



PENSIONERS' EDITION

# POSTHUMOUS AWARD



Graham Page – who did so much to further the cause of the London Transport Museum Friends – has been awarded a posthumous award for his work.

Graham (pictured left), who died suddenly in May 2010, aged 73, won the Long Service Award in the London Volunteers In Museum Awards 2011.

Graham worked as a curatorial volunteer at the London Transport Museum and possessed a superb knowledge of ticketing issues.

He was held in such high regard that the organisers of the awards agreed to accept a posthumous nomination for him.

Graham began his career as an apprentice at Acton Underground Works, winning the 'Apprentice of the Year' award in 1958. He later became Training and Development Manager for London Buses before taking early retirement in 1993.

Barry Le Jeune, Chairman of the London Transport Museum Friends, said: "Graham's contribution was exceptional. He had an unrivalled knowledge, particularly of transport tickets. He also played a major part in identifying and acquiring numerous additional items for the museum's collection. He was an exceptional man and a real gentleman."

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRIXTON

Brixton station celebrated its 40th birthday during the summer. Staff have faced a number of challenges in the past few years what with new trains and a major refurbishment programme. But they marked the milestone by talking about what it is about working at Brixton that makes them proud to be LU.

Did you work at the eighth busiest Tube station on the network? Have



Sarah Henderson,  
Duty Train  
Staff Manager

you got any stories about life at Brixton? If so let us know by writing to otm Pensioner edition, beetroot, 68 Leonard Street, London EC2A 4QX or emailing [otm@beetroot.co.uk](mailto:otm@beetroot.co.uk)

## TALE OF THE CENTURY

When the first escalator was installed at Earl's Court in 1911, it was decided a one-legged man should be the first person to test it.

Thus Bumper Harris, a clerk for London Electric Railway, entered LU folklore when he hopped on to the escalator on 4 October. In a less politically-correct era, Bumper's bosses felt that if a man with a wooden leg could handle the new mode of transport then anyone could. And the rest, as they say, is history.



## PENSIONERS' FORUM SUMMARY

A summary of the latest meeting on 29 July 2011

■ The Pensioners' Representatives were given an update on 'Project Horizon' - organisational changes within TfL which will impact on areas affecting pensioners. It was noted that the TfL Pension Fund itself will not be directly affected.

■ The Pensions Manager advised that details of the Pensions Bill had not yet been finalised and it was not likely to receive Royal Assent until later in the year. Once full details were known, consideration would be given to addressing any implications for TfL pensioners.

■ The Pensioner Liaison Manager reported on the Annual Meeting of Pensioner Liaison Representatives held in July. It was also noted that a Regional Meeting of PLRs was arranged for the West Sussex area on 1 September, following which consideration would be given to holding such meetings in other areas.

■ The Staff Travel Business Support Manager reported that arrangements were in hand for the renewal of Privilege Ticket Authority Cards at the end of 2011. You will be receiving your new PTACs throughout December.

# SIGNAL MEMORIES

Former LU signal engineer Bill Collins is appealing for any photographs, ephemera or memories of signalling.

Bill, with retired signal designer Mike Crosbie, is currently restoring a Marble Arch 'N'-style signalling frame and an Elephant & Castle 'N'-style push/pull frame and is interested in any recollections of either site.

"We are interested in anything at all to do with London Transport railway signalling," said Bill. If you have any memories send them to: Bill Collins/Robert Excell, London Transport Museum Depot, 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane, London W3 9BQ or call Bill on 01494 727199 or e-mail [billc@care4free.net](mailto:billc@care4free.net)

Bill and his colleagues will also be demonstrating a 'York Road' frame at the upcoming Open days at Acton on the weekend of 8 and 9 October 2011.



Bill Collins, Retired Signal Engineer, James Marrion, Volunteer, Mike Crosbie, Retired Signal Designer and Mike Hanscomb, Retired British Rail Signal and Telecom Engineer have recently renovated a 'York Road' 'B'-style frame

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

As the nights get longer, some members feel lonely so, if you like people and have the time, you may consider becoming a member of the fast growing Pensioner Liaison Scheme (PLS) Reps.

