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The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators

MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER ON HIS INSTALLATION 4 JULY 2012

Dear Fellow Water Conservator

Lis, my wife, and I are both very proud to have the privilege of our year in 2012/13 and strive will do as much together as we can for the Company. Thank you for electing me.

May I thank our Deputy Master, Barry Dennis for his leadership over the past year. I am sure that you will agree with me that he will be a hard act to follow. I am looking forward to working with the new team of Wardens, Ivor Richards as Thames Warden, Roger North as Fleet Warden and Peter Hall, the latest recruit to the Wardens' team, as Walbrook Warden. Congratulations on their election. I know that we are going to make a great team. Teamwork will be one of my key objectives for the year.

I think that water management has much to offer the wider business and social communities. We should not just to be good at what we do, but we should be role models. Water has always been at the heart of society and indeed our motto - without water there is no life - demonstrates this. Never has a time felt so right, when we have the subjects of flood and drought in people's minds, for us to be at the forefront of society, championing the virtues and benefits of water conservation. I intend to enliven the bonds between our Company and the water sector.

A second objective is to draw together tradition and innovation in the Company - creating new traditions to add to the old. Our leadership team will make every effort to engage with the membership to create new ways of working together. So a third objective is to get as many members as possible to be active in my year. Not only do I hope that members of the Company will be satisfied by this, but also it will act as a beacon of attraction for new members. If you would like to serve on the Court, and I hope that you do please let me know. I am particularly keen that we keep developing our charity work in the Water Conservation Trust: if you do not contribute already- please do so. If you would like to help with its organization and development that would be great.

In the spirit of moving forward, I have taken a deep gulp and Lis and I will be using modern social media and we will keep a blog going through our year - but not beyond!

<http://masterwaterconservator.blogspot.co.uk>

So, finally, let's have a great year together.
Yours fraternally

Peter Matthews
July 2012