

Fleet Street



Fleet Street is an interesting street with an interesting history. It was the main road between Westminster and the City of London until 100 years ago. It was a very, very busy street, because it was the only way to cross the River Fleet into the City.



Now the River Fleet is under Farringdon Street, but you can still see it near Blackfriars Station.



Fleet Street was a place for books and newspapers from 1500 until 2016. But now there are no newspapers on the street. The old Daily Express Building is very famous and impressive. You can usually visit it on one weekend a year: London Open House Weekend.



There are some interesting churches on Fleet Street too. Like St. Brides, St Dunstan in the West and Temple Church. Oliver Goldsmith, a famous writer, is buried outside the church.



Sweeney Todd's barber shop was near St Dunstan's in the West, in Hen and Cock Lane. He killed his customers and made them into pies.



Dr Johnson lived at 17 Gough Square. There is a statue of his cat, Hodge, outside his house. He is famous for writing an important dictionary of English.

