



PENSIONERS' EDITION

PAINTING THE TOWN RED

The fabulous contribution the bus makes to London life is being celebrated in a special year of activities.

2014 sees a number of important anniversaries including 60 years since the creation of the iconic Routemaster, 75 years since the launch of the RT-type bus and 100 years since the B-type 'Battle Bus' carried soldiers to the frontline during the First World War.

2014 is Year of the Bus

Year of the Bus will see a series of events, exhibitions and other activities aiming to re-connect Londoners with their bus network; and remind the world of its incredible role.

Leon Daniels, Managing Director of Surface Transport, TfL, said: "The Year of the Bus is very exciting as it immediately

follows LU 150. It will be great to spend time working with our extended family of bus staff who do such a fabulous job and continue to deliver an extraordinarily high quality of service."

If you have any memorable stories about the buses network, email your memories to YOTB@tfl.gov.uk

The B-type motor bus number B340 photographed at Reigate bus garage. It now forms part of the London Transport Museum's vehicle collection



The Prototype Routemaster bus RM1 in traffic on Edgware Road. It was in public service from 1956 to 1959



Bus driver Tess Donohoe and Inspector Paula Maynard in 1975

The new Routemaster – London's newest diesel-electric hybrid bus

MOORGATE MEMORIAL

A plaque is being put up at Moorgate station in memory of the 43 people who lost their lives as a result of the tragic 1975 crash.

The formal opening will take place at 11.00 on Friday 28 February.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Helen Robinson for further details at Helen.Robinson@tube.tfl.gov.uk or on 020 3054 8640.

PENSIONERS' FORUM SUMMARY

Issues discussed at the meeting between representatives of TfL management and the pensioners' representatives on 28 November 2013 included the following:

■ TfL Pension Fund

The director of pensions and reward advised the pensioners' representatives of the following:

- Progress made by the administrators of the Equitable Life Payment Scheme to trace and contact individual (AVC) policy-holders entitled to compensation payments.
- Arrangements now agreed to enable pensioners whose state pension was now scheduled to be paid from a date later than expected to extend the duration of any variable pension arrangement they had opted for to cover the extended period. Individual letters were being sent to those concerned.
- Proposals being progressed to transfer the administration of payment to pensions to overseas pensioners from Royal Bank of Scotland to Western Union.

■ Pensioner Liaison Scheme

- The pensioners' representatives were given details of how the scheme

was now being administered by Pension Fund Office personnel. The representatives expressed concern at the fall in the number of pensioner liaison representatives now being reported. However, they welcomed the information that new volunteers were coming forward and also that photographic identity cards were now being issued to improve security.

■ Staff Travel

- The pensioners' representatives were advised that good progress had been made with updating the Staff Travel Handbook, which would be published on the website when it had been finalised. Further discussion took place on problems raised by the pensioners' representatives concerning continuing problems being experienced by pensioners with obtaining and using privilege staff travel facilities. The management representatives agreed to give further consideration to specific issues raised.

PENSIONS FROM THE TFL PENSION FUND TO INCREASE IN APRIL

The full pension increase from 1 April 2014 is 3.2 per cent. This is based on the rise in the Retail Price Index over the 12 months to September 2013.

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 2013	3.20%
2 Apr 2013 to 1 May 2013	2.93%
2 May 2013 to 1 Jun 2013	2.67%
2 Jun 2013 to 1 Jul 2013	2.40%
2 Jul 2013 to 1 Aug 2013	2.13%
2 Aug 2013 to 1 Sep 2013	1.87%
2 Sep 2013 to 1 Oct 2013	1.60%
2 Oct 2013 to 1 Nov 2013	1.33%
2 Nov 2013 to 1 Dec 2013	1.07%
2 Dec 2013 to 1 Jan 2014	0.80%
2 Jan 2014 to 1 Feb 2014	0.53%
2 Feb 2014 to 1 Mar 2014	0.27%

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

PCC ELECTION RESULTS

The longest serving quarter of the TfL Pension Consultative Council (PCC) retired from office on 30 November 2013. The term of office for the new appointments commenced on 1 December 2013 and will end on 30 November 2017.

