

## PENSIONERS' EDITION

**otm** readers are being urged to do their bit to ensure the fast-approaching London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games are a success.

By carefully planning journeys, people can help by avoiding 'hotspots' – stations, routes and roads that will experience congestion and additional waiting or travel times.

The Tube, DLR, buses, overground train and the river are all offering enhanced services during the Games.

The overall advice for people travelling during the Games is:

- Plan in advance and find out if your journey will be affected
- Consider alternatives – another

# HELP MAKE GAMES A HUGE SUCCESS

type of transport might be better

- If you aren't going to a Games event, try to avoid venue stations
- If you have to travel avoid the busiest times

- Avoid driving in affected areas.

Additionally, the aim is to make London 2012 the most accessible Games ever with the DLR, buses, taxis and piers all already fully wheelchair accessible.

There are new lifts at Green Park and Southfields and 65 step-free Tube stations. If you're travelling to a Games venue, please use the Spectator Journey Planner at [London2012.com](http://London2012.com) to plan your journey. If you're travelling elsewhere in London, then the TfL Journey Planner can help plan accessible journeys.

There is plenty of information available. Those readers with internet access can visit [www.getaheadofthegames.com](http://www.getaheadofthegames.com) or [www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/london2012](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/london2012)

Alternatively, call London Travel Information on 0843 222 1234.

It is 50 years since London's last trolleybus ran. Turn to page 3 to find out how this is being commemorated.



## WIN A LIGHT READ **DO NOT ALIGHT HERE**

**otm** has two signed copies of a marvellous new book called *Do Not Alight Here* to give away.

The book by Ben Pedroche looks at London's forgotten Underground and Overground stations and maps 12 walks around different parts of the capital, each of which takes in a variety of abandoned and derelict stations.

For the chance to win a free, signed copy, send your name and address to: *Do Not Alight Here* competition, beetroot, 68 Leonard Street, London, EC2A 4QX.



## PENSIONERS' FORUM SUMMARY

Issues discussed at the meeting on 23 February 2012 included the following:

■ **TfL Pension Fund 2012 Actuarial Valuation** – The timetable for the 2012 Actuarial Valuation was discussed. The Head of Pensions said that a presentation of the results to the Forum was scheduled for early 2013 and agreed that sufficient time would be allowed for the Pensioners' Representatives to consider and give their views on any consequent actions proposed.

■ **Pensioner Liaison Scheme** – The Pensioner Liaison Manager reported that, following the success of the first regional meeting of Pensioner Liaison Representatives, authorisation had

been given for up to six further such meetings being arranged over the next year to determine their effectiveness. The Pensioners' Representatives welcomed this development.

■ **Staff Travel** – It was reported that the reissue of Privilege Ticket Authority Cards project carried out at the end of 2011 had been achieved on time without any major problems. The Pensioners' Representatives said they were pleased to report that they were not aware of any significant issues having arisen connected with this major exercise.



## DO YOU REMEMBER HARRY?

Do any **otm** readers remember the late Harry Clarke who worked at Acton Works? If so, they might be able to reunite his family with some impressive pencil drawings which he sketched.

Harry was a workmate of Les Tilbury whose daughter-in-law Linda Tilbury has written to us. When Les died, among his possessions was a folder containing a letter regarding Harry Clarke's death.

Linda said: "Within the folder are pages of wonderful pencil drawings of trains and various other modes of transport (above and left) and I feel that these should be with Harry's family. I do hope **otm** readers can help. I just can't throw these drawings away."

From the letter Linda knows that Harry died on 12 January (year unknown), and he was 44. He had been an active member of what appears to be a London Transport-related society since 1971, regularly speaking at Hammersmith meetings and contributing to different LU publications.

If you can help, telephone Linda on 01634 722343

## NEW REPS SIGN UP

Great news! We have had a number of new reps join the scheme recently, so you may get a letter from a rep who wants to come and visit you. You may also be interested in becoming a rep yourself. Our existing reps find it very rewarding knowing they are making a difference. We still need more reps in most areas so if you are interested, please contact me at the address below for more information.

