor since the formation of the Company.

The Honorary Treasurer

There have been a number of Honorary Treasurers since 2000. Initially the Chairman of the FMGP committee was appointed

treasurer and so on 29th June 2000 Peter English was appointed treasurer followed by -

2001/2002 Dr Kevin Bond

2003/2006. Mrs Sue Owen

After 2006 the Chairman of FMGP was the Master and so it was considered more appropriate that the Court appoint the Treasurer from the Court Assistants or Past Masters on the Court. The following have been appointed -

2006/2008 Barry Dennis

2008/2011 Peter Matthews

2011/2014 Roger North

2014 to date Barry Dennis

The Father of the Company

In 2014 the Clerk put forward to the Master's Committee that in some other Livery Companies they bestow the title of '**Father of the Company**' on the most senior Past Master. The Master's committee wholeheartedly supported the suggestion and when it was proposed at the FMGP committee in September 2014 it received unanimous support. At the Christmas Court meeting Past Master Roy Harris was appointed as our Father of the Company.

3.3 Membership

Having achieved Livery status, The Master, Wardens and Members of the Court were Clothed at the 1st Court meeting of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators on 20th January 2000. Sir Christopher Leaver CBE, as Sponsoring Alderman, was made an Honorary Liveryman at the same time. His resignation was noted at the Court meeting on 19th September 2001. Following this the

Company bestowed the Honour of Honorary Liveryman on Alderman Dr. Andrew Parmley who is now our Sponsoring Alderman. Other members of the Company were admitted as Liverymen at the Millennium Clothing Ceremony held at the Guildhall, London on 15th March 2000 when 107 Liverymen were Clothed. At that time Dr Moses, the Dean of St Paul's, was admitted as an Honorary Freeman.

Further appointments of Honorary Freeman followed. On 27th September 2000 it was agreed that Col Mike Reynolds and Hugh Millais should become Honorary Freeman. They were admitted at the Court meeting on 7th February 2001.

John Hobson's service to the Company in respect of the granting of the Royal Charter was recognised when he was invited to become an Honorary Freeman of the Company. He was admitted at the Annual Banquet on 3rd November 2005.

At the Michaelmas Court meeting on 24th September 2008 it was agreed that the positions of the Bishop of London and the Dean of St Paul's both be offered Honorary Freedom of the Company. The Bishop of London was admitted at the Michaelmas Court meeting 23rd September 2009.

The meeting of the Past Masters held on 27th May 2010 agreed that the Company should identify 12 influential individuals from within the industry to become Honorary Freeman of the Company. It was hoped that these individuals would make it easier for members of their organisations to join the Company.

Following this decision it was agreed at the Installation Court Meeting on 7th July 2010 that Philip Fletcher be offered Honorary Freedom. He was subsequently admitted at a

special ceremony at the Annual Banquet on 3rd November 2011.

At the Michaelmas Court meeting on 23rd September 2010 it was decided that Sir Neil Chalmers, Warden of Wadham College(Oxford) and Prof. Christopher Jenks, Vice Chancellor of Brunel University, be invited to become Honorary Freeman in their own right.

At a specially convened Court meeting on 16th March 2011 Christopher Jenks was admitted. Then at the Michaelmas Court meeting on 26th September 2012 Sir Neil Chalmers was admitted as Honorary Freeman. Lord Macdonald, Sir Neil's successor as Warden of Wadham and former Director of Public Prosecutions, was admitted as Honorary Freeman at the Michaelmas Court meeting 24th September 2013.

The affiliations with the armed services are important to the Company and so we admit the current Commanding Officers of HMS Scott, AIDU, 66 Works Group Royal Engineers and the Maidstone Sea Cadets as Honorary Freeman. Others have been admitted as Honorary Freeman for their contributions to the Company.

With the Grant of Livery the number of Liverymen a Company can appoint is limited. For the Water Conservators the number is 300.

Membership numbers have increased since the first meeting of the Guild in 1988 when the membership was reported as 62.

From that time membership grew to 136 in 2000 and then in July 2001 numbers were 213 of which there were 156 Liverymen, 50 Freeman, 6 Honorary Freeman and 1 Honorary Liveryman. Since that time numbers have generally kept at around 200.

The Company along with a great many of the other Livery Companies have to give attention to recruitment of new members. In order to try and encourage younger involvement, Journeyman, as a category of membership, was introduced in 2004. Membership by Patrimonial Redemption was introduced in 2013.

Also on 2013 as an initiative to increase membership the Clerk proposed that the Company should consider operating a Corporate Membership Scheme. He proposed that although the undertaking by individuals was for life, a similar undertaking could not be committed by individual companies. Therefore the Corporate Membership category was established to allow individual companies to make a commitment for a limited period which they would be encouraged to extend. The intention was that individuals from these companies would experience the Livery movement and the opportunities for networking and lively interchange of ideas. As a result they would choose to become Freeman and Liverymen in their own right.

The corporate members provided valued sponsorship for lunches, debates and the printing of the Company Manual.

At the end of 2015 five Corporate Members, HUBER, AECOM, ATKINS, THAMES WATER and RICARDO AEA had joined.

3.4 100 Club

Around 1993 at the instigation of Past Master Ted Jackson it was decided that the Company balance sheet needed strengthening if the Company had any hope of becoming a Worshipful Company. So the 100 Club was formed. Only 100 tickets are sold a year and

the draw for winning tickets takes place twice a year at the Myddleton and Michaelmas lunches.

There was a slow start and Ted had to buy many tickets at the start to get to a 100.

However, popularity increased largely due to Ted's sales skills and at the Court meeting on 12th April 2000 the 100 Club was re-named the 120 Club and the number of tickets were allowed to increase to 120. Unfortunately contributions did not continue at this level and so later the 120 Club reverted to the 100 Club.

When Ted Jackson became Thames Warden in 1998 Jim Urquhart took over responsibility for the 100 Club which he continues to run today.

3.5 The WET 10



The WET is an informal group of City of London Livery Companies which represent both users and suppliers of water. Its aim is to promote awareness, to contribute to debate and to be an influence for good in this key area.

Water is one of the critical challenges facing the world and it is entirely appropriate that the City of London has a group focussing on it.

A water related Livery group had been mooted for a number of years without any definite outcome. Eventually at a Water Conservators lunch in 2008 the Master of the Worshipful Company of Launderers (Selwyn Burchhardt) and the Master of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators (Colin Drummond OBE) egged each other on to do something about it; they decided to call together Masters or senior representatives from other interested Livery Companies. There was an immediate and enthusiastic response from other companies, both users and suppliers of water. This led

to the inauguration of the group of Water Related Liveries.

The above title, though accurate, was felt not to be punchy enough and it was decided to use the name 'The WET 10'. In a typically British way, we are in fact neither necessarily 10 (our founding membership being 13) nor indeed WET.

Membership of the WET 10 is open to all Livery Companies who support the overall objectives, the annual dinner and other functions and who commit to using tap water where possible at their company functions. The original members were the Plumbers; Basketmakers; Gardeners; Farmers; Air Pilots; Tobacco Pipemakers and Tobacco Blenders; Scientific Instrument Makers; Launderers; Environmental Cleaners; Constructors; Water Conservators; Firefighters; and Watermen and Lightermen.

A management committee was established totalling a maximum of 16 people drawn from the member companies. This meets twice a year. Past Master Colin Drummond was appointed Chair of the WET 10 (a role he held till 2013).

From the start the WET 10 highlighted three particularly key water issues which remain as important today as in 2008:

- the decline in water resource in many parts of the world due to over-abstraction
- the lack of clean water supplies and inadequate sanitation in many parts of the world and especially in poorer countries
- the heavy CO₂ emission in water supply in the developed world due to energy intensive treatment technologies as well as the embedded carbon in bottled water.

The WET 10 started by holding an annual

Discussion Dinner. The inaugural formal Discussion Dinner, attended by some fifty representatives of member companies, was held on 4th March 2009 at Glaziers' Hall. The guest speakers were Rt. Hon John Gummer MP and Philip Fletcher CBE, Chairman of the Office of Water Regulation.

