Aldersgate |Ward Club

Annual General Meeting held at Guildhall Club on 30 October 2018

A relaxed and fruitful Annual General Meeting of the Aldersgate Ward Club was held at The Guildhall Cub on 30th October 2018. 58 members attended the meeting and 57 stayed for dinner.

Unfortunately, the outgoing Master, Dr Anthony Richards, was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior work commitment. The chair was taken in his place by the most Senior Past Master and Club Treasurer, Mr Andrew Hamilton. The Chair presented the Treasurer’s report, followed by a summary of the excellent year the Master had organised with a flavour of the Wombles of Wimbledon! The Chair then installed the incoming master Dr Chris Eyles and handed the meeting over to him. Alderman Nick Anstee was invited in absentia to remain as Club President. Mr Ian Kelly and Mr Allan Fallshaw were invited to be Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. Committee Members are: Mr Alan Cunnell, Mr Lionel Green, Ms Judith Long and Mr Roy Sully. Miss Rachelle Goldberg and Mr Dave Brennan, are co-opted to committee.

As the formal part of the meeting was brought to a close the Master outlined a varied and interesting programme of events for the coming year. This was greeted with much enthusiasm.

Member were then able to enjoy the bar facilities before settling to an excellent two course dinner including Black Face Sussex Cannon of Lamb with a sage crust and for dessert Blackberries and White Chocolate Crème Brulee followed by coffee and chocolate truffles. The meal was accompanied throughout by Guildhall Club wines which were superb.

During the course of the evening, Ron Wood and Jon Scott Francis sold a large quantity of raffle tickets, raising the princely sum of £360. A silk screen print by Shirley Day, donated by Roy Sully was thought to deserve a better fate than a raffle. The screen print was auctioned separately, fetching a further sum of £125. These sums will be put towards the Lord Mayors Fund.

Last, but not least, thanks to The Master and The Honorary Secretary for organising a very well received evening.

Good luck Master for your year in office.

Jeff Walters