

The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators

Unveiling of “Blue Plaque” in Fleet Street

18th December 2018

As many Members will know, Ted Flaxman (Past Master) has for many years tenaciously researched the history of London’s water supply. From this work it is evident that there were a number of key locations where free water was made available for the general population for hundreds of years. Three key sites where this service was provided have been identified by Ted and agreement reached with the City of London Corporation to mark these important historic locations with a “blue plaque”, funded by the Past Masters of the Water Conservators Company.

The first plaque denoting the Aldermanbury Conduit in Aldermanbury was unveiled in 2010 and the second denoting the Great Conduit in Cheapside in 2015. The third plaque denoting the Fleet Conduit in Fleet Street was unveiled by Sherriff the Hon. Elizabeth Green and the Master, Simon Catford, on Tuesday 18th December.

Following the Christmas Court Meeting, the Wardens, Past Masters and other Members of the Court processed with the Sheriff and Master to 81 Fleet Street (currently a branch of Barclays Bank) where the ceremony took place.



The Master and Sheriff leading the procession from Guildhall to Fleet Street

After brief speeches from the Master and Sheriff the plaque was unveiled much to the bewilderment and excitement of passers-by!

Unfortunately, Ted Flaxman was unable to attend the ceremony, but as a result of his hard work the Company is delighted to have been able to sign these important historic sites for the benefit of generations to come.



The Master and Sheriff immediately following the unveiling ceremony

Keith Tozzi, Past Master