At the same time a campaign was launched that City functions should use tap water rather than bottled water wherever possible to avoid the heavy energy use and associated carbon emissions arising from the production and distribution of bottled water. The campaign was supported by the Lord Mayor and a large number of Livery Companies.

Discussion dinners followed in subsequent years -

1st March 2010, was addressed by noted environmentalist Jonathon Porritt CBE and Ken Harvey CBE, Chairman of Pennon Group Plc. This led to the adoption of 'embedded water' as the campaign for 2010/11 designed to highlight the amount of water used in the production of foods and products and to encourage their sourcing in a sustainable manner.

1st March 2011. The guest speakers were the Earl of Selborne, who had come direct from Buckingham Palace where he was installed Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Her Majesty the Queen for services to science, and Sir Peter Mason, Chairman of Thames Water. Their topic was – 'Water – the big issues.'

5th March 2012, Professor Sir John Beddington MCG FRS and Baron Rupert Redesdale OBE addressed the dinner (on this occasion in Farmers' and Fletchers' Hall, through the kind assistance of Jeremy Courtney, Past Master Farmer). They focussed

particularly on the interrelationship of climate change and key water issues such as flooding and droughts.

There was a great deal of interest in the discussion topics and the prominent speakers. Numbers attending increased and to permit fuller discussion on key issues, the discussion dinner was changed to the City Water Debate which is traditionally held in Glaziers' Hall.

On 4th March 2013 in the first of the City Water Debates, Dr Paul Leinster CBE, Chief Executive of the Environment Agency, and John Hirst, Chief Executive of the Met Office led a lively discussion entitled 'Droughts and Floods: what is happening to our weather?' By that stage the WET10 was well on the way to becoming an established City institution, and Colin Drummond retired as Chair, to be succeeded by Chris Sneath MBE, Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Plumbers, for the coming year.

The next City Water Debate took place on 24th February 2014 on the topic 'Beyond Floods and Drought: can demand management deliver water security?' The speakers were Professor Adel Sharif, Centre for Osmosis Research and Applications, University of Surrey, and Professor Jeni Colbourne MBE, Chief Inspector, the Drinking Water Inspectorate.

Barry Dennis and Roger Hewitt, both Past Masters of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators, took over from Chris Sneath as joint Chairmen, positions they continue to hold.

Barry's and Roger's first event, the 2015 City Water Debate on the topic 'When will London flood?' took place on 2nd March 2015. The speakers were Dr Paul Leinster (for a second time) along with Professor David Balmforth,

Senior Vice President of the Institution of Civil Engineers. Well over 100 attended making this the largest of any event to date.

The WET 10 City Water Debate is now an established part of the City's calendar.

Chapter 4

The Water Conservation Trust

In 2000, the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators operated two charities, the Charitable Trust Fund (CTF) and the Water Conservation Trust (WCT). Although both charities had broadly the same objectives, each focused on a different charitable theme. Thus, the CTF, with Investments at valuation of £193,570, granted a total of £3,241 to individuals in need, the Royal British Legion and SSAFA. The WCT, with investments at valuation of £32,800, granted £1,240 in five small awards to schools and support to the Company's Cutter. The total administration costs were of the order of £3,500.

It was agreed that the charities should be merged under the WCT banner and that a grant strategy should be developed to make a difference with the relatively small sum available each year. The last accounts of the CTF were drawn up on 31st December 2003 and the assets and liabilities were transferred to WCT as at 1st January 2004. The CTF was removed from the Charity Register on 25th February 2005.

After the amalgamation three Trustees, Jeff Rasbash (Chairman), Colin Bland and Jim Urquhart, continued to serve the new WCT. Three new Trustees, Ivor Richards, Declan Downey and Peter Hall (Hon. Treasurer), were appointed. Projects were largely recommended to the Trust by the Company's Charity and Grants Committee which was chaired by the Master at the time.

During discussions about the future programme grants were given for environmental projects at The Calvert Trust, City education projects and for needy cases. During this time the connection with Maidstone Sea Cadets was re-established with an annual prize for the best cadet which has been awarded every year since. The prize is a



2008: Trustees visit Gogarth School



2011: Sub Lieutenant Nick Gilks, best cadet Able Cadet Lily Adams and Liverymen Trevor Harrington.

berth on the Sea Cadets' Training Ship.

On joining the Livery, members make a commitment to charitable giving and a major appeal to members was made in 2004 to support the work of the WCT. This resulted in covenants being given by 25% of the membership. Improving upon this number has remained an important task for the Trustees.

The Company Consultation in 2006 clarified areas in which the WCT could add value and also areas, such as overseas projects, where the sector was well served by WaterAid. The advice given to the Trustees was:

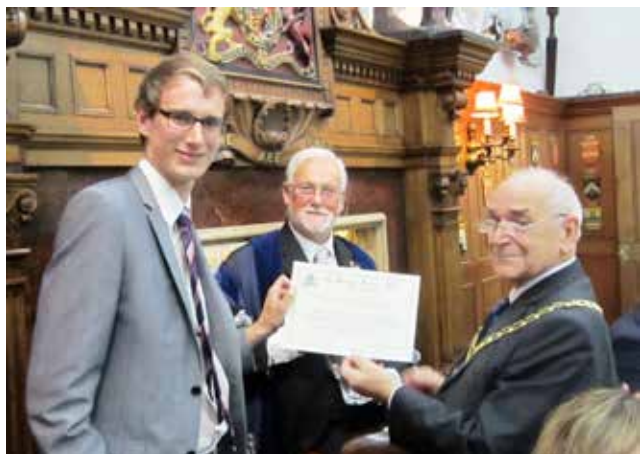
- To continue working with schools, preferably with medium term projects;
- To develop a bursary scheme to support

needy students on MSc programmes at selected UK universities because of a shortage of sector entrants with these qualifications and to develop relations with the universities with a view to engaging in shared projects.

- To continue playing a part in City charity work.
- To continue support to needy individuals.

The Trustees worked quickly and during 2007 – 2009:

- Introduced an MSc Bursary Programme, developed by Colin Drummond the then Thames Warden and the WCT Chairman Jeff Rasbash. This was trialled at Wadham College, Oxford and then extended to Brunel and Sheffield Universities. The programme eventually peaking in 2014 with 13 universities joining and some 70 students supported since 2008.



- Expanded the schools programme including a Pupils Prizes Scheme, spearheaded by Jim Urquhart, which encouraged schools to increase awareness and understanding of the role of water and the environment by the adoption of projects in these areas and the award of small prizes to the student or group of students who produce the best work.



In addition, in 2008 the Trust, through Trustee Ivor Richards, introduced medium-term support to Ysgol y Gogarth, a special school in North Wales as a model for more direct school support. The Trust has responded to a variety of requests including outfitting a donated van to enable senior pupils to carry out supervised work in senior citizens' gardens.



- Continued to support City and Lord Mayor's charity appeals.

Mike Williamson was appointed Hon. Secretary of the Trust in 2007 and the Trust was expanded in 2010 with the appointment of Mike Williamson and Colin Drummond as Trustees. These appointments were offset by the resignation of Declan Downey.

By this time the university connections were working well and the Trust facilitated joint conferences with:

- Brunel in 2010: Innovation and Competition in UK Water – Professor Martin Cave;
- Sheffield in 2011: Anaerobic Digestion – three specialist speakers;
- Imperial in July 2011: The work of the Environment Agency – Dr Paul Leinster;
- Pinsent Masons in 2013: Bursary Showcase and Review chaired by Lord Macdonald, Warden of Wadham College, Oxford.

In 2011 a decision was made to disband the Company's Charity and Grants Committee and replace it with a Charity Committee under the auspices of the Trust. The Committee develops projects and makes recommendations to the Trust on applications for support. The inaugural meeting of the Charity Committee took place on 16th December 2011. This process has worked well.

The Bursary Programme was now well established and two industry trade associations, WAMITAB and ESAET donated a total of £100,000 in 2011 to join the Programme. By 2012 the Trust Fund had grown to £500,000 and annual grants to £35,000, mostly in support of the Bursary Programme. The Trust also supported a Best Dissertation Award which is given to the best student on the course irrespective of funding. Meeting the award winners at a Company Luncheon offers assurance that bright minds are addressing our needs. Pleased with the outcome from their previous donations, WAMITAB and ESAET donated a further £100,000 to the Trust for the Bursary Programme in 2015.

