



PENSIONERS' EDITION

CELEBRATING GREAT DESIGN



in January 2016, while a design festival on Regent Street next summer is also planned in celebration. Transported by Design has asked staff to nominate their favourite Design Icons. These nominations were shortlisted by a panel consisting of London Transport Museum staff, employees and industrial designer Dick Powell.

The top 100 entries have been voted on by visitors to the Transported by Design website and the most popular in each category will be announced later this year.

"We're currently discussing ways we can then highlight these Design Icons to the public," said Ann.

"The project is reminding people that transport isn't as simple as just getting from A to B; design plays an important role in every journey."

For a full list of events and more on the stories behind the shortlisted icons, visit <https://tfl.gov.uk/campaign/transported-by-design> and [transportedbydesign.tumblr.com](https://tumblr.com/transportedbydesign)

The step nosing which people tread on, historic platforms at Baker Street which can make customers feel they are in the Victorian age and the Baby on Board badges we now see being worn across our network are all examples of the iconic design that has become a part of everyday life for Londoners.

For more than 150 years, we've kept London moving with style. Running from July 2015 to the beginning of 2017,

Transported by Design is hosting a programme of events and exhibitions to celebrate station architecture, vehicle engineering, graphic heritage and hidden technology – such as contactless payment and accessibility features – essential to the everyday running of the network, as well as the forward-thinking ideas shaping its future.

"Since the Underground was built, design has always been

important," said Ann Gavaghan, Design and Communities Development Manager. "It benefits us all – a well-designed station is going to be quicker to navigate and will provide a better customer experience."

The 100th anniversary of the Johnston typeface, the font for public transport in London, takes place

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PENSIONERS' FORUM SUMMARY

Main issues discussed by TfL management and Pensioners' Representatives at the meeting held on 16 September 2015

■ Pensioner Liaison Scheme

The Pensioner Representatives welcomed a report that responses had been received to the article in the July **otm** seeking pensioner liaison representatives for the Central London Area, which are now being followed up.

■ Staff Travel

The Pensioner Representatives noted that, following an internal audit, a nominee Oyster card eligibility audit was being carried out in respect of current employees, which would then be followed by a similar exercise in respect

of retired individuals who have a nominee Oyster card.

■ TfL Pension Fund

The TfL Management Representatives reported on progress with the 2015 Actuarial Valuation and confirmed that discussions with the Pensioners' Representatives would be arranged to take place in January 2016 on the outcome and any subsequent resulting measures that might be considered necessary.



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STAY IN TOUCH

The London Transport Retired Staff Association is drawn mainly from operational grades, but all former LT employees can join. Life membership costs £5 and, if you are interested, contact Rena Craig on 01789 205739.

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BUS GARAGE OPEN DAYS A SUCCESS

A number of bus garage open days have taken place this summer. The days are part of our work to connect with the community and improve our bus customers' experience and have been held in partnership with the bus operating companies and London Transport Museum.

An open day held in September at Willesden attracted almost 1,000 people, who were keen to find out what goes on behind the garage doors.

Several Severnside Transport Ltd (STL) buses were on show as

well as an Associated Equipment Company (AEC) Routemaster, which had been painted back into a special livery it wore many years ago to commemorate the horse buses of George Shillibear.

As with previous bus garage open days, all proceeds generated from the events are donated to charity. The money raised at Camberwell Bus Garage in September went to Trinity Hospice, who have provided free care for more than 120 years.

ENHANCED 'PRIV' RATE EXTENSION

In September 2014, the way in which a 'Priv' fare is calculated was expanded to include day and period walk-up, off-peak fares (including super off-peak fares), for an initial trial period of one year.

The arrangement has now been extended for a further year, up to September 2016. The terms and conditions and restrictions applying to these tickets continue as at present.

This 12-month extension is jointly supported by all of the Train Operating Companies, who want to provide access to increased UK discounted rail travel benefits for their employees as well as those safeguarded employees in other rail companies.