Yvonne Kerchhoff,  
Pensioner Liaison Manager

## REUNION LUNCHES

The Association of Retired London Underground Operating Managers which is for pensioners with a rail operating background will, as usual, have two reunion lunches this year. For more information, contact Susan Gilbert on 07753 879197 or email [Susan.GilbertextfL@gmail.com](mailto:Susan.GilbertextfL@gmail.com)

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR PENSIONER ENQUIRIES

TfL Pension Fund  
4th Floor, Wing Over Station,  
55 Broadway,  
London SW1H 0BD  
[helpdesk@tflpensionfund.co.uk](mailto:helpdesk@tflpensionfund.co.uk)

020 7918 3322/020 7918 4720  
or 020 7918 3648

Staff Travel  
Transport for London,  
Floor 1, 14 Pier Walk,  
North Greenwich,  
London SE10 0ES

0800 015 5073

Pensioner Liaison  
Transport for London  
Floor 6, West Wing  
55 Broadway  
London SW1H 0BD

0800 015 5074 / 020 3283 4650

Hospital Saturday Fund  
020 7928 6662

Hospital Savings Association  
01264 353211

Simply Health  
0800 072 6719

Transport Benevolent Fund  
0300 333 2000

Transport Friendly Society  
020 7240 8886

Tax Queries –  
HM Inspector of Taxes

0845 300 0627 (quote ref 083/  
LT7 and your National Insurance  
number) You can log on to the  
TfL Pension Fund website at  
[www.tflpensionfund.co.uk](http://www.tflpensionfund.co.uk)

For story suggestions or questions  
about **otm** magazine only – call  
020 7749 0169 or email [otm@beetroot.co.uk](mailto:otm@beetroot.co.uk) or write to **otm**  
pensioners' edition, 68 Leonard  
Street, London EC2A 4QX

The opinions and views expressed in the advertisements in this magazine are in no way those of London Underground Ltd or Transport for London. The opinions expressed in this magazine do not necessarily represent the views of London Underground or the editorial team. All rights reserved. No part of this magazine may be copied or reproduced in any form, including photocopying, without consent of the holder of the copyright. Advertisements or other inserted material are accepted subject to the approval of the publishers and their current terms and conditions.

The publishers will accept an advertisement or other inserted material only on the condition that the advertiser warrants that the advertisement does not in any way infringe copyright or contravene the provisions of the Trade Descriptions Act. All copy is subject to the approval of the publishers, who reserve the right to refuse, amend, withdraw or otherwise deal with advertisements submitted to them at their absolute discretion and without explanation. All advertisements must comply with the British Code of Advertising Practice.



# TROLLEY GOOD SHOW

Just after 01:00 on Wednesday 9 May 1962, London's very last trolleybus service ran into Fulwell depot in Twickenham.

Now, to mark the 50th anniversary of its passing, a series of events have been planned.

On Saturday 12 May, a free open day will be held at Fulwell depot. London's first and last trolleybuses will be on display along with other classic London buses, including Routemasters. Visit [www.trolleybus50.co.uk](http://www.trolleybus50.co.uk) or phone 020 8979 8127.

The anniversary will also be marked at the East Anglia Transport Museum at Carlton Colville on Sunday 6 and Monday 7 May with nearly all of London's preserved trolleybuses in attendance. For further details visit [www.eatm.org.uk](http://www.eatm.org.uk) or phone 01502 518459.

The black and white picture shows trolleybus 1521 passing the pupils of St Mary's and St Peter's School, Teddington earlier in the day on the last day of service. It was driven by Ken Tuddenham who recalls

returning the bus to Fulwell where it was cleaned and decorated in preparation for its final run later that night (see cover picture).

**What are your memories of the trolleybuses? Write to us at the address on page 8.**



## TRACING FAMILY

Sharon Risk is trying to contact anyone who knew her mother who worked as a conductor on buses, possibly working out of Stoke Newington or Stamford Hill. The picture shows Sharon, as a baby, with her mother, Elaine Barson, known to everyone as Wendy. Sharon would also like to contact her natural father who was called Bill and worked as a driver on the same routes as Wendy and Jimmy/James Muscat, a bus driver from Malta. If you can help, contact Sharon on 07890 850569.

ADVERTISEMENT



## Convalescent Centre It's time to unwind... Convalescent and Respite Care

In taking a convalescent break with RCH, we are confident that being in a peaceful and tranquil environment will bring benefits to our guests and help them to regain their strength and well-being.

You will be assured of a warm and friendly welcome from our staff, enjoy high class accommodation with en-suite facilities in all rooms, good food, a licensed bar, lift to all floors and recreational facilities on hand.

Bridge House in Dawlish is set in beautifully landscaped gardens, provides adequate car parking and is close to the town and railway station.

So come along... relax, and take it easy. You can do as much, or as little as you want and it will be a break you'll always remember.

For further details and booking information call our dedicated team on

**01626 866850 • [www.rch.org.uk](http://www.rch.org.uk)**

And remember, there are additional  
concessionary benefits for RCH contributors



If you have any further queries about your payslip, you should contact the pensions service delivery team, their contact details are included on page 2.

