



Remembering Moorgate

Thirty-nine years to the day since the Moorgate Tube disaster claimed the lives of 43 people, a plaque was unveiled at the station in their memory.

Relatives of many of the victims attended a special service to remember the crash which happened during the Friday rush hour on the morning of 28 February 1975.

Tributes to the victims were led by London Underground and Rail Managing Director Mike Brown, Chief Operating Officer Phil Hufton, the Lord Mayor of London Fiona Woolf and Archdeacon of London, the Venerable David Meara.

Among those present was former Permanent Way employee Bob Franklin who spent six days and nights working at the site after the disaster. He said: "I wanted to be here out of respect for those who died."

Kevin Hafter, Head of Operational Learning, recounted how his father Gordon, who was a rolling

stock engineer at the time, was the first person to enter the cab.

Also present was Diane Proudfoot whose father Leslie Newson was driving the train that crashed. "It's a long time ago now but it's still very raw," she said.



Tony Hall with his son Terry, who is named after Tony's sister who died



Phil Hufton, the Venerable David Meara, Lord Mayor of London Fiona Woolf and Mike Brown

And Tony Hall, Head of LU's Track Access Control Centre, was there with his family to honour the memory of his sister, Terry, who was 21 when she died in the accident.

The plaque now stands on a wall in Moor Place, where the entrance to Moorgate station used to be.

Bob Crow

Tributes were paid to RMT Leader Bob Crow who died on 11 March aged 52.

London Underground and Rail Managing Director Mike Brown described him as "a decent and straightforward man," and added: "No one can deny his deeply-held convictions and passion for transport and the good of his members."

His funeral was held on 24 March with thousands lining the route from Woodford, where he lived, to the City of London Cemetery in Manor Park.



Pensioners' forum summary

Main issues discussed at the meeting held on 26th February 2014

● Stephen Field, as Director of Pensions & Reward, would be chair of the Forum with effect from this meeting.

● Information was given on TfL Pension Fund issues, including an update on recent developments in pension-related matters generally and specific issues, including progress on Equitable Life AVC compensation payments and the transfer of payment of pensions to overseas pensioners from Royal Bank of Scotland to Western Union.

● A report was given on the Pensioner Liaison Scheme and the pensioners' representatives expressed concern at the fall in the number of Pensioner Liaison Representatives (PLRs). Means of encouraging people to volunteer for the scheme were discussed. The pensioners' representatives welcomed the fact that, as a security measure, photographic identity cards were now being issued to PLRs to show to pensioners when making visits. However, they were concerned to hear that some PLRs had not yet submitted the necessary

photographs for the cards and also that details of visits undertaken were not always provided to the scheme manager. They asked to be kept advised of any steps taken to address these problems.

● A report was given on progress being made as a result of ongoing discussion between TfL management, Rail Staff Travel Limited (RSTL) and the Association of Train Operating Companies (ATOC) to address problems experienced by pensioners in obtaining and using their concessionary travel facilities. The pensioners' representatives welcomed particularly the introduction to TfL of the National Rail staff travel card system for those with limited annual free travel entitlements, which had been suggested by them at previous meetings.

* Note: The Forum is a meeting between TfL senior managers and representatives from the London Transport Pensioners Association and the elected Pensioners Representatives from the Pension Consultative Council.

Travel cards change

There has been a change to the provision of free National Rail travel to some staff who joined TfL on or before 31 March 1996.

With immediate effect you will no longer be required to apply for free tickets when you want to travel, but instead will be automatically issued each year with a National Rail Staff Travel Card for this purpose. This will be sent to your home address via post.

Full instructions will be posted to your home address during April and May along with the Rail Staff Travel Card. Please note this is for retired employees who are eligible for free travel on a number of journeys per year, this is not a new benefit but a change to the existing benefit.

War wagons

Goodbye Piccadilly – from Home Front to Western Front will open at London Transport Museum on 16 May 2014. The WWI exhibition will tell the story of how drivers took their buses to the front to support the war effort and how women advanced into the transport workforce for the first time.

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Your bus memories



In response to our story about the Year of the Bus in the January edition, many readers sent in some great stories and pictures.

1 This photograph, taken in the 1960s, was sent in by **Edward Rolfe** whose father **Frederick** (centre front) retired from the Chief Mechanical Engineers Department in 1968 after 37 years' service at Chiswick and Aldenham. Do you recognise any of the other faces?

2 Mrs **Rose Coult** sent in this picture of her late husband **Fred**, standing beside the last trolley bus to leave Barking station. Fred worked on the

buses for 40 years, rising from conductor to Area Inspector out of Romford station. He passed away in 2002, aged 81, having received the freedom of the city of London for his charity work in retirement.



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Your annual payslip is due to be issued at the end of the month; here is a handy guide to some of the key elements. If you have any further queries about your payslip, you should contact the pensions service delivery team, their contact details are included on page 2.


TfL Pension Fund Transport for London

Annual Pension Payslip

This is an important document. Please keep it safe as you may need to refer to it again.

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Please make sure that your personal details are correct. If not, or if they change, please notify the Fund Office immediately. Please read the notes on the back of this payslip for more information about pension increases and changes to your personal details. Payments will automatically go into your bank or building society on the pension pay dates shown below.

Name: _____

Member number: _____

NI number: _____

Tax code: _____

Tax basis: _____

Your pension payment
on 22 April 2014

Your four-weekly pension pay dates

Date of payment	Date of payment
19/05/2014	22/04/2014
14/07/2014	16/06/2014
08/09/2014	11/08/2014
03/11/2014	06/10/2014
29/12/2014	01/12/2014
23/02/2015	26/01/2015
	23/03/2015

Your expected pension payments for pay dates 19 May 2014 to 23 March 2015

These are the pay dates for the next year

Your pension is made up of one or more elements; details of how these elements are increased are included in the table below

Your April payment will include arrears of pension in relation to the April 2014 pension increase

This box details your expected ongoing pension, you will be sent a payslip if your net pension changes by more than £10

Payslips for each pay period are available online through member self service

For more information about your pension, please see the notes on the back of this statement.