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NEWS FROM AROUND TfL

1: At the end of June, Sir Peter Hendy CBE stepped down as Commissioner for Transport for London to be Chair of Network Rail. The Board has confirmed the appointment of Mike Brown (pictured below) as our new Commissioner. Mike has been interim Commissioner since July 2015, having led London Underground and London Rail as Managing Director since 2010. Joining the London underground in 1989, Mike's career has included General Manager of the Metropolitan line.

2: Buskers keen to perform on the LU network have been invited to audition for the first time. The

auditions, part of the Mayor's Busk in London initiative, took place in front of the public and a panel of judges that included LU employees. Valerio Bifulko is pictured wowing the crowds at Canary Wharf.

3: A fleet of iconic red Routemaster buses took passengers on an historic journey to the Wiltshire village of Imber. Once home to 500 people, Imber was evacuated and commandeered by the Ministry of Defence in 1943 and remains in use for military training exercises. The village is opened up once a year to visitors, including relatives of those buried in the churchyard.



DO YOU HAVE A RETIRED NOMINEE OYSTER CARD?

Our TfL Retired Nominee Oyster cards let you use the public transport system – travel facilities we all find invaluable. That is why it's really important that the right people use these facilities.

We will shortly be writing to your home address asking you to confirm whether your Retired Nominee Oyster card holder is still permanently living with you. This will affect around 8,500 people. If your partner or spouse holds a PTAC only, you will not be contacted.

If you have a Retired Nominee Oyster card for someone who no longer permanently lives with you, you will need to return it to Nominee Audit Team, Customer

Delivery, 1st Floor, 14 Pier Walk, London SE10 0ES.

If you have not received a letter by the end of October 2015 to your home address, please contact the Nominee Audit Team and they will discuss ways to ensure you receive your letter electronically or by post.

When you receive your letter, you will need to return your confirmation in the pre-paid envelope provided, include valid proof of address details for your nominee and return by the date stated in your letter. If we do not receive your response, your Retired Nominee pass will be cancelled and there may be a charge to you to reissue this pass.

If you have any questions, please contact the team on 0800 0155 071 and select Option 5 from the main menu.



STEAM TRAIN TRAVELLING

The golden age of steam was recreated in style. We joined up with the London Transport Museum to give passengers a journey through time in September as locomotives Met1 and LU150 took to the Metropolitan line.

The journey from Harrow-on-the-Hill also incorporated an unused section of track between Chesham and Watford as travellers enjoyed the sights, sounds and smells of a bygone age.

Arriving in Watford, many passengers took the opportunity to take part in another longstanding tradition – enjoying a cup of tea!

A pop-up tearoom gave people the opportunity to indulge and embrace the 1940s theme as both staff and passengers dressed in clothes from that era.

More than 70 people worked to make the day a success.

Passenger Matthew Wilson said: "It was a fantastic spectacle filled with tea, excitement, fun and nostalgia. Once again Transport for London and the London Transport Museum showed that Britain's great age of steam can still captivate and thrill people to this day."



SOARING TO SUCCESS

Rising 90m above the River Thames, the Emirates Air Line (EAL) Cable Car is a unique way to take in the London skyline.

The UK's first urban cable car has become a top attraction among Londoners and visitors. Cabins leave from the Greenwich Peninsula and the Royal Docks every 30 seconds and flights are approximately 10 minutes each way.

Since opening in June 2012, more than five million passengers have used the service. New for this summer, the EAL offered Night Flights.

Customers were able to take advantage of later opening hours, while music and video entertainment in cabins and terminals added to the atmosphere. They were also invited to share their photos of the unique attraction as part of summer photography competitions.

Whether it was a sunset scene or a silly selfie, photographs featuring the photogenic structure flooded in from staff and customer competitions centred around a 'Time of Day' theme.

