



PENSIONERS' EDITION

Roundel celebrates a century of service



The roundel is celebrating its 100th birthday this year.

The bar and circle logo has become an integral part of the transport network in London and a globally recognised brand.

When it first appeared in 1908, it originally had a solid red circle at the centre.

In 1918, Commercial Manager Frank Pick – who became London Transport's first chief executive – decided it was time for a change. He commissioned Edward Johnston, the typographer who had already developed the familiar London Underground font, to redesign the roundel.

The red, white and blue roundel was born, and it has remained almost unchanged.

David Ellis, Head of Intellectual Property Development at TfL, said: "The roundel is the heartbeat of our brand identity. I believe its strength lies in its simple design that is easy to recognise, vigilant brand management and its consistency over the years."

TIME TO CELEBRATE

- a centenary roundel will be launched at St James's Park station at the Palmer Street entrance. The design has a modern twist and is illuminated with LED lights

- Art on the Underground has commissioned 100 artists to create new works inspired by the roundel (a selection is shown below). They will be on show at Rochelle School, Shoreditch, from 9 to 30 October in a free exhibition, with some of the designs reproduced as posters displayed around the Tube network. For more information, visit www.tfl.gov.uk/art

- a new exhibition at the London Transport Museum – Design for Travel – explores the evolution of the logo. For more information, visit www.ltmuseum.co.uk



RLH48 was one of several country buses that worked their original routes.

Metro-land hosts heritage day out

The nationwide Heritage Day was marked in style when two historic trains and several classic buses took part in an event in Amersham on 14 September.

The London Transport Museum's 1938 stock Tube train and London Underground's beautifully renovated Metropolitan Railway locomotive *Sarah Siddons* ran shuttle services between Amersham and Harrow or Watford.

Sarah Siddons is the oldest working mainline electric locomotive in Britain and she pulled a set of 1950s coaches at the event, their first public outing since refurbishment.

The Museum's prototype Routemaster bus RM1 from 1954 was joined by RTW75 and RT3871 from the London Bus Company to carry passengers between Amersham station and the town, for events being held to mark Chiltern District Heritage Weekend.

But perhaps the star of the show for bus enthusiasts was RLH48, one of several from the former LT Country Bus fleet plying their original routes on the day.

TfL Safety and Contingency Planning Manager Nick Agnew supervised the Museum shuttle buses. Nick said: "The fact that there were two heritage trains and buses at the same event drummed up a lot of excitement.

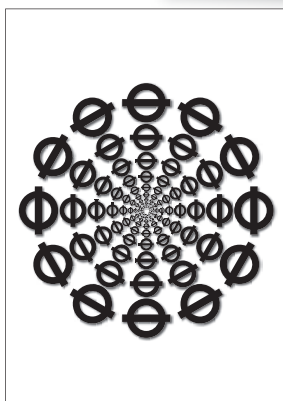
"There were a lot of families travelling, so it's nice to think the event might have encouraged a new generation to develop an interest in our transport heritage."



RM1 was on hand to carry passengers between Amersham station and heritage events in the town.



Artwork by Martin Boyce.



Artwork by Liam Gillick.



Artwork by Des Hughes.

Pensioner Forum update

Items discussed at the latest Pensioner Forum in July included:

■ Introduction of new otm publisher

Corporate Editor of otm Dee Horsman introduced Lisa Mobley from AB Publishing. Lisa said that, while minor changes might be made to otm, the content and the 'look and feel' of the magazine would remain much the same.

■ PCC Election process

Following the omission of an article in otm, letters have been sent out advising all members of the process.

■ Special offers

Niki Malik, Travel Services and Pensioner Liaison

Manager, has been advised by the ticketing information manager that any offer available to those with Staff Passes is also available to those with Retired Staff Passes. Offers available to anyone with an Oyster card can also be found on the TfL website or in booklets at a station.

■ Annual gathering of PLRs

There was discussion about holding an annual gathering for Pensioner Liaison Representatives, but it must be made clear in advance whether any expenses will be paid.

■ Undelivered calendars

The complaint against Royal Mail continues,

but progress has been slow. Pensioners' Representatives urged Pensioner Liaison Manager Yvonne Kerchhoff to continue with her efforts to get the matter resolved.

■ Missing period of service

Maria Antoniou, HR Director, advised the Forum that the intention was to contact all pensioners who were directly affected.

■ Communications with the Fund Office

Callers can now leave a message if the phone is not answered. The office doesn't have a freephone number, but is happy to call people back immediately.

