



PENSIONERS' EDITION

A CRUCIAL YEAR AHEAD

TfL faces a critically important year with many projects committed to in the latest business plan being delivered.

Among the main projects coming to fruition for London Underground are:

- The launch of Night Tube in September
- The start of construction on the Northern line extension

- The opening of Tottenham Court Road's new ticket hall in January

- The completion of Vauxhall Station's modernisation.

There will be the continuation of changes that have already started with more S stock trains being introduced on the District line and the whole

customer experience is being transformed through the Fit for the Future - Stations programme.

It's a critical year for hitting the 30 per cent reliability improvement set by the Mayor of London.

It will also be a busy 12 months for London Rail with a new operator, having just taken over the

running of the DLR and then, in May, London Rail will take over operations of West Anglia trains to Enfield, Chingford and Cheshunt. At the same time, the first phase of Crossrail will open between Shenfield and Liverpool Street, with TfL responsible for the service.

For buses there will be the challenge of maintaining reliability on the network with the development of the inner ring road and the introduction of new driver training with an emphasis on vulnerable road users.



GAME OF DRONES

You may have heard references to drones in the news. Originally used by the military for reconnaissance purposes, they are increasingly being used in a commercial context. London

Underground engineers are already making use of these ingenious devices. Cornelius Hanrahan, Planned Structural Maintenance Manager, Capital Programmes Directorate, said: 'The use of drones enables

inspectors and surveyors to safely carry out inspections and surveys of tall and deep levels assets without the need for temporary access equipment. It will improve quality and reduce cost and time. It

is proposed initially to carry out inspections of roofs, high level lighting masts and towers and deep ventilation shafts. Once the capability is proven the scope will be extended to other assets.'

PENSIONERS' FORUM SUMMARY

Main issues discussed at the meeting held on 19 November 2014

● Tfl Pension Fund:

It was noted that attendance at the Annual Members Meeting held on 24 October had been good and feedback positive. The Chairman advised that a copy of the presentation made at the meeting and details of the questions raised by members together with the answers given was to be posted on the Fund's website.

● Pensioner Liaison Scheme:

The pensioners'

representatives were pleased to note that a number of people had recently expressed interest in becoming pensioner liaison representatives (PLRs). Discussion took place on ways of encouraging further interest from pensioners, especially in those areas where there were insufficient numbers of PLRs to provide good coverage.

● Staff Travel:

The management representatives said they

would continue to pursue with the Association of Train Operating Companies the need to reinforce to their revenue inspection staff the correct procedures to follow where pensioners were unable to obtain privilege facilities on National Rail when booking offices were closed. The pensioners' representatives were advised that TfL was planning to introduce the facility for privilege rate tickets to be purchased from TfL ticket machines.

If you have an issue which you wish to raise and consider it may be appropriate for the Pensioners' Forum and are a member of the Fifty Five Society, the LT Pensioners' Association or the LT Retired Staff Association, you should initially seek advice from a Committee member of your Society/ Association. (See page four).

Otherwise, contact the current Pensioners' Spokesperson for the Pensioners' Forum:
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PENSIONS FROM THE TFL PENSION FUND TO INCREASE IN APRIL

The full pension increase from 1 April 2015 is 2.3 per cent. This is based on the rise in the Retail Price Index over the 12 months to September 2014.

Depending on the period of membership of the TfL Pension Fund, your pension may comprise of various components, some of which are not increased by the Fund at the above 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. See below for details.

Effective date	Increase
Up to 1 April 2014	2.30%
2 April 2014 to 1 May 2014	2.11%
2 May 2014 to 1 June 2014	1.92%
2 June 2014 to 1 July 2014	1.73%
2 July 2014 to 1 August 2014	1.53%
2 August 2014 to 1 September 2014	1.34%
2 September 2014 to 1 October 2014	1.15%
2 October 2014 to 1 November 2014	0.96%
2 November 2014 to 1 December 2014	0.77%
2 December 2014 to 1 January 2015	0.58%
2 January 2015 to 1 February 2015	0.38%
2 February 2015 to 1 March 2015	0.19%

Full details are available on the TfL Pension Fund website at www.tflpensionfund.co.uk

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PCC ELECTION RESULTS 2014

The longest serving quarter of the TfL Pension Consultative Council (PCC) retired from office on the 30 November 2014. The term of office for the new appointments commenced on the 1 December 2014 and will end on the 30 November 2018.

