

## THE CHILDRENS MAGICAL TAXI TOUR LONDON TO DISNEYLAND PARIS

12 to 14 October 2012

The collection from the Installation Court lunch went towards our donation to sponsor our cab in this year's Children's Magical Taxi Tour London to Disneyland Resort Paris. This event is organised by the Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers. It is one of London's most unique charity events which takes place each year when a convoy of licensed London taxis take over 200 children, suffering from a range of chronic debilitating illnesses and life limiting conditions, on a three-day trip of a lifetime to Disneyland Resort Paris.

This year the Fleet Warden Roger North and his wife Christine were honoured to represent the Company at the "send off". The day started with "A big Breakfast" at 7am in the East Wintergarden, Canary Wharf which was filled with all the children, their families and helpers, the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, the City of London police commissioner and their wives along with other sponsor representatives, over 400 in all. The band of the Coldstream Guards played from the gallery above the main floor during breakfast. Then it was time to go. All those travelling boarded their taxis which carried names of sponsors. Ours was a shiny white cab, number 50 in the convoy (*photos to follow*).

The Lord Mayor cut the ribbon at 8am and, with the band playing rousing music, they were off! Roger and Christine commented "*it was a most moving and enjoyable spectacle which was well worth the early start!*"

This amazing convoy can be over three miles long when running and consists of 100 plus taxis, City of London Police escorts, Gendarmerie Nationale, London Ambulance NHS Trust vehicles and AA breakdown trucks.

*Roger North, Fleet Warden*