



PENSIONERS' EDITION

BROADWAY MAKES THE GRADE

St James's Park station and the 55 Broadway complex has been awarded Grade I listed status, making it as significant as Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London.

Completed in 1929, and designed by architect Charles Holden, 55 Broadway was inspired by the skyscrapers of New York.

The station, and its platforms, remains one of the most unaltered Underground stations on the network, with the original wall tiling and wooden kiosk on the platform, which is now a display cabinet.

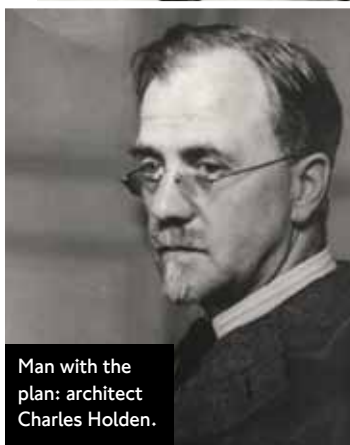
The rest of the building still has the original travertine marble-clad landings on each floor, ground floor reception, staircase hall and shopping arcade all intact.

The building also incorporated Henry Moore's first public commission and his only work to show the human figure in motion – the *North Wind* and *South Wind* sculptures on the façade.

The building was originally granted Grade II status in 1970.



Work of art: sculptor Henry Moore at work on *North Wind*.



Man with the plan: architect Charles Holden.



Iconic building: 55 Broadway stood out when it was first built.

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TRIPS MARK STOCK MILESTONE

A commemorative trip in May will mark the last 67 stock in service on the Victoria line this summer.

Members of the public will be able to join the day trip on the Metropolitan, Piccadilly and Victoria lines on 15 May, including a stop at Northumberland Park depot.

There are just 250 tickets available at £30 each, with proceeds going to the Railway Children charity.

You can apply for a ticket by calling 020 7027 8029 or emailing jasmine.anigbogu@tube.tfl.gov.uk

Two further trips for current staff will take place on 27 May, to mark the last 67 stock running from Walthamstow, and 1 July, marking the last 67 stock running from Seven Sisters.

The 67 stock makes its final journey 40 years after the southern part of the Victoria

line opened, making the line complete, on 23 July 1971.

When the line was built, many Irish immigrants were part of the workforce.

One of them was John Leonard, who recalled in a London Transport Museum document: "The work was very hard. I was mining with a spade until they introduced the digger shields. You worked in a five-man gang – a leading miner, two miners and two labourers."

Pensioners' Forum summary

A summary of the latest meeting on 18 February 2011

- the Forum representatives were informed that the Retail Price Index (RPI) will continue to be used to calculate the pension increase, not the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and that the increase for this year is 4.6 per cent
- Elaine Horwood from Staff Travel circulated a copy of the proposed map showing where Oyster retired passes can be used across the capital's transport. Once the map is finalised, it will be sent out with the conditions of use with new or renewed passes, and an electronic version will be available on request. However, the map will not be placed on the Pension Fund website
- the Forum raised the issue of how retired staff obtain privilege tickets if a ticket office is closed – you can find out more about this on the back page
- a profile of a pensioner liaison representative in the main staff edition of *otm* was suggested – this is being followed up and could appear in the May or June staff edition.

Noticeboard

Caribbean connection

An exhibition about the contribution Caribbean people have made to public services is calling for contributions. The *Generation to Generation* display, due to be held in July in conjunction with the Victoria and Albert Museum, needs information, memories and photos from people of Caribbean origin who work, or worked, in public transport. Please send your contributions to Susan.Jackman@tfl.gov.uk or to Susan Jackman, Griffin Rooms, 49 Pelham Street, London SW7 2NJ or call Susan on 020 7918 5474.

Thanksgiving service

The Church Service Organising Committee (First – Willesden Junction Bus Depot) invites members of the LTRSA to a Public Transport Workers' Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday 25 September 2011 at St Clement Danes, Central Church of the Royal Air Force, The Strand, London WC2R 1DH, starting at 15.00. Please contact Driver Winston Dottin, Service Co-ordinator, First – Willesden Junction Bus Depot, Station Road, London NW10 4XB, or on 07988 338 813 or at mrdottinbcc@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to attend.