Giving you a voice

There are several pensioner associations representing the interests of LT pensioners. Here's a handy guide.

The London Transport Pensioners' Association (LTPA) is an umbrella organisation formed in 1997 to protect and promote the interests of pensioners.

Three original organisations exist under the LTPA – the LT Retired Staff Association, the LT Superannuitants' Association and the Fifty-Five Society. The LTPA receives funding from TfL to help the three organisations communicate with members, hold regular member meetings, and cover administration costs.

LTPA members also attend the Pensioners' Forum, to discuss issues with senior TfL managers.

The LT Retired Staff

Association (LTRSA) membership is mainly drawn from operational grades, but all former employees are welcome to join. Monthly meetings update members on LTPA news, and there are days out and holidays, plus a Christmas dinner on 21 November. Membership costs £5 a year. Contact Doreen Murphy 020 8888 2793 for further information.

The LT Superannuitants' Association welcomes all retired staff. It has a welfare officer to help members who fall ill and former trustee Alexandra Barnes can help with any pension issues. The association meets monthly. There's a newsletter four times

a year, a holiday to Eastbourne every March plus a summer party. It costs £5 a year to join. Contact Joyce Turner on 020 8743 2655.

The Fifty-Five Society was set up in 1949 for former senior LT managers and meets four times a year in London for lunch, with the next event due in October. There are currently more than 440 members. Contact John Self on 01420 520132.

Other groups and associations that hold events or dinners include:

- **Chiswick Works Reunion** – open to pensioners from other sites too, including bus drivers and those working at garages. Its next dinner is on 30 May 2009. Contact

Don Robson on 020 8570 3136.

- **Aldenhams Works Association** – £1 a year membership, for an annual newsletter and an invitation to the reunion dinner. Contact Fred Pearson on 020 8428 2309.

- **Association of Retired London Underground Operating Managers** – for people with a rail operating background – with two lunches a year in May and December. Contact Chris Thompson on 020 8524 8237.

- **Bus Operating Department** managers and administration staff meet twice a year for lunch – the next one is on 22 October. Contact Stuart Smith on 01843 577607.

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Fraud campaign needs your data

The Audit Commission has requested payroll and pensions information from the TFL Group, including the TFL Pension Fund (and other public bodies), as part of the National Fraud Initiative. Data will be collected from Tfl Group in October 2008.

What is the National Fraud Initiative (NFI)?

The NFI is the Audit Commission's data-matching exercise that takes data from a range of public bodies, analyses it and cross-checks it to

detect fraudulent and erroneous payments from the public purse.

We are required under section 6 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 to participate in the NFI.

What information will be given?

Where relevant, the following data will be collected by the Audit Commission:

- employee reference number
- title or gender
- surname and forename
- home address
- date of birth

- date started pension
- date employment ended
- leaver indicator
- pensioner's widow indicator
- National Insurance number
- gross pay to date so far this year (October 2008)
- date last paid.

What happens with our information?

The data we provide is cross-checked with data supplied by other public bodies to see if there are any anomalies that might indicate fraud.

For example, the data will show if someone is in receipt of a payment that only an unemployed person can claim, or in receipt of a pension when other records indicate that the person is deceased.

What if I don't want my details to be given; aren't I protected by the Data Protection Act (DPA)?

It's a legal requirement and this is allowed for by the DPA. The Audit Commission obviously needs to comply with the DPA in its use of the data.

STOP PRESS

The Tfl Pension Fund won the award for Best Benefit Statement in the Public Sector at the UK Pension Scheme of the Year Awards in September. Head of Pensions Stephen Field said: "Winning the award reflects the hard work and commitment of the pensions team, the Trustees and our external providers. It also reflects the recognition we receive from our members."

Send us your memories

Victoria line is 40

The Victoria line is celebrating its 40th birthday year, and you can get involved in the occasion.

The line opened in stages between 1968 and 1971. The Queen attended the official opening on 7 March 1969.

Did you work on the Victoria line? Do you even remember it first opening? A book of memories, stories and photographs is being compiled to mark the anniversary. We would love to receive your contributions – send them to otm via the contact details on page 2.

Looking to the future, the second of the Victoria line's new trains is being tested as part of the Victoria Line Upgrade and Victoria station is in the middle of work on a new ticket hall, extra escalators and step-free access.

Caribbean connections

Are you a former LT Buses or Metropolitan Railway worker? Did you join any of the cricket tours to Barbados?

