



## PENSIONERS' EDITION



### ALL CHANGE

**A** deal has been completed to lease the historic 55 Broadway complex at St James's Park, meaning a change of address for the Tfl Pension Fund.

Charles Holden's Art Deco masterpiece – considered to be London's first skyscraper – was constructed for the Underground Electric Railways Company of London in 1929.

The Grade I listed building's lease has been acquired by Integrity International Group for 150 years, generating vital revenue for upgrading London's transport infrastructure and funding Tfl's housing development programme.

This change affects the office buildings complex, Wing over Station, 100 Petty France and ground-floor retail units, although there will be no impact on St James's Park station.

After 30 years based at Wing over Station, the Pensions team will move to 200 Buckingham Palace Road on January 24. As a result, the office will be closed on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 January.

The full address for pensions is now **4th Floor, 200 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 9TJ**, with the general phone number becoming **020 7126 4000**.

Anyone wishing to visit the Pensions office should call to arrange an appointment in advance on one of the telephone numbers listed (right).

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### FORWARD THINKING

**A**n advanced bus service which allows rides to be requested between any two points in the service area is on trial in Sutton and Ealing.

These 'demand responsive' buses provide a glimpse into the future by enabling users to book and pay for journeys on a mobile phone app which

guarantees them a seat on the vehicle.

It is hoped this tailored approach to transport services will unlock otherwise difficult-to-serve areas and encourage people who do not see themselves as traditional bus users to use their cars less.



### POSITIVE SIGNALS

**A** new museum featuring an historic signal cabin and electric shunting locomotive restored by volunteers has opened in Epping.

The 70-year-old cabin stood empty for more than 20 years after it ceased controlling Central line trains in 1996.

But a team of enthusiasts has worked to return the building and its relay room to original 1949 condition.

Locomotive L11, which was built in 1966 from two Piccadilly line standard

stock driving cars dating from between 1923 and 1934, is being preserved as a static exhibit.

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# GOING GLOBAL

**O**ur Commercial Consulting and International Operations team is generating valuable revenue by selling TfL innovations to other cities across the world.

It started strongly in 2018, doing deals to license our contactless payment system to cities including Sydney and New York and install our 'Legible London' wayfinding signs in Hong Kong (right).

In its first full financial year, the team of 15 is on course to hit its £3m

earnings target thanks to some exciting new projects.

We have been commissioned to provide expertise to the Irish transport authority for a study into the accessibility of its bus and taxi fleet for people with disabilities.

There are exciting developments in India too, where we are involved in a project to provide technical advice for a World Bank programme involving the private sector in the bus network.

We're also part of a consortium delivering



programme management and training for Indian transport authority employees to help them gain practical skillsets.

"We're trying to identify how the contracting

models and technology we use in London can improve transport efficiency and effectiveness over there," said International Operations Director **Helen Murphy**.

# TOP OF THE BLOCKS

**A**rchitects, engineers, sponsors and project managers from across Surface Transport came together to provide a network of more than 40 new roadside toilets for bus drivers.

The scheme, part of the Mayor's Transport Strategy, started in April 2018 when City Hall provided £6m of funding to install the much-needed facilities. Just 18 months later, completed lavatories were delivered in 42 locations.

The toilets are now helping to make sure the bus network remains efficient and reliable and will improve services as drivers will no longer have to make unscheduled stops.

Programme Manager **Alan Johnson** said: "The main problem was agreeing each location. We overcame resistance by informing stakeholders of the need for such facilities, explaining the design and allaying any misconceptions."



# DRESS FOR SUCCESS

**W**omen can now work safely on London Underground track and construction sites while observing religious clothing tradition in the rail industry's first hi-vis modesty tunic.

The garment, which can also be used as maternity wear, was developed after Mechanical Engineering Graduate Trainee **Shuhala Ahad** was unsure what to wear on site visits.

"We found that, most of the time, my abaya [a long, loose traditional dress] will be fine," said Shuhala, who is now an Assistant Project Engineer in Renewals and Enhancements (R&E) Fleet. "But there were a few places and activities where it could get snagged.

"I suggested a hi-vis clothing solution similar to the abaya that would still be safe for those environments."

Shuhala believes it will encourage more women from diverse backgrounds to enter the engineering field.





# COMING UP ROSES!

**T**he team at Uppminster Train Crew Accommodation (TCA) enjoyed the sweet smell of success after its gardens were crowned best in show at our most recent **Underground in Bloom**.