Call for colleagues

Steve Kessler would like to hear from former colleagues. Steve was a manager on the Central line and also worked at the White City training centre and Telstar House before he retired in 2000. He sadly has terminal cancer. You can get in touch via his daughter-in-law Heather at h_m_code@hotmail.com

Upgrade updates

Find out which lines and stations are closed for upgrade work by logging on to www.tfl.gov.uk/check for the latest planned closures. If you don't have internet access, you can call 0843 222 1234, or textphone 020 7918 3015.

Travel Services team has moved

As you may remember, we announced in the January edition that the Travel Services team would be moving. This has now happened, and the team is up and running and settled into its new home.

If you need to visit Travel Services to collect a retired travel facility, it is now based at:
14 Pier Walk,

North Greenwich, London SE10 0ES.

The nearest station is North Greenwich and the collection office is on the ground floor. By appointment only, we may be able to arrange for you to collect from Windsor House if required.

We can still be reached on the same contact number – 0800 015 5073.

RELOCATION OF PENSIONER LIAISON MANAGER

New reps are always needed in most areas. However, I have now moved offices. I am at:
15th Floor, Windsor House, 42-50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL.
Tel 0800 015 5174 or 020 3283 4650
or email pls@tfl.gov.uk

*Yvonne Kerchhoff,
Pensioner Liaison Manager*

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POETIC JUSTICE

Pensioner Claire Pavitt has become a published poet.

Claire penned her poem, called *A Londoner*, as part of a competition run by the Oaklands Court nursing home, where she lives. It's been included in *Inspired Minds*, an anthology of poems by unpublished authors.

"I started writing poems for something to do," said Claire, who turns 100 in May. "I thought it would drive me mad sitting around doing nothing all day."

Poetry isn't Claire's only talent. She has also painted some fabulous watercolours of landscapes, flowers and birds.

"I used to paint when I was at trade school, where I learnt millinery, but I hadn't painted for 80 years!" said Claire. "I still had the same paintbox."

She also used to engrave glass to a professional standard.

Claire's career with LT spanned more than 30 years. She started in the booking office at High Street Kensington during the Second World War. "I loved it, dealing with



Claire's got talent: Claire Pavitt with the poem anthology.

the public," said Claire. "When the men came home and needed their jobs back, I really missed it."

Claire moved to the payroll office at Baker Street, but missed the public interaction, so when a job came up in the lost property office she jumped at the chance, and stayed until she retired in 1971.

"That was so much fun. I was in charge of handbags and jewellery, until I got promoted and became

the boss," said Claire.

Some unusual items have been handed in over the years. "One time the boss came in, looked around the office and said, 'No, I don't think we've got room for it'.

"I asked, 'Room for what?' and he said, 'A grand piano!'. Some people had persuaded the lift operator at a station that they were taking it to a concert, but they left it in the lift as a joke," said Claire.

LATIN MAP HELPS HOSPICE

Thanks to donations from otm readers, the Shakespeare Hospice in Warwickshire is more than £1,000 better off.

Our article last year, about a University of the Third Age (U3A) group who had translated the Tube map into Latin, invited readers to send off for a key to all the translated station names, for a donation to the hospice.

Pensioner Roy Dyer, who worked for LU's mechanical engineering department, said: "The U3A group received dozens of requests from all over the country for the English-to-Latin map key. otm readers made a significant contribution to the amount donated, and as a result the U3A Latin Group has been named as one of the Hospice's 'Hundred Heroes' for 2010.

"I think the readers who contacted us were the real heroes!"

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THE AGE OF STEAM

June this year marks 40 years since London Transport retired its last steam locomotive.