In Section One (representing pensioners and deferred pensioners), **David Biggs** and **Keith Goldsworthy** retired. This Section received two valid nominations. David Biggs was re-elected together with new Councillor **Beverley Milner-Simonds**.

David has served on the PCC since December 2005.

In Section Two (representing TfL and its subsidiaries or contractors, excluding London Underground Limited), **Stephen Ellaby** retired and was duly re-elected following his nomination in

this section. Stephen has served on the PCC since December 2006.

In Section Three (representing London Underground Limited and its subsidiaries and Tube Lines Limited), **Jackie Darby** and **Gilly Leonard-Ross** both retired. Four nominations were received meaning a postal ballot was required. Gilly Leonard-Ross was re-elected together with new Councillor **Steve Connolly**. Gilly has served on Section Three since December 2010.

For more information about the PCC, please visit the TfL Pension Fund website at www.tflpensionfund.co.uk or contact **Julian Collins**, PCC Secretary on **020 7918 3789** or by email to juliancollins@tflpensionfund.co.uk



SCULPTURE PARK
Seventeen New Routemaster bus sculptures by London and UK based artists have been unveiled in Croydon bringing the total across London to 58.

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STAYING INVOLVED

If you want to stay in touch there are several pensioner groups for former colleagues.

● The **London Transport Pensioners' Association** (LTPA) is an umbrella organisation formed to protect and promote the interests of pensioners.

Membership of the LTPA is open to all Pensioners in receipt of a TfL pension. Free life membership is available on application to the membership secretary **Nick Dawkins** at 15 Ocho Rios Mews, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN23 5UB, telephone 01323 472254 or email nicholas.dawkins@virgin.net

● The **LT Retired Staff Association** (LTRSA) membership is drawn mainly from operational grades, but all former employees can join. Life Membership costs £5. Contact **Rena Craig** on 0208 573 7664.

● The **LT Superannuitants' Association** (LTSA) is open to all retired employees. It has a welfare officer to help members who fall ill and can advise on pension issues. Life membership is £5. Contact **John Robson** on 0208 808 1511 or e-mail john@brucecastle.co.uk

● The **Fifty Five Society** was set up in 1949 for former senior LT managers. Membership is by invitation and a life membership fee applies. Contact **John Self** on 01420 520132 or john.selfobe@btopenworld.com

Other associations and groups which may be of interest include:

● The **Aldenham Works Association** has a reunion each year. Contact **Fred Pearson** on 0208 428 2309

● The **Association of Retired London Underground Operating Managers** is for pensioners with a rail operating background, and has two reunion lunches a year. Contact **Sue Gilbert** on 07753 879197 or susan.gilbertextfl@gmail.com

● **Bus Operating Department managers and admin staff** meet twice a year for lunch – the next one is on 22 April. Contact **Stuart Smith** on 01843 868199 or stuart4830@aol.com

● The **W6 Area** is for pensioners in and around Hammersmith. Members meet several times a year and there is a quarterly newsletter and an annual trip. Contact **Steve Tharpe** on 0208 748 8964 or stephen.tharpe@btinternet.com

People wishing to become more involved in representing the interests of Pensioners may wish to consider standing for election to the pensioners' section of the Pensioners' Consultative Council (PCC) which discusses issues relating to the operation of the TfL Pension Fund (but not individual entitlements). The PCC constitution is on the Fund's website at www.tflpensionfund.co.uk or you can contact PCC Secretary **Julian Collins** at juliancollins@tflpensionfund.co.uk or on 0207 918 3879.

Steve Tharpe, centre, and his late wife, Editha, right, running a stall on behalf of the W6 Group to raise money for charity. Also pictured is former group member, Dennis Oliver