The contest attracted a record number of entries with sites from across the network, and different transport modes, getting involved. The DLR team at Poplar scooped the Best Newcomer award.

The team at Uppminster, who won the Dennis Sanger Award for Best in Show and first place in the Cultivated Garden TCA category, illustrated the

competition's Heritage theme with a miniature replica windmill.

Other winners included Morden, who transformed an unused space into a vegetable garden, and first-time entrants Hammersmith, who topped the indoor garden category.



## IN BRIEF:

### ALL ABOARD

A brand new fleet of state-of-the-art trains is running on London Overground's Gospel Oak to Barking line.

The line is now running four-car Class 710 trains every 15 minutes, completing the first stage of a plan to introduce the new trains across three routes.

The introduction of 710s on the Watford to Euston line is nearing completion, with the West Anglia route scheduled to follow in late February.

### FAKE TICKET GANG CAUGHT

Intelligence from London Underground teams helped in the arrest of a gang whose fake tickets cost the UK rail network an estimated £17.7m.

Revenue control inspectors – who keep an eye out for counterfeit tickets at the gateline – passed information on to British Transport Police, which helped reveal names, bank account details, telephone numbers, addresses and pick up locations used by the gang. This intelligence was used to coordinate raids in the UK and Romania, resulting in the biggest seizure of assets in a 12-year operation.

### DRIVING INNOVATION

A small number of London buses have been fitted with sensors to monitor the condition of road surfaces as they drive.

Internet-enabled devices attached to buses and Dial-a-Ride vehicles collect data about road quality as they bump their way across the city, allowing maintenance teams to identify where roads are wearing out in real-time.

The technology was developed by small companies participating in the London RoadLab challenge, a ground-breaking way of attracting innovative ideas from creative thinkers around the world.



## A DAY TO REMEMBER

**F**orty members of the London Transport Old Comrades Association (LTOCA) took part in the National Service of Remembrance for the 99th time.

The group – for current or former employees who served in the Armed Forces – marched from 55 Broadway to the Cenotaph where member Robert Webb laid a wreath. Robert, who spent 22 years in the Royal Engineers before a 17-year career on the Victoria line, said the honour was all the more memorable as he has just recovered from illness.

"It was the camaraderie and support of LTOCA, and my friends and family, which brought me through two strokes," he said. "Two years ago, I didn't think I would walk again, but now I'm laying the wreath."

The association was founded in 1923, three years after George V asked bus drivers who served in the Great War to parade alongside troops. LTOCA members have participated every year since.

For more information, contact membership secretary Gary Best on **07872 160959** or email **gnbest@btinternet.com**

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## FONDLY REMEMBERED



**John David Brooker**, 79, sadly passed away on 4 August 2018 after a struggle with Parkinson's Disease. He started work at

Barking garage, aged 15, alongside his father, John, and uncle, David. After becoming a bus driver at Seven Kings, he met a 'clippy' named Sylvia who he married in 1965. He returned to Barking as a mechanic.



**David John Brown**, 82, passed away on 30 August 2019. He was LUL Head of Health and Safety after the King's Cross fire and worked

unceasingly to bring a greater health and safety ethos. David later helped small businesses until retiring at 73. A much-loved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, he will be greatly missed by all.



**Donald Castle**, 86, passed away at home on 10 June 2019 with his wife Barbara at his side. An electrician at Chiswick Works, Don

later became chairman and vice chairman of London Transport Superannuitants' Association (LTSA) and an active supporter of London Transport Holidaymakers.



**William Cunningham**, 84, died on 13 September 2019. He worked on the Piccadilly and District lines during the '80s and '90s, including at Green

Park, Hammersmith and Ealing Common.



**Peter Geal**, 82, lost his fight with cancer on 9 May 2019. He worked as a Piccadilly line train operator for 40 years,

based at South Harrow, Acton Town and Northfields. He once pulled a man from the tracks and saved his life.



**George Hiscock**, 82, passed away peacefully on 11 September 2019 after a long battle with dementia. His wife of 60 years, Doreen, also

passed away just four days later. George was a dedicated LT man who worked at Griffith House, Edgware Road, as a lift and escalator engineer for almost 25 years. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.



**Frederick Longley**, 82, passed away at home on 27 September 2019. After leaving the navy, he worked as a conductor and driver at

Shepherds Bush garage, where he met his wife Jean. He then worked at 55 Broadway as a messenger before retiring after 36 years with LT. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.