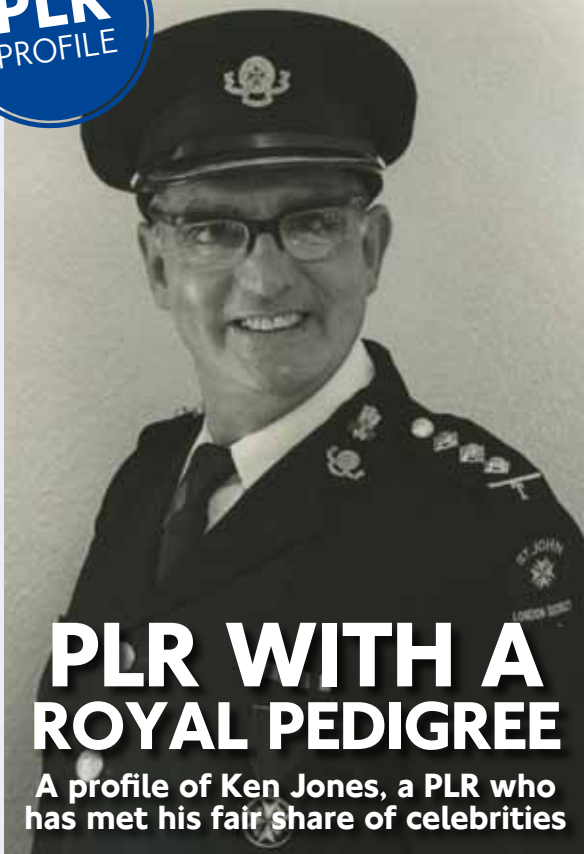
Steam had been eradicated on the main line in 1968, but London Transport kept its small fleet of ex-Great Western pannier tank engines, dating back to the 1930s, at work for a further three years. They were used on engineering trains and were based at Neasden for the Metropolitan line and Lillie Bridge for the District line.

Customer Service Advisor Kirk Martin worked on these

engines at both depots in 1968, and thought a photograph in otm would help us to remember these sturdy and reliable engines. Kirk still keeps his hand on the shovel as a fireman on the Bluebell Railway in Sussex.

Readers who wish to learn more about these engines and see many colour photographs of them at work may like to obtain a copy of the book *Red Panniers* that Kirk co-authored with John Scott-Morgan. Copies are available from the London Transport Museum shop in Covent Garden.





PLR WITH A ROYAL PEDIGREE

A profile of Ken Jones, a PLR who has met his fair share of celebrities

Ken Jones is our longest-serving pensioner liaison representative (PLR), covering the Bognor Regis area for the last 18 years.

He joined LT as an apprentice fitter and joiner in 1939 when he was 16, then joined the machine shop at Chiswick. He spent three years with the Royal Engineers, returning to Chiswick before moving to Willesden Green as a fitter.

"I worked on various bus types including Bristols (loaned from Wales), STL and ST," recalled Ken.

Ken's 41-year career took him to various sites including Alperton, Hendon and Edgware garages, Chiswick again, then 10 years at the Aldenham chassis specifications office, before going back to Chiswick.

St John Ambulance, which Ken joined in 1957 at Aldenham, has been a big part of his life. He once gave Princess Margaret a guided tour of the LT St John Ambulance Brigade mobile unit, and was in charge of first aid at Chelsea football matches.

"During my duties, I met the Queen Mother, the Queen, Prince Charles and the Princess of Wales. My saddest duties were the funerals of Winston Churchill, Lord Mountbatten and the three police officers shot and killed at Shepherd's Bush," said Ken.

"The happiest was Prince Charles and Lady Diana's wedding, where I was in charge of several stretcher parties.

"I was at Chiswick when Reg Varney and the cast of *On the Buses* filmed a scene of him driving a bus on the skid pan track and the inspector falling off. At Aldenham, I met Cliff Richard filming *Summer Holiday* – he was very friendly and asked me many questions about our bus overhaul procedure."

Ken, now 87, currently has 114 pensioners or dependants under his PLR wing.

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HEAD FOR THE HILLS

When a move to France didn't work out for retired couple Bob and Val Yeldham, they headed back over the Channel and looked for another project.

A run-down house caught their eye, and the practical pair transformed it into the Shropshire Hills Bed and Breakfast.

Bob retired as a line controller on the Central line in 2006, two years after Val left her role as station control room assistant at Liverpool Street.

Bob said: "We're only in our fifties so we needed something to do. We've done the place up and a few former LU colleagues come up to help with the work, and some have already been to stay.

"The house is in Clunton in the Clun Valley, Shropshire, in perfect walking territory with a river just 50 yards away, and handy for the Ludlow Food Festival."

The rooms are usually £60 or £65 per night, but Bob will offer special rates to TfL pensioners – four consecutive nights Monday to Thursday for a total of £175, and a discount of up to 15 per cent for weekend stays. Bob can pick guests up from Craven Arms or Ludlow stations if people wish to get there on public transport.