Any deductions will be shown here, for example Income Tax

This shaded box contains your P60 details for the last tax year, this is an important document which you should keep in a safe place. You will need this information if you have to complete a tax return

TfL Pension Fund Tax Year to 5 April 2014 P60 End of Year Certificate

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Surname

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Member number

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TfL P60 substitute

Pension Elements

Fund Pension

This is the pension you earned as a Fund member, over and above any GMP you may have. This element is subject to Pension increases in accordance with the Fund Rules. The increase is based on the change in the Retail Prices Index (RPI) for the 12 months ending on 30 September in the previous year; if you joined the Fund after 1 April 1989 your increase will be restricted to 5%.

Fund Variable Pension (VPO)

This is a temporary pension which stops when you reach State Pension Age. If the Government change State Pension Age this part of the pension will stop when originally advised at retirement. This element is subject to Pension increases in accordance with the Fund Rules. The increase is based on the change in the Retail Prices Index (RPI) for the 12 months ending on 30 September in the previous year; if you joined the Fund after 1 April 1989 your increase will be restricted to 5%.

PRE 88 GMP

The Fund pays Guaranteed Minimum Pensions (GMPs) in return for being contracted out of the earnings related part of the State Pension Scheme. Pre 88 GMP is the GMP earned up to 5 April 1988, this element is increased by the State; increases are paid with your State pension.

POST 88 GMP

This is the GMP earned between 6 April 1988 and 5 April 1997, this element is increased by the Fund in line with increases in the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) up to 3% a year. If the increase in CPI is greater than 3%, the extra increase will be paid by the State with your State Pension.

Other payments

This will include any pension paid for by your former employer rather than the Fund.

otm Fondly remembered

John 'Jack' Blake

9 January 2001, aged 71

Jack worked at Lillie Bridge depot before his retirement. His daughter Gillian recalls her father talking about skilled craftsmen and signals engineers and that his hands were always covered in metal splinters.

Dennis Corcoran

25 February 2014, aged 85

Dennis enjoyed a long and varied career, in part as a cable lineman before retiring as a health and safety advisor in the Signals department.

Bob Alfred Edwards

9 January 2014, aged 80

Bob joined London Transport in 1975 as a locksmith in the Works and Building department. His daughter Wendy writes: "Dad's best years were working with his team and he truly loved what he did."

Malcolm Rose

February 2014, aged 76

Malcolm progressed in his career to Director of Audit.

Stanley Selfe

28 October 2013, aged 88

Stanley began working on the trams before switching to buses and later worked as assistant divisional engineer. He was mainly based in East London, including Upton Park and finished his career at 55 Broadway.

Mike Smith

October 2013, aged 72

Mike spent 40 years in bus engineering in London, retiring as engineering director for Metroliner Buses.

Rod Turner

January 2014, aged 83

Rod spent his career in railway mechanical engineering and retired as production manager, Acton Works.

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Family affair

Thanks to **Susan Scofield** for sending in this picture (1) of an RM89 bus at Liverpool Street. Her son **Paul**, a bus driver, is on the left. Susan was a conductor at Norwood Garage between 1966 and 1971.



Where is Vida?

Bill Furey, who retired in 1994, wrote in asking if anybody can help him locate his former conductor. He and **Vida Williams** worked at Walworth Garage in the 1970s and 80s but lost touch.



Remembering Ivy

Vic Phillips, a Fulwell garage bus driver who retired 14 years ago, sent in these pictures of former colleague **Ivy Webber** (2). A keen sportswoman, Ivy was a regular at LT sports and is still very active today. She left the company in 1961. Do you remember Ivy?

Searching for Doreen Peggy Oakden, who retired from the Clapham Common garage in 1983, is hoping to get back in touch with an old colleague. Her name was **Doreen** and she was one of two female drivers at the garage. Can you help Peggy track her down?



Who remembers Ben?

Thanks to **Vivienne Watson** for sending in this picture (3) which shows her friend and former bus driver **Ben Cracknell** who will be 100 next Christmas Day. Does anyone remember Ben?

Romford reunion

There will be a reunion for **Romford North Street Bus Garage** on 11 October at the British Legion Club, on New London Road in Chelmsford. The event will run from 15:00 until 23:00 and there will be a fish and chip supper. For more details contact **Tedd Bott** on 01362 420278 or email teddbott46@gmail.com

Reader's letter

The last issue of **otm** pensioners' edition perpetuated the myth put out in a TfL press release – the Chinese BYD battery buses on routes 507/521 are definitely not “the Capital's first electric buses.”

London Transport once operated the world's largest trolleybus system (1931 to 1962) employing more than 1,800 “electric buses.”

Though the UK has had no trolleybuses since 1972 other countries have retained and modernised this eminently sensible (some would say superior) means of urban public transport, and more than 350 trolleybus systems exist around the world.

The nearest to the UK is Arnhem in The Netherlands but it is planned to bring the trolleybus back (in modern form, of course) to Leeds in a few years' time.

Andrew Braddock

Southall memories

Our appeal for information about the Southall Garage fire got a healthy response.

Irvin Morgan, Phil

Shafe, Dave Boyce, John Pearce, Frank Streather and William Arnold were among many to contact us with the right date, Christmas Day, 1985 and

share their memories of the fire which completely destroyed four buses, damaged five beyond repair and left another 11 needing major restoration work.

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