**Edward (Ted) Milburn**, 78, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at home on 27 July 2019 after a long illness. He began

his career with LT at 17 as a trainee bus mechanic, retiring from the role of Engineering Director at Arriva London in 2001. He received an MBE for services to the bus industry shortly before his retirement. He will be missed by his wife, children, grandchildren and friends.

**Catherine 'Cathy' Mulloy**, 84, sadly passed away on 1 November 2019. After starting on the buses in Birmingham, she worked at Stonebridge Park and Westbourne Park, serving for a total of 35 years. She was also a member of the London Transport Catholic Guild.



**Ronald Ernest Paternoster**, 91, died on 24 September 2019. Ron worked for London Underground

for 39 years, ending his career at Northfields depot as a group manager. He enjoyed his time on the Piccadilly line so much, he was cremated along with a copy of his staff pass. He leaves Rita, his wife of 67 years, as well as two daughters and two granddaughters.



**David Sinclair**, 71, died on 29 July 2019 after failing to regain consciousness following an operation. He worked on the

Tramlink project before his medical retirement in 2000 with non-Hodgkins lymphoma. He is deeply missed by his wife Dorothy and his two daughters and granddaughter.



**Ron Smedley**, 86, sadly passed away on 29 June 2019 following a short illness. A former bus driver based at Dalston, Hackney and Ash Grove,

he was a very loving dad, grandad and great grandad. He will be sadly missed by all the family.



**Alan Taylor**, 70, passed away on 21 June 2019 after a short but hard-fought battle with cancer. Alan loved his time with LU, where

he was employed for most of his working life. His career took in spells at Ealing, 55 Broadway, and Canary Wharf, finishing at Upminster where he organised the Technical Authors team. His funeral was attended by a number of old colleagues, family and friends. He will be sadly missed.



**Susan Ann Wicks** sadly passed away on 15 July 2019. Sue worked for many years as a bus driver at Stockwell garage, where she met

her husband Barry. She also helped out in the main office and made good friends there and on the road.



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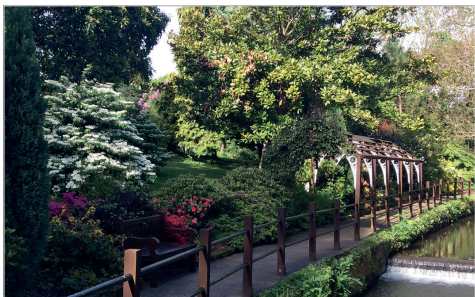
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## PENSION INCREASE

**P**ensions from the TfL Pension Fund will increase in April 2020, based on the rise in the Retail Price Index over the 12 months to September 2019, which was 2.4 per cent.

Depending on the period of membership of the Fund,

your pension may comprise some components which are not increased at this rate, but may be increased by the State. If you have been receiving your pension for less than a year, you may receive a pro rata increase, as shown in the following table.

EFFECTIVE DATE	INCREASE (%)
Up to 1 April 2019	2.4
2 April 2019 to 1 May 2019	2.2
2 May 2019 to 1 June 2019	2.0
2 June 2019 to 1 July 2019	1.8
2 July 2019 to 1 August 2019	1.6
2 August 2019 to 1 September 2019	1.4
2 September 2019 to 1 October 2019	1.2
2 October 2019 to 1 November 2019	1.0
2 November 2019 to 1 December 2019	0.8
2 December 2019 to 1 January 2020	0.6
2 January 2020 to 1 February 2020	0.4
2 February 2020 to 1 March 2020	0.2
2 March 2020 to 1 April 2020	0.0

The increase will be paid to all eligible pensioners on 14 April 2020

## ANSWERS TO 'ANY ANSWERS?'

**L**ast time, we asked if anyone knew the origin of an honours board found at Acton depot.

If for John Mason, Chris Godbold, Chris Hurst and Peter Wilkinson all wrote to say the Holmes Cup was awarded to the winners of a first aid competition.

"LT had a strong and very active St John Ambulance unit, with its own ambulance and training courses for volunteers," wrote Mr Godbold. "It did very well in industry and national competitions. Sir Maurice Holmes was LT Chairman from 1965 to 1969, so this could have been named after him."

However, Geof Slater and Jim Borley are convinced it was a list of bowls champions.

"I worked at Acton sports ground from 1967 to 1971 as a junior sports groundsman and can tell you it was the bowls pairs trophy for the District line as it was my job to clean it!" said Mr Borley. "I knew most of the guys named."



## LETTERS



Dear **otm**,  
Re "Was Vic the last tram man?", I joined London Transport in 1949 and worked out of West Norwood

and Thornton Heath depots and Carshalton trolleybus depot.

