

## A first among equals

**Retired Train Operator Hannah Dadds was among 200 women invited to the first Women of Achievement lunch at Buckingham Palace.**

Hannah became the first female tube Driver 25 years ago. She said: "I thought someone was having me on when I found out I was being invited to meet the Queen, but it's great to be recognised for making a contribution. I was really happy driving on the Underground."

The event was organised to pay tribute to 200 women who have made a contribution to society.

Hannah joined London Underground in October 1969, becoming a Driver on the District line in 1978 after the Equal Pay and Sex Discrimination Acts finally opened up the job to both men and women in 1975.

Hannah's sister Edna Field was a Guard on Hannah's train in 1980, making them the first all-women train crew.



*Hannah Dadds visits her old patch on the way to Buckingham Palace.*

## Journey of life

**Busman Stanley Luckin took a trip down memory lane as a 90th birthday present from his grandson.**

Stanley, who now lives in St Ives, Cambridgeshire, was taken to London's Transport Museum where he was given the VIP treatment.

"We were escorted around by a museum official who moved the 'no entry' signs so I could have a good look at the buses, including one which was built when I was an Engine Fitter," said Stanley, who spent 48 years and six months with London Transport.

"I was given photographs of buildings that I remember and of buses lined up. In the gift shop, I was bought an exclusive first issue model of one of the latest buses. It brought back really happy memories."



*Stanley proudly shows off the souvenirs from his trip.*

## Annual payslips from May

**We are moving to a single, annual payslip from May 2004.**

We strive to offer a high-quality service, but we also need to make sure we are cost-effective, especially when the cost of providing good final salary pensions is increasing rapidly. This is the thinking behind the move to an annual payslip.

For most pensioners, the information on their payslip remains the same throughout the tax year. Therefore, as long as we tell pensioners in advance how much they will receive and when, it is unnecessary to issue a payslip every four weeks. However, if there is a

change to a pensioner's net pay for any pay period during the year by more than £5, an additional payslip will be sent.

The annual payslip is a far more useful document than the current one. It will provide information on:

- pension increases
- four-weekly pension for the year
- pension pay-dates (see right)
- P60 slip.

Stephen Critchley, Chairman of the Trustees of the LRT Pension Fund, sent a letter and a sample payslip to all pensioners in February. To view these, visit [www.lrt-pensionfund.co.uk](http://www.lrt-pensionfund.co.uk) or call 020 7918 3733.

**The 2004 pension increase is 2.8 per cent, paid to eligible pensioners on 4 May 2004.**

**2004/2005 pay dates:**

- ◆ 4 May 2004
- ◆ 1 June 2004
- ◆ 28 June 2004
- ◆ 26 July 2004
- ◆ 23 August 2004
- ◆ 20 September 2004
- ◆ 18 October 2004
- ◆ 15 November 2004
- ◆ 13 December 2004
- ◆ 10 January 2005
- ◆ 7 February 2005
- ◆ 7 March 2005
- ◆ 4 April 2005

## Taxing questions

**Some of you raised questions in response to last issue's article about an extra payday. These included:**

*Will I receive an additional payment from the Fund? What if I pay tax at the higher rate of 40 per cent?*

*What if I have to complete an annual tax return?*

Pensioners will not actually receive any more money and will still receive their pensions every four weeks.

The purpose of advising that there are 14 pension payments during the 2003/2004 tax year was simply to

clarify the tax position.

Those pensioners who do pay tax at the higher rate of 40 per cent or who complete an annual tax return should contact the Inland Revenue on 0845 300 0627 to find out if the 14th payment will affect how much tax they pay.

## Eurostar discount for retired staff

Fancy a continental sojourn to Paris, Lille or Brussels? Pensioners are entitled to fares at special rates when you book in advance.