Your annual payslip is due to be issued at the end of the month; here is a handy guide to some of the key elements.

If you have any further queries about your payslip, you should contact the pensions service delivery team, their contact details are included on page 2.

**TfL Pension Fund**

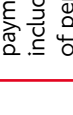
Transport for London

# Annual Pension Payslip

This is an important document. Please keep it safe as you may need to refer to it again.

**TfL Pension Fund**

4th floor  
Wing over Station  
55 Broadway  
London SW1H 0BD



---

Please make sure that your personal details are correct. If not, or if they change, please notify the Fund Office immediately. Please read the notes on the back of this payslip for more information about pension increases and changes to your personal details. Payments will automatically go into your bank or building society on the pension pay dates shown below.

Name:

Member number:

Nl number:

Tax code:

Tax basis:

---

**Your four-weekly pension pay dates**

| Date of payment | Pay date |
|-----------------|----------|
| 21/05/12        | 23/04/12 |
| 16/07/12        | 18/06/12 |
| 10/09/12        | 13/08/12 |
| 05/11/12        | 08/10/12 |
| 31/12/12        | 03/12/12 |
| 25/02/13        | 28/01/13 |
|                 | 25/03/13 |

**Your pension payment on 23 April 2012**

---

**Your expected pension payments for pay dates 21 May 2012 to 25 March 2013**

**Your April payment will include arrears of pension in relation to the April 2012 pension increase**

---

**Your pension is made up of one or more elements; details of how these elements are increased are included in the table below**

**This box details your expected ongoing pension. You will be sent a payslip if your net pension changes by more than £5.**

Payslips for each pay period are available online through member self service.

For more information about your pension, please see the notes on the back of this statement.

**TfL Pension Fund      Tax Year to 5 April 2012**  
**P60 End of Year Certificate**

Certificate by Paying Office

This form shows your total pension for Income Tax purposes paid by us for the year.

**Do not destroy this certificate. Please keep it in a safe place.**

You will need it if you have to fill in a Tax Return or make a claim for Tax Credits or to renew your claim.

By law you are required to tell the HM Revenue & Customs about any income that is not fully taxed, even if you are not sent a Tax Return.

Figures shown here should be used for your Tax Return if you get one.

**Your details**

Final tax code      PAYE reference 083/LT7

Surname

Forenames

National Insurance number

Member number

**Pension and Income Tax details**

Pay      £      p      Tax deducted      £      p

In previous employment

Pension      Tax deducted if refund mark 'R'

TfL

Pension Fund

Pay/Pension      Tax deducted

Total for year

**TfL Pension Fund**, 4th floor, Wing over Station, 55 Broadway, London SW1H 0BD

TfL P60 substitute

This shaded box contains your P60 details for the last tax year. This is an important document which you should keep in a safe place.

You will need this information if you have to complete a tax return.

**PENSION ELEMENTS**

**FUND PENSION**

This is the pension you earned as a Fund member, over and above any Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) you may have. This element is subject to Pension increases in accordance with the Fund Rules. The increase is based on the change in the Retail Prices Index (RPI) for the 12 months ending on 30 September in the previous year. If you joined the Fund after 1 April 1989 your increase will be restricted to 5 per cent.

**FUND VARIABLE PENSION**

This is a temporary pension which stops when you reach State Pension Age. If the Government change State Pension Age this part of the pension will stop when originally advised at retirement. This element is subject to Pension increases in accordance with the Fund Rules. The increase is based on the change in the RPI for the 12 months ending on 30 September in the previous year. If you joined the Fund after 1 April 1989 your increase will be restricted to 5 per cent.

**GMP (PRE 88)**

The Fund pays GMPs in return for being contracted out of the earnings related part of the State Pension Scheme. Pre 88 GMP is the GMP earned up to 5 April 1988. This element is increased by the State; increases are paid with your State pension.

**GMP (POST 88)**

This is the GMP earned between 6 April 1988 and 5 April 1997, this element is increased by the Fund in line with increases in the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) up to 3 per cent a year. If the increase in CPI is greater than 3 per cent, the extra increase will be paid by the State with your State Pension.

**OTHER PAYMENTS**

This will include any pension paid for by your former employer rather than the Fund.

Note: If your pension has been in payment for less than 12 months, you may receive a proportionate increase, details are included on the reverse of your annual payslip.



## Fondly remembered

### PETER CARTER

**2 October 2011, aged 55**

Affectionately known as 'Blakey,' Peter joined the business in October 1977. In 1990, he became an engineering supervisor at Walthamstow. In 1992, Peter moved to LU as a production manager based at Northumberland Park. He took voluntary redundancy in 2005. Peter had been fighting cancer for two years before his death.