Richard Swaffield (pictured), Service Design Architect, impressed the judging panel with his interpretation of the distinctive terminal to win the staff competition. Richard said: "Having worked in Pier Walk, I watched the construction of the Emirates Air Line and was impressed with its architecture. "I thought the red lights would make an interesting light trail photograph, so some of us got together after work and took photos. I didn't expect to win but I'm so happy I did."

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PLAQUE HONOURS HEROIC VICTORIA CROSS WINNER

The recipient of a Victoria Cross who worked at Blackwall station a century ago has been immortalised through a new plaque.

The closure of his former branch did not lessen our determination to recognise the bravery of Lance Corporal Charles Robertson, so the plaque was unveiled at nearby East India DLR station in a ceremony led by Nick Brown, Managing Director.

Other staff members, police officers and historians attended the ceremony for Lance Corporal Robertson, who served during two wars.

He was awarded the Queen's South African Medal for his service in the Boer War, after which he returned to his role as a Railway Booking Clerk. He started at Blackwall in 1903 and stayed for nearly 12 years.

After volunteering again to serve in the First World War, Lance Corporal Robertson was awarded the Military Medal in 1917, a year when he was also wounded but returned to the Western Front.

For resisting an enemy attack in March 1918, continuing to fire until he was severely wounded and had run out of ammunition, he received the Victoria Cross.

Nick said at the ceremony: "My role feels quite



L to R: Bill King, Chairman of the Great Eastern Railway Society, Andy Savage, Executive Director, Railway Heritage Trust, Nick Brown, Managing Director of London Underground and London Rail, David Carter, author

insignificant compared to Lance Corporal Robertson's achievements.

"In both World Wars, railway staff kept the Capital moving, and others went off to war themselves, some never to

return and some, like Lance Corporal Robertson, who came back to work on the railways afterwards.

"It's so important that we remember the huge contribution they all made."

otm FONDLY REMEMBERED

Henry 'Harry' Purkiss
26 June 2015, aged 95

Henry (known as Harry) joined us in 1947 after serving five years in the 8th Army Rifle Brigade. He began as a Tram Driver, working a six-day week at New Cross Depot on a salary of £5-8. He covered many positions and areas before becoming a Deputy Assistant Area Traffic Manager.

After retiring, Henry and his wife enjoyed many holidays at home and abroad in their caravan before she passed away in 2012. They were married for 66 years.

Jack Slatter
4 July 2015, aged 95

After service with the RAF, Jack joined LT Country Buses working as a Depot

Clerk at Two Waters Garage and a Depot Inspector at Garston. In the 1960s he joined Industrial Relations, retiring as an Executive Assistant in 1981.

Roger Miller
27 July 2015, aged 76

Roger was an architect and retired as LUL Architectural Services Manager.

Robert Rowland
28 August 2015, aged 57

Rob's love of the London Underground was hard to match. As well as writing **otm** articles, he had a book in the latter stages of publication about all things Underground.

He spent 16 years with us in various roles, including a Customer Service Assistant and Ticket Office Clerk

at Leicester Square and Elephant & Castle, and as a Station Control Room Assistant at Southwark.

Robert 'Bob' Stewart
7 August 2015, aged 100

Bob worked as a Bus Conductor for London Transport at Willesden Garage for 27 years, from 1952 to 1979. Bob was so comfortable at Willesden that he spent the rest of his life there.

Peter Faulkner
July 1995, aged 45

This year marks the 20th anniversary since Peter passed away. He worked on the 73 bus route as a Bus Conductor and then as a Driver. He is still missed by family and friends.

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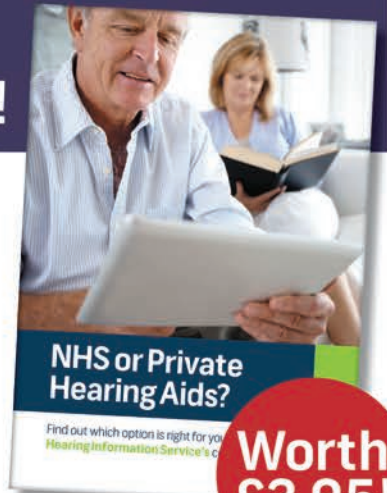
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GRAYS GARAGE PICTURES

I joined London Transport (Country Buses and Coaches) as their first Operating Apprentice in 1962 at Grays garage.