Following a request in 2010 from Ruislip High School to help design and construct a natural

pond to support science studies. The Trust was ably supported by physical help through the Company's affiliation with No.1 AIDU at RAF Northolt, company members, business contacts and the school staff.



The Trust has continued to support the school with further grants for the provision of microscopes and in 2013 we were asked to fund an aquarium. After a review of the school's plan to use this as a teaching aid and to encourage pupils to take an interest in nature, this was agreed.



With the retirement of Chairman Jeff Rasbash in 2011, Colin Bland was elected Chairman. Following the retirement of Jim Urquhart as a Trustee in 2012, the opportunity was taken to expand the number and scope of Trustees, with the appointments of Roger Hewitt, Rob Casey, Mark Lane, Trevor Harrington and David Johnstone. A further appointment of

Professor Carolyn Roberts was made in 2014.

Following his appointment Rob Casey developed new initiatives with schools. Of these special mention must be made of the close relationship built up with the Hugh Middleton Primary School in Islington. The Trust has encouraged the School to review and upgrade its outside areas and make pond areas safe for pupils to use.



Other schools projects have included a greenhouse made of plastic bottles, safety grids over school ponds, a pumpkin growing competition, advice about storing rainwater and the provision of a weather station. In addition, the learning from Gogarth School has been extended to a similar school in Rhyl. Great care is taken to ensure the resources provided are built into the pupils' educational programme.



Since 2013 annual charity walks for the benefit of the Trust's Schools Programme have been arranged. These have included the Regents Canal and the upper and lower stretches of the New River. These 6-8 mile walks have raised about £2,000 each year.



In 2015, the Trust is well funded and has its own education programmes for universities and schools. It has been able to respond to requests from Maidstone Sea Cadets for a new boat and is joining with other donors to fund a replacement pier. It also works with the Water Conservators' Company to support City charities, in particular, the Lord Mayor's chosen charities, Treloar School and College, and recently, the ABF The Soldiers' Charity.

The Trust's programmes continue to be run by Water Conservators and rely on Conservators regular contributions as well as their time spent supervising grant-funded activities. Trustees seek to increase the level of giving, and therefore range of charitable activities where our expertise can make a difference.

Chapter 5

Military Affiliations

Like all Livery Companies the Water Conservators have affiliations with the three armed services. The initial affiliations were set up before we were granted Livery and are set out in the previous history. These affiliations are an important link between the Company and the armed services. Annually the Company presents to each service an award for outstanding achievement.

5.1 The Army

In March 1991 the army affiliation was established with the Military Works Force (MWF), a Royal Engineers unit providing civil, electrical and mechanical engineering consultancy to the Army, Navy, Air Force and Government Departments. During his year as Master, Roger North set out to re-energise our affiliations. As a result, through reorganisations in the army, infrastructure engineering support to all three services is now provided by 66 Works Group Royal Engineers (66 Wks Gp RE) with whom the Company is now affiliated. Within 66 Wks Group is 521 Specialist Team Royal Engineers (Water Development) with whom the Company has an Association.



A new affiliation agreement was signed between the Water Conservators and 66 Works Group Royal Engineers at the Election Court Meeting on 9th April 2015.

5.2 The Royal Air Force

In November 1999 the affiliation with No.1 Aeronautical Information Documents Unit of the Royal Air Force was established. No.1 AIDU produces aeronautical information for use by military personnel concerned with the operation and safety of aircraft. For this purpose a comprehensive world-wide digital database of aeronautical information is maintained.

The Company has continued to have regular visits to AIDU. Each year the Master and Consort are invited by RAF Northolt to their Annual Reception. This is held outside the Officer's Mess. This is a splendid event with the highlight being a demonstration of precision marching by the RAF band in full flow. The evening concludes with the National Anthem and a flypast.

5.3 The Royal Navy

In October 1999 the affiliation with HMS Scott was established. This affiliation continues and when duties allow and she is in dock we are invited on board. HMS Scott is one of the largest survey vessels in the Royal Navy. During 2014/15 the ship underwent major repairs and after eighteen months of late nights, welding, and painting HMS SCOTT finally completed days of commissioning trials allowing her to proceed to sea under her own "steam," or diesel engines to be more accurate.

5.4 Maidstone Sea Cadets

As a result of the Company being affiliated with HMS SCOTT a link was established with Maidstone Sea Cadets, otherwise known as TS SCOTT (Training Ship Scott). Peter English when Master decided there should be a formal

affiliation with Maidstone Sea Cadets. This was approved at a Court Meeting on 5th December 2000. An Affiliation Document was formally presented by the Master to the Commanding Officer of the Maidstone Sea Cadets, Lt. Peter Lewis RNR, at an Affiliation Dinner held on 17th March 2001 at the Unit Headquarters in Maidstone.



Guard of Honour for the Lord Mayor

Chapter 6

Annual Events

Over the years since the Grant of Livery the Company has built up an impressive number of annual engagements in addition to the lunches and Banquet. Some of the invitations are for the Master sometimes accompanied by the Consort, Clerk or Wardens. There are other events that are open to all members of the Company. Some of these events are described in this chapter.

6.1 Lord Mayor's Show

The Lord Mayor's Parade is a procession of floats with citizens and Livery Companies accompanying the Lord Mayor on his trip from Mansion House to meet the Monarch, or the Monarch's representative, at the Law Courts in the Strand.

The Water Conservators take part in the Lord Mayor's Parade every year with other Modern Livery Companies.

In the parade on 11th November 2000 the Water Conservators entered their own float to celebrate the Grant of our Livery. The float was dressed up as a parched desert surmounted by a huge "Magic Tap" with no visible means of supply. Three groups of walkers took part in the parade, Liverymen dressed as water bearers, a group of young girls dressed as blue teardrops and representatives from the Royal Air Force and Maidstone Sea Cadets.



6.2 Tudor Pull

Historically a common means of transport around London and particularly to the Royal Palaces at Richmond and Hampton Court was by boat on the River Thames,

The larger and usually privately owned boats were rowed by Watermen. Some Livery Companies had barges or shallops which were used for entertaining and for taking part in the great river pageants of the City. The Monarch had the most splendid of the fast shallops with appointed men to row and crew it. The Queen today still has 24 Royal Watermen with a Barge Master who organises their ceremonial duties.

Now, when the Queen travels on the River Thames, she does so in a craft called a Royal Barge although it is mechanically propelled. However, she is still accompanied by her Barge Master and Watermen in ceremonial dress as a guard of honour.

It was after one of these occasions that the Duke of Edinburgh asked one of the Royal Watermen, Kenny Dwan, elder brother of John, the Company's Bargemaster, if he could actually row. History does not record Kenny's reply but as a former Olympic single sculler in the 1968 and 1972 Games his response can be imagined! This incident stirred the Company of Watermen and Lightermen to action.

The outcome was a ceremonial row in which the famous Doggetts Coat and Badge winners from the Company of Watermen and Lightermen rowed its shallop from Hampton

Court to the Tower of London. This event generated so much publicity and interest that it was decided to hold a race annually which is now known as The Great River Race.

The Royal Watermen are not allowed to race – too undignified, so a second event, a ceremonial row, was initiated. It was at this time that the Water Conservators became involved. The purpose of this second event was to draw attention to better use of London's river and to raise money for charity.

To give extra emphasis to the wide usage of the river the Water Conservators present a 'Water Stele' to the Royal Barge Master at Hampton Court Palace for the Royal Watermen to convey to the City. A Stele (pronounced Steelah) is an upright slab or pillar bearing a sculptured design or an inscription usually commemorating some event or someone's life. The Water Conservators' Stele is a section of an elm water pipe containing a model boat and mounted on a plaque.

The idea of a stele came from an event in the 1980's. A replica of a Greek Trireme (a 35 metre long wooden craft rowed by 200 oarsmen in three banks) was rowed up the River Thames to the Palace of Westminster in celebration of 2500 years of democracy. A stele commemorating this event was then presented to Parliament.

So was born the Tudor Pull which is held annually, usually in June dependent on tides.