### PHIL GEEN

**Date of death unknown, aged 78**

Phil died in 2011 although the exact date is unknown. He joined London Transport in December 1956 and ended his career as an engineering train operator at Lillie Bridge. He retired in 1993. Phil was the ASLEF branch chairman at Lillie Bridge.

### STAN HARDING

**27 September 2011, aged 92**

Stan worked for London Transport for 37 years before retiring in 1981. His early career

was spent as a booking office clerk on the Northern line and later he became group manager based at Kennington. He received two Royal Humane Society Awards.

### FREDERICK 'FRED' HILL

**29 December 2011, aged 88**

Fred joined the business in 1937 and spent his entire working life based at Aldenham Bus Overhaul Works, Elstree, where he worked as a maintenance engineer.

### KENNETH HOYLE

**19 March 2012, aged 85**

Ken retired in November 1986 after nearly 33 years with London Transport. He started as a bus driver in South London and later became an Inspector. He was an Area Traffic Inspector when he retired.

### KEN JOHNSON

**25 October 2011, aged 68**

Ken joined London Transport in 1967 as a bus driver based at Wandsworth garage. He later moved to Hammersmith, and finally Putney. Well-known for his smart attire and safe

driving, Ken took medical retirement in the mid 1990s.

### BRIAN LETTINGTON

**18 June 2011, aged 74**

Brian worked as a bus driver, based at New Cross. He started in 1974 and worked for London Transport for nearly 27 years before taking early retirement due to ill health in 2000. Brian suffered two major strokes before moving to Cornwall, with his wife Julie in March 2002. He died very suddenly last June.

### KEN LIDDLE

**22 March 2012, aged 91**

Ken spent most of his career working in Finance but retired as Chief Establishment Officer. He was Chairman of the theatrical London Transport Players.

### GOBIN 'EDDIE' WALVIN

**16 February 2012, aged 78**

Gobin joined London Transport in 1972 and worked as an electrician based at Earl's Court depot. He took early retirement in 1993.

## ADVERTISEMENT

 **Take ten**  
...to give yourself some  
reassurance for the future.

It's only  
**£6.50**  
a month

As we get older we start to appreciate the little things in life, like the reassurance of knowing you have all the help and support you need. So if you'd like some peace of mind when it comes to your healthcare, take just 10 minutes now to discover how Benenden Healthcare could help.

We are the UK's most trusted healthcare provider offering healthcare that complements the services of the NHS. As a member you'll have access to discretionary services like prompt diagnosis locally and treatment at our specially selected hospitals, together with financial help towards the associated costs of living with Cancer. You'll also benefit from a range of support services including our GP Advice Line open 24 hours a day.

There are no exclusions for pre-existing conditions, age restrictions or fixed contracts and most importantly our costs don't rise with age or when you use any of our services. So take 10 minutes now to find out more.

### FREE WHEATYBAG FOR NEW MEMBERS\*\*

Simply heat it up and take 10 minutes out of your day to soothe away any aches and pains.



**Take 10 minutes to discover more  
and become a member.**



Visit

[www.benenden.org.uk/move](http://www.benenden.org.uk/move)



Call

**0845 052 5743\***

quoting MOVE



**Benenden®**  
Healthcare Society



Benenden Healthcare was voted  
the **most trusted healthcare**  
provider at the Moneywise  
Customer Service Awards 2011.

\*\*Offer is open to new members joining before 21.5.12 quoting the reference MOVE. One free wheatybag per member. Your free wheatybag will be sent within 52 days of you joining. No cash alternative to this promotion will be offered. \*Calls cost a maximum of 4p per minute for BT customers. The price of calls from non-BT lines will vary. Lines open 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Calls may be recorded. Benenden Healthcare membership is initially available to current or former employees of the public sector, and other approved organisations whose aims and objectives are deemed compatible with those of the Society. Examples of such employers are the Post Office, Civil Service, BT, mutual organisations and not-for-profit organisations. Employees or members of approved UK-registered charities, co-operatives or credit unions are also eligible. Some services have a six month qualifying period. The Benenden Healthcare Society Limited is an incorporated friendly society, registered under The Friendly Societies Act 1992, registered number 480F. The Society's contractual business (the provision of tuberculosis benefit) is authorised by the FSA. The remainder of The Society's business is undertaken on a discretionary basis. The Society is subject to FSA requirement for prudential management. Registered Office: The Benenden Healthcare Society Limited, Holgate Park Drive, York, YO26 4GG

