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### LUNCH WITH THE COMPANY ALMONER: MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 2018

A short journey east by train and I reach Eltham where I have arranged to meet the Plumbers' Company Almoner, Liveryman Caroline Walsh for lunch. We have a good discussion about the pastoral role which she undertakes for the Company and after lunch have a stroll in lovely gardens adjacent to the restaurant. I wonder whether this park contains the largest and tamest population of grey squirrels in the south east- there seem to be dozens of them, all looking to be fed!



### WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF EDUCATORS' SEMINAR: TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2018

The Mistress and I head to Anglia Ruskin University in Farringdon this evening for the first in the new series of Master's Seminars organised by the Worshipful Company of Educators.

The theme tonight is "Data, Artificial Intelligence and the Royal Society" and the talk is delivered by Dr Rosalind Mist of the Royal Society. The main message is to stress the importance of computing as a fundamental part of the education of all young people, regardless of their subsequent career path.



### ART IN THE CITY: WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2018



Another visit to Painters' Hall this evening when we attend a private viewing and reception of "Art in the City"- an annual exhibition of works of art by members of the Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers. It is a very impressive exhibition and it is also good to speak to some of

the artists about their work. Although we had resolved to look and not buy (on the grounds that we don't really have any wall space for more art), we did come away with a small painting which took our eye!

### INSTALLATION REHEARSAL: THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER 2018

It is hard to believe that it is almost 12 months since I was installed as Master of the Plumbers' Company but this morning's rehearsal for the Installation, next week, of my successor, Dame Fiona Woolf, confirms that my year is almost over!

### CORPORATE MEMBERS' LUNCH: THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER 2018

The Acting Clerk and I take the lift to the 39<sup>th</sup> floor of the Gherkin today to attend lunch which has been arranged for the Plumbers' Company's Corporate Members. What a spectacular location- and so many of those attending the lunch can point out buildings in the City on

which they have worked. There is a good attendance by Corporate Members, their guests and Corporate Ambassadors. The guest speakers after lunch are Architect Will Poole-Wilson and Paul Scriven (Director of Energy and Sustainability with the Hurley Palmer Flatt Group). Their theme is "Wellness Matters" and they illustrate the importance of ensuring physical and mental well-being when designing and building offices.



## **LUNCH WITH THE STEWARDS: FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 2018**

This year has been packed with lovely surprises and we had one of those today when we were taken to lunch by the Stewards, so ably led by our Senior Steward, Ian Smith and his wife, Patience. We had a lovely meal in the Red Lion on Parliament Street and enjoyed the food, drinks and especially the company.