### Who qualifies?

All retired staff in possession of a valid retired staff Oyster card and Photocard (both red with the Oyster card and Photocard having a serial number starting '005')

### What's on offer?

- Discount travel on Eurostar for the eligible member of retired staff
- Up to three companions, travelling with the retired member of staff, can also benefit from discount travel
- Prices start from £49
- Bookings can also be made for other travelling companions at the same time, including children, but normal Eurostar

prices would apply

- All bookings, including discounted travel, are subject to availability

### How do you make a reservation?

- To get the discounted fares, you must book in advance
- Simply telephone the Eurostar Specialist Sales Section on 0870 6000 789
- Applications should be made 14 days in advance of travel
- The Eurostar Specialist Sales Section will check availability and offer alternatives if your preferred choice is not available
- You may be required to provide your retired number (as shown on your red retired staff Photocard) as confirmation of eligibility. You will also be required to carry your retired staff Oyster card



and Photocard with you at all times while travelling as further confirmation

- Once a reservation has been made, you will be provided with a booking reference number

### What happens next?

- Tickets will be posted to you up to one week before the date of travel
- Remember to carry with you your retired staff Oyster card and Photocard as confirmation of eligibility for discounted Eurostar fares while travelling.

**To make a reservation, phone the Eurostar Specialist Sales Section on 0870 6000 789**

## Holiday discounts

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Save up to 26 per cent on Warner short breaks just for adults.

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**For more details or to book, please call Warner Breaks on**

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### Cross-Channel breaks – April to June 2004

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We're offering an overnight stay from just £54 per person.

The offer includes the P&O Ferries crossings with your car from Dover and one night's accommodation with continental breakfast, based on two sharing a twin/double room.

All bookings will receive a five per cent discount voucher from Majestic Beer & Wine World.

The offer, subject to availability, is open to family and friends.

**For further information, hotel prices, terms and conditions and to book, call Travel Market Ltd on 0870 264 2644. Quote Shop & Stop to qualify for special rates.**

### Guernsey sea-drive offer

Enjoy a three-night sea-drive holiday from just £159, taking your car for free\* and saving up to 20 per cent on brochure prices.

Price includes return travel by catamaran from Weymouth or Poole and B&B in twin/double room at Abbey Court Hotel, St Peter Port (children under 12 not accepted).

**For price details, terms and conditions and to book, call Travelsmith on 01621 784666 or 0870 748 1000 and quote reference number C156/LT.**

\* Car transport based on private car not exceeding 5m in length and 1.85m in height.

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Do you have something you'd like to include in the next pensioner edition of *otm*? Let us know! Please remember to include a telephone number with your letter.

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## All welcome at the Chiswick Works reunion

The Chiswick Works Annual Reunion Dinner will be held on Saturday 29 May at the Twickenham & District Masonic Centre in Twickenham.

All staff and their spouses and partners

are welcome on this Whitsun Saturday, including those from Aldenham and the Acton bus headquarters.

For more information, please contact Don Robson | 020 8750 3136 or Ted Kilby | 020 8894 6386

# Speaking up for the retired

**Bird fanatic Chris Thompson is so busy, it's amazing he can find time to be the Pensioner Liaison Representative for Chingford, Highams Park and Sewardstone.**

As well as running a cage bird sanctuary, Chris is also Vice President of the London Transport Old Comrades and Secretary of the Retired London Underground Operations Managers.

He started as a Station Foreman in 1964 at Holloway Road and moved through the ranks as a Guard, Signalman, Motorman (Driver) and Area Manager.

"My favourite was Area Manager because when problems arose, I sorted them out myself and had real responsibility," said Chris.

"In 1989, the Underground was split between stations and trains and I took the job of familiarising staff with the new control room equipment at Baker Street.

"After a year, I went to the Central line and wrote a handbook on how to run a line which has both one-man and two-man trains – basically two different types of rolling stock.

"In 1993 I was offered severance and I heard about becoming a Pensioner Liaison Representative at a forum for retiring staff."

Chris, who has a wife, Eileen, son Nigel and one grandchild, has been a representative ever since and has 184 London Transport pensioners



*Feathered friends: Pensioner Liaison Representative Chris Thompson.*

on his patch.

"Some people need help with issues like sorting bills and even non-transport related problems like tenancy agreements and noisy neighbours.

"Others just like me to come round and chat about the old days!

"I really enjoy it – it keeps me out and about and I enjoy catching up with people."

■ Pensioner Liaison Representatives act as the link between the pensioner and Pensioner Liaison Manager

■ If you would like to know more about becoming a representative, contact Judi Yapp, Pensioner Liaison Manager, 15th Floor, Windsor House, 42-50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL. Tel 020 7941 4418.