You decide how many people you visit and how far you want to travel. For more details please e-mail the PLS Manager at [pls@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:pls@tfl.gov.uk), or phone or write to the number or address below. Mrs Yvonne Kerchhoff

## PERMIT TO TRAVEL

Members sometimes experience difficulty – such as not being able to purchase a discounted ticket with their PTAC – especially when trying to travel and enter National Rail stations when ticket offices are closed. A few stations still have "Permit to Travel" machines which must be used before boarding the train. However, if this is not possible and you are using a station with barriers, you should explain the situation to a member of the

gatelane staff. If they are unable to sell you a privilege rate ticket, you should be allowed through the barrier to purchase a ticket on the train or at your destination station. If there are no gatelane staff, then the barriers will be open. If you encounter further problems, please put it in writing with details of the journey you wished to make with the station, dates and times and send to Staff Travel.

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR PENSIONER ENQUIRIES

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# DOWN MEMORY LANE

The Victoria line '67 tube stock trains, which were retired from service earlier this year, had one last trip to remember, raising more than £8,000 for charity in the process.

Ticket sales from a celebratory one-off trip for 270 passengers along the Victoria, Piccadilly, District and Metropolitan lines on the old train, plus an auction of '67 memorabilia, were donated to the Railway Children charity, which supports street children around the world.

Do you have any memories of the '67 stock you'd like to share? Let us know at **otm Pensioners'** edition, beetroot, 68 Leonard Street, London EC2A 4QX or by emailing [otm@beetroot.co.uk](mailto:otm@beetroot.co.uk)



## STRATFORD FACELIFT

Upgrade work has begun at Stratford bus station – one of London's busiest.

London E15 is big news at the moment. The clock is counting down to next year's Olympic and Paralympic Games and Westfield – the biggest urban shopping development in Europe – opened recently.

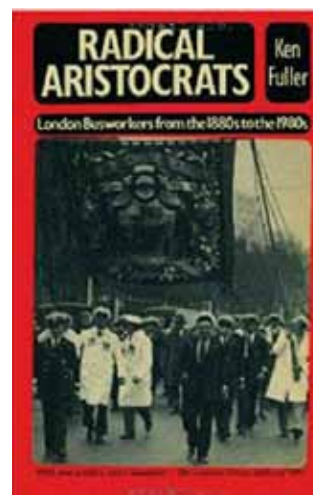
The numbers using the bus station have climbed from 3.5 million in 1994

to a present day figure of 20 million.

The project to rebuild the station is costing TfL £1.7 million and includes new shelters, new toilets and a mess room for drivers.

The new layout will increase the amount of space available for waiting passengers and ensure there is a better flow of people so they can get on and off their buses more easily.

## BUSWORKERS' HISTORY REPUBLISHED



A trade union history of London busworkers, first published in 1985, is in print once more.

*Radical Aristocrats: London Busworkers from the 1880s to the 1980s* is written by Ken Fuller who worked as a London bus driver for 11 years before becoming a full-time officer in the Transport & General Workers' Union.

The book can be ordered from most good bookshops, online or email Ken at [kenfuller08@yahoo.com](mailto:kenfuller08@yahoo.com)

Here are details of the London Transport Retired Staff Association (LTRSA) monthly meetings:

**NORTH WEST:** Third Tuesday of every month at St Joseph's Social Club, Empire Way, Wembley, Middx, HA9 0RJ. Time: 13:30, For further details contact: Mrs R Craig, 5 Keats Close, Hayes, Middx, UB4 0QU Tel: 020 8573 7664

**NORTH EAST:** Last but one Thursday of each month, Barking Town Hall, Room 2, Time: 11:00  
Last Wednesday each month, Greenleaf Hall, Greenleaf Road, Walthamstow, E17 6QP

# ARTHUR'S MEMORIES

Former railway operating apprentice and train operator Arthur Huckle, who joined London Underground in 1963, has unearthed this fascinating photograph.

It shows (nearest camera) signalman Jim Lester and, in the background, lineman Fred Wells in the signal box at Baker Street station. Arthur believes the photograph was taken in either late 1963 or early 1964.

If you have old photographs or memories you'd like to share, send them to: **otm** Pensioners' edition, beetroot, 68 Leonard Street, London EC2A 4QX or email [otm@beetroot.co.uk](mailto:otm@beetroot.co.uk)



# LIGHT SHED ON MYSTERY CERTIFICATE

Following an article in the last issue, a number of readers have written in to provide some information about Sidney Bowran. And he sounds like quite a character, possibly a bow tie-wearing rugby player!