In section one (representing pensioners and deferred pensioners), Linda Arwood and David Porter retired. This section received four valid nominations meaning a postal ballot was required. Linda Arwood was re-elected together with new Councillor Peter Amos.

In section two (representing TfL and its subsidiaries or contractors, excluding London Underground Limited), Ralph Pidsley was due to retire. However both

Ralph and Paul Rutland left TfL before the end of their term of office. Following a postal ballot, Carole Davies and Steve Poole were elected. Their terms of office will be discussed and decided by the section two councillors.

In section three (representing London Underground Limited and its subsidiaries and Tube Lines Limited), Mark Harding and Linda Martin both retired. Two nominations were received and Mark was re-elected together with new Councillor Roy Carey.

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

GOING WEST

The Trustees of the TfL Pension Fund have reviewed the arrangements for overseas payments and are currently implementing a change of provider to Western Union. This will remove the standing four weekly charge and provide a more efficient service for making overseas payments. The Pension Fund Office will be writing to those pensioners who currently have their pension paid overseas and plan to have the new arrangements in place by the end of March 2014.

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MEMORIES OF JULIUS

Several people scattered across the globe have been in touch after reading our piece about Train Operator Julius Stephen, who was shot dead by an IRA terrorist while on duty at West Ham in 1976.

Julius' widow Janet Hope lives in London and made contact after the son of a friend of hers, who works for LU, saw the piece.

"Julius was my husband and father of my son Mark," she said. "I haven't heard anything from anyone for so long. To suddenly hear this is great. I am pleased."

Julius had a daughter, Anne-Marie, in his native Grenada before he left for the UK. A copy of **otm** was passed on between several people and came into the possession of Anne-Marie's son Nicholas, who emailed us.

Ann-Marie Stephen said: "It is good to see people remembering him after so long."



How the incident was reported by *LT News* in 1976

Patrick Taylor became friends with Julius when he started with the company in 1968, and wrote in to share his "wonderful memories" of him.

"Julius was a good family man," said Patrick, who was working as a station foreman at Great Portland Street the night Julius died. "He was married with a young son whom he was very fond of. It is good that he is still remembered."

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GOOD TECHNOLOGY

After seeing Bryan Hunter's pictures of early London Transport (LT) technical innovations, Tim Asquith wrote in with some more photographs.

Tim, who left LT in 1998, was one of the team who designed the Public Information at Bus Stops (PIBS) display shown in picture one.

"I am now 63 and happily retired. I can say that for those years I worked on the development and installation of Busco and PIBS was one of the best," said Tim.



1. The equipment was trialled over a three-day period along Bishop's Bridge Road, Paddington
2. Tim (right) and a colleague testing how to fit the display under the bus shelter
3. Two engineers at 55 Broadway about to show management the display that was going to be fitted on the first bus shelter
- 4&5. Each bus shelter roof was modified to take the receiver and driving equipment

IT COULD BE YOU

Are you a good listener, with an interest in LU history and a penchant for helping others? If so, could you be a Pensioner Liaison Representative (PLR).

Richard Browning joined LU in 1989 and worked in a series of senior finance positions. His final two years with LU were in a part time role as a Director of Games Transport. He retired in 2010.

He was approached to become the PLR in the Hayward's Heath area, and was happy to accept.

"Pensioner representatives keep in touch with all the pensioners around a local area," he said. "We are there to help if they have any issues with TfL or if they wish to just have a chat or reminisce. We can put them in touch with the right people. I often find myself helping with things like email."

Richard has 35 pensioners in his area, but says it does not take up too much of his time.

"Once a year I write to wish them well and see if they would like me to visit," said Richard.

"I hear lots of interesting stories. If you want to keep in touch with TfL and help others who may be lonely, it's an excellent role."