A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

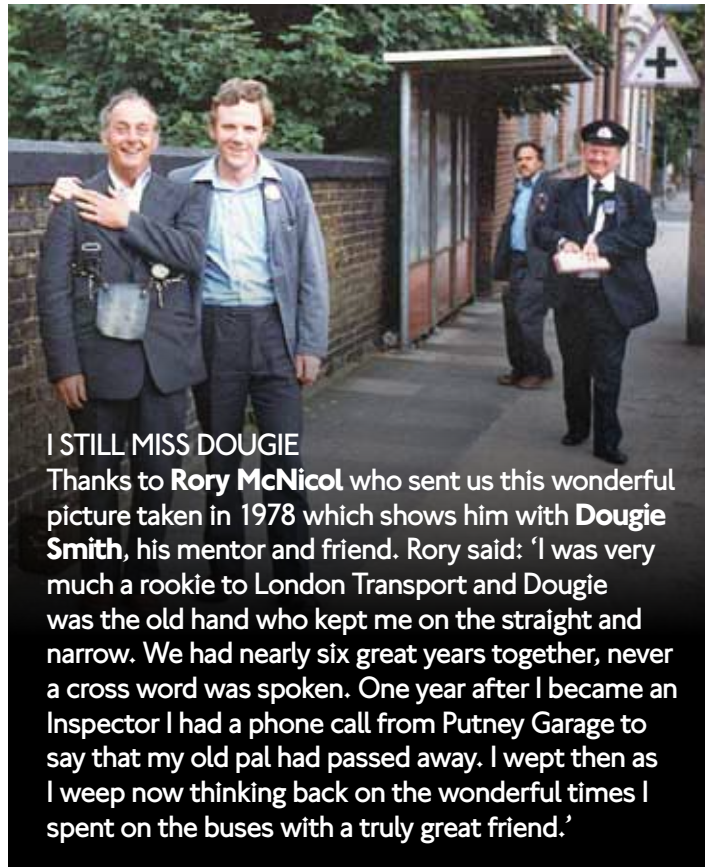
New operator KeolisAmey Docklands Ltd took over Docklands Light Railway (DLR) in December, with a focus on a series of service improvements. These will include more frequent services, cleaner trains and stations, more reliable lifts and escalators, improved station maintenance and faster passenger journeys.

KNIGHT CLUB

The LU chess club is looking for new members as it bids to repeat the success of its 2013/14 debut season.

'We want to encourage all people to get involved,' said **Danny Vuong**, Service Controller, Line Information Specialist, Highgate SCC. 'All past and present TfL employees are welcome.'

For more information contact **Danny** at dannyvuong@tfl.gov.uk



I STILL MISS DOUGIE

Thanks to **Rory McNicol** who sent us this wonderful picture taken in 1978 which shows him with **Dougie Smith**, his mentor and friend. Rory said: 'I was very much a rookie to London Transport and Dougie was the old hand who kept me on the straight and narrow. We had nearly six great years together, never a cross word was spoken. One year after I became an Inspector I had a phone call from Putney Garage to say that my old pal had passed away. I wept then as I weep now thinking back on the wonderful times I spent on the buses with a truly great friend.'

EPPING BACK IN TIME

Following the End of the Tube event which marked the 20th anniversary of the closure of services between Epping and Ongar, local enthusiasts are now looking for volunteers to help with two restoration projects.

The first is to restore Locomotive L11, built in 1964 and the second is rebuilding the lever frame in the signal cabin which operated at Epping between 1949 and 1996.

If you are interested in getting involved, contact **Bob Yeldham** at eppingsignalcabin@btinternet.com



CBE AWARDED

Michèle Dix, Managing Director of Planning (above), was recognised with a CBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours list for services to transport in London. On 5 February 2015 she moves to become Managing Director of Crossrail 2 to make the case for, and implement, the next new rail scheme to support London's growth.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Work to modernise Tottenham Court Road station means Central line trains are not stopping there until December 2015.



Bus passengers in the Aldgate area are seeing changes to a number of bus routes as Aldgate bus stations closes for City of London works to remove the gyratory.

Construction work on the £36m upgrade of Vauxhall Tube station to increase capacity

and make it step-free has reached the half-way point. The work is part of a major investment to support the growth and regeneration of the surrounding area.

Town centres across London's boroughs are set to be transformed after the Mayor and TfL confirmed £148m in funding for local transport and public realm projects in 2015/16.

Bond Street Tube Station opened before Christmas and three weeks ahead of schedule after a vital stage of tunnel work was completed.



otm FONDLY REMEMBERED

Doug Allaway

4 November 2014, aged 78

Doug had an extensive career in London Transport including senior manager roles in Finance and Railway Development.

David Catling

15 October 2014, aged 89

David worked mainly in railway mechanical engineering before moving to the Docklands Light Railway.

Ian Goldsmith

26 November 2014, aged 75

Ian was a premises architect with London Underground when he retired.