US Air Force lieutenant colonel Scott Willits found a London Transport long-service award dated September 1972 belonging to Sidney in the back of a portrait.

Reader Nicholas Ridge wrote: "I recall Sid as a foreman in the Wheel Area at Acton Works. He was a great character," and Alan Cloake wrote: "During my time at Acton Works, there was a Sid Bowran working as a shop foreman in the Truck Shop."

Meanwhile a Mr B Webb from Twyford, Berkshire, who served his apprenticeship at Acton Works between 1952 and 1957 recalls: "Sid was a foreman in the wheel area and he was quite a character. It crossed my mind that the portrait purchased by Scott could be of Sid himself. Sid was of large build, possibly a rugby player, dark hair and sometimes wore a bow tie."

Scott is keen to return the certificate to its rightful home so we will be passing these details on to him.

Do let us know if you have any more information about Sid.

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# JOE THE TRAILBLAZER

To coincide with Black History Month, **otm** recalls Joe Clough, London's first black motorbus driver.

Joe was born in Kingston, Jamaica, in 1887 and arrived in England in 1906.

His public transport career started in 1908 when he was employed as a bus driver by the London General Omnibus Company (LGOC). Unknown to Joe he was making history as London's first black motorbus driver.

Joe drove a B-type motorbus between Liverpool Street and Wormwood Scrubs.

In 1911, Joe married Millicent, a white domestic servant known as Margaret and, before the outbreak of war, the couple moved to St Neots where Joe worked for the local bus firm.

He served in the British Army during the war before he and Margaret moved to

Bedford and Joe worked as a bus driver for Eastern National Buses for the next 27 years, before becoming a much-loved and highly-respected taxi driver, known throughout the town.

Joe's beloved Margaret died in 1975 and Joe died a year later at the age of 90.

To this day he is remembered in Bedford with huge respect and affection.

## MEMORIES OF '48

As TfL prepares for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, **otm** wonders if any of our readers recall the last time the Olympics were held in London, in 1948.

Perhaps you or one of your relatives worked on either the buses or trains during the Games. If you have any memories or anecdotes you'd like to share write to: **otm Pensioners' edition, beetroot, 68 Leonard Street, London, EC2A 4QX** or email [otm@beetroot.co.uk](mailto:otm@beetroot.co.uk)



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## Fondly remembered

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**31 December 2010, aged 67**

Reginald joined London Transport in 1960 at Romford North Street Garage and worked as a conductor, bus driver and later as an assistant manager in the coach section.

### NEVILLE BHOLA

**18 July 2011, aged 73**

Neville worked at West Ruislip depot between the years of 1964 and 1983.

### GEORGE COOK (COOKIE)

**10 October 2010, aged 97**

George started on the trams just after the war at New Cross Gate and finished his career as a bus inspector at Crystal Palace before retiring in 1978.

### SIDNEY (SID) CORIO

**20 June 2011, aged 97**

Sid started work in 1946 at Hammersmith trolley bus garage. He also worked at Shepherd's Bush before moving to Alperton. When he retired in 1978 he was an advertisement fixer.

### JOHN DENT

**27 July 2009, aged 62**

John worked at Wealdstone for many years and then Commerce Road, Brentford, serving the business for 26 years.

### FRED FORSTER

**6 June 2011, aged 88**

Fred worked as a booking office clerk at Holloway Road and then Cockfosters before his retirement.

### TONY (BOB) GEARY

**6 April 2011, aged 82**

'Bob' started as a 'box boy' at the age of 14 and finished his career as a traffic controller in Harrow Signal Box. His father and grandfather, also both called Bob, also worked for the business.

### HARRY MEAD

**14 April 2011, aged 82**

Harry worked at Fulwell bus garage as a bus driver for almost 40 years. He was an active trade unionist and worked as a chief negotiator for the TUC. He was also a Trustee of the London Transport Pension Fund and, in 1978, received the British Empire Medal for services to the TUC.

### PETER PETTIT

**20 August 2011, aged 78**

Peter spent most of his career in railway rolling stock engineering and retired as Divisional Engineer (District and Piccadilly).