The Tudor Pull starts with a ceremony at Hampton Court Palace. Just before the ceremony starts the Beadle explains to onlookers what is about to happen. The Royal Watermen march up from the river and form up in front of the Palace with the Master, the Beadle and HM Bargemaster in front.

At the appointed time the gates to the Palace open and the Company's Stele, accompanied by pipers and drummers in mediaeval costume is carried ceremonially and placed on a table. It is heavy. The Beadle then calls for silence and the Master addresses the Duty Manager of Hampton Court Palace as follows:- "Sir, as Master of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators of City of London, I return to you this Stele crafted from an ancient Elm Conduit from our City, that you may once more dispatch it by water to her Majesty's Fortress and Palace of the Tower of London to commemorate the use of this ancient highway."

The Master then hands the Stele to the Duty Manager, who makes a brief speech and hands the Stele to HM Bargemaster, who replies and invites the Manager to join in a boating cup, a sort of loving cup. The Master, Beadle and HM Bargemaster then process to the Gloriana, the Queen's Row Barge, for the trip to The Tower of London. There is a brief stop at Richmond for some refreshments and for the Master to transfer to the Company's cutter, the "Water Forget-me-not", to be rowed down river to the Tower. At the Tower the Master endeavours to arrive to witness the delivery of the Stele to the Governor's representative. There is often a problem with timing due to the tides such that it is not always possible for the "Water Forget-me-not" to deliver the Master in time for the ceremony at the Tower. In future years it is likely that the Master will travel in the Gloriana all the way and the Thames Warden will travel in the cutter.



6.3 Myddelton Re-Dedication Service

Our Service of Dedication was first celebrated on the 2nd anniversary of obtaining Livery before the Myddelton lunch in January 2002. This was the first lunch of the year and formally dedicated to the memory of Sir Hugh Myddelton.

The proceedings for the event were designed by Peter English in his year as Master with the Order of Service being formulated with the Chaplain, Adrian Hopwood. The Clerk, Hugh Berridge, Past Masters and the Court agreed with Peter that the Myddelton Lunch, commemorating the anniversary of our inception as a City Livery Company, ought to be our most auspicious function of 2002 and succeeding years. Peter therefore proposed and it was agreed that we follow the example of many older Livery Companies and precede the lunch with a church Service of Dedication followed by a procession of the members of the Livery, properly clothed, from the church to the lunch venue.

The Company already had a long standing association with St Michael's Cornhill, so the selection of a Church was straightforward and the Rector, Peter Mullen, concurred immediately.

The Dedication Service was adapted from the Joiners' Company order of service, with only minor amendments; the most significant being that the first two verses of the National Anthem are sung at the beginning, whereas the Joiners sing it towards the end. There is one other difference between the Joiners' service and our own, which was not planned but came about by circumstance. In the Joiners' service the Master, the Wardens and their spouses occupy the northern choir stalls and the Master is called from there by the Chaplain to swear

the oath in the chancel. It was intended that the Company should do the same, but on that day the chancel and choir stalls at St Michael's were inaccessible for repairs, so the oath was made at the top of the nave, as is still the case. So it is that "tradition" is founded!

We continue the Service of Re-Dedication today with the same Order of Service and procession before the lunch.

6.4 Jug Ceremony

The presentation of a glass jug of Thames Water to the Lord Mayor by the Master celebrates the sale of the Conservancy of the River Thames by King Richard I to the Corporation of London on 14th July 1197. The first ceremony in 1997 is recorded in the previous history. The ceremony continues as an annual event in the Water Conservators calendar.

6.5 Pancake Race



Each year the Poulterers' Company organises inter-livery Shrove Tuesday pancake races in association with The Cook and The Butler and by kind permission of the Chief Commoner. The races are held in Guildhall Yard. The Water Conservators enter a team annually with

mixed success. It was not until 2015 that the Company won a prize! This was won by Mike Williamson, then Walbrook Warden, for the best Novelty Costume.



6.6 Visit to the Globe Theatre

A visit to the Globe Theatre has become an annual event in the Company's calendar with the Master taking a group to a matinee performance.

The Globe Theatre is a faithful re-construction of the open-air playhouse originally opened in 1599. Shakespeare was one of four actors who had shares in the original Globe and many of his greatest plays were performed there.

In 2000 Ted Jackson in his year as Master took a group of Company Members and their wives together with a group from the Watermen and Lightermen to attend a matinee to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the first performance of Julius Caesar at the original Theatre. Thomas Platter wrote in his "Travels in England" that he and his party after lunch crossed the water and there in the house with the thatched roof witnessed the first performance. To commemorate this the Masters and Clerks of the two Companies, after lunching at the Festival Hall, were rowed to the Globe from the Festival Pier and were welcomed by the General Manager of the Theatre.

6.7 The Thames Fishery Research Experiment.

The objective of the Thames Fishery Research experiment is to demonstrate the reduced level of pollution in the River Thames and the environmental condition by determining the number and size of fish returning to the river and to award points related to the scarcity of the fish species caught and their weight.

The first experiment took place in February 1966 and was organised by the Thames Angling Preservation Society.

The 1966 experiment was repeated in 1970 in co-operation with the Greater London Council and The Port of London Authority. The City of London became interested in 1971 and produced a distinctive commemorative enamel badge for 1972. In 1973, the first jointly arranged experiment took place. 2015 was the 42nd year for this event.

The Master Water Conservator is invited each year to present the Biodiversity Award for the catch which most demonstrates continuing healthiness and improvement of the River Thames. This award is a miniature version of a 400 year old 6 gallon Water Tankard in pewter bearing the Company Arms.



6.8 United Guilds' Service

Each year the Water Conservators' Company, along with all other Livery Companies, attends the United Guilds' Service in St Pauls.

The United Guilds' Service was conceived at a meeting of the Masters and Prime Wardens of the Twelve Great Companies held at Goldsmiths' Hall on 1st February 1943. It was decided to hold a service in St Paul's Cathedral for the Livery Companies and Guilds of the City of London. The idea behind the service was to help lift the spirits of the city following the blitz during the Second World War.

Having regard to the religious origins of the Companies, Thursday 25th March 1943, Lady Day, was selected as the date for the service, being the first day of the year according to the Julian Calendar. The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Samuel Joseph, attended along with the Sheriffs and Court Aldermen and the Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of London Dr G. F. Fisher, preached the sermon.

As far as records show, this was the first occasion on which all the Livery Companies and Guilds of the City combined to hold a religious service. Since then, it has become an annual event and remains one of the few occasions in the calendar where the Livery Companies and Guilds of the City gather together as a whole.

6.9 Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor

Each year the Master is invited to attend the Service of Dedication of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor in the Chapel of St Faith, St Paul's Cathedral.

The Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor was founded in 1908 and was given the title of

'Imperial' by Royal Warrant of George V in 1912

The three ancient symbols of knighthood are carried in the procession at the start of the service: they are The Sword, The Spurs and The Pennons of the Knights Bachelor.

The Ceremonial Sword of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor is named 'Chivalry' and has a close resemblance to the sword in the Society's coat of arms.

A device on the scabbard ensures that 'Chivalry' can be carried part-drawn symbolising the readiness of Knights Bachelor to defend their Sovereign.

The Spurs carried at the service are made of oak and brass and could not be worn, being used only on ceremonial occasions such as knightly funerals and the taking of vows.

From early medieval times the swallow-tailed pennon was the ensign of the Knight Bachelor. It was carried on a pole or lance and marked his presence and that of his retinue on the field of battle. The Pennon was usually about a yard long and bore emblems from his coat of arms or his livery badge.

6.10 Festival of the Sons and Friends of the Clergy

An annual service in St. Paul's at which the Master processes is the Festival of the Sons and Friends of the Clergy.

The first Festival was held in 1655 and there has been a festival every year since then making this, it is believed, the oldest service of its kind in the Anglican Communion.

In accordance with the tradition of the Festival, the Lord Mayor and the Bishop of London process together in State accompanied

by the Sheriffs and the Bishop of Portsmouth.

The Festival Service is known for having a distinguished preacher, for its fine music and two cathedral choirs in addition to that of St Paul's.

