

## PENSIONERS' EDITION

### IT'S HERE... WE'RE READY

The capital's Tubes, trains and buses are preparing for the greatest challenge of their long and proud history.

Around eight million people are visiting London for the Olympic and Paralympic Games with the overwhelming majority using public transport to reach venues.

The transport 'family' – including past and present employees – can help ensure the network does not get overloaded by carefully planning journeys.

The websites [www.getaheadofthegames.com](http://www.getaheadofthegames.com) or [www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/london2012](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/london2012) each have a wealth of useful information.

Key advice for people travelling during the Games is:

- Plan ahead
- Consider alternatives
- Try to avoid venue stations if you are not going to a Games event
- Avoid busiest times if travel is essential
- Avoid driving in affected areas.

Overall, the mood is optimistic with London Underground Managing Director Mike Brown saying: "We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to show the world what we can do. Nothing is more important than helping Londoners and visitors to our city enjoy a great Games."



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## 1948 AND ALL THAT

Perhaps some of our older readers can recall the last time the Games were held in London – in 1948. This great picture shows the entrance to Westminster station decorated for the occasion. Look at those fashions like the trilby and the mackintoshes. The event became known as the Austerity

Games due to the economic climate and post-war rationing. No new venues were built and athletes stayed in existing accommodation instead of an Olympic Village. One thing hasn't changed in the intervening years.....it looks like it's been raining.



## END OF THE LINE

The A stock train – the oldest currently still working customer train on the LU network – is due to make its final journey later this year.

Built in the early 1960s by Cravens of Sheffield, the trains which still operate on the Metropolitan line, are being phased out and replaced by a new fleet of S8 trains.

There will be a final A stock rail tour around the end of September which will be publicised in the usual way through the LT Museum and website. The date is still to be confirmed.

What are your memories of the A Stock? Write to us at the usual email or postal addresses.

## PENSIONERS' FORUM SUMMARY

Issues discussed at the meeting on 22 May 2012 included the following:

■ **TfL pension fund** – The head of reward and pensions gave an update on current issues. In particular, it was noted that:

- 1) Progress with the 2012 Actuarial Valuation was currently on schedule
- 2) An exercise was being conducted to obtain the current address of all deferred members.

■ **Pensioner liaison scheme**

– Discussion took place on the level of support for the pensioner liaison representatives to enable them to provide information and assistance to pensioners in their

areas. An assurance was given to the Pensioners' Representatives that continuing priority would be given to this service.

■ **Staff Travel** – The pensioners' representatives were advised that, as requested by them, a comprehensive list of the services on which retired staff PTAC facilities are available, including details of eligibility, was being produced. Difficulties in obtaining privilege rate tickets on National Rail services when booking offices are closed were discussed and issues raised will be pursued by TfL.

## NOMINATIONS FOR TfL PENSION CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL IN 2012

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

Five representatives need to be selected to replace those due to retire from office on 30 November 2012 under the PCC's constitution.

Representatives due to retire are Christopher Miller and Michael Swiggs from Section One (representing pensioners and deferred pensioners), Luke Howard from Section Two (representing employees of TfL, its subsidiaries or contractors) and Eddie Darroch and Richard Head from Section Three (representing employees of London Underground, its subsidiaries or contractors, or of Tube Lines Limited).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Completed nominations must be sent to the PCC Secretary Julian Collins, TfL Pensions Directorate, 4th Floor, Wing Over Station, London, SW1H 0BD, by Friday 17 August 2012. Copies of the PCC constitution are also available from the same address.

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

## COLINDALE MEMORIAL

On 25 September 1940, a bomb fell on Colindale Tube station killing a number of people including some London Transport staff.

A memorial to all those killed that day will be unveiled at the station on 25 September 2012.

For more information, or if you are interested in attending the event, please contact Helen Robinson on 020 7027 2832.

## BOOK WINNERS

Congratulations to Mr J Turnbull of Orpington and Mr Colin Spennock of King's Lynn who were the winners of our **Do Not Alight Here** book competition.



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# LOOK BACK IN ONGAR

Want to head down memory train? Catch a ride on a newly-reopened heritage railway that uses a former section of LU line.

Part of the Epping-Ongar railway, which was part of the Central Line until 1994, was reopened in May after a five-year gap, after volunteer teams worked to renew track, refurbish rolling stock and restore buildings.

The five-mile section between Ongar and Coopersdale is now open to the public, and in the long term, after track work is completed on the rest of the line, will run up to Epping.

If you'd like to volunteer, contact Bob on 07779 743465 or email [volunteering@eorailway.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@eorailway.co.uk).



**PETER HOWARD**

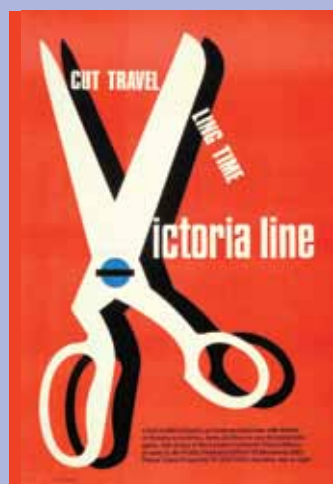
In the last edition we asked if anyone knew the whereabouts of Peter Howard who worked around the Hainault and Gants Hill areas of London. We were inundated with calls and were sorry to hear that Peter – clearly a highly popular man – had died in 1996. His close friend Dave Thomas said he thought Peter joined London Transport as an operating apprentice in December 1962 and was later a guard and a motorman before becoming a

station inspector, station manager and duty train manager.

Dave said: "In his off duty time he enjoyed fishing, household D.I.Y. and auto-maintenance, socialising and, of course, the odd pint. I found Peter to be a first class railwayman, solid and dependable. Sadly, after struggling with a long illness, he passed away on 18 June 1996 at the young age of 49. Hardly a day goes by without me thinking of him."

