



## PENSIONERS' EDITION

### Nominations for TfL Pension Consultative Council in 2010

Nominations are being sought for TfL Pension Fund members to stand for election to the TfL Pension Consultative Council (PCC).

Five representatives need to be selected to replace those due to retire from office on 30 November 2010 under the PCC's constitution.

Representatives due to retire are David Biggs and John Howie from Section One (representing pensioners and deferred pensioners), Stephen Ellaby from Section Two (representing employees of TfL, its subsidiaries or contractors) and Jackie Darby and Thandi Davis from Section Three (representing employees of London Underground, its subsidiaries or contractors).

Successful nominees in Section One should also note that attendance at Pensioner Forum meetings is a requirement of election.

Any TfL Pension Fund member may nominate another member as a candidate for election or re-election to the section that represents them both. Retiring representatives can also be nominated.

Nominations must be made in writing by a member of the same section as the nominee. Each nomination must be countersigned by another Fund member represented by the same section. The information listed below and a personal statement of up to 100 words, including the reason for standing for election, or re-election, to the PCC, must accompany the nomination:

- name, as nominee wishes it to appear on the ballot paper
- dates, if nominee has previously held office as a Councillor
- whether pensioner or deferred pensioner if from Section One.

A passport-sized photograph may also be provided for inclusion in voting papers.

Please note that the information provided must be factual, appropriate and inoffensive.

Completed nominations must be sent to PCC Secretary Sarah Pascall, TfL Pensions Directorate, 4th Floor, Wing Over Station, London, SW1H 0BD by Friday 13 August 2010. Copies of the PCC constitution are also available from the same address.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, elections will be held by postal ballot among Fund members in the relevant sections.



### Pioneering bus design unveiled

New take: the design is based on the iconic Routemaster.

Mayor of London Boris Johnson has unveiled the chosen design for the New Bus for London, based on the iconic Routemaster.

The design includes an open platform echoing that of the Routemaster. It will have three doors, including the open platform, and two staircases to speed up boarding.

The bus will be made of lightweight materials and has lots of glass to show off the design features and give the bus a light, airy feel.

It will also use the latest green technology, making it 15 per cent more fuel-efficient than



current hybrid buses and 40 per cent more efficient than conventional diesel buses.

The new buses are due to enter service from early 2012.

### TfL to acquire Tube Lines shares

Transport for London is to acquire all the shares in Tube Lines, allowing more flexibility in the delivery of upgrades on the Jubilee, Northern and Piccadilly lines.

Tube Lines shareholders Bechtel and Amey (Ferrovial) have agreed the sale of their equity for £310 million.

The agreement, due to complete as *otm* went to press on 30 June, will

free TfL from the Public Private Partnership (PPP) structure, and will involve no extra financial call on the government, passengers or taxpayers for the delivery of the upgrades.

## Pensioners' Forum findings

A summary of minutes from the latest Pensioners' Forum meeting on 10 May 2010.

■ New TfL HR Director Frank Douglas introduced himself as the Forum's new chair. Linda Arwood was introduced as the new chair on the pensioners' side, replacing John Ingleton from the next meeting. Frank thanked John for his contribution over the years. (Look out for a profile of John next issue.)

■ Pensioner Liaison Manager Yvonne Kerchhoff reported that the problems with the Pensioner Liaison Representative (PLR) database have been resolved. The PLR handbook is also ready for launch.

■ Elaine Horwood from Staff Travel said people can now access the Staff Travel section of the TfL Pension Fund website through a new link on the front of the Your Pension webpage.

■ Head of Pension Fund Stephen Field said the *Guide for Pensioners* would be available from 13 May. A copy would be sent to all PLRs and posted on the website. (This is now online at [www.tflpensionfund.co.uk](http://www.tflpensionfund.co.uk), click on Fund management, then Fund documents, then click on Documents. A hard copy is available on request from the Pension Fund office.)

### Remembering the Blitz

The London Transport Museum will host a *Remembering the Blitz* exhibition from September to December 2010. It is working with museums in Coventry and Dresden on the exhibition, which will focus on the role of public transport in the three cities during the war. Log on to [www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk) or call 020 7565 7298 nearer the time for more details.

### Upgrade updates

Find out which lines and stations are closed for planned upgrade work at [www.tfl.gov.uk/check](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/check). If you don't have internet access, you can call 020 7222 1234 or textphone 020 7918 3015.