Log on to www.shropshirehills.co.uk, email thegreenbedandbreakfast@googlemail.com or call 01588 660762.



Opening their doors: Bob and Val Yeldham have opened the Shropshire Hills B&B.

ROCK SOLID RETIREMENT



Rocking out: Michael Kennedy has spent 14 years moving the rocks.

Locals have dubbed a retired mechanical engineer Fred Flintstone, after he has spent 14 years moving rocks across a beach to prevent the cliffs from eroding.

Michael Kennedy, 73, worked for London Underground for 30 years before he retired in 1992.

He began piling up the stones on the famous striped cliffs at Old Hunstanton, Norfolk, as a way to keep fit.

When he realised that it protected the limestone and chalk cliffs, he stepped up his mission.

"I spend three hours a day, six days a week moving

the rocks," said Michael. "There are not as many rocks now, so I have to walk further along the beach, but I don't mind."

It's not all work and no play though.

"I give myself Saturdays off to watch football, especially Chelsea," added Michael.

MUSIC TO YOUR EARS

Do you like good music?

The TfL Recorded Music Club started more than 50 years ago within London Transport and is still going strong, which must make it one of the oldest clubs in TfL.

Originally, of course, the club's main concerts were on disc, but nowadays most members have excellent CDs. Members are still welcome even if they don't have many CDs.

The programmes are usually, but not exclusively, classical music and last about two hours.

The club meets in the evenings at 55 Broadway usually on the second and third Tuesdays of the month and its equipment is first class.

The next meetings are scheduled for 10 and 17 May.

Further details are available from Brian Edwards at briane1935@yahoo.co.uk or on 020 8550 2755 or Barry Wilkinson at barry.wilkinson@virgin.net or on 01494 721028.

Present and retired employees are very welcome – why not come along, meet former colleagues and enjoy the music?

Fondly remembered

LES ALLEN

15 January 2011, aged 94

Les retired from LT as Permanent Way Engineer (New Works).

IRWIN CARTER

12 February 2008, aged 61

Irwin worked at Seven Kings, West Ham, Bow, Barking and Upton Park bus garages between 1969 and 2008. Staff at other garages knew him as a former member of the LT CRS Cricket Team.

PETER CASSELL

16 January 2011, aged 90

Peter worked as a superintendent for Parks and Gardens from 1946 to 1982.

STUART EVANS

27 January 2011, aged 62

Stuart worked in London Underground and Facilities Management.

EDWARD GRACE

13 January 2011, aged 96

Edward was a Solicitor with LT. After retiring in the late 1970s, he became coroner for

Eastbourne. He was a platoon commander at the Anzio landings in 1944, where he was wounded and awarded the Military Cross.

DAVE LORD

26 October 2010, aged 72

Dave worked in the Signals Estimating Section and was an active member of the LT Admin/Cardinals cricket teams for more than 40 years.

DOREEN MURPHY

11 March 2011, aged 76

Doreen was membership secretary of the LT Pensioners Association from its inception in 1997, represented pensioners on the TfL Pensioners' Forum and was a stalwart of the LT Retired Staff Association.

CLIFTON ALEXANDER NICHOLLS

17 January 2011, aged 83

Clifton worked as a conductor on the number 18 bus before becoming a security officer. He died at his home in Barbados.

PETER RUSSELL

14 May 2010, aged 78

Peter was a bus driver based at Wood Green garage for 25 years, retiring in 1988.

HAZEL SMITH

30 December 2010

Hazel was a Railwoman/Ticket Collector on the District line, based at Mile End, from 1970 until 1992.

DENNIS (DANNY) STRINGER

6 January 2011, aged 82

Danny joined the CME Railways Acton Works as a 14-year-old apprentice and was an electrical craftsman for 44 years. He was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to London Transport.

BILL TONKYN

11 March 2011, aged 84

Bill was a Railway Mechanical Engineer. He spent most of his career at Acton Works and rolling stock depots, but also managed Aldenham Bus Works.

FRANK WALKER

31 January 2011, aged 101

Frank was an electrical engineer on the buses and spent a lot of his career at Epping.

