



### THE NAME'S BOND... BOND STREET

**B**ack in October, the final piece of the Elizabeth line's station jigsaw was slotted into place as Bond Street opened its shiny new gates. Like many of the line's other openings, a crowd turned up to experience the moment for themselves, despite the early start.

Located bang in the middle of the West End, it'll take some pressure off nearby stations like Oxford Circus.

Providing step-free access from street level to the trains, it's already proving a welcome destination station for Londoners and tourists alike.

#### Licence to thrill

November brought through-running to the Elizabeth line, meaning direct services though the central section. That means no more broken journeys at Paddington when heading in from Reading and Heathrow in the west, or at Liverpool Street from Shenfield in the east.

#### Have you been on the Elizabeth line?

Let us know what you think about it.

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### NEW BUS DEPOT AT HAYES HAS A WHOLE LOT OF HISTORY



**I**n July, the gates opened at the brand-new Dawley Road bus depot in Hayes. With six routes, it serves customers across west London.

The depot – home to 56 buses – is purpose-built with full Electric Vehicle (EV) capacity to power state-of-the-art buses that have just started to operate on the U5 route. The Enviro400EVs are equipped with additional customer-focused features already enjoyed on buses on route 63, including USB power points, phone holders, stop buttons at every high-back seat, real-time colour information screens and panoramic skylights.

As well as a host of new and fully accessible facilities for staff, the depot also features some rather historic décor. One wall dates back to the Tudor period and has been rebuilt using handmade Tudor bricks and bond, helping to preserve a piece of history alongside the bus fleet of the future.



TfL's Director of Buses Louise Cheeseman and Operations Director, Abellio London Lorna Murphy

# RIGHT ON TIME

**T**fl are running a trial of 12 new E-Ink displays at bus stops along the 63 route between King's Cross and Honor Oak.

The solar-powered displays provide live travel information; from timetables to arrival times. And while there's an array of benefits for customers, digital timetables also reduce costs and play a part in reducing the carbon footprint.

This is yet another improvement for the 63 – a route that's been running between central and south London for more than 100 years – following the recent implementation of snazzy new Alexander Dennis Enviro400 electric buses.

Have you come across a E-Ink display on the 63 route? If yes, let us know what you think  
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## EPPING SIGNALLING MUSEUM



**T**he Epping Signalling Museum is the only signal cabin on the Underground network in preservation and open to the public. Commissioned in 1949 – when Central line trains first started running to

Epping – it closed in 1996. Following restoration by volunteers, it now houses a working 47-lever Westinghouse Style N frame.

The frame is fully interlocked – manually and electrically – and the illuminated line diagram

represents the layout at Epping as it was back in 1949, complete with gas works siding and a coal yard, together with the branch towards Ongar.

Visitors are encouraged to be hands-on and the Museum's volunteers, one of whom was a signaller at the cabin during its working life, will provide expert advice on how trains are signalled.

The Museum also boasts the former Acton Works shunter; Locomotive L11. Made from two Standard Stock Piccadilly driving motor cars, 3080 and 3109, it's over 90 years old and stands proudly on display alongside

the Central line on the approach to Epping.

While the museum is closed for renovations until the spring, normal opening hours are 10:00-16:30 on Saturdays. If you're interested in becoming a much-needed volunteer, get in touch. Former and present LU staff are especially welcome. Your knowledge and skills will be invaluable in helping us improve and expand the museum.

We look forward to welcoming you.

[eppingmuseum.com](http://eppingmuseum.com)

[f](#) Locomotive L11 & Epping Signal Cabin

# ON THE RAILS: ART DECO TRAINS RETURN TO OUR RAILWAY

**F**amilies and train enthusiasts were transported to a bygone era with the return of our heritage train journeys. The red 1938 Art Deco style vintage train could be seen on the Metropolitan line transporting those lucky enough to get a ticket from Amersham to Watford (and back) and from Amersham to Harrow-on-the-Hill on the first weekend of September.

The event – organised by London Transport Museum (LTM) – saw the Art Deco trains back on the railway for the first time in three years.

Test Train Operator **Kevin Bullions** says: “I have a particular fondness for this train as I used to drive it and its counterparts in regular passenger services back in the 1980s on the Northern line, so it was an honour

and a pleasure that in my current role I got the chance to operate this iconic train once again.

“At both ends of the route, we were even able to give people the chance to look in the cab as well as answering questions they had about the train.”

Lead engineer for Heritage Trains **David Brabham** says: “It was so nice to be carrying passengers again on the LTM’s Heritage Weekend, including former TfL Commissioner **Andy Byford**. It was great to see



Former TfL Commissioner Andy Byford with the team

many happy faces from eight- to 80-year-olds and see so many retired friends return.”