6.11 Masters' Weekend at Ironbridge

In their year of office the Masters and their Consorts of the various Livery Companies attend a weekend at Ironbridge. The Water Conservators have attended every year since we obtained Livery status. The weekend is run by the Ironbridge Museum Trust and as well as giving them the opportunity to show the various museums and facilities it is a great social occasion. During the weekend the Masters form the Past Masters Association for their year which is given an appropriate name.

6.12 The Election of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs.

The Election of the Sheriffs and Lord Mayor in Common Hall occurs each year on Midsummer Day (24th June - Sheriffs) and Michaelmas Day (29th September - Lord Mayor). When the quarter day falls at a weekend, as in 2012, the election takes place on the following Monday.

Both Common Halls follow a similar pattern, and arrangements for the livery are broadly identical at each. At both ceremonies the Master processes in and out of Guildhall in order of precedence with other Livery Company Masters and City officers.

The key difference is that the Lord Mayor's election is preceded by a service at St Lawrence Jewry, to which Masters (and others) process.

The Lord Mayor is admitted into office

on the Friday in November that is the day before the Lord Mayor's Show. The ceremony takes place in Guildhall and is known as the Silent Ceremony because, apart from a short declaration of office by the incoming Lord Mayor, no words are spoken. The outgoing Lord Mayor on vacating his seat, ceremonially hands the City insignia to the successor, who then becomes Lord Mayor.

6.13 The Big Breakfast

Every year the Hackney Carriage Drivers organise "The Big Breakfast" in Canary Wharf when sick and terminally ill children are taken on a weekend visit to Euro Disney in London Cabs. For the last few years The Water Conservators have sponsored a cab from our collection at the Installation lunch. The Master and consort are invited to the breakfast and to see off the children in their sponsored cabs.



Chapter 7

Historic Events

Over the last 15 years there have been a number of historic events which have been celebrated and to which the Master in office at the time has been invited. These are mentioned in this chapter.

7.1 Presentation of the Jubilee Jug and Tankard

To celebrate HM Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 the Company had a special jug made, similar to the jug presented to the Lord Mayor on Conservancy Day, for presentation to the HM Queen.

In 2012 the Company sent an engraved tankard to HM Queen in recognition of her Diamond Jubilee.

7.2 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Pageant

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Pageant was a particularly spectacular event in Barry Dennis's year as Master.

There was one of the largest number of vessels from the UK and the Commonwealth ever assembled on the Thames. Over 1,000 vessels gathered including man-powered boats, historic boats, pleasure boats, working boats, boats which survived the Dunkirk evacuation, all bedecked in their finest rigs and sporting crews and passengers dressed in their finest traditions and livery, each boat with its own incredible story to tell.

With Barry and his wife on board the crew of our cutter the Water Forget-me-not, five race-winning ladies and their able Cox, struck out from Mortlake Boat Club by Chiswick Bridge at 10.45am on a grey, damp morning heading towards Hammersmith Bridge. They were joined down the river by a steady stream

of boats of all shapes and sizes, all seeking their assembly points ready for the magnificent Royal Barge, Gloriana, to take up her regal position at the head of the flotilla.

Crowds had already assembled on the bridges, the towpaths and every balcony bordering the river, all equipped with bunting, flags, glasses of bubbly, red white and blue hats, scarves and clothing of every kind imaginable, undaunted by the cold and damp conditions – a wonderful sight and sound – true British spirit at its very best.

At 2pm with Gloriana in position, the signal was given and to the tune of the royal bells and cheering crowds, with flashing blades the Company cutter set off. Juggling and nautically negotiating to keep our allocated positions, the expertise of our Cox and rowers was paramount. The sound of the patriotic cheers of the spectators, sometimes 20 deep, was very emotional and a wave of pride spurred them on towards Tower Bridge. Her Majesty the Queen took the salute of "tossing oars" from the Royal Barge, The Spirit of Chartwell, a salute which dates back to Norman times. This was a particularly moving moment for the crews and passengers, if not somewhat precarious!

As the flotilla wound its way down the Thames, the boats had magnificent river views of the Palace of Westminster, St. Paul's, the wonderful warhorse display at the National Theatre and the extraordinary avenue of sail encompassing St. Katherine's dock with its gathering of tall ships, warships, sailing barges, cocklers, oyster smackers, herring drifters and fishing trawlers, all too tall to pass under the bridges.

This majestic day was brought to an end by the London Philharmonic Orchestra playing and the Royal College of Music Chamber Choir

singing the National Anthem, accompanied by spectacular pyrotechnics.

The magnificent scene of the man-powered boats positioned behind Gloriana is the subject of a painting which hangs in the Savoy. Water Forget-me-not will never be forgotten.

7.3 Celebration of The New River Water Supply to London September 2013.



Ivor Richards OBE decided to hold his Master's weekend in Ruthin to celebrate the opening of the New River System on 29th September 1613 to supply water to the City of London as well as the life and work of Sir Hugh Myddelton.

The principal promoter of the scheme was Sir Hugh Myddelton who was a very successful Denbighshire entrepreneur. Hugh's brother Thomas Myddelton was Lord Mayor of London in 1613.

Hugh was the sixth son of Richard Myddelton who was MP for the Denbigh boroughs. Hugh succeeded his father as MP and was made Myddelton Baronet of Rhuthyn by King James 1 in 1622.

A service to celebrate the life and work of Hugh Myddelton was held in St Peter's church in Ruthin on Friday 6th September attended by members of the Company and many guests. The Master, Fleet Warden, Past Master Colin Drummond, Members of the Court, the Clerk and the Beadle were joined in procession between the Town hall and St Peter's by the Mayor of Ruthin and were met at the church gates by the Chairman of Denbighshire CC and the Bishop of St Asaph the Right Reverend Dr Gregory K. Cameron. Amongst the congregation were Alderman Sir David Lewis former Lord Mayor of London and Lord Dafydd Elis Thomas, a longstanding friend of the Master. St Peter's was full.

Bishop Gregory led the service assisted by the Reverend Stuart Evans, Warden of Ruthin.

The congregation adjourned for tea to Rossignol, the Master's home, where they were joined by the Secretary of State for Wales, The Rt. Hon. David Jones MP.



7.4 The Company at Bluewater

People visiting the Bluewater Shopping complex at Greenhithe, between Dartford and Gravesend, Kent, will be interested to look at the decorative art work in the upper level of the West Shopping Mall. Also known as the Guild Mall, after its sculptures representing the London Guilds, this Mall depicts the activities and themes of 106 Guilds in a high level frieze made up of individual panels dedicated to each Guild or Company. The Company of Water Conservators' sculpture shows a young lady seated at a table looking out over a country landscape. On the table is a glass and a jug while under the table are storage jars.

7.5 The Great Conduit Blue Plaques

The historic importance of the water conduits in the City had been largely forgotten until the Company, principally through the tenacious efforts of Past Master Ted Flaxman, initiated the provision of the first Blue Plaque in Aldermanbury above the line of the "Great Conduit" in December 2010.



In 1237, with the approval of King Henry III, the Corporation of London purchased several fresh water springs to the west, near Tyburn, with the intention of conveying water from them to the City. A 4Km long pipeline,

largely using lead pipes, was constructed over several years. A conduit, generally sited in the middle of a street, had an elevated lead tank with multiple outlet pipes from which citizens could draw water of reasonable quality, free of charge.

This pioneering initiative must have contributed greatly to the successful growth of the City in the years that followed. As the population grew, so did the demand for water. This demand continues to increase today.



On 13th May 2011 the application for the second Blue Plaque to commemorate the Great Conduit in Cheapside was approved in principle by the Corporation's Surveyors Department. This Blue Plaque, sited on the wall of Tesco store, marks the end of "The Great Conduit" in Cheapside. This was the terminal point of the first public water supply system in the City of London supplying the area around Guildhall.

On 10th December 2014 Mr Martin Baggs, CEO of Thames Water, unveiled the plaque after the Master, Roger North, gave a brief history of the Great Conduit. Members of the Court together with Mr Mehool Mistry, representing Tesco, also attended the ceremony.