### WILLIAM (BILL) READ

**3 December 2010, aged 86**

Bill had almost 41 years service before retiring in April 1989 as Group Manager at Morden.

### RICHARD (DICK) TEDDER

**18 October 2010, aged 87**

Dick was previously a 'progress chaser' at Chiswick Works. He joined London Transport after serving in the RAF during the war and retired in September 1987.

### JOHN WITHEY

**24 July 2011, aged 69**

John began his career in the Chief Mechanical Engineer's (Railways) department. He later moved to Buses as Training Manager before retiring as Managing Director Buses (South London).

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Here's a selection of the most frequently asked questions to Pensioner Liaison and Staff Travel.

### STAFF TRAVEL

#### Q: How can I contact Staff Travel?

**A:** We are changing our telephone operating hours so from 1 November you can call us on 0800 015 5073 between 08:30 and 17:30 but, before then, it's between 08:00 and 18:00. You can also write to us at Staff Travel (TfL), Floor 1, 14 Pier Walk, London, SE15 0ES; emailing StaffTravelServices@tfl.gov.uk; by fax on 020 3054 2325 or in person at 14 Pier Walk between 08:30 and 17:15 between Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays.

#### Q: Will the map showing us where we can use our Retired Staff Oyster card be updated?

**A:** There will be a map going onto the back of the "Conditions of Use" when they are reprinted in the New Year.

#### Q: I would like to update my photograph and change my home address details before the Privilege Ticket Authority Cards (PTACs) are reissued for the end of the year?

**A:** Unfortunately, for the general re-issue, this is now not available as the main report has already been sent. However, this can still be done by submitting your request in writing to Staff Travel as per normal.

# 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. Send us your letters to: **otm Pensioners' letters, beetroot, 68 Leonard Street, London EC2A 4QX** or email [otm@beetroot.co.uk](mailto:otm@beetroot.co.uk). We look forward to hearing from you.

### TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Good to see that George Denis Sutton still has his toolkit after 63 years (as reported in the July edition). I too still have mine and they were also made during the first year of my apprenticeship at Chiswick in 1964. Looking at the picture, it seems the recipe hadn't changed! The skills gained in making those tools have certainly done me well over the years, and continue to do so.

Jon Smith

### SO MANY MEMORIES

It was such a shock for me when reading the July issue of **otm** to see a picture of my husband, Raymond Stocker.

He worked at Angel station for 20 years and enjoyed his job. We were married for 43 years and, sadly, after a short illness he passed away in April 1998. I do not own a computer so am unable to contact Molly Dineen. The picture

just brought back so many sad memories. I miss him so much.

I am pleased the documentary is being made available as it does show a side of station life that the general public do not see.

We were given a copy of the film but I cannot watch it as I do not own a video but I hope it does well.

Yours sincerely,  
Sheila Stocker

### IRISH THANKS

I would like to thank **otm** for the recognition that you gave to the Irish community by giving credit to those Irish immigrants who helped build the Victoria line.

It was quite heartwarming to see and very much appreciated.

Of course, it's worth taking notice of how things move on, noting the positions in LU that Irish and those of Irish origins now occupy, keeping up the tradition of Irish people working

on the railway, but contributing now in so many different ways, at all levels, as do so many others of varied origins.

I now feel just that little bit more proud of being a Londoner – albeit an Irish Londoner!

'Go raibh maith agat Londain' (A Magnificent City – home for so many people, from so many lands).

Eugene Murray

### BARKING BOX

Sidney Gates, has asked through the London Transport Retired Staff Association, what is happening to Barking Signal Box. Sidney used to work as a signalman for London, Midland and Scottish (LMS) Railway before being transferred to London Transport in 1960 when LT took responsibility for signalling in the Barking area. Sidney said: "I have heard that the box is being closed but would be interested to know for definite what is happening to it."

Richard Gray, Service Control Manager District line, thanked Sidney for his interest and said: "London Underground's Asset Performance Directorate (APD) have taken possession of the disused old British Rail signal cabin in order to accommodate maintenance staff. It is being refurbished with a new roof going on. There is no change to the London Underground signal cabin which is next door in the same building."



Raymond Stocker, centre, whose picture in **otm** brought the memories flooding back for his widow, Sheila