Keep an eye out for future Museum events @ [ltmuseum.co.uk](https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk)

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## FONDLY REMEMBERED



**Eastman Barrett, 88**, passed away on 13 September 2022 from acute myeloid leukaemia.

Eastman – of the Windrush generation – began his London Transport career in the Chief Mechanical Engineer Department in August 1965. Starting at Middle Row bus garage, he transferred to Westbourne Park garage when the former closed. Eastman worked nights for 27 years until 1992 when – following schedule changes – he took severance at the age of 58. Eastman leaves two sons, a daughter, and his wife.



**Paul Belton, 75**, caught the 'last bus' on 16 November 2021 following a lung cancer diagnosis earlier that year.

He spent 55 years on the buses, covering most London garages. He started as a conductor in 1965 before becoming an inspector during the 70s, and then a manager from the 80s. Even after redundancy in 2020 from Tower Transit's Lea Interchange depot, he carried on working as a volunteer community bus driver in Royston. Paul made many good friends over the decades, and is sorely missed, especially by his widow Pat to whom he was married for 51 years.



**Ralph Edmunds, 80**, passed away peacefully on 26 June 2022. Ralph joined London Transport in 1964 as a guard

and progressed to be a driver for many years. Ralph went on to become a station inspector and he was given the opportunity to look after Piccadilly Circus station which he found very challenging, but he loved every minute of it. Ralph emigrated to Australia in 1981. When he joined the Met he had to start from the bottom, having to even to clean the platforms. He became the senior recruitment officer for the Trams and Buses. Ralph retired at an early age of 57 when his job was designated to an agency for recruitment for the trams and buses.



**Derek Hamilton, 74**, passed away on 2 September 2022. He worked as a conductor, then a driver with London

Transport from 1965 until 1972. He then went into British Telecom for a short spell – eventually taking voluntary redundancy.

He returned to his beloved London Transport from 1983 till 2002 when he took early retirement at the age of 55. He was a conductor, driver, and – after two years – became an inspector. He also worked within the garage at New Cross, covering staff deployment and disciplinary procedures before becoming the patrol car driver, then route manager, for the 36.



**Gordon 'George' Hazelton, 93**, passed away on 22 July 2022. Gordon joined New Cross bus garage as a

conductor in 1952 and after six years became a driver. He received an award for 30 years of safe driving without being responsible for a single accident on the road. Gordon – known as George – enjoyed his retirement by the coast attending retired bus colleague reunions at the local pub.



**John Mangan, 72**, passed away on 5 December 2021 from cancer. He worked as a Victoria line station

supervisor after working his way up to that grade, often working for up to 18 hours a day when there was a problem on the tracks.



**James 'Jim' Mitchell, 95**, passed away on 5 July 2022. He worked for London

Transport for 40+ years and was a skilled craftsman at Acton Works. He was a great classical and jazz music lover and was a keen member of the Transport for London Recorded Music Club until a fall prevented him travelling from his home (in Queensbury) to 55 Broadway. Jim enjoyed a very long and happy retirement in NW9 tending his garden and making hay while the sun shone. The last couple of years of his life were spent near his family on the coast in Eastbourne.



**Derrick 'Del' Plowman, 78**, died on 28 January 2021. He went into hospital with COPD exacerbated by covid.

His bad lungs couldn't cope with both, and covid 'won'. Del joined London Transport in the 60s, staying until 1982. He was a driver at Holloway bus depot – mainly on route 19.



**Vic Sweby, 88**, passed away on 19 November 2021 surrounded by his loving family. Vic started working

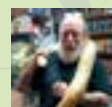
for London Transport (LT) in 1964. Over his 29-year career at LT he held various positions, including bus driver at Wood Green, messenger at Manor House and Chiswick, before a return to driving at Wood Green. After his retirement, Vic went on to drive coaches for another 10 years. In 2003, he moved to Oxfordshire to be near to family. Vic was a loving husband, father and grandfather who is dearly missed.

**Jim Treanor, 85**, passed away on 4 August 2022. Jim was a motorman who worked at Watford depot (Bakerloo line) for many years before it closed. Jim then moved on to stations and eventually retired as a duty station manager at Bank.



**Eileen Turner, 82**, passed away on 23 June 2022 from gall bladder cancer. Eileen worked at several

locations, including Country Buses in Reigate, Leicester Square, Northfields and Heathrow T2 as BM Manager's Assistant. Eileen was well known for her voluntary involvement with LT Corps and St. John Ambulance and was rewarded by admission and promotion, as officer, in the Order of St. John. She spent her last 25 years, with her partner Colin, on the Isle of Wight.