AD/MOVE/SP/Q2.12

# WILLOWBROOK

## Riser Recliners



**3 Year  
Guarantee**

THE  
**trusted  
mobility  
experts**



British made for

**15 years**



**Trusted.**

By over 40,000 customers

**Recommended.**

For mobility conditions

**Price guaranteed.**

For the best value

## Experience Willowbrook comfort in your own home.

Combine style and luxury with the comfort of a Willowbrook recliner. We have a vast selection of models to choose from and an extensive range of fabrics including draylon and leather, so it's easy to find the recliner to suit you. Hand built by craftsmen in Britain, our recliners cater to your requirements. Plus, with the optional built-in 5-point massage system, a luxurious massage is just a touch of a button away.

**Experience a Willowbrook riser recliner for yourself.  
Ask for a FREE home demonstration.**

- Fantastic manufacturer value
- Free home delivery and installation
- Extensive range of models
- Vast range of colours and luxury fabrics
- 5-point massage system
- Long & meaningful guarantee
- Removal of existing furniture if required



**£250**  
**part exchange**  
for your old chair\*

“My husband is highly delighted with his Newhampton chair. It is the most comfortable chair he has ever sat in; it fits like a glove.”

G Thomas, Nottingham

“I am very pleased with my recliner and sofa; they have been much admired by my visitors. Thank you again.”

M Champ, Birmingham

“I am delighted with the recliner chair; it is so comfortable and a perfect match to my suite.”

D Edwards, Cheshire

Call today for a FREE brochure  
and home demonstration

**0800 854 330**

\*Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

OTMP/28/03/12/c

# Have Your Say



**Thank you to everyone who has sent us a letter or shared their memories. We do read them all, but due to limited space we are only able to publish a selection each time. Send 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.**

## SUCH FOND MEMORIES

We were delighted to receive this wonderful letter from otm reader Barbara Thompson.

Sixty years ago next month I joined London Transport as a trolley bus conductor at Stonebridge depot. In 1957, I met and married my driver, George Reynolds, who became a revenue inspector until his retirement in 1980. We had a good marriage. In the meantime I moved to Mortlake Garage and I loved the job, great company and friends. I retired two years early, in 1985, to care for George who sadly died in 1993.

I had been a widow for almost five years when an old friend came into my life again. He was a retired garage manager called Patrick Thompson who many will remember. We married in 2001 at the ages of 74 and 77. My dear Patrick died five years ago on 10 January 2007. So I upped sticks and came back to the town I was born in 84 years ago. I miss and could weep when I see a big red bus on the TV. I would love to do a couple of 'rounders.'

I remember I used to walk to the garage early in the morning thinking there must be a better way of earning a living but, do you know, I don't think there was. 33 years, seven months and I loved every minute of it. If there are any old mates out there I would love to hear from them.

Barbara Thompson



## MY DAD THE POLICEMAN

Mrs Mickie Pratt of Hunstanton, Norfolk sent us this photograph (1) from January 1938 of her father, Fred Young. She said: "In those London Transport had its own police force. Dad worked for London Transport for 26 years as a police officer and detective. He worked from Cranbourne Chambers during the war and then Baker Street. He died in 1956, just three months after I joined as a very junior clerk in the architect's department. I can remember one of the files I looked after was entitled 'Route C' – which was a very slim thing that eventually



became the Victoria line! I married one of the surveyors in the department – George Pratt – and we have just celebrated our Golden Wedding.

## SNOW PROBLEM? NO PROBLEM

Former London Transport driving instructor Terry Norris sent us this picture (2) of two former workmates, Terry Philpot and Roy Brooks at North Weald. Terry believes the picture was taken in the late 1970s. He writes: "You can see snow on the airfield but, as we were still using RTs and RMAs, it was no problem getting over there from Poplar Garage, something the modern bus would find very difficult to do. Terry and Roy were great mates to work with but sadly both have now passed away."



## ALDWYCH REFLECTIONS

I thought you might like this photo (3) of me taken at Aldwych station in September 1994. I was one of the last lift operators before it closed on 30 September of that year. I felt privileged yet sad being one of the very last staff to work there.

Paul Jeffs,  
Mount Gambier, South Australia

## OLD FRIEND

Ian McJannet is trying to trace an old friend called Peter Howard who lived in Leyton, east London, and worked as a train operator on the Central line, based at Hainault. If you can help, contact otm on 0207 749 0169.

**We love your old memories and pictures so please keep them coming. The best thing is to email any old pictures to [otm@beetroot.co.uk](mailto:otm@beetroot.co.uk) or post them, enclosing a sae, to the address above.**