

THE ROYAL CONNECTION

The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place on 2 June 1953 at Westminster and, dare we say it, some of our readers will have memories of that very day and the pomp and ceremony that surrounded it.

Back then, London Transport played a huge role in getting many of the three million visitors to where the action was. Fast-forward to Saturday 6 May this year and TfL were ready to serve for the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III

and Queen Camilla. Have you got any photos of the big day in 1953 you'd like to share? There's a prize for the best ones.

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A RIGHT ROYAL RIDE



1938TS at Ealing Common
Credit: Alex Thorkildsen

Earlier this year, London Transport Museum rolled out their meticulously restored 1938 Tube Stock to celebrate the Coronation.

Guests were treated to a retro – themed vintage celebration which transported them back to 2 June

1953 – the last time Britain crowned a new monarch.

Acton Town station was decorated in colourful bunting to create a 1950's party atmosphere. London Transport Museum Friends were also there, running stalls of transport collectibles and ephemera.

Keep an eye on London Transport Museum's website at ltmuseum.co.uk for details of future heritage train outings.

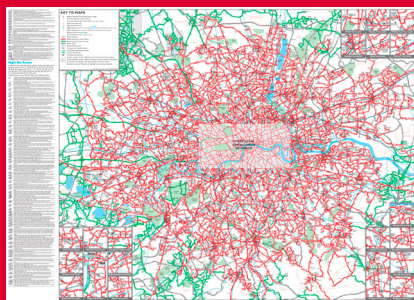
BUSMAPPER



When TfL stopped producing bus maps back in the 90s, (the now-retired) Mike Harris plugged the gap by drawing up versions in his own time. Having joined in 1973 as a trainee schedule compiler in the buses department, he was perfectly qualified for the job.

Mike's maps – popular with enthusiasts and travellers alike – were originally sold for £1, with surplus (after-production) costs donated to charity. The maps have since raised more than £26,000 for worthy causes.

The latest edition (April 2023) of The Greater London Bus Map (£2) and the Greater London Night Bus Map (£4) are now available to order – in print or digital download versions – at busmap.co.uk



CELEBRATE 160 YEARS OF THE TUBE IN STYLE

20% OFF

London Transport Museum has teamed up with textile design studio Wallace Sewell to celebrate 160 years of the Tube, with an exclusive range of accessories featuring a scarf, tote bag, cross body bag and purse.



The stylish, modern design weaves colours from the TfL network into a geometric pattern,

paying homage to the Tube map we know and love.

Wallace Sewell is known for its famous moquette designs, but the fabric featured in this collection is not to be mistaken for the durable material that adorns many a public transport seat around the world. The range is made in the UK from beautifully soft, high quality, pure wool.

Use discount code **RETIREDSTAFF** to get 20 per cent* off online at ltmuseumshop.co.uk or by bringing this copy of otm Pensioners' Edition with you to the Museum's shop in Covent Garden.

*Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers or discounts.



HONOURING THOSE WE LOST

A memorial – on Braham Street, E1 – was unveiled by Mayor of London Sadiq Khan and TfL Commissioner Andy Lord. It pays tribute to London's transport workers who tragically lost their lives to coronavirus.

The memorial consists of a plinth-mounted plaque alongside a flowering foxglove tree. Two railroad benches enclose the space, allowing quiet

reflection and remembrance, so we may never forget their sacrifice.

The memorial was unveiled during a ceremony for the families and friends of those we lost. London's Transport Choir sang, and Andy gave an opening speech. The Mayor also spoke before inviting attendees to join him in laying tributes.



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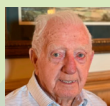
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FONDLY REMEMBERED



Reginald Bunning, 96, passed away on 21 February 2023 after a short illness. He joined London Transport as a platform assistant in 1948, retiring at 65 from his position as shunter motorman at Neasden depot, after almost 43 years. He met Joyce, on the platform at Wembley Park in 1949, before marrying her in 1950. They lived together on Quainton Street for 57 years, in one of the original transport cottages, before moving to the Isle of Wight in 2016. Reginald is sorely missed by his proud and loving family.



James 'Jim' Butt, 74, passed away on 9 September 2022 following a 15-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Jim joined London Transport in 1966 after leaving school. After transferring from Country Buses Reigate to London, he worked in several departments before leaving the Planning Office in 1982 to train as a teacher. Deeply missed, Jim is survived by his wife, four children and six grandchildren.