We're on the hunt for your memories, anecdotes, diaries and photos.

You can send your contributions to us (see page 2 for contact details). We are happy to return photos, but if they are precious we suggest sending them by Special Delivery or scanning them and sending by email.

Covering the Barbados tour in LT News in 1974.



Did you know?

Other names considered for the line were Viking (Victoria and King's Cross), Walvic (Walthamstow Central and Victoria), Mayfair and West End

Ruislip recollections sought

Did you work at West Ruislip depot?

As part of the depot's 60th anniversary celebrations in November, the West Ruislip team is looking for anyone with old photographs and stories about working there over the years.

Send your contributions to Train Operations Manager Alana Thomas at alana.thomas@tfl.gov.uk or call 020 7918 9094.

PENSIONER LIAISON NEWS

The PLS (Pensioner Liaison Scheme) is funded and managed by the HR department at Tfl, and is independent of the Pensions department. The PLS has almost 42,000 members and finances the calendar, Christmas card and birthday hampers to UK members over 90, and supports its 79 reps.

More reps are always needed, and some reps would like to pass the reins to younger people. If you would like to know more, please contact me, Yvonne Kerchhoff.

- If your calendar or Christmas card has not arrived by January 2009, or if you have a question about your rep or your birthday hamper (90-plus living in the UK only), please contact me on 0800 015 5074 (freephone in UK only), direct dial 020 7027 0520 or email pls@tfl.gov.uk.

I operate on my own, so at busy times please leave your details and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

- If your enquiry is about your retired travel pass or PTAC, please phone 0800 015 5073 (freephone in UK only), or 020 7027 0347 for Staff Travel.

Enquiries about your pension, P60, payments, eligible service or tax enquiries need to go to Pensions Enquiries on 020 7918 3733 – it is not a freephone, but if you ask them to call you back, they will.

Yvonne Kerchhoff,
Pensioner Liaison Manager



Return trip for 1938 stock

Rail enthusiasts enjoyed a trip down memory lane when a 1938 stock train made a brief visit to the Northern line.

The four-car preserved train made three return trips between Morden and High Barnet on 29 June to mark the stock's 70th anniversary. Passengers paid £15 for the chance to relive a little Tube nostalgia and every trip was sold out.

The 1938 stock served LU for nearly 50 years. Its withdrawal

from passenger service began in 1972 and its final journey was meant to take place on 20 November 1985. However, when the replacement stock was out of service, while it was adapted for One Person Operation in 1986, five 1938 trains were brought back to fill the gap.

Most of the stock was then scrapped, but there is still some in service on the Ryde line on the Isle of Wight.



Nostalgia trip: the 1938 train turns round at High Barnet.

Transported to the present

Some people just can't get enough of hands-on involvement in London transport, even when they retire. Many former staff are involved in the preservation of buses or trains.

One of them is John Self, former general manager of the Jubilee and East London lines. Retirement gave John the opportunity to switch from the Underground to his real passion – buses.

"When I applied to join LT, I was assigned to the Underground, but I'd always been interested in buses," said John.



John's bus RTW467 out and about at a bus running day in June to celebrate 75 years of London Transport and 100 years of Bow Garage.

"Retirement in 2000 was the perfect opportunity to renew that interest."

John is part-owner of two buses – RTW467, built in 1950 and owned by a consortium of nine that's been going since the 1960s, and a Routemaster, RM613, which he owns with three other people, including current TfL Safety and Contingency Planning Manager Nick Agnew.

"We attend static displays (where people simply take a look around the bus) and running days, where the bus can actually carry passengers," said John.

"The Routemaster appeals to people because it was the last traditional-style London bus, so there's the element of nostalgia. Getting involved in preservation does snowball though – sometimes I feel we've bitten off more than we can chew!"

• Are you involved in train or bus preservation? We'd love to hear your stories. Our contact details are on page 2.

Routemasters enjoy radio airplay

It's not only past and present employees who have been bitten by the bus preservation bug.

Regular Radio 2 listeners might have heard presenters including Ken Bruce, Alan Dedicoat (who is also the voice behind the National Lottery) and Charles Nove talking on air about their beloved Routemaster, RML 2394.

"Colleague Steve Madden from BBC Radio Berkshire was the original bus fan," Ken told *otm*. "When he heard Routemasters were available to buy, he persuaded us to chip in."

"We had no idea what we'd started! It was one of the buses refurbished in the 1990s, so we wanted to restore it to its original 1966 condition. We had it repainted and painted, but it cost a lot, so we got to thinking how we could recoup some of it."