Patrick Lanham

2 April 2014, aged 72

Patrick started as a guard on the Metropolitan line in 1966, then became

a driver on the District line. He retired as a shunter from Ealing Common depot in 2001. A good footballer, he played in several LT teams.

Philip Lawrence

8 October 2014, aged 63

Known as Phil, he started his career as a bus driver in 1974 at Peckham, later becoming an instructor. He was the last instructor trained to teach skid control at Chiswick before its closure. Phil later became a qualified fire trainer and ended up at Metroline and finally Go-Ahead where he took early retirement in 2010.

Ron Lincoln

9 June 2014, aged 83

Ron worked for several years in Payrolls and retired as Deputy Payroll Services Manager.

Peter McGrath

September 2014, aged 70

Peter worked as a bus conductor at Hammersmith and Putney Garages for a total of 36 years.

John 'Paddy' Nordon

18 October 2014, aged 96

John worked as a bus driver from 1946 until he was medically retired in 1984. He was based at Walthamstow, initially working on trolley buses, then the RT's, Routemasters right through to the one man operated single decker buses. John served as both chairman and secretary of the TGWU.

George Arthur Spackman

12 Jan 2014, aged 90

George worked as an electrical technician. He retired due to ill health after nearly 37 years service in the late 1970s.

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TOO MUCH UNDERGROUND?

In the last issue, I was amazed to see a letter from Dave Wyeth saying let's have a bit of content/news about the Underground. **otm** is almost exclusively about the Underground! I would like to see some content/news about any other section except the Underground.

Barry White, Retired bus driver at Edmonton and Enfield

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

The London Transport Sports Association Flying Club is featured in a new book about the history of Fairoaks Airport in Surrey.

The club was founded in 1931 for London Transport bus workers. After the War in 1946, through the efforts of Flt. Lt. Ted Baker the Club was reformed at Fairoaks.

Fairoaks Airport an Illustrated History is available from The Fairoaks Flight Centre, Synergy Aviation Ltd, Fairoaks Airport, Chobham, Surrey, GU24 8HX or from **Michael Jones**, 15 Brockenhurst Close, Woking, Surrey, GU21 4DS. Price £30.

PARIS MATCH

Mark McGrath, who worked at Neasden Depot from 1984 to 2006, has shared his memories of taking on the Paris Metro Rugby Union team in 1991.

Mark was one of the 21 man LU squad selected for the match after four months of trials. The squad and support staff travelled to Paris on a red London bus. The French team triumphed 38-19, but Mark says a great time was had by all.

Mark, who emigrated to Australia in 2006, would like to hear what his teammates and travelling companions have been up to since the match. Contact: markmcgrath47@bigpond.com

TIME TO GO ONLINE?

Would it be possible to do an online version of **otm** pensioners to run in tandem with the printed version? I accept there are some who do not have access to the internet but this would allow us to choose which format to receive and possibly reduce the cost of printing at the same time.

I do enjoy reading all the articles whether from the past or present. I was



HELLO FROM OZ

Greetings from 'down under.' As an ex-London transport worker, I really appreciate receiving a calendar every year but would it be possible to have a small explanation underneath showing what the pictures are? I really appreciate seeing a little bit of 'home' every month.
Bill Williams
Blue Mountains,
NSW Australia



with LT buses in West London from 1964 to 1980 in various guises from conductor to driver and then as a mechanic and saw many changes. I enjoyed my time with LT and **otm** helps bring back those memories.

Paul Burrows

GARAGE BAND

Dave Tyler sent in this cheeky picture (below) of a Bexleyheath Garage day out to Margate in the early 1970s. Are you in the picture, or can you identify anybody? Dave

has names for most people, but would like to complete the set and possibly organise a reunion. You can contact Dave on 01643 724377 or 07779303976 or **Mick Buttifant** on 01322 554666 or 07989 612735

HAIL VICTORIA

Well done **Peter Scammell** for having a say. Peter was Victoria Coach Station Manager until his retirement, and my boss. I have caught a coach from there, I have driven a coach into there, I became a revenue inspector and a controller there. I ended up as the systems engineer there and loved every moment but always find that nobody writes about Victoria Coach Station. Many good times were had, we were more a family than a company, and when we did something we did it together.

Syd Salter VCS 1981 - 2004

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