Andreas 'Andy' Ioannou, 82, passed on 22 February 2023. He served for 24 years at Holloway Bus Garage as a conductor on routes 4, 10, 19 and 27, before taking early retirement in 1994 due to ill health. Andy had many memories of his life on the buses and his favourite; "any more fares, please?", is fondly remembered. Andy rests in peace with wife Anastasia ('Soulla') who passed away just two weeks before him.



Stuart Laphorn, 61, passed away on 27 January 2023 in Banbury, Oxfordshire, having suffered a brain tumour. Stuart worked as a bus driver before joining the District line as a train driver.



James 'Jim' Pennells, 76, passed away peacefully at home on 28 December 2022. He joined London Underground as a guard in March 1977, progressing to become a driver, a position he remained in until his retirement. Jim enjoyed retirement to the full with wife Lynda and his loving family.



Arthur 'David' Read, 91, was taken away by dementia on 26 February 2022. He joined London Transport aged 18 as a trolley bus conductor and was later promoted to the position of Road Inspector in 1957, before becoming a garage official. David retired from his position as Wood Green garage manager in 1988 after 40 years' service. David and his wife of 66 years, Margaret, enjoyed mountain climbing and hill walking in retirement. David's main pastime became gardening at his home in New Barnet.



Christopher Robey, 60, passed away suddenly and peacefully, surrounded by his family on 19 January 2023 following a stroke. He worked on the Underground and Transplant/Tube lines for 35 years before retiring five years ago. Many of his former colleagues attended his funeral as he was well loved and respected across the network. His wife, Viv, three children and three grandchildren thank everyone for their support and best wishes.

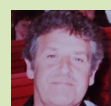


Otho Sealy, 88, passed away on 12 January 2023. Otho came from Barbados in 1964 and worked as a conductor – then a driver – with London Transport at South Croydon bus garage until 1995. He received an award for safe driving without being responsible for a single accident on the road and spent more than 30 years on the buses. Otho is sadly missed by his wife of 57 years, Celeste, and the many who knew him.



Robert 'Bob' William Shepherd, 74, passed away on 30 October 2022. He served nearly 30 years with London Transport (LT), starting his career in September 1963 as an apprentice body maker (under the supervision of his own father). He progressed through several positions – including instructor at the Railway Training Centre at Wood Lane – and ended his LT career as site and facilities manager at Ealing Common depot in 1993. Robert maintained his love of buses and trains – especially vintage ones – all his life. He leaves a wife, twin

sister, daughter, son and granddaughter (who also loves trains) and is very much missed.



Frederick 'Fred' Thorne, 92, passed away on 19 March 2023. He joined Barking bus garage as a conductor in 1957 and went on to become a driver in 1962. After spending his entire working career at Barking bus garage, he took redundancy in 1993. He continued to drive buses for another two years, for Grey Green Coach and Buses, before retiring at 65 in 1995. He had a long, fulfilling retirement with lots of hobbies. Fred never moved away from Barking and passed away in the same house he had lived in for more than 50 years.



Philip Lindhurst, 67, passed away on 26 March 2023. Philip was a senior signal operator for London Underground. He joined as an apprentice, aged 16, on 26 April 1971, and retired 25 May 2014. His funeral was attended by many ex-colleagues.



Fred Ruddy, 92, passed away peacefully on 25 April 2023. He joined London Transport at Acton works in 1947, meeting his wife Joan through the District line sports association. Working in the mechanical engineering department, rising through the grades to Traction engineer, Fred went on to work as a rolling stock consultant for LTI across the world. Fred enjoyed retirement from 1994, continuing his travels and involvement in local groups.



Gary Jones, 61, passed away after a short battle with cancer on 21 December 2021. Gary worked for TRANSDEV and London United for thirty years. He drove the 131 route out of Fulwell garage and the 85 out of Tolworth garage. Gary loved his work and had an excellent punctuality and attendance record. He was very proud to win the London Bus Driver of the Year Award in 2011. He is sadly missed by his wife Mary, and two daughters.

Please send a paragraph about and a photograph of someone who has passed away to OTMPensioners@tfl.gov.uk

LIZZEN TO THIS!

Uncover the secrets of 10 Elizabeth line central section stations in a series of free audio guides. Hear more about captivating art, compelling architecture, and uplifting lighting from people with strong ties to their local areas as they talk about the stations that mean the most to them.