"We set up a fully-fledged bus company. Charles and I took Public Carrying Vehicle (PCV) tests, and we bought another bus – a 1978 Leyland – as a spare."

Ken added: "There's something special about the Routemaster. Heads turn when I'm driving it around London – some people at bus stops even put their arm out to try to flag me down!"



From radio to Routemaster: (from left) Steve Madden, Charles Nove, Ken Bruce and Alan Dedicoat with RML 2394.

Restoring the past

Piccadilly line Train Operator Dylan Glenister spends his spare time restoring an original 1959 stock carriage.

Dylan bought the 52ft carriage four months ago.

"I've always loved the carriages and I've been looking

for one for 12 years," he said. "They remind me of coming into London as a child."

Dylan has already got his hands on most of the original carriage transfers after contacting the company that made them back in 1959.

The carriage is currently residing in Wiltshire, but Dylan aims to move it to storage space in or around London so he can spend more time on it, and eventually he hopes to put it on public display.

Road to revamp

This is how Tottenham Court Road station could look in less than 10 years' time.

The reconstruction will bring a huge increase in capacity at the station. It has been given the green light as part of the Crossrail scheme, which will link places in east and west London and beyond. The Crossrail Bill received Royal Assent in July.

Refurbishment work will start next year and should be complete by 2016. The whole area will benefit – as well as the upgrade for the Tube station and the new Crossrail station, there will be a piazza outside with facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and bus passengers.

Five new lifts will provide step-free access for the first time and more escalators will be installed.



Just the ticket: how the new concourse could look.

Passengers got a chance to see what the new station will look like at an exhibition in July. Nearly 1,500 people visited the display, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive from commuters and tourists alike.

FIND YOUR UPGRADE UPDATES

With so much upgrade work across the London Underground network, more journeys than ever could be affected by temporary station and line closures.

For people with internet access, the easiest way to check is to log on to www.tfl.gov.uk/check for the latest planned closures. You can also subscribe to a weekly email on planned weekend work.

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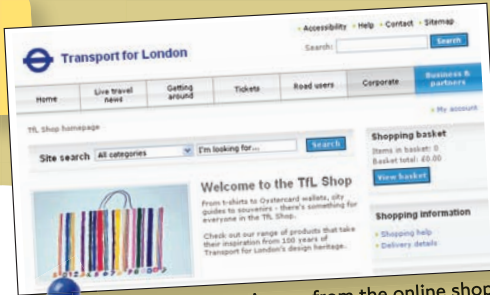

Noticeboard

Gifts galore at new online shop

If you have internet access, you can start your Christmas shopping early and get some great transport gifts at the new TfL online shop.

From books to bottle openers, T-shirts to tea bags, there's bound to be something to suit even the non-transport enthusiasts in the family! You'll no doubt find plenty to treat yourself to as well.

Take a browse at <http://shop.tfl.gov.uk>



A page from the online shop.

Cardinals on tour

The LT Cardinals 3rd XI completed their annual 24th Sussex Cricket Tour in July. They won two games in the last over against Farncombe and St Andrews (Burgess Hill), but lost to Cuckfield.

The team originates from the Osterley-based LT Admin cricket club of the 1950s and 1960s and includes pensioners from that era, existing TfL staff and others with a long association with the team or TfL.

Stuart Mann, Steve Bradley, Mahendra Patel, Pete Corbett, Dave Field and Nigel Bryant (ex Westinghouse Cubic) made key contributions in the games played.

Fred's starring role

Former Aldenham worker Fred Pearson enjoyed his 15 minutes of fame when he appeared in ITV's *The Way We Were*. The Aldenham works site, which handled bus fleet overhaul, was one of three working environments from the 1950s featured in the programme.

Fred contacted the programme makers after a former colleague spotted their advert looking for people to take part. "It was very strange to see myself on TV," said Fred, who was given a DVD of the show to keep.

55 Broadway is 80

On 13 September it was 80 years since the foundation stone was laid for 55 Broadway.

When built, it was London's tallest office block, and areas of the 13-storey building are Grade II listed.

FONDLY REMEMBERED

NIGEL APPLEBEE

29 September 2007, aged 45

Nigel started as a train guard at Finchley Central on the Northern line in 1981. He retired due to ill health in 1997 aged 36.

GEORGE BRAND

11 November 2005, aged 60

George joined LT in 1972 and remained until he was medically retired after 32 years.