7.6 Ceremony at London Stone

On the morning of 30th March 2000 at St Peter's Church, the Mayor of Spelthorne, Councillor John O'Hara welcomed Peter Nutting, High Sheriff of Surrey, the Right Reverend Michael Colclough, Bishop of Kensington and the Deputy Master Colin Bland. All were fully gowned and embarked on Queen Victoria's Royal Barge .

The party travelled up the River Thames to the London Stone. The Stone marked the most westerly point on the River Thames over which the City of London had jurisdiction from the year 1197. It is thought that it was positioned at the tidal limit of the river. It was set on a new plinth in 1781. The original now stands in Staines Library. An inscription on the stone, almost obliterated, reads: "God preserve ye City of London AD 1197". It is also adorned with the City Arms and Motto and the names of various visiting Lord Mayors. These visits ended in 1857 when the city lost control of the river to the Thames Conservancy. The Mayor requested the High Sheriff and the Deputy Master to stand by him with their swords touching the Stone whilst he revived the

ancient ceremony by making the proclamation "God preserve the City of London". There then followed a short service at which the Bishop blessed the Stone. The Mayor led his guests back to the Royal Barge for it to glide tranquilly back down the Thames as it had done centuries before.



Proclamation at the London Stone

In the following year the Master Peter English on Conservancy Day 2001 made an "official" visit to Southend-on-Sea to inspect the Easternmost limit of the River Thames Conservancy. This is marked by a stone on the promenade and a post visible at Low Tide off Southend Beach. The Master's party were received by the Mayor of Southend and given lunch in his splendid official residence.

7.7 Launching the Company's Cutter

On Saturday 14th October 2000, members of the Company and their partners met at the Richmond Boat House for the launch of the Company's cutter. This is the seventeenth Thames Cutter built by Mark Edwards, twelve of which are owned by other Livery Companies.

After a reception hosted by the builders, the Master's wife then named the cutter, the "Water Forget-me-not". Everyone was given the opportunity to be rowed up the river by four volunteers from the boatyard. It was originally intended the cutter be rowed either by junior apprentices from the Watermen's Company or by the rowing club in east London. For the rest of the year the cutter was to provide educational and sporting opportunities for the less advantaged to take part in traditional rowing. The commissioning of the cutter was only possible as a result of the generosity of a number of companies who contributed to the costs. These were; Anglian Water, Aquabio, Coflex, Northumbrian Water, Pennon, Severn Trent Water, Thames Water and Yorkshire Water.

The cutter is now rowed by an all women crew from the Thames Traditional Rowing Club.



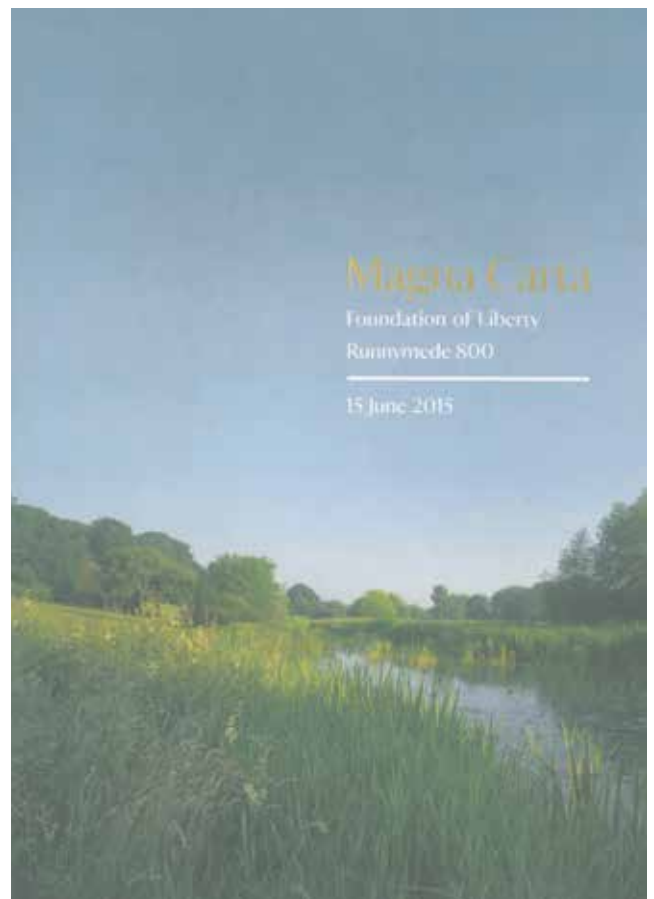
The Master's wife, Judy Paul naming the cutter at Richmond

7.8 Magna Carta Celebration 15th June 2015

The event at Runnymede was attended by the Queen, other members of the Royal family and a number of invited dignitaries from around the world and other guests. The Master, Roger North, with other Masters of Livery Companies were there to join in the celebrations.

The Magna Carta originated as a peace treaty between King John and a group of rebellious barons. Its influence can be seen in other documents across the world including the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the US constitution and Bill of Rights.

Lord Dyson, Master of the Rolls and chairman of the Magna Carta Trust, said at the ceremony the Magna Carta was "a symbol of democracy, justice, human rights and perhaps above all the rule of law for the whole world".



Chapter 8

Sporting Activities

8.1 Rowing

At the Court Meeting on 19th September 2001 it was reported that The Company cutter entered “The Great River Race and out of 250 cutters had been handicapped “249”. Our Cutter won its class, had overtaken 241 other cutters and was placed 8th overall.

During the summer, the Water Forget-me-not takes part in various races and pageants on the River Thames. Over the years it has had great success with both men’s and women’s crews.

8.2 Golf

The Water Conservators golf society Annual Golf Day was started by Past Master Chris Shirley in 1992 and played at Ellesborough Golf Course near Wendover in the Chilterns where Chris was a member.

Originally the golf day was played over 27 holes. In the morning there was a team competition over 9 holes and in the afternoon there was a singles competition over 18 holes. There were two trophies for the singles, the Dewplan Trophy for men and the Clarendon for ladies. Both trophies were donated by Chris Shirley.

In 1997 the Bill Smith Trophy was donated by Bill’s wife in memory of her husband who was Master in 1995/6. This trophy was presented to the member with the best individual aggregate stableford score over both the morning and afternoon competitions.

The success of the event grew. At its peak 32 members participated plus wives and guests. During this time there was also strong representation from the ladies and they keenly contested the Clarendon Cup. Winners of this competition included Nikki Bland and Christine North (twice).

In 1999 Tony Knockles took over organisation of the Golf Day and in 2002 this passed to Nick Paul. For a number of years the golf day didn’t happen until in 2012 Richard Waller re-started the event at Leatherhead Golf Club. The attendance of members has been low but in recent years other livery companies such as the Horners, Drapers, and Art Scholars have joined us with corporate member, Atkins, submitting teams. The winners of the trophies since 2000 are recorded as:-

	Dewplan Trophy	Bill Smith Trophy
2000	Nick Paul	Roger North
2001	Doug Smith	Nick Paul
2002	Peter Chave	David Jones
2003	Peter Cook	Roger North
2004	Roger North	Peter Cook
2005	Malcolm White	Peter Chave
2006	Roger North	Nick Paul
2007	Roger North	Malcolm White
2008	Roger North	Chris Shirley
2009		Roger North
2012		Tim Gross
2013		Roger North
2014		Roger North
2015		Roger North

In recent years (from 2012) the Water Conservators have entered teams in the Worshipful Company of Marketors Golf Competition at Verulam Golf Course, St Albans and the Prince Arthur Cup at Walton Heath for all Livery Companies.

8.3 Shooting

The annual Inter Livery Charity Clay Shoot is one of the highlights of the City of London charity events.

Since its revival in 1993 it has been a hugely successful fund raiser for charities nominated by teams involved in the day.

It is attended by in excess of 400 guns every year in four man teams, representing over 55 Livery Companies. The guns battle it out over a ten stand, 80 bird Sporting layout interrupted only by the four man, 80 bird, flush from the high tower.

The venue is traditionally Holland & Holland shooting ground at Northwood Middlesex, a beautifully laid out professional circuit and home for shooting of all disciplines.

The shoot has become highly competitive whilst maintaining a comfortable, friendly, esprit de corps atmosphere and of course creating a pool of money for donation to charity.

Chapter 9

Communications and Publications

9.1 Communications

Since the inception of the Company communications have changed immeasurably.