Custom House's very own MOBO Award-winning rapper **Guvna B**, the daughter of Paddington Bear creator Michael Bond **Karen Jankel** and Woolwich-born British actor **Scott Maslen** – to name a few – help us discover things we might have missed, or simply taken for granted.

The Whitechapel guide, narrated by the station's Customer Service Supervisor **Neil Dalton**, references the bilingual Bengali signage at its entrance that was installed in recognition of the local Bangladeshi community. Head to cutt.ly/Elizabethlineaudio or scan the QR code to find out more.



CRYPTO-CRIME



Cryptocurrency is a digital asset that can be traded or exchanged online without the need of a bank. Although Bitcoin was the first to be launched in 2008, there are many others on the market. While cryptocurrency popularity has surged in recent years – with promises of high returns – it comes with even higher risks. Often unregulated, it's incredibly volatile, and may not be covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

Following the recent downfall of FTX, crypto risk has been further exposed and would-be investors should exercise extreme caution.

If something sounds too good to be true...

Fraudsters will promise high returns through cryptocurrency investing and often use social media to advertise and entice unsuspecting victims. Always ask challenging questions when considering these investments.

Protecting yourself

- Don't be rushed into making any sort of investment. No legitimate person or firm will pressure you into making an investment or committing to something on the spot
- Most firms advertising and selling investments in cryptoassets aren't authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). This might mean no access to the Financial Ombudsman Service or the Financial Services Compensation Scheme if things go wrong
- Check the FCA Register register.fca.org.uk to make sure you're dealing with an authorised firm and check the FCA Warning List of firms to avoid fca.org.uk/scamsmart/warning-list

If you think you are a victim of fraud, act quickly: report it to the Police/Action Fraud:

☎ 0300 123 2040

🌐 actionfraud.uk

TO THE BATTLE BUS!



As Sam Mullins OBE steps down as Director and CEO of London Transport Museum, we put him in the spotlight.

What will you miss most?

The people I've worked with and the buzz of our museum and events. I've had the privilege to work with

many wonderful colleagues who've brought London's transport story to life with creativity, commitment and passion.

Favourite item in the Museum's collection?

With more than 500,000 to choose from, it's impossible! I'd

have to say our B type 'Battle Bus', B2737. For 2014, we restored this century-old stalwart of London's transport to its wartime livery to be a living, moving commemoration of the First World War and the role played by London's busmen and women. It helps tell the stories of brave men and mould-breaking women.

What's on your 'to do' list after LTM?

Grandparenting, gardening and some serious guitar practice! I'll continue wearing my historian's hat; I'm writing the first history of Transport for London, and the follow-up to our popular Hidden London book, 'Digging Deeper'...

Elizabeth McKay is the Museum's newly appointed Director and CEO. Look out for an interview with her soon.

YOUR PCC NEEDS YOU!

Nominations sought for TfL Pension Fund members to stand for election on the TfL Pension Consultative Council (PCC). The PCC is made up of three sections representing Fund members:

Section 1 Pensioners and deferred pensioners (8 seats)

Section 2 Employees of TfL, subsidiaries and contractors except those covered by section 3 (4 seats)

Section 3 Employees of London Underground, its subsidiaries and contractors (8 seats)

The PCC meets at least four times a year to discuss the administration of the Pension Fund, picking up issues of concern to Fund members (other than those relating to individual entitlements to benefits under the Fund), commenting on and making formal representations. Four Councillors (two from section 1 and one each from sections 2 & 3) are nominated by the PCC as Trustees of

the Fund and regularly report at PCC meetings.

The eight PCC members from section 1 are required to also attend the four Pensioners' Forum meetings each year to meet with TfL management representatives to discuss/be consulted on issues relevant to pensioners and deferred pensioners, such as retired staff travel entitlements.

PCC councillors are elected for four years, so five complete their terms of office each year, although they are usually eligible for re-election. Five seats are therefore to be elected to take office on 1 December 2023.

The councillors whose term of office will end are **Joel Kosminsky** and **Chris Sullivan** from section 1, **Maria Taylor** from section 2 with **Paul Murphy** and **Paul O'Brien** from section 3. All are eligible for re-election if they wish.