## PCC news

**There was no election in December for the Pensioners' Consultative Council as the number of nominations for candidates did not exceed the vacancies available.**

**In section one (pensioners and deferred pensioners), the retiring Councillors were John Ingleton and John Self.**

**John Ingleton was reinstated and is joined by Christopher Sullivan.**

**In section two (TfL), David Freeman was the retiring Councillor and is replaced by David Marshall.**

**In section three (London Underground), the retiring Councillors were Ian Keirans and Terry Wilkinson. Terry was reinstated and the other position remains available as a casual vacancy. Councillors are nominating candidates.**

**On 30 November each year, a quarter of the Councillors – the longest serving members – must retire and can either be reinstated or replaced.**

## Positive feedback at pensioners' forum

### **Pensioners' Forum summary of 2 February 2004 meeting**

- The pensioners' representatives gave feedback on the first two issues of the new *otm* digest and made suggestions on future content. By and large they were pleased with the new publication
- The pensioners' representatives were given a presentation on the Summary of Results of the triennial Actuarial Valuation of the LRT Pension Fund
- The pensioners' representatives continued to press for a review of the Pensioner Liaison Scheme and it was agreed that two of their number would meet with the manager responsible to see whether the budget was being used to the greatest benefit
- The pensioners' representatives highlighted a problem regarding the use of Oyster cards on buses, which they were told was due to computer software problems and was being addressed.



## The generation game

**Life with London Transport is a real family affair according to Margaret Mackenzie.**

Margaret, who worked in the clerical department at Parsons Green, wrote to *otm* to tell us about her late husband Harry, who was a Bus Driver for 34 years and was a well-known figure at Riverside Garage in Hammersmith.

Her son Stanley joined at Earl's Court as an Engineer and her daughter-in-law also worked as a Typist at Oxford Circus.

Reminiscing about her own career, Margaret said: "One morning when I arrived for work at Lillie Bridge, I noticed four guys playing cards in a little hut and there was a lorry nearby with two motorbikes and equipment on board."

"I said to my boss, 'They always seem to have a great time!'"

"He ushered me into his office and explained they were the suicide squad who were on call whenever there was a suicide on the rails."

"I felt very humbled."

## Keep on driving

**Staying positive and enjoying your work is the key to a happy lifestyle according to Bus Driver Clarence Headley.**

The 76-year-old joined London Transport at Chiswick headquarters 44 years ago and still does an early morning bus shift between 05.00 and 11.00 in Battersea and Victoria.

He said: "I'm hoping I can carry on driving for a while because I achieve 45 years' service this year."

"I went for a medical check-up recently and the doctor said I could easily pass for 59."

"I wanted to tell all the people out there how a little bit of work can really do you good."

Clarence enjoys seeing his passengers every day, and they also enjoy seeing him.

"Lots of people can't believe I'm still going," he said.

"But I love chatting to everyone and one lady even gave me £5 for a drink at Christmas. It's lovely to be appreciated."

## Phone free to cut down crime

**Anyone who sees graffiti or violence on public transport can call a British Transport Police number to report the crime.**

**Retired Bus Driver James Purvis contacted *otm* after having an unpleasant experience while travelling through London.**

"One day, as I rode upstairs on a bus, there was a gang of youths all smoking," he said.

"I mentioned it to another elderly chap but neither of us said anything because we were afraid of the repercussions."

By calling the freephone number on 0800 40 50 40, people can report an incident.

"We can do our bit to make travelling by tube or bus safer," added James.

"I feel if jobs knew more eyes were watching them, they would be the ones to be scared."



Clarence Headley just can't give up driving!

# On the buses

In the last pensioners' edition of *otm*, we asked you to send in your stories and reminiscences about life on London buses. And you certainly came up trumps! Here's a selection of your contributions, and we'll include more next time. Do keep them coming – our contact details are on page 2. Please make sure you include a telephone number in case we need more information.

## Keeping it in the family

**Lewis Pink had a colourful career with London Transport, following three generations of his family into the job.**

His father James and grandfather, also James, both worked on the buses in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, while his great grandfather (another James!) was a dealer who supplied horses to pull those buses.