"Lots of people work for TfL for many years, and it is good to let them know that they are not forgotten. It's important," he said.

For more info, contact SarahPascall@tflpensionfund.co.uk

Richard Browning and Shirley Mcallen whose husband, David, worked for London Buses





FRIENDS RE-UNITED

Just because you have retired doesn't mean you have to give up the skills you learned and camaraderie you enjoyed at work, says Jeff Mills of the London Transport Museum Friends.

"I've met a number of volunteers among the Friends who are, in retirement, working on some truly amazing projects," said Jeff. "They are driven by their desire to keep active and have a mission to leave for posterity examples of engineering milestones in

the history of LT and LU. It occurred to me that the work they are doing may be of interest, and inspirational, to fellow pensioners."

Examples of the ongoing work at the museum depot at Acton include the Heritage Tube Stock project, which will demonstrate the workings of the first fully automated trains – the Victoria line 1967 Tube Stock. Then, the Signal Frame project demonstrates different types of signal box

technology and volunteers are reconnecting some old boxes to illustrate the complexities of railway signal safety systems.

"Both project teams see the benefits of explaining their largely unsung contributions to educate the public, and to inspire young people into a career in engineering," said Jeff.

If you want more information about London Transport Museum Friends, visit www.ltmuseumfriends.co.uk or call 020 7565 7296.

IN BRIEF

David Waboso, Capital Programmes Director for London Underground, was recognised with a CBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours list.

Transport for London and bus operator Go-Ahead London have begun a trial of the Capital's first electric buses on Routes 507 and 521. The buses will be cheaper to run and reduce harmful emissions.

Plans to transform Tottenham Hale into a landmark station, with greater capacity and step-free access for passengers, have been announced.

London Underground staff laid down their razors and grew moustaches throughout November, raising £17,700 for men's health charities as part of the global Movember movement.

HERO'S RETURN

Reading about the new Moorgate memorial in otm pensioners reminded David Crew of his experience on the day of the crash.

At the time David, a former bus conductor at Bow garage, was an RAF nurse specialising in Accident and Emergency. He volunteered his services and became part of the rescue team,

helping the injured from the wreckage.

David received an RAF commendation when his work was discovered (he had not mentioned it to his commanding officer).

"Twenty three years later I joined LT in the medical department as a First Aid trainer," said David. "Entering the office I was recognised by one of

the staff who was now a volunteer who had been an inspector at the Bow garage. This shows what a family orientated organisation the company was."

David went on to be the Training Development Adviser First Aid for TfL & London Underground based at Ashfield House, before retiring last year.

CHUFFED TO BITS

London Transport Museum, London Underground and their heritage steam partners have been awarded The Peter Manisty Award – the top award from the Heritage Railway Association – for bringing steam back onto the London Underground network during 2013.

The award recognises the exceptional contribution to railway preservation and an exhaustive programme of events to mark the 150th anniversary of the world's first underground railway, which included the successful operation of a complete steam-hauled wooden bodied train.

otm FONDLY REMEMBERED



Reg Haddock (pictured)
17 August 2013, aged 83

Reg started his TfL career as an Electrical Apprentice at Chiswick Works in 1946. He transferred to Aldenham Works in the mid-sixties and rose to Plant Section Engineer.

When Aldenham's closure was announced in the 1980s, Reg campaigned to reverse the decision and did all he could to help his staff find other jobs. After Aldenham's closure Reg was still responsible for plant machinery and the site.

After his retirement Reg chaired the LTSA Committee and latterly took over the running of the annual LTSA holiday in Eastbourne.

"He did not stop talking about Aldenham, the LT family and his friends right up until he died," said pensioners' forum member David Biggs.

Olga Widowson
30 November, aged 92

Olga, who retired in June 1981, was head of section in the payroll department.

Albert Evenden
12 November 2013, aged 84

Albert started as a conductor at Ponders End. He became a driver and moved to Hatfield and Hertford where he became an inspector. After becoming a garage manager at Hatfield he was an inspector at Potter's Bar before working in the Timing Section at 55 Broadway. He retired in 1991.