Nominations must be made in writing by a member of the TfL Pension Fund from the same section as the nominee and countersigned by another member of the same

section. The information listed below must accompany the nomination:

- Name, as nominee wishes it to appear on the ballot paper
- Dates, if nominee has previously held office as a councillor
- Whether pensioner or deferred pensioner if they are from section 1
- A personal statement of up to 110 words, including the reason for standing for election or re-election to the PCC

A passport sized photograph may also be provided for inclusion with the voting papers. The information provided must be factual, appropriate and inoffensive. Completed nominations must be sent by Friday 18 August 2023 to the PCC Secretary **Tim Handley**, TfL Pension Fund, 4th Floor, 200 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9TJ. For more details, head to [tfl.gov.uk/pensions](https://www.tfl.gov.uk/pensions) or contact the PCC Secretary.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, elections will be held by postal ballot among Fund members in the relevant sections.



FLYING HIGH



I learned to fly at Biggin Hill and joined the Central Road Services Sports Association Flying Club at Fair Oaks in Surrey. After qualifying as an instructor, I spent many happy weekends teaching other LT staff to fly. In 1979/80 I studied for – and obtained – a Commercial Pilot's Licence.

I joined London Transport (LT) at 16 in 1960 as a Civil Engineering trainee. After training, I started at the Permanent Way Design Office, becoming one of four section leaders. While there, I worked on track installation in the (then) new Victoria line tunnels. I eventually transferred to the Principal Project Manager's Office, managing the escalator – and later lift – replacement programmes.

In 1988, after 28 years with LT, I left to become a professional pilot at Gama Aviation. I spent 10 very happy years flying celebrities, businessmen, and human organ transplant teams, as well as operating medivac flights throughout Europe, Scandinavia and North Africa. It was on a medivac flight from Salzburg to Plymouth that I met my third wife Jenny.

Sadly, Jenny became ill, so in 1998 I reluctantly left Gama

Aviation to move to Exeter, where I joined Jersey European Airlines (later to become Flybe). I retired from flying in 2009. I consider myself fortunate that my career spanned from hundreds of feet below ground to thousands of feet above it!

David Mays

Want to tell us your story?

✉ otmpensioners@tfl.gov.uk or write to us (see P8) with up to 250 words and your photographs. You might even win a prize!



PENSION PAYMENTS

Your pension is paid in advance every four weeks on a Monday* (Tuesday if an English bank holiday).

2023 payment dates: 3 July, 31 July, 29 August*, 25 September, 23 October, 20 November, 18 December.

JUST THE TICKET

Booking tickets and reserving seats
Staff Travel Card (Box Ticket) and Status Pass holders will now have received information in an email from RDG on how to register for RSTL online, the portal where you'll be able to book tickets online and reserve seats.

PTAC holders **cannot** currently register for this service, but can continue to book tickets at the booking office or with the Train Operator itself.

TfL Staff Travel are in discussions with Rail Staff Travel to roll this out to all PTAC holders in the next 12 months.

LETTERS

Dear otm,

Between 1986 and 1996, I was employed as the engineering training manager for London General Transport. Engineering Director **Phil Margrave** and I were responsible for bringing about the changes to working practices preventing engineering staff from reaching their full potential.

The aftereffects of an accident at Stockwell bus garage meant early retirement for me in 1997. However, having played a leading role in the development of the Vehicle Engineering Competent Assessment Scheme (VECAS), it would be of great interest to me to know how it is portrayed today.

Ernie Symmons
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PENSIONERS' FORUM SUMMARY

Meeting held on Tuesday 9 May 2023.

Representatives were updated on the latest Pensions Review developments. Government responded to TfL's October 2022 options submission in February 2023.

TfL wrote to Government on 17 March 2023 stating that – in their view – several outstanding questions needed to be addressed before they could finalise any proposals for change, and that 'do nothing' remained an option. At this stage, there are no proposals for change and any changes that may emerge would not

affect pensions in payment, deferred pensions or pensions accrued to date. Pensioner representatives are seeking full engagement in any options for change that are developed and consultation on any proposals that arise. For more information, visit tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/independent-pensions-review

There has been a delay distributing Staff Travel Cards (Box Tickets) to eligible staff and pensioners. This is a result of errors in the data transferred from the Rail Delivery Group which

had to be corrected and checked before distribution. All Travel Cards will have been sent out by the end of May 2023. Contact the TfL Staff Travel team if you have not received yours.

There are several Associations and Societies TfL pensioners can join to meet up and engage with former colleagues and friends. Details of these will be included in a future edition of this publication.

CONTACT DETAILS

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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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