Lewis said: "I turned 14 in

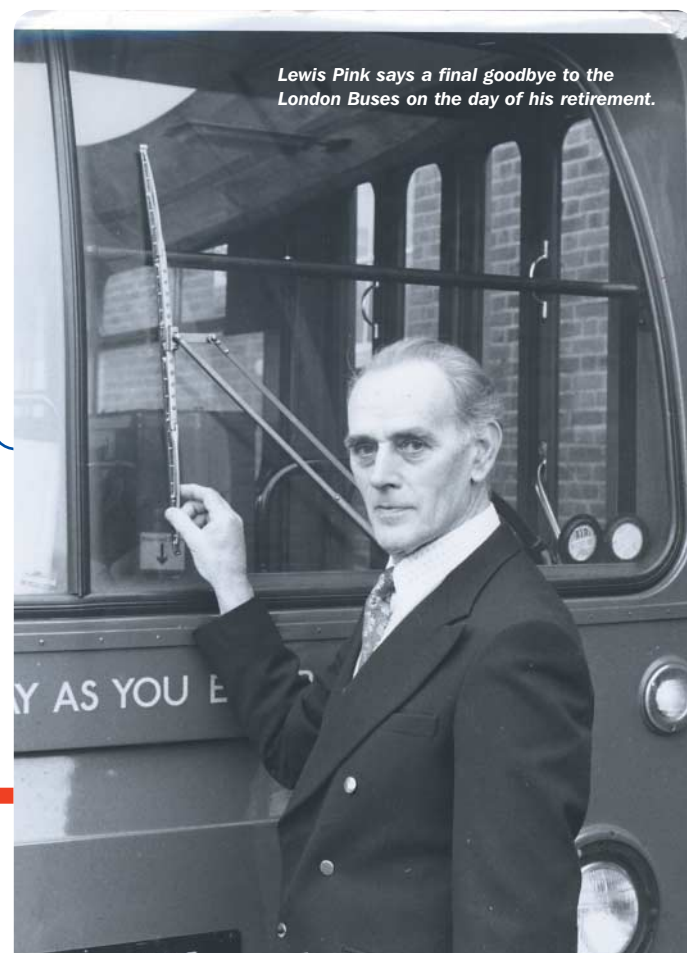
December 1926 and joined the London General Omnibus Company four days later as a Mechanic.

"My father was known as Tom so they called me Young Tom."

Lewis retired in 1977.

"I'd be very pleased to hear from any of my contemporaries," he added.

You can contact Lewis at 4 Caron Close, Lancing, West Sussex BN15 8BU.



Lewis Pink says a final goodbye to the London Buses on the day of his retirement.



Doug is enjoying life as a pensioner.



Doug during his London Transport years.

## Friends united

**The camaraderie of life on the buses kept Doug Walters with London Transport for almost 50 years.**

Doug started work as an Engine Boy at Leyton Garage on his 16th birthday in 1935, and retired on his 65th birthday dealing with administration in the office at Manor House.

He said: "The only time I left London Transport was when I was conscripted to the Royal Artillery Ordnance Corps and posted to the Western Desert between 1940 and 1945."

"I came back because I enjoy the job and all the friends I made during my time on the buses. My favourite job was being a Driver with a Conductor and I did that for 14 years."

Doug's father also worked for London Transport for 38 years.

"It was a great career in terms of how the company looked after me, and I'm glad I chose it," he added.



Doug (right) with a friend in the Western Desert.

## Fighting fit against the elements

**Retired tram and bus worker Alfred Burroughs puts his lack of arthritis down to life at London Transport.**

The 93-year-old Driver, known to his friends as Dick, put in 36 years with the company before he took early retirement in 1971.

Alfred said: "As a Driver, there was little protection from wind, rain or snow as we were exposed to the elements back and front."

"In winter, I often wore a home-made gauze facemask to protect against the yellow London fog coming up from the Thames."

Now living on the Isle of Wight, Alfred is very fit for his age and only gave up driving this year.

He added: "Surprisingly enough, I have no arthritis."

"Being a pre-war Tram Driver must have toughened me up and I really enjoyed my job."

Alfred Burroughs is fighting fit.



## Lovely jubbly job for Jim

**Ever wondered who could be responsible for the phrase 'you don't see a bus for ages, and then two come along at once'?**

Tony Kirk thinks he may have the answer.