### A new age

Age UK is a new charity formed from the merger of Age Concern and Help the Aged. It aims to offer information and advice, campaigns, products, training and research. Find out more at [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk) or on 0800 169 6565 (lines open 08.00 to 19.00).

## Noticeboard

### Trolleybus time

The East Anglia Transport Museum at Carlton Colville, near Lowestoft, will hold its annual Trolleybus Weekend on 11 and 12 September 2010. Visitors will be able to see London trolleybuses operating under the wires. See the museum's website at [www.eatm.org.uk](http://www.eatm.org.uk) for more details or call 01502 518459.

## PENSIONER LIAISON UPDATE

It's great to be able to welcome our new reps, but there is still an urgent need for reps to come forward to serve some parts of the UK.

These include many areas in Essex, Kent, Devon, east London, south London, Aylesbury, Middlesex, and many more.

If you are active, kind-hearted and would like to make a difference to members near you, please call me on 0800 015 5074. Thank you!

*Yvonne Kerchhoff*  
Pensioner Liaison Manager

## ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

TfL Pension Fund members are invited to attend the Annual Members' Meeting at 11.00 on Tuesday 12 October 2010 at One Great George Street, London SW1.

Please bring some form of identification with you, such as a staff pass or privilege ticket authority card. You will need to show this identification on arrival.

You will be able to ask questions on the day. If you cannot attend, you can still submit questions to the Trustees, which will be answered as soon as possible after the meeting, by writing to Head of Pensions and Fund Secretary, 4th Floor, Wing Over Station, 55 Broadway, London SW1H 0BD or emailing [helpdesk@tflpensionfund.co.uk](mailto:helpdesk@tflpensionfund.co.uk)

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# TWO YEARS AND COUNTING



With just two years until the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the momentum is building.

The busiest parts of the network have been identified and the train service timetable is being put together as we speak.

Dominic Haddock, Senior Planner – Olympic Engagement, said: “Everyone with an event ticket will also get a free one-day Travelcard for public transport. The Olympic Delivery Authority’s aim is for 100 per cent of spectators and

the 2012 Games workforce to use public transport to get to and from the events, so we’re expecting 12 million extra passengers on the transport network.

“The Jubilee, District and Central lines will bear the brunt of the spectator crowds. As some events are scheduled to finish at around midnight, services will need to run later, but at the moment we don’t have any plans for services to run throughout the night.”

In the coming months, all

TfL modes and National Rail train operating companies will work together on travel demand management.

Dominic said: “This will involve pinpointing the best travel advice to give to spectators on how to get to each event – and it may not be the most obvious route, as planners will aim to minimise congestion.”

Travel demand management also includes working with businesses to encourage them to adopt home

working or alternative routes for staff to get to and from work, to reduce the number of commuters using public transport during the Games.

Events take place at more than 20 venues across London, and there will also be live sites with giant screens, cultural events, concerts and food festivals. Three of these sites – Hyde Park, Jubilee Gardens near London Bridge and Potters Fields – have already been confirmed.



## NEW TRAINS IN TOWN

New Victoria line trains are now being introduced into service at the rate of one every two weeks, so it won’t be long before the full fleet of 47 is in operation.

The trains are faster, with more space, more seats, higher

ceilings, better ventilation and lighting, wider aisles and doors and dedicated space for wheelchairs.

The upgrade of the line means 33 trains per hour will be able to run, instead of the previous 27.

## Full of Eastern promise

A full service is now running on London Overground’s £1 billion East London line route between Dalston Junction and West Croydon.

It marks the biggest piece of transport infrastructure for London since the Jubilee line extension.

Twelve trains per hour run between Dalston Junction and New Cross Gate. Passengers benefit from new walk-through air-conditioned trains, four newly built stations and 14 refurbished stations with better CCTV, information systems and lighting.





We'll meet again: pictured are Fred Pearson (left) and colleagues at last year's reunion.

## Calling all Aldenham workers

The annual reunion for Aldenham Works staff will be held at Ye Olde Green Man, Batchworth Heath, Rickmansworth, in late September.

Please call Fred Pearson on 020 8428 2309 or write to him at 7 Hindhead Green, South Oxhey, Watford WD19 6TH for more details.

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## Family ties

Reader Paul Riddler kept it in the family when he joined LT in 1968.

Paul's father Ken Riddler worked for LT for more than 30 years from the early 1950s. He was a station foreman, then station inspector and station master at Paddington, before becoming group station manager at King's Cross. He suffered a stroke a week before the fire and took medical retirement.