In the early days of the Company, communication was by handwritten correspondence, telephone calls from static land lines and faxes were all the rage. Now the internet and mobile phones have made communication quicker and easier.

Since Livery was achieved we now place more reliance on digital technology, such that emails have replaced the written word and all Committee and Court Papers are distributed in that way.

Our website, set up in 2000 by Bill Halson, has evolved and now reports regularly to the membership on events, news and activities including the list of upcoming events with flyers, although these are still sent to members in the post. Sue Paterson took over as Webmaster from Bill in 2011.

The Master's blog was started by Peter Matthews for his year as Master to keep the membership up to date with what he was doing during the year. The Master's blog has been continued by subsequent Masters.

9.2 Publications

Reflections on Water

In 2012/13 the Master, Peter Matthews, sought to find ways of engaging as many members as possible in activities. During the Master's weekend in Cromer, in July, a lively conversation created the idea of a book of a collection of essays, articles, think-pieces, prose, poetry and other written work comprising contributions from members of the Company, their families and other

members of the Livery movement. The purpose of the book was to collate and showcase the collective experience and wisdom of members and to bring it to the attention of a wider audience for the benefit of fellow professionals and the public.

A title of 'Reflections on Water' was agreed and Court Assistant Nick Reeves acted as the editor. It was highly successful but was overshadowed by the sudden death of Nick as the project drew to its conclusion. Published in early 2014 the book contains 72 articles and photos from the CIWEM Environmental Photographer of the Year Competition.

Conservator Perspectives

During his year as Master Ivor Richards introduced the idea of "Conservator Perspectives. These 'Perspectives' are a series of notes prepared by members of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators and others invited to make a contribution.

The purpose in issuing these Perspectives is to exploit and broadcast the very wide range of expertise that lies within the Livery Company in the fields of water and environmental management and our broad links within the Livery movement in the City of London. The intention is that contributors will provide a personal view based on their extensive experience of promoting change in the science, art and practice of water and environmental management. On this basis the aim is to provide an insight into current thinking and practice in a particular field and thoughts on what might emerge from the future. At the end of 2015 nine Perspectives had been published on the Water Conservators website.

Sweet & Wholesome Water

The publication of this book came about as a

result of a comment made by the Lord Mayor at the ceremony in Mansion House to mark the occasion of the grant of our Livery. The Lord Mayor asked why the water industry had not previously been represented in the City?

Prompted by this two of our Past Masters, Ted Flaxman and Ted Jackson had independently set out to research the history of water bearers in the City of London. When they found they were doing the same thing they joined forces to produce this book that covers five centuries of the history of Water Bearers in the City of London. It was already known that in earlier times, before proper piped distribution systems had been developed, Water Bearers had operated in the City and had formed themselves into some sort of Fraternity or Trade Guild. Their trade being essentially manual they never became a Livery Company.

Chapter 10

Company Regalia

Our Regalia contain symbols crucial to our role. The Bouget represents a link to the past as this is the symbol representing the carrier of the water-bearers. The Tear Drop has a long history dating back to a Platinum Tear Drop designed and made by Salvador Dali and presented to Hugh Millais. It was copied by the former Clerk Hugh Berridge with the permission of Hugh Millais.

The Company regalia we have today is essentially that which was put together when the Guild was formed. Initially we had the Coat of Arms, the Tear Drop, the Master's Badge, The Warden's Badges, The Clerk's Badge, the original Past Master's Badge, the Company Cross and the Beadle's staff. Over the years further items have been added, principally due to the generosity of Past Masters.

The silver Master's chain was donated and presented by Ted Flaxman to the Company at the Ceremonial Court meeting on 27th January 2003 when Gerald Noone was Master. The Chain of Office, worn regularly by the Master, is ceremoniously handed over from the outgoing Master to the incoming Master at the Installation ceremony.

At the Court meeting on 2nd July 2003 Past Master Mike McDowell presented the Company with a memento in the form of the original Guild Master's Badge with bars attached to the ribbon indicating the names of the Masters that had served in the office of Master whilst the Company was still a Guild.

Two silver goblets were presented to the Company by Mrs Joan Banks in memory of the late Master, Peter Banks, her husband.

A silver Tankard which Ted Jackson and Ted Flaxman presented to the Company was designed and produced by Steven Sanson, the

silversmith who already had close links with the Company. He produced the Master's chain, the Wolf's head on the Beadle's staff, the Water Conservator's Cross and of course the tear badges.

The silver Tankard is nine inches high and holds about one and a quarter pints. The purpose in commissioning this silver version was that it could be used by the Master as a water jug, possibly making a useful "conversation opener" with guests. Not many Modern Livery Companies can show off the original tools of their trade dating as far back as 1276.

This is the third Tankard now owned by the Company. The first being the full-size 6 gallon version which was presented to the Company when Marion Carter was Master is on long-term loan to the Cooper's Company for exhibition in their museum.

The second being the half-size version made by Roy Harris. This is used at lunches to collect donations for the nominated charity from those attending.

At the end of his year as Master in 2008 Colin Drummond presented a Loving Cup to the Company. This is used for the Loving Cup Ceremony at the Annual Banquet.

Roger Hewitt gifted a brooch to be worn by the Master's Consort (Mistress) at the end of his year as Master in 2011.

Barry Dennis presented a silver goblet "The Master's Claret Goblet" for the Master to have in his place setting for lunches and the banquet. This is not to be confused with "The Master's Goblet" presented by the founder Master Mike McDowell.

Livery Companies since early Medieval times have adopted distinctive clothing, a livery,

including gowns, cap and vestigial hoods, possibly as a derivative of ecclesiastical robes. However, the use of the hood appears now to be restricted to Masters' apparel. A hood was added to the Master's gown in 2012/13, presented by Peter Mathews.

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Appendix A

List of Masters 2000-2015

Ted Jackson	1999 - 2000
Nick Paul	2000 - 2001
Peter English	2001 - 2002
Gerald Noone	2002 - 2003
Kevin Bond	2003 - 2004
Marion Carter	2004 - 2005
David Jones	2005 - 2006
Sue Owen	2006 - 2007
Colin Drummond	2007 - 2008
Lorna Walker	2008 - 2009
Bob Mark	2009 - 2010
Roger Hewitt	2010 - 2011
Barry Dennis	2011 - 2012
Peter Matthews	2012 - 2013
Ivor Richards	2013 - 2014
Roger North	2014 - 2015
Peter Hall	2015 - 2016

Appendix B

Company Events 2000-2015

Business Lunch	Royal Geographical Society	2000
Sport	The Oval	2000
Visit	“Royal School of Engineering, Chatham”	2000
Business Lunch	The Counting House	2001
Dinner Cruise	Shoal of Capricorn Royal Geographical Society	2001
Visit	Mansion House	2001
Visit	“AIDU, RAF Northolt”	2002
Visit	“Cropston, Leicestershire”	2002
Visit	“Madejeski Stadium, Reading”	2002
Briefing	“Military Works Force, Army & Navy Club”	2003
Technical Visit	Thames Barrier	2003
Visit	“Military Works Force, Bicester”	2005
Visit	Thames Barrier	2005
Visit	Old Bailey	2005
Charity Evening	Salters Hall	2007
Company Weekend	York & York Races	2007
Ladies Tour	Royal Academy	2007
Dinner Debate	Oxford and Cambridge Club	2008
Ladies Tour	Kew Gardens	2008
Visit	Bank of England	2008
Visit	Apsley House	2008
Company Weekend	Portsmouth	2009
Company Weekend	France	2009
Master’s Party	RAF Club	2009
Dinner Cruise	River Thames	2010
Visit	“Ceremony of the Keys, Tower of London”	2010
Visit	HMS Scott	2010
Visit	National Gallery	2010
Charity Walk	Regents Canal	2011
Company Weekend	Newmarket	2011
Visit	Old Bailey	2011