"My late father Jim Kirk was a Bus Driver for many years at Upton Park," he said.

"He was famous among other crews for the way he tried to make life easier for his Conductor Len."

"He would go like the clappers to catch up with the bus in front so Len had very few fares to collect, as the one in front was doing it all for him."

"But of course, this meant a long gap before the next bus and the passengers would moan about this gap – the crew then knew that 'Old Kirkie' must be in front!"

Jim was also known as a bit of a Del Boy character, convinced he was going to win the Pools.

"He never did, but he would try," added Tony.

"Another one of his quirks was rushing up to the terminal or turning point. Len would be busy totting up the takings while Dad nipped upstairs to see if any coins had been dropped behind the seats."

"Once, he was at the bus stop in Romford market and was flashing the light over the boarding platform; he was just trying to get Len's attention as he thought he could see a sixpence on the pavement. Len picked it up and that went towards their tea break."



## noticeboard

● **The current Ordinary Post Office account has been superseded by a new simplified savings account. National Savings and Investments implemented the scheme earlier this year. The new account will have no fees or penalties and requires a minimum balance of £100.**

● A detailed guide to the new tax credit system is now available. *The Tax Credits Handbook* was written by members of the Low Incomes Tax Reform Group, at the Institute of Chartered Accountants. The definitive version of the book is £42 and there is a simplified edition at £30, available from Croner CCH Group Ltd, 145 London Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT2 6SR, tel 0870 777 2906, email customerservices@cch.co.uk

● **In April, the government abolishes Council Tax Benefit restrictions affecting people in property bands F, G and H.**

● As part of a government-led campaign to encourage older people to claim Council Tax Benefit, local councils have been issued with promotional material. It is hoped that posters and flyers will inform 1.4 million pensioners that they may be missing out. You can find more information about council tax issues by calling your Local Authority.

● **An updated version of an Inland Revenue consultation paper has been produced to further simplify the taxation of non-state pensions. The paper includes confirmation of the government's proposal to increase the minimum age for pensions from 50 to 55 by 2010. It is available free from Pensions Simplification Team, Room 132A, New Wing, Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 1LB, tel 020 7438 8374 or email pensionsconsult@ir.gsi.gov.uk**

● A new booklet which advocates abolishing age categorisation has been developed. *When I'm Sixty Four* proposes that policy should be administered according to demographics, rather than placing everyone over 65 into one category. Priced at £8, it is available from the Centre for Reform, Museum House, 25 Museum Street, London WC1A 1JT, tel 020 7631 3566, email info@cfr.org.uk

● **A new safety standard for electrical goods used by older people has been launched. The British Electrotechnical Approvals Board (BEAB) has developed CARE marks to improve safety. One of the first products to be scrutinised will be electric showers, which are required to have hot water at a temperature that does not scald.**

● Age Concern has produced a 'how to' guide designed to assist older people who are keen to start a Meal Club. *Setting Up and Running a Meal Club* costs £15 from Distribution Department, Age Concern England, tel 020 8765 7203.

● **The book penned by brothers Sid and Don Snowsell captured the interest of many otm readers. Unfortunately, some of you couldn't get through to the Harbour Bookshop in Brixham to order a copy of *In Peace – In War, A Family in Fulham*. People interested in buying a copy can write to Sid Snowsell, 36 Lichfield Drive, Brixham, Devon TQ5 8HD.**

● We published an incorrect number for the Screwdriver furniture assembly service in the January issue. Sorry – the correct number is 0800 454828. Screwdriver can help with self-assembly furniture and also employs retired people.

## Obituaries and in memoriam

**If you have an obituary notice for inclusion, please send details to otm pensioner edition, 24-26 Great Suffolk Street, London SE1 0UE or email onthefirst@abcomm.co.uk**

■ **Tony Asplin** worked in the Booking Office at various stations, starting at White City in 1964. He retired in 1993 after 29 years' service. Tony died suddenly in July 2002.

■ Mr Brooks, a retired Garage Engineer Manager, reports the death of his wife **Dorothy Brooks**, née Child, a Conductress from 1943 until the early 1960s. She died in November aged 90 after a long illness.