Paul followed in his father's footsteps with a career on the stations side, and their paths nearly crossed. He was a station foreman for 15 years, working at Baker Street for 12 of them. He then became a station inspector and started work at King's Cross a week after the fire.

Paul retired in 2009 after more than 40 years' service.

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Digging deep: workers have completed the lift shaft at Green Park.  
INSET The new glass lift at Hainault.

## Lift-off for accessibility

Hainault station now has step-free access, making it easier for mobility impaired passengers.

Two lifts have been installed on the outside of the building, creating an attractive architectural feature into the bargain.

Project Manager Stephen Boyne

said: "It's an impressive structure that gives the station a good mix of old and new."

And at Green Park, step-free access for a central London station is getting closer, with the excavation of the 26-metre lift shaft completed in April.

The new passenger lifts will enter service in late 2011. One will take customers from the street to the ticket hall, while two will run from the ticket hall to the Victoria line and the Piccadilly/Jubilee line interchange passageway, connecting to the existing facilities

for step-free access.

Group Station Manager Chris Oduola said: "Improving step-free access to our station will bring major benefits to our staff and customers."



## A trip back in time



The heritage train *Sarah Siddons* brought joy to three groups of daytrippers in May.

Residents of the Shepherd Day Centre in Rickmansworth and the Heritage House School in Chesham enjoyed a

special trip in this stunning train on the Metropolitan line.

The train ran again during the Rickmansworth Canal Festival for the London Transport Museum on 16 May.

The journeys started at Rickmansworth, travelling northbound and back, with the chance for passengers to alight at Amersham and Harrow-on-the-Hill to view locomotives.

Rickmansworth Train Operations Manager Paul Jessett said: "Both days were a massive success. It was great to bring such fun events to the line."

## Just the TIC-ket

Travel Information Centres (TICs) celebrate their 70th anniversary this year, and the milestone was marked with the opening of a new centre at King's Cross St Pancras.

TICs have served tens of millions of passengers since the first one – a mobile office – was opened in 1940 to help Londoners get around during the Blitz.

There are now six TICs across the network – at Victoria, Heathrow, Euston, Liverpool Street, Piccadilly Circus and the new one at King's Cross St Pancras. They offer information and advice about transport services in London, including fares, tickets and maps, and many of their staff have language skills to help visitors from overseas.

## FIVE DECADES OF SERVICE

The Metropolitan line A stock celebrates 50 years of running this year.

Originally designed in the 1930s, production was halted due to a lack of funds during World War Two, but the trains were then commissioned for the extension

of the electrification from Rickmansworth to Amersham.

In its heyday, the A stock was the world's fastest four-rail train with a maximum speed of 70mph, and operated at this speed until around a decade ago, when the speed limit

was reduced to 50mph to improve reliability.

The original trains were refurbished by Bombardier between 1993 and 1998, and will be completely replaced by the new S stock by the end of 2011.



## Fondly remembered

### JACK BURGESS

**31 May 2010, aged 90**

Jack spent his career in the Chief Mechanical Engineer (Road Services) department and its successors.

### HARRY CARTER

**17 April 2010, aged 91**

Harry was a storeman at Croydon bakery, where his wife Barbara also worked. Harry played bowls for the Thornton Heath Garage and was Surrey champion.

### ROY CHEEK

**27 April 2010, aged 64**

Roy was Finance Manager at London Underground before retiring.

### DAVE GODFREY

**3 October 2009, aged 68**

Dave was a train operator on

the Piccadilly line based at Oakwood for nine years. He took retirement on medical grounds in 1986.

### GORDON GRUBB

**11 April 2010, aged 77**

His working life was spent in the Chief Signal Engineer's office.

### GRAHAM HADINGHAM

**April 2010, aged 101**

Graham was a member of the Finance Department of LT and was the oldest member of the Fifty Five Society before his death.

### REG HIGGINS

**8 May 2010, aged 80**

Reg joined Fulwell trolleybus depot in the early 1940s and later became an apprentice electrician. Reg later joined

Chiswick Works as a timekeeper, checking staff clocking in and out cards, where he stayed for around 25 years.

### GRAHAM PAGE

**11 April 2010, aged 73**

Graham's career included rail rolling stock engineering, training and bus operation. He was a keen bus enthusiast, a well-known and active volunteer at the LT Museum, and an expert in bus ticket memorabilia.

### AUSTIN (OSSIE) ROBINSON

**29 December 2008, aged 76**

Austin joined LU in 1970 at Earl's Court and later became an assistant technician at Wood Lane. He retired in 1998 after 28 years' service.