I worked under CDI Jack Lawrence and the Chief Inspector Eric

Martin – maybe some readers remember them?

From 1964 I continued my apprenticeship as a Conductor, working on all Grays routes and occasionally working on the Greenline routes 723 and 723A to Aldgate. I enjoyed the job immensely and have lots of

fond memories of the duties and staff. What I would like, if anyone can help me, is to see photos of what Grays garage looks like at the moment.

Jim Andrews, former Driving Examiner with Stagecoach buses

A SINGLE PUBLICATION

Why do pensioners become segregated after a lifetime of working for London Transport? Do we not travel on TfL services any more? Do we not deserve to know what's going on in our former places of work and hear about new trains and buses?

I am certain that it would be cheaper and more efficient to publish a single publication for all existing and former employees.

Kevin Christie

Editor's note: There are separate publications for staff in Surface (Upfront) and LU and Rail (otm). The pensioners' issue of otm incorporates highlights from each of these magazines for pensioners across the organisation who have retired from different areas of the business. If you'd like to subscribe to the staff otm magazine, please send a cheque for £12, made payable to London Underground at otm subscriptions, Medina House, 318 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 2AE. Upfront has recently been relaunched and we'll soon be able to give you more information about how you can access it.

HAPPY DAYS

I was employed by London Transport Buses from 1968 to March 1989. I have many memories that are always pleasing to recall and recount. I was delighted to read Alan Davis's letter in the last edition.

I worked at Tottenham garage as a Conductor, Driver, Road Traffic Inspector, Garage Operating Supervisor (Garage Inspector) and was finally seconded to the OPAL/RAS/EMAG implementation team in Leaside District.

Alan was a firm, fair and respected inspector and he always dedicated himself to providing the best service to our customers. I have great memories of his time in the "mad house" that was Tottenham forecourt, 1978 to 1983.

Tottenham garage was a very busy and bustling forecourt and no place for the faint-hearted. Time at work flew by because we were so busy. We had a great team of inspectors

there. I am still in contact with Tom Hendrick – we regularly play music together. I also have regular contact with Chris Burke in Galway and we try to meet a couple of times each year.

The bonds of friendship forged in the white heat of Tottenham forecourt will never be broken.

Other colleagues I recall are Les Cross, Dave Willis, Mick James, Randy Hubbard, George Hulks, Frank Lake, Noel Tullock and my direct shift colleague Dave Goldup. We were a happy team who played well together.

From 1983 to 1985 I worked at Nag's Head Holloway with my great friend Pat Ryan, with whom I am still in contact; as well as Reg Gardiner, Tony Belton and the wonderful Ernie Hance. It was a privilege to have had such great colleagues.

Alan, thanks for your letter.

On my return to Ireland I worked with Dublin Bus Ltd in 1990 and in 1991 in my native

Co. Cork with Bus Eireann. I was a Driver for five years after which I was promoted to Inspector in 1996, followed by an appointment as Training Inspector at Capwell Cork in 2000. I was able to pass on to trainee bus drivers the excellence I had learned from Fred Muschamp during my driver training in 1971 and the experience gained in London.

Denis O'Dwyer

FIND A FRIEND

I had a friend, Mrs Joan Innes, who came to London in 1993 from Barbados and stayed with Mr Noel, a bus driver who worked at Peckham Garage and also lived in Peckham. He was a very short man who wore spectacles. I would like to speak to Mr or Mrs Noel about Joan. Can anyone help me, please?

Ethlyn Rogers

We love your old memories and pictures so please keep them coming. The best thing is to email any pictures to otm@headlines.uk.com or post them, enclosing an sae, to the address above.