I attach a photo of myself (centre) and driver Harry Steptoe at Thornton Heath depot on the last day of the 42 route in 1951.

I retired in 1986 after a happy life 'on the buses'. At the age of 90, I still carry very fond memories of those times.

**Theodore Jefferson**

Dear **otm**,

I was a tram conductor at New Cross depot from 1947 to 1952 and remember with affection the tramloads of office workers on our early morning runs to Victoria Embankment.

I also remember the florists collecting their flowers in flat wooden boxes from Covent Garden and loading them onto the driver's platform at Savoy Street. It was two pence per parcel any distance so, to minimise the cost, the sellers would tie string around half a dozen boxes in order to call them one item.

My five years as a conductor were among the most memorable years of my life.

**Jack Massey**

Dear **otm**,

In the short winter days, planning my next holiday brings brightness sooner. I enjoy planning where and when to go, and often take train-based organised holidays into Europe.

Living not far from St Pancras means I'm close to Eurostar and connections to Italy, France, Spain, Germany, the Netherlands and beyond.

Trips with Travel Editions, Great Rail Journeys and Rail Discoveries (there are others) have older generations in mind. Some trips are substantially catered, with freedom to find local cuisines, and a lot have wine-tasting events and side-trips included.

I'm not on commission, but these holidays are well worth considering.

**Joel Kosminsky**



Get in touch: Send your comments, memories and letters to: otm Pensioners' Edition, AB, Gemini House, 180-182 Bermondsey Street, London, SE1 3TQ (enclosing a stamped addressed envelope if you'd like photos returned) or email [otm@abcomm.co.uk](mailto:otm@abcomm.co.uk), putting 'Pensioners' Edition' in the subject header.



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## STAFF TRAVEL UPDATE

**T**fL Rail is now running the stopping services between Paddington mainline and Reading, ahead of the service becoming part of the Elizabeth line.

Peak service of four stopping trains an hour using new Elizabeth line trains replaces part of the Great Western (GWR) inner suburban route.

Retired Oyster holders and their

nominees can travel on production of a valid linked photo ID card. Retired Oysters do not work at gates beyond West Drayton (Iver to Reading), where acceptance is via visual inspection.

Holder/Nominees are not entitled to use GWR services which also operate from Paddington, although PTAC holders can travel on payment of the appropriate reduced fare.

## PCC ELECTION RESULTS 2019

**T**he longest serving quarter of the TfL Pension Consultative Council (PCC) retired from office on 30 November 2019. The term of office for the new appointments commenced on 1 December 2019 and will end on 30 November 2023.

In Section One (representing pensioners and deferred pensioners), Joel Kosminsky and Christopher Sullivan retired. Nominations were received for Mr Kosminsky and Mr Sullivan and both were duly re-elected. They have served on the PCC since 2015 and 2003 respectively.

In Section Two (representing TfL and its subsidiaries or contractors,

excluding London Underground Ltd), Maria Taylor retired. A nomination was received for Ms Taylor and was duly elected. She was appointed to a casual vacancy in July 2019.

In Section Three (representing LUL and its subsidiaries), Paul Murphy and Paul O'Brien retired. Nominations were received for Mr Murphy and Mr O'Brien and both were duly re-elected. They have served on the PCC since 2001 and 2007 respectively.

For more information, visit the TfL Pension Fund website or contact PCC Secretary Julian Collins on **020 7126 1162** or email [juliancollins@tflpensionfund.co.uk](mailto:juliancollins@tflpensionfund.co.uk)

## PENSIONERS' FORUM SUMMARY

### MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2019

**M**embers were informed of the Pension Fund's relocation to Buckingham Palace Road in January 2020. The impact on Pensioners who wish to contact the office was discussed.

TfL's operation of stopping services to Reading was revealed (see above). Ideas to improve access to staff travel information were discussed and

proposals will be made.

*OTM Pensioners' Edition* September 2019 was discussed. Representatives supported the range of subjects included and suggestions for future articles were agreed. The number of readers receiving the digital edition has increased from 447 to 467. Please help reduce costs by signing up at [www.pensionerssubscriptions.co.uk](http://www.pensionerssubscriptions.co.uk)

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- 20 January 2020
- 17 February 2020
- 16 March 2020
- 14 April 2020
- 11 May 2020
- 08 June 2020
- 06 July 2020
- 03 August 2020
- 01 September 2020
- 28 September 2020
- 26 October 2020
- 23 November 2020
- 21 December 2020