**Chris White, 66**, passed away on 29 August 2022. He worked for 24 years

including in the stores as a chargehand at Lillie Bridge depot. He is survived by two sons. Since retirement he was a lonely man who spent most of his time at home. He will be sadly missed.

Please send a paragraph about and a photograph of someone who has passed away to [OTMPensioners@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:OTMPensioners@tfl.gov.uk)

# 160 YEARS OF THE UNDERGROUND

**O**n 10 January 1863, a gas-lit wooden carriage leaves Paddington, taking Metropolitan Railway passengers towards Farringdon. This marked the birth of the world's first underground railway.

wars - the Underground cemented itself as a London staple. An icon, like the Tower of London or St Paul's Cathedral, but with wheels.

Speaking of icons, we didn't need to go far to find one of our very own.



Metropolitan I steam train

Who knew then that – 160 years later – people would still be making that same journey. Although customers now have the very modern choice of four lines, because just the one is so...1863, isn't it?

Londoners would soon become more familiar with 'cut and cover' ('sub surface' in 2023-speak) lines like the District and Circle and, in 1890, the first deep-level 'Tube', the City and South London Railway brought electric trains.

The 1900s is when we started to put our foot on the pedal, or oil in the lamp for readers still pondering life in the 1800s. From new stations and extensions, buzzing with electrified track to safe havens – protecting Londoners from the devastation of two

In 1966, football didn't just 'come home', **Doug Jeyes** also arrived!



Doug

Joining as an electrical craftsman apprentice, Doug's now in his 57th year of service and is still going strong as a Maintenance Lead Asset Delivery Manager. We asked Doug to reflect on his time at TfL and its predecessors, and share what makes London Underground so special: "From apprentice to



Fleet Manager for the Metropolitan and Circle lines to years of working alongside amazing LU colleagues, to where I am today in Operational Readiness, you won't be surprised to know that I've seen so many changes in my lifetime. All of which make up a great career that I have enjoyed so much.

"One thing that's remained consistently special in my 57 years is the comradeship of colleagues. We employ some phenomenal people in the way they behave and way they think. We have and always will look out for each other, united by knowing what we're here for – getting our people around the city safely



in a way only LU can."

The Underground has always played an important role in the success of London and will continue to do so into the future. With works like the Northern line extension, our upgrades to Bank station, and the Four Lines Modernisation programme, it continues to be a beacon of innovation. Much like those first passengers, we can only dream of what the next 160 years might bring.



# PCC ELECTION RESULTS 2022

**T**he term of office for the longest serving quarter of the Tfl Pension Consultative Council (PCC) ended on the 30 November 2022, with the new appointments commencing from 1 December 2022 and will end on 30 November 2026.

In Section One (representing pensioners and deferred pensioners) David Biggs and Stephen Spurgin's terms ended. Three nominations were received and following a postal ballot, Mr Mark Harding was elected, and Mr Biggs was re-elected. Mr Harding and Mr Biggs have both served on the PCC since 2001 and 2005, respectively.

In Section Two (representing Tfl and its subsidiaries or contractors, excluding London Underground Limited) Mohan Sukumaran's

term ended and he stood for re-election, and as no other nominations were received he was duly re-elected. Mr Sukumaran has served on the PCC since 2021.

In Section Three (representing London Underground Limited and its subsidiaries) Hari Srikandarajah and Pete Woods' terms ended. Four nominations were received and following a postal ballot, Mr Tony De Wet was elected, and Mr Woods was re-elected. Mr Woods has served on the PCC since 2018.

For more information about the PCC you can visit the Tfl Pension Fund website at [tfl.gov.uk/pensions](http://tfl.gov.uk/pensions) or contact Julian PCC Secretary, on 020 7126 1162 or via email at [juliancollins@tflpensionfund.co.uk](mailto:juliancollins@tflpensionfund.co.uk)



## LETTERS

Dear otm,

I write on a freelance basis for Coach & Bus Week magazine. I'm currently preparing an article about driving instructor **Harry Baggalley** who trained me to drive a London bus, subsequently changing the course of my life. The article is a tribute to unsung heroes of the bus industry.

I'm looking to identify Harry's whereabouts. He was based at the old West Ham garage but also worked out of the Chiswick Driver Training Centre.

I appreciate that the last time I had any contact with Harry was in July 1981. However, I would like Harry and/or his family to see the article.

If anyone can help, please contact me.

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✉ [coachdrivers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:coachdrivers@hotmail.co.uk)

Thanks  
**Alan Payling**

Dear otm,

In the recent edition (76) of OTM there was a letter from **Mike Sargent** in which he recalled some of his bus driving experiences from many years back. One of which involved being part of the team that took ten redundant buses to Italy in December 1980 to be used for transporting people displaced by an earthquake.