DAVID LEWIS (Dave)

27 April 2008, aged 82

He worked at Muswell Hill bus garage as a driver for 20 years.

DAVID MOUNTNEY

21 March 2008

He worked for the signal departments of LU, JNP and Tube Lines since 1989.

MIKE PEARCE

4 June 2007, in Portugal, aged 63

Mike worked for LU Finance in the Systems Accountants Office at 55 Broadway, in the early 1990s.

LES PETERSON

16 August 2008, aged 81

Les spent his career in LT Bus Operating.

BEN SPOONER

28 August 2008

He worked for 27 years as a bus driver out of Cricklewood garage. He leaves a wife, Diane, two children and eight grandchildren.

HARRY WHITAKER

20 July 2008, aged 85

Harry joined LT in 1963 and retired in 1986 as Chief Financial Officer.

Still rowing strong at 80



Above: Ernie Cole (seated at fifth from the bow) pushed the boat out for his 80th birthday.

Right: Ernie and the crew made the headlines in May 1970.

Here's a familiar sight to many of you who have been avid readers of the LT/TfL staff magazine in its various guises.

It's another photo of Ernie Cole and his District Line Rowing Club colleagues. But at least this one's in colour!

This time, they were rowing to celebrate Ernie's 80th birthday in July. After 65 years in the sport, Ernie still rows every week.

The rowers also included 81-year-old John Howard and Jennifer Rees, the club's former ladies' captain.

After the five-mile row, the celebration continued with a buffet and drinks. Ernie's son Rob presented him with a framed photo of an Olympic Four signed by Sir Steve Redgrave, and Julie Dale,

former secretary of the District Line Rowing Club, phoned from Australia to wish Ernie well.

People taking part included Ernie Cole, John Howard, Keith Levon, Paul Baker, John Cunningham, Keith Webster, Roy Milne, David Houston and Jennifer Rees.



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United thanks to otm

We received two responses to last issue's plea from Mrs M G Villa.

Mrs Villa wanted to trace the driver involved in a one-under at Oxford Circus – her mother was the person involved in the incident and she thankfully survived.

Former train operator Peter Collins thinks he was the driver involved. He wrote:

Dear editor,

My third one-under was at Oxford Circus on the Victoria line. It was a lady. I was braking hard and just before I reached her she slipped off the rail into the pit and lived.

I took early retirement at 60 and am now 75.

And Kenneth Day called to say he thinks he was the train regulator on the day, who was alerted by the driver.

We will pass both contact details on to Mrs Villa, so hopefully the story will have a happy ending.

Do you know Ida?

Reader Cynthia Ellis is trying to trace Ida Morris, a conductress from 1943 to 1946.

Cynthia's father George V Wright knew her during the Second World War.

Ida would be in her eighties now.

If you can help, please either email Cynthia at cent49@yahoo.com or drop us a line at otm pensioners' edition, 24-26 Great Suffolk Street, London SE1 0UE.

Have Your Say



Thank you to everyone who has sent us a letter. We do read them all, but due to limited space we are only able to publish a selection each time. If you would like to write to us or raise an issue, send your letters to: otm pensioners' letters, AB Publishing, 24-26 Great Suffolk Street, London SE1 0UE or email otm@abcomm.co.uk marking your email otm pensioners' edition. We look forward to hearing from you.

Dear editor,

Now retired and aged 71, having been a bus driver and inspector with London Transport for more years than I wish to go into, I admit to still being a bus enthusiast and a collector of bus models and items of all kinds.

I've had a lot of press interest in my collection. As I am a keen photographer, I have taken many bus pictures and the London Transport Museum has just made a DVD of me telling a short story about being a bus enthusiast since before the age of five.

I thought you might like to show a small selection of pictures out of interest to readers from the bus side of LT.

James Purvis, London



Dear James,

Your wish is our command!
Here's a selection of James's photos.

Dear editor,

I am most disappointed by the July magazine.

A very large volume of adverts, a needlessly large item about driving – useful, but why three-quarters of a page?

Re: letters page – not much from staff.

I would like to see more concerning retired LT people – that's what it's about, isn't it?

Maurice Hatch, ex Moorgate station

Dear Maurice,

Thanks for taking the time to send us your feedback. We will bear this in mind and try to strike a better balance between general interest stories and stories from, and about, retired staff in future.

We're always happy to receive ideas for stories from readers – our contact details are in the box above and on page 2.

Editorial team, otm



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Would you like to receive the staff version of otm?

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