Fitting farewell:  
Chris Painter  
from the funeral  
directors and  
Stephen Morris.



Photo: Shropshire Star.

## Fitting last journey for driver

A Routemaster served as a hearse for the funeral of a former London bus driver.

Michael Tomlin passed away in March. Relative Stephen Morris, who owns the Routemaster and runs Routemaster Buses in Shropshire, said: "We thought it was a really appropriate send-off for him. He drove one of these buses in central London for 20 years or so."

Thanks to reader John Marshall who sent us the newspaper cutting from the *Shropshire Star*.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

A selection of frequently asked questions and the answers.

### STAFF TRAVEL

**Q: Is there is any discount on an Oyster card for someone who is 85? They have a Surrey bus pass.**

**A:** If someone is a retired ex-TfL employee, they may have been eligible to retain an Oyster card or a PTAC that would allow them privileges in retirement. However, there are savings on magnetic fares, and an off-peak rate would give some savings. Also, if travelling within the zones, the card will cap after a number of journeys and, if they touch in and out, no further fares are charged for the day.

**Q: Where is the Staff Travel webpage?**

**A:** The Staff Travel webpage can be found by clicking on the Your Pension link on the TfL Pension Fund website, and then the link called Staff Travel in the bottom left corner.

### PENSIONER LIAISON

**Q: I am a retired ex-TfL employee aged 93 and live in Spain. I have never received a birthday hamper. Why not?**

**A:** Unfortunately, only TfL pensioners who live in the UK receive a birthday hamper.

**Q: I have received a letter from a rep saying he wants to visit me. Why?**

**A:** The offer to visit you is purely social – the Pensioner Liaison Reps are there to help if you have any general questions, and they are also retired ex-TfL employees.

# 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](mailto:otm@abcomm.co.uk) marking your email **otm pensioners' edition**. We look forward to hearing from you.

### Ticket tribulations

My husband is a retired LU employee and I have a privilege card for the trains. On a trip to London, various ticket offices said I had to have an Oyster card for the Underground. I did get a return privilege ticket at Charing Cross, but it only worked in the machines on the out journey. The next day, I asked at Turnham Green for a single and was told they are no longer issued, but eventually one was found.

From this experience, I would say it is essential for spouses of retired staff in the same situation to have an Oyster card. I saw in the last issue that we can obtain a form from the Staff Travel webpage, but I was unable to find it.

*Gill Moore,  
wife of Bryan Moore*

The Staff Travel webpage can be accessed on the TfL Pension website (please see the FAQ response on the left). However, if you require an application form, please contact us on 0800 015 5073 and we'll send one out to you.

Sorry for the problem you had with purchasing a single privilege ticket; these have not changed and are still available.

*Elaine Horwood, Staff Travel*

### Fare's fair?

I travelled on the Stansted Express from Tottenham Hale to Stansted Airport and returned by the same method a week later.

I used my privilege ticket on both occasions, purchasing the ticket at Tottenham Hale to go to Stansted and at Stansted National

Rail ticket office to return to Tottenham Hale. I was charged two different prices (a lower one on the return journey).

Was this a mistake, or is it something to do with the ownership of the respective ticket offices? If so, why is this?

*Robin Jaensch*

We charge the National Rail fare set by ATOC, so there should be no difference unless you travelled at peak/off-peak times.

If you have further details or confirmation of tickets, please write to Staff Travel so we can respond more fully. We would need to know what time you travelled on each occasion and whether you definitely paid standard or privilege fare etc.

*Elaine Horwood, Staff Travel*

## Latin map update

We received lots of enquiries from readers wanting to buy a copy of the LU map translated into Latin, featured in the last issue.

While the group that put the map together is in discussion with LU and the London Transport Museum, because of copyright issues the map is not currently available to buy.

But because it's been so popular, the group has put together an A5 pamphlet with the English to Latin translations. You can order a copy of this if you send a donation – however small – to the group's local hospice.

Please send an A5 stamped, self-addressed envelope and a cheque with your donation, payable to Shakespeare Hospice, to: Latin Map, Shakespeare Hospice Bookshop, 45A Rother Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6LT.



## Clippy seeks colleagues

Florence Rose Jarvis (née Haslett) was a clippy on the number 11 Liverpool Street to Shepherd's Bush bus from 1940 until 1944. Florence, now 95, would love to get in touch with any colleagues. She recalls her time on the buses during the war very well.

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