■ **Ted Compton** died on 31 December 2001. Ted joined LT in 1974 and worked at Homchurch, Romford, Barking and Upton Park garages for 16 years.

■ **Henry Cooper (Harry)** died in November 2003 aged 82 after a long battle with arthritis and cancer. He retired in 1983 after 48 years' service with London Underground.

■ **Mr Coult** died in March 2001. He joined LT after six years of army service and spent the rest of his working life on the buses.

■ Ivy Griggs has written in about her husband **Peter**, an LT Bus Driver who retired in 1987 after 23 years' service.

He died on 13 September 2001 aged 61.

■ **Dennis Jones** joined LT Buses in 1949 as a Conductor after serving in the war. He later became a Garage Inspector at Bow Road.

■ **Jack Judd** joined the railways at 14. He served in the war and returned to work at Northwood Hills as Chief Booking Clerk.

■ **Ernie Pescodd** joined LT in 1946 as a Conductor at Swanley. He later moved to Sidcup and became an Inspector – Blakey to his friends. Ernie retired in 1985 after more than 38 years' service. Ernie developed Alzheimer's Disease and died on 24 January 2004.

■ **Ted Phillips**, who worked for London Underground for 46 years, died on 23 February 2002. Ted started as a Box Boy and finished as Training Manager.

■ **James A Pullen** died on 1 January 2004. He worked for London Transport from 1959. He was a Driver (Trolley and Central Bus) until 1964 when he became an Inspector.

■ **Alfred Smith** passed away on 7 February 2001. He joined Merton Garage in 1947 as a Conductor, and then went to Stockwell Garage in 1952. In 1977 he went to 55 Broadway as a Messenger until he retired in 1987.

■ **William Strand** passed away on 7 April 2003 aged 76. He joined LT as a Bus Conductor in 1955 and retired in 1986 as an Inspector.

■ **Pete Teader** was killed in a gliding accident on 14 September 2001 aged 61. Pete was a Bus Driver for 11 years and retired in 1995.

■ Lynda Matthews announces the death of her father, **Frank Tucker**, who passed away on 12 January 2004 aged 96. He was a Bus Conductor, starting his career at Holloway Road in 1946. He retired in 1973.

■ Mrs D Holden would like to remember her brother **Alan Underdown**, who died from a brain tumour on 25 January 2003 aged 65. He worked for London Underground for 12 years at King's Cross and was a union rep. Alan retired in 1993.

■ Brian Watkinson would like to remember his father **John Watkinson**, who died on 21 October 2002 aged 87. He retired in August 1982 after nearly 29 years' service as a Conductor at Wandsworth Garage.

■ **Charlie Wetheridge** died of cancer in July 2001. He joined Walworth garage as a Conductor in September 1961. In May 1985 he moved to the Traffic Data Department. He retired in August 1995.

## Silver surfers

Silver surfers are riding on the crest of a wave judging by the increasing number of emails *otm* receives from older readers.

According to communications watchdog Oftel, the over 65s are the fastest growing group of internet users, using the internet to keep in touch with grandchildren, find information on services or follow hobbies and interests.

However, some people are still reluctant to take that first step, whether through fear, cost or misconceptions about IT.

Age Concern believes that while 62 per cent of the UK population has used the internet, only 15 per cent of those aged 65 and over have tried it.

If you want to dip your toes in the water, please visit [www.silversurfersday.org](http://www.silversurfersday.org) or check out part-time courses at your local college or library.

## Your taxi awaits you

Taxi for Kelly! That is Network Control Centre Manager Paul Kelly, who has retired after 39 years' service.

Paul started as a Booking Clerk at Baker Street and was promoted to Relief Clerk in 1968, where he covered the Station Master position when people were absent from work.



Paul moved to the Network Control Centre in the 1980s and for the last 10 years has looked after the staff taxi service.

He enjoyed a send-off from his colleagues in February.



Rita Silva is hanging up her hat after 15 years with the tube.

## Ticket to go

People person Rita Silva will miss the hustle and bustle of the ticket office when she retires from London Underground this month after 15 years' service.

The Station Assistant Multi-Functional at Hounslow West said: "I joined the ticket office at Earl's Court after my brothers and cousins recommended it, and I loved it.

"I enjoy working with money and accounts, but most of all with people, and you get to do that every day in this role."