Appendix B

Company Events 2000-2015 – continued

Visit	College of Arms	2011
Charity Walk	The London Eye to Greenwich	2012
Company Weekend	Cromer	2012
Ladies Tour	Mansion House	2012
Out of Town Lunch	Surrey	2012
Sport	“Rugby, Reading”	2012
Bursary Presentation	Pinsent Masons	2013
Charity Walk	New River to Broxbourne	2013
Company Weekend	Wales	2013
Dinner Debate	Reform Club	2013
Out of Town Lunch	Somerset	2013
Visit	The Shard	2013
Company Weekend	Cromer	2014
Lecture	Oxford and Cambridge Club	2014
Visit	British Library	2014
Visit	Dowgate Fire Station	2014
Visit and Charity Walk	New River Head to Alexandra Palace	2014
Charity Walk	Islington to the Olympic Park	2015
Company Weekend	Salisbury	2015
Ladies Tour	Middle Temple	2015
Lecture	Queen Mary University	2015
Visit	College of Arms	2015
Visit	Swan Upping	2015
Visit	Globe Theatre	Annually 2000 to 2015

Appendix C

Company Lunches & Banquets – Locations & Speakers 2000-2015

	Myddelton	Election Court	Installation Court	Michaelmas Court	Annual Banquet
2000	Brewers 08-Feb Alderman Sir Brian Jenkins	Tallow Chandlers 12-Apr Mr Ian Byatt	Fishmongers 29-Jun Miss Judith Mayhew	Farmers & Fletchers 27-Sep Mr Dominic Reid	Drapers 16-Nov His Honour Judge Michael Hyam
2001	Armourers 07-Feb Sir John Hannan	Tallow Chandlers 25-Apr Sir David Howard	Merchant Taylors 04-Jul Mr Sheriff Michael Oliver	Cutlers 19-Sep Alderman David Brewer	Vintners 07-Nov Rear Admiral Sir Jeremy Todd
2002	Tallow Chandlers 25-Jan Alderman Robert Finch	Tallow Chandlers 25-Apr The Earl of Selbourne	Pewterers 03-Jul Alderman Gavyn Arthur	Pewterers 19-Sep Mr Jim Oatridge	Haberdashers 05-Nov Cmdr Jamie Michael Phillips, RN
2003	Tallow Chandlers 27-Jan Alderman & Sheriff Robert Finch	HQS Wellington 17-Apr Mr Philip Fletcher	Bakers 02-Jul Sir Martyn Doughty	Tallow Chandlers 24-Sep Deputy Phillip Willoughby	Skinners 06-Nov Commodore Bob Mark, RN
2004	Mansion House 29-Jan The Lord Mayor	Tallow Chandlers 15-Apr Mr Hugh Berridge	Barber Surgeons 07-Jul Alderman Andrew Parmley	Pewterers 22-Sep Mr Reg Brown	Haberdashers 04-Nov Baroness Ros Scott
2005	Drapers Hall 27-Jan Deputy Michael Snyder	Armourers 21-Apr Mr John Cridland	Barber Surgeons 06-Jul Mr Adrian Watney	HQS Wellington 28-Sep Mr Ian Croxford QC	Mercers 03-Nov Mr Richard Cunis
2006	Vintners 25-Jan Baroness Jo Valentine	Tallow Chandlers 20-Apr Mr Francis Bergin	Vintners 05-Jul Sir Fred Holliday	Innholders 27-Sep Dame Stephanie Shirley	Drapers 02-Nov Lord Julian Hunt
2007	Fishmongers 30-Jan The Lord Mayor	Pewterers 19-Apr His Hon Judge Peter Coulson QC	Barber Surgeons 04-Jul The Earl of Arran	Saddlers 26-Sep Sir Geoffrey Chipperfield	Painters 01-Nov The Rt Hon John Gummer, MP
2008	Ironmongers 25-Jan Philip Fletcher	Cutlers 17-Apr Mr Ken Harvey	Saddlers 02-Jul Sir John Sorrel	Salters 24-Sep Mr Colin Challen, MP	Stationers 06-Nov The Rt Hon Margaret Beckett, MP
2009	Carpenters 22-Jan The Lord Mayor	Cutlers 16-Apr Alderman Sir David Brewer	Saddlers 01-Jul Sir Neil Chambers	Salters 23-Sep Mr Rob Cunningham	Carpenters 05-Nov Prof Chris Jenks

Appendix C

Company Lunches & Banquets – continued

	Myddelton	Election Court	Installation Court	Michaelmas Court	Annual Banquet
2010	Trinity House 20-Jan The Lord Mayor	Cutlers 15-Apr Admiral Sir Ian Forbes, KCB CBE RN	Salters 07-Jul Mr Vic Cockers	Saddlers 23-Sep Mr Philip Fletcher	Stationers 04-Nov Dr Peter Mullen
2011	Trinity House 19-Jan The Lady Mayoress	Cutlers 24-May Mr John Banyard	Saddlers 06-Jul Mr Chris Sneath	Armourers 28-Sep Lord Redesdale	Drapers 03-Nov His Honour Judge Richard Hayward
2012	Carpenters 31-Jan The Lord Mayor	Cutlers 17-Apr Deputy William Fraser	Tallow Chandlers 04-Jul Pamela Taylor	Pewterers 26-Sep Mr Steve Morris	Painters 01-Nov Sir Richard Dearlove
2013	Trinity House 28-Jan The Lord Mayor	Cutlers 18-Apr Mr Paul Hillman	HQS Wellington 03-Jul Lord Ellis-Thomas	Armourers 25-Sep Rosalind Stanwell- Smith	Drapers 05-Nov Alderman Andrew Parmley
2014	Trinity House 29-Jan The Lord Mayor	Cutlers 16-Apr Judy Ling Wong	Carpenters 02-Jul Mr Piers Clark	Armourers 24-Sep Alderman Alison Gowman	Vintners 06-Nov Capt Ian McNaught
2015	Trinity House 02-Feb The Lord Mayor	Cutlers 09-Apr Mr Allan Cook	HQS Wellington 01-Jul Prof Sir Brian Hoskins	Trinity House 14-Sep Prof Sue Jobling	Grocers 05-Nov Mr Richard Penty

Appendix D

Copy of the Royal Charter

This is a copy of the Royal Charter which hangs in the Chamberlain's Court Room at Guildhall.

Please contact Murray Craig, the Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court, 020 7332 3055 or murray.craig@cityoflondon.gov.uk to arrange for access.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND
by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen,
Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS a humble Petition has been presented unto Us by the Master and Wardens of the association incorporated in the year of our Lord Two thousand under Letters Patent issued by the Lord Mayor of London as a Livery Company of the City of London and known as "The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators" (hereinafter called "the former Company") praying that We might be pleased to grant to it a Charter of Incorporation for the object of carrying on and developing its work and functions in the field of water and environmental management and for the better discharge of its responsibilities under such regulations and with such powers as to Us might appear meet and expedient:

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that We by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of Our especial grace certain knowledge and mere motion granted and declared and by these Presents do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant and declare as follows:

1. (a) The persons who are now the members of the former Company and all such persons as may hereafter become members of the Body Corporate hereby constituted shall forever hereafter be one Body Corporate and Politic by the name of "The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators" (hereinafter referred to as "The Worshipful Company") and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with power to break, alter and make anew the said Seal from time to time at their will and pleasure, and by the same name shall and may sue, and be sued in all

Courts, and in all manner of actions and suits, and shall have power to do all other matters and things incidental or appertaining to a Body Corporate.

- (b) The Arms Crest and Supporters granted unto the Master, Wardens and Court of Assistants of the Guild of Water Conservators of the City of London by Letters Patent under the hand and Seal of Garter King of Arms bearing date 28 June 1991 shall be transferred to the said Worshipful Company on the date on which this Our Charter shall take effect and We do hereby give and grant unto the Company Our Royal Licence and Authority that it may thenceforth bear and use the said Armorial Ensigns according to the Laws of Arms the said transfer being first recorded in our College of Arms, otherwise this Our Licence and Permission to be void and of none effect.

2. In this Our Charter and in the Ordinances unless the context otherwise requires the following words shall have the following meanings:-

"the Court" shall mean the Governing Body of the Worshipful Company;

"the Ordinances" means the Ordinances set out in the Schedule hereto or the other Ordinances for the time being in force;

"the Members" mean the Freemen and Liverymen of the Worshipful Company for the time being as defined in the Ordinances;