John Reynolds
18 February 2013

John, known as 'Big John', joined the company in 1970 as an apprentice and qualified as a guard two years later. After qualifying as a driver he worked on many different lines before transferring to Transplant. He transferred back to driving, working on the Jubilee line, until his retirement through ill health in 2002.

Phil Everitt
30 October 2013, aged 60

Phil was a former guard, based at Croxley Green.

Mike Smith
11 October 2013, aged 72

Mike worked for over 40 years in bus engineering, starting at Middle Row garage. He was later engineering manager at Tottenham and assistant divisional engineer at East London.

Goulbourne 'George' St-Clair Gooding
6 November 2013, aged 94

Goulbourne worked as a bus conductor at the Twickenham and Fulwell garages between 1954 and 1973 where he was always known as George. He died peacefully in his native Barbados.

Anthony David Weston
17 November 2013, aged 76

Anthony worked for LT for more than 30 years, starting as a conductor at Alperton. He went on to become a driving instructor and then an inspector, working all over the network. He took redundancy in the mid 1990s.

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HAPPY DAYS

After reading **David Cattermole's** article about the turning point at the Royal Hotel at Chingford, **Simonne Evers** got in touch, sharing this picture (right) of her dad **Tom Humfrey** with his clippie, who she remembers as **Lucy**.

Tom was on the buses from 1945, stationed at West Ham. He drove the last tram out of Stratford Broadway and was one of the first drivers to drive the one man buses. He retired, having become an inspector, 1977. Tom died at the age of 64, but his wife Augusta still gets **otm** and this year she received her first Hamper at the age of 91.

"It helps to keep her connected to my dad and the memories of the red bus days out that we all enjoyed, we seemed to know all the drivers' clippies and their families," said Simonne.



SAY HELLO TO JOYCE

Cynthia Jacobs wrote in to express her surprise and delight at seeing **Joyce Griffin** mentioned in **otm** pensioners.

"She was my supervisor at Griffith House and I always wondered where she was," said Sue, who retired in 2001 after 20 years' service. "Should you contact her again please mention me and my colleagues Sue and Sharon."

GIVE MY REGARDS TO BROADWAY

John Grimstone has written in expressing his sadness that 55

Broadway, the iconic TfL building, has been put up for sale.

John was with the company for 30 years, first as station staff and then as fire inspector and fire prevention officer. He retired in 2012.

"It came as a bit of a shock when I heard. It's like an institution going," he said.

"There will be a few former staff that would probably like to see it one more time. I hope that some opportunities come up before the sell off."

HALCYON DAYS AT HORNCHURCH

Our article Hornchurch Remembered brought back memories for **David Jack**, who worked at the bus garage for over ten years as a craftsman fitter.

"I recognised a few old faces in the group picture - **Derrick Wilson, Brian Ferry, Mickey Bennet** and **Wild West Ken**.

Everyone got on so well that a large number of us on the engineering staff along with our wives went on a five-day holiday

to Benidorm. I still have the film of the holiday called "The Spanish Adventure" although a bit faded now.

David emigrated to Australia in 1987.

SEARCHING FOR SID

Does anybody remember **Sydney** or **Sid Norris**?

WWI veteran Sid worked as a bus driver at Brixton until his death in 1962.

Tony T of the War and Freedom project is appealing for information as part of his research. The First World War centenary project, which Tony is running with the Open University, will create a new free to access educational web resource.

Tony said: "I would like to find out as much as possible about Sid and Brixton Bus garage between 1955 and Sid's death in 1962 – the social lives of the crews, their links with local communities. Ultimately I hope to find Sid's war record, and, if possible any surviving relatives."

If you have any information, contact:

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NAME THE YEAR

Former bus driver **Tom Smith** wrote in with his memories of a yuletide fire at Southall garage.

"I can remember it was a Christmas day, but cannot remember the exact year," said Tom.

Can anybody name the year?

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.