## Celebrating an electric life

For Sub-Station Tester Augustus (Gus) Hankin, electricity was his life, as well as his job.

Violet Hankin wrote to *otm* to tell us about her late husband's astounding long service record – 51 years and two months with London Transport.

"My husband worked on the trolleybuses and then at London Underground sub-stations which supplied electricity for the network," she said.

"Electricity was a real hobby of his and he only retired at 67 because it became compulsory when they brought in the 65-year age limit."

Augustus's father also worked for London Transport on the trams, and his son John was a bus Repairman.

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# Connections on the tube

Syd Brown is fighting for better mobility in his village after nearly 48 years' service with London Underground.

## Working for London Underground was a real family affair for retired tube worker Syd Brown.

His father Fred was a Chargehand in the Lighting Department at Earl's Court, his brother Fred was an Upholsterer at Acton and his sister Lily worked at the Ticket Sorting Office in Earl's Court.

Syd, 87, said: "I had an appointment at Lambeth North training school and got permission to leave school for the morning.

"I agreed to start the next day, employed by the Metropolitan & District Railway Company."

Syd achieved more than 47 years' service, working

through the ranks from a Messenger Boy at Ealing Common to Chief Clerk at Earl's Court, with a lengthy stint as Relief Clerk covering every Station Master on the District line.

Now living in Surrey, Syd is still hot on transport matters and is campaigning for better roads and pavements in his village.

## Transport needs good friends

London's Transport Museum couldn't function without the aid of its official friends. And now it's your chance to get in on the act.

Financial donations from the Friends of London's Transport Museum totalled more than £165,000 in the last two years, benefiting restoration projects like that of the Routemaster RM2 series, for the Routemaster 50th anniversary this year.

There are 1,600 individual friends, but the museum would like to welcome more.

Membership costs £18 a year with

the option of adding family members from the same address for £7.

Benefits include free admission to the museum, discounts from the shop and to events, a quarterly newsletter, meetings and visits, private viewings of new exhibitions and advance information on museum activities.

There is also the possibility of voluntary work for the museum.

For more details, send a stamped addressed envelope to The Friends' Office, London's Transport Museum, Covent Garden, London WC2E 7BB.

## Are you snap happy?

Snaps are being sought of old London Transport service vehicles for a new website.

Former Group Station Manager Clive Greedus contacted *otm* asking for photos of lorries, vans and breakdown tenders from Central Distribution Services, plus photos of the current fleet.

"Back in the 1950s and 1960s, I was a keen bus and train spotter," said Clive, who worked for London Underground between 1964 and 2000.

"Unfortunately, I was not into photography and only took a few pictures on a couple of occasions – that's why I need readers' help."

Please write to Clive Greedus, 34 St Johns Road, Newbury Park, Ilford IG2 7BD or visit [www.ltsv.co.uk](http://www.ltsv.co.uk)

## Modelling in miniature

Network Control Centre Operator John Polley is a model member of London Underground staff.

John has a 20ft model railway based on the Northern line which he has taken to more than 100 exhibitions, including last month's show at London's Transport Museum Depot at Acton.

"I've always been interested in model trains, but to have an Underground line is a little different," said John.

"Model railways are very popular – a museum open day last year drew more than 2,500 visitors."

John makes most of the trains himself from brass and has even sold some to collectors and London Underground itself.

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## puzzlecorner

Tricker by name and also by nature, 91-year-old Mabel Tricker has sent in a quiz of cryptic clues to London districts.

Mabel's husband Lawrence, who died in 1983, worked for London Transport for 34 years, and Mabel is still an avid *otm* reader.

See if you can work out which London district is being described. Answers on left. More quizzes from Mabel next time.

- 1) His Majesty is angry
- 2) Knock the nail in blacksmith
- 3) A dusky moor
- 4) All the royal Edwards
- 5) What birds do to cherries
- 6) The dear departed
- 7) The king's glasshouse
- 8) The scratching sheep
- 9) A fat pig
- 10) A queen of England

Quiz Answers: 1) King's Cross; 2) Hammersmith; 3) Blackheath; 4) Seven Kings; 5) Peckham; 6) Leyton; 7) Crystal Palace; 8) Woolwich; 9) Fulham; 10) Victoria.