WILLIAM (BILL) WELLEN

6 February 2011, aged 94

Bill worked for LT for 33 years starting at Riverside garage, then Turnham Green, moving to Stamford Brook, where he retired in 1981.

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If you are calling us from a mobile phone, it may also be cheaper to call the 020 3283 4650 number, as charges to 0800 numbers can be high. Please check with your operator.

Q: Is there a list of other railway services where the PTAC is available to use?

A: We are currently producing a list, which will be printed in another edition of *otm* and publicised on our page on the Pension Fund website.

Have Your Say



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Your Bollo Lane memories

When I saw the above title in the January issue, my immediate thoughts were: "Excellent, at last someone is prepared to record the fascinating 'unofficial' history of Acton Works." 'Unofficial' because there were many activities carried out by enterprising employees!

When I started as an apprentice in 1959, you could have prescription lenses obtained and fitted, have your hair cut in the Blacksmith's Shop, have your watch or clock repaired in the Car Body Shop, purchase almost anything from Johnny Shea's 'bazaar' every lunchtime in the Machine Shop, or join the Car Body Shop Band.

Regrettably, the article referred to the Signals department up the road. Perhaps my letter will prompt some reminiscences from others who worked at No.30 Bollo Lane.

Jim Stringer

Readers – please do send us your contributions and memories. Send

them to otm@abcomm.co.uk or *otm* pensioners' edition, 24-26 Great Suffolk Street, London SE1 0UE.

otm team

Article re: Staff remember fallen comrades

I notice in the second paragraph of this article in January, you state that the honour of laying a wreath at the Cenotaph was awarded to TfL for the work done in two world wars. Now this is totally incorrect and a distortion of the truth.

This was awarded to the busmen of London by King George V for running their buses along the frontlines of the trenches in the First World War. Their work was considered so important to winning the war that King George V presented the medals to the busmen himself and awarded them the right to march. There used to be a photo of this presentation hanging in Westbourne bus garage.

The first time LU marched past

was in 1947 after a special request.

These days, you only see Underground staff – I have not seen any busmen on it since 1993 when they were sold off. Now history is being rewritten to say it was awarded to TfL for work they did during the two world wars; either someone does not know what they are talking about, or they are trying to change history.

Bryan W Hunter – an irritated old busman

We certainly didn't mean to rewrite history Bryan. By TfL (or its guise at the time), we meant the whole of the organisation covering buses and the Underground.

We are aware of the drivers and conductors who took their buses to the frontline, and have in fact featured it in this publication.

Thank you for clarifying the details and we will definitely bear your points in mind in future articles about the ceremony.

otm team

CALENDAR CORRECTIONS

Hopefully you all received your complimentary 2011 calendar.

Since publication, we have identified some new numbers for the 'Useful Numbers' on the inside back of the calendar. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Here are the revised details:

- Age UK now has a freephone information line number – 080 0169 6565
- Aviva (Norwich Union Life) additional number – 016 0362 2200
- Citizens' Advice Bureau additional numbers – for England call 084 4411 1444, for Wales call 0844 4477 2020
- DWP Pensions line additional number – 084 5606 0265 and

international number +44 191 218 7777

- Simply Health (formerly Hospital Savings Association) – customerservices@simplyhealth.co.uk or 0800 980 7890 (additional number)
- Land Registry – 0844 892 1111
- London Transport Retired Staff Association – 01726 815707
- Pension Enquiries TfL – helpdesk@tflpensionfund.co.uk
- Railway Convalescence Home – 01626 863303
- SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association) – 0845 130 0975
- Transport Benevolent Fund – 0845 010 0500.

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However, if you travel regularly and find that both station ticket offices are closed, you (the PTAC holder) will be expected to obtain an Oyster card and apply to use Oyster Pay As You Go (PAYG) with

the privilege discount set.

The deposit for an Oyster card is now £5 and a minimum £5 top-up value applies at the ticket office window. You can get an application form for Oyster privilege discount from Staff Travel. Please note – this is for LU services only and not for London Overground, DLR, Tramlink or any other Train Operating Company.

Please also note that for travel on LU services, Oyster PAYG generally offers much cheaper fares than any tickets available at ticket offices. Oyster PAYG is also much simpler to use and PTAC or NR staff card holders not currently using Oyster PAYG are strongly advised to do so.