I was also in that team of 24 and was the only

person who captured many of the aspects of the trip on film. I recently uploaded the whole lot – some 170 pictures – onto a photo sharing site and I would guess that Mike would be amazed to see these some forty years on. He features in many of the pictures.

So, if Mike, or anyone else who went to Italy would like to catch up with me, that would be great – please email me

✉ [563clt@gmail.com](mailto:563clt@gmail.com)

Regards  
**Neil Goodrich**

Dear otm,

I always enjoy reading OTM PE having retired from LUL in 2014 after 19 years.

Steam engines were still used on London Transport on track maintenance trains until 1971. It was good, therefore, to read the item on the Epping Ongar Railway but I think someone must have edited the wording as it claims that a train needs a driver, guard and a firefighter. I am sure the original must have said 'fireman' not firefighter!

Best wishes  
**Kirk Martin**

# APRIL 2023 PENSION INCREASE

**T**he pension increase payable under the Rules of the TfL Pension Fund is based on the rise in the Retail Price Index over the 12 months to September 2022; this increase was 12.6 per cent.

Your pension may be made up of one or more components and some of these are not increased by the Fund but may be increased by the State. Further details can be found on the reverse of your annual payslip.

Members of the Fund

fall into one of two categories; Existing Members are those who joined the Fund on 1 April 1989 and New Members are those who joined the Fund on or after 2 April 1989.

For the part of your pension that is increased

by the Fund, there is a 'cap' of 5 per cent for New Members. If you have been receiving your pension for less than a year you may receive a pro rata increase. See below for details:

Effective date	Existing Members Increase (%)	New Members Increase (%)
Up to 1 April 2022	12.60	5.00
2 April 2022 to 1 May 2022	11.55	4.58
2 May 2022 to 1 June 2022	10.50	4.17
2 June 2022 to 1 July 2022	9.45	3.75
2 July 2022 to 1 August 2022	8.40	3.33
2 August 2022 to 1 September 2022	7.35	2.92
2 September 2022 to 1 October 2022	6.30	2.50
2 October 2022 to 1 November 2022	5.25	2.08
2 November 2022 to 1 December 2022	4.20	1.67
2 December 2022 to 1 January 2023	3.15	1.25
2 January 2023 to 1 February 2023	2.10	0.83
2 February 2023 to 1 March 2023	1.05	0.42

The increase will be paid to all eligible pensioners from 11 April 2023.

## IDENTITY THEFT AND FRAUD: DON'T BECOME A VICTIM

**I**dentify theft happens when fraudsters get sufficient personal information (such as your name, date of birth, current and/or previous addresses) and use these to commit identity fraud by impersonating you for financial gain. It can happen whether the victim is dead or alive.

### Protecting yourself

There are different fraud prevention services available offering protective advice and registration. Signing up might mean extra checks when anyone –

including you – applies for a financial service, like a loan or credit card, with your details. For help and advice, contact Victim Support @

☎ 0808 1689 111  
 🌐 [victimsupport.org.uk](https://victimsupport.org.uk)

If you think you've been a victim, report it immediately to Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040**. If you're north of the border, it's Police Scotland on **101**.

## PENSIONERS' FORUM SUMMARY Meeting held on Thursday 10 November 2022

**R**epresentatives were advised the second of three steps required as part of the Funding Agreement – to consider options to reform the TfL Pension – was completed on Friday 14 October and an options paper has been submitted to the Government.

A link to the TfL Pension web site – where the paper can be accessed – is included below. The paper is lengthy.

In summary, TfL has concluded they are only prepared to further explore two broad categories of scheme, both of which are defined benefit, along with the 'do nothing' option.

Currently there are no changes to pensions or proposals for change. It should be noted any future changes would not affect pensions in payment, deferred pensions or pensions accrued to date.

TfL will develop a final detailed

proposal for any recommended changes which will need to be agreed with the Mayor and the Government by 31 January 2023.

Pensioner representatives have asked TfL for details of how they will be consulted on any changes that may affect future pensioners and we await a response.

[tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/independent-pensions-review](https://www.tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/independent-pensions-review)

## STAFF TRAVEL

**A**pplication forms for staff travel facilities are accessed via the Pension Fund website. Representatives have been

contacted by some members who do not have facilities to print out the forms.

This was discussed with TfL who have agreed that forms will be posted out if a member contacts

them to request this.

TfL representatives advised the staff travel telephone line had reopened on 1 September 2022 and now operates between 08:30-17:30.

## CONTACT DETAILS

### PENSION FUND

The TfL Pension Fund Office team are always pleased to help with your questions. Please choose from the different options, below, to get in touch.

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