## POSTER BOY

Got some blank space on your wall and looking for the perfect way to fill it up? Get down to Christie's in South Kensington on 2 October 2012, where a collection of 300 duplicate vintage London Underground posters from the archives of London Transport Museum (LTM) will be auctioned off.



One of the old posters on display

The collection – consisting of iconic LU advertising posters dating from 1913 to 1955, many designed by the leading artists of the day – will raise an expected £500,000 towards future acquisition, conservation and restoration work by LTM. You can preview 50 highlights of the collection at Christie's saleroom up to 24 August.

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# TROLLEY GOOD MEMORIES

In the last edition we asked you to write in with your trolleybus memories, and you didn't disappoint.

Here is a selection of your letters, edited for reasons of space.

**James Stringer** recalls travelling with a friend to Stonebridge to welcome the last trolleybus home but not realising it was also the last bus. Unable to get back home to Acton, a friend's father who owned a car had to come out to collect them.

"We did not come away

empty-handed though; from Stonebridge we 'secured' a destination blind!" recalls James.

**Patricia Kelland** (whose late husband worked at LT) recalls the 696 whizzing down the hill near her home in Bexleyheath and listening for the hum of the bus on the pole outside her house as it approached.

"I am told that as a child the trams were a terror of mine. Much better on the trolleys, so much quieter!"

**Steve Kirby** (LT Revenue) believes the trolleybus should



Bus 1441 with crew  
on the last 603 at  
Tolworth Road

The last 604 arrives at  
Fulwell depot



never have been abandoned: "It was ecologically sound, clean, quiet and efficient which should have borne more weight than the relatively cheap diesel fuel at the time for motor buses. However, we did not think like that then."

**Chris Hills**, who joined the central buses traffic department at roadway in April 1961 aged 18, recalls being allowed to have the afternoon of 8 May 1962 off to watch the last trolleybus. "We arrived at Fulwell in time to see Diddler No 1 depart on its tour of the last remaining routes. The 603 was the first of the routes to finish. There were crowds outside the depot when we arrived, but we managed to find a vantage point to watch the remaining journeys arrive."



The 602 on service  
at The Dittons

**David Carpenter** who worked in LU Operational Standards says the 521/621 trolleybuses ran past the front of his school in a sweeping curve and recalls an ongoing problem with dewirements.

"If we heard what became a recognisable sound we would rush over to the window to see a trolleybus with its booms waving wildly in the air and the hapless conductor trying to retrieve them with a bamboo pole and put them back on the sires. Needless to say, this was accompanied

by cheering and other verbal encouragement from some of my classmates. The teachers disapproved but were powerless to stop the ritual."

And **John Harrold**, from Hounslow, has childhood memories of the old 657 trolleybus route: "We would go up to the terminus and, when the driver and conductor were in the café, we would sneak upstairs and hitch a free ride around the loop and then jump off at the first stop across the road," he recalls.

A driver straightens a bent trolleybus boom after a dewirement. The tool used was known as 'a crow'



## HELLO TROLLEY

The 50th anniversary of London's last trolleybus services was marked in May, with an open day and display of classic buses at Fulwell depot, and at the East Anglia Transport Museum at Carlton Colville.



Thanks to Gordon Sylvester for sending us in this terrific photo. Gordon is pictured in front of the last trolleybus to run out of Fulwell depot in May 1962.



## STEAM QUERY

London Underground pensioner Roy Dyer attended a Steam Open Day on Saturday 23rd June in Tyseley, Birmingham. One of the many working steam locomotives on display was an old London Transport steam locomotive marked L94, used to transport people in carriages up and down a small length of rail track. Roy wonders if any otm readers know the history of the locomotive. Write to us at the usual address.



## Fondly remembered

### CYRIL GEORGE REDFORD

**16 June 1998, aged 88**

Cyril was a sheet metal worker in the experimental department based at Chiswick Works and was involved in the development of the Routemaster bus.

### FREDERICK THOMAS WEBB

**14 December 2011, aged 83**

Fred worked as a bus mechanic at Walworth Garage from 1957 until his retirement in 1984.

### DEREK CLARK

**27 December 2011, aged 79**

Derek was a civil engineer and retired as major project group B engineer (professional services) based at Ashfield House.

### TERRY ANDREWS

**14 March 2012, aged 85**

Terry spent most of his career in railway operating, working up to senior posts before finally using his experience to good effect in London Transport International.

### LILY MARTIN

**18 March 2012, aged 91**

Lily was a conductress at Potters Bar garage from 1951 to 1981. After her retirement, Lily continued her connection with London Transport by doing part-time work checking loadings.

### JOSEPH 'JOE' TUCKER

**21 March 2012, aged 102**

Joe was a highly-popular bus conductor and Hackney resident who worked out of Stamford Hill garage. He also trained younger colleagues. At the end of his career he worked in the Group Planning Office before retiring in 1983.

### JAN SZABAT

**26 March 2012, aged 98**

Jan joined London Underground in the late 1940s as a station assistant. He later worked as a booking clerk at Totteridge and Whetstone retiring in 1979.

### ROY BROOKS

**April 8 2012, aged 78**

Roy worked on the trolleybuses out of Wood Green garage.

### JOYCE WILSON

**18 May 2012, aged 85**

Joyce worked in the canteen at Acton Works, Bollo Bridge. She joined the business in January 1979 and retired in 1987.

### GLADYS SELFE

**21 May 2012, aged 87**

Gladys joined London Transport in approximately 1960 and worked as a conductress on the number 15 bus and was based at Upton Park Garage for all 28 years of her career.

### ELLEN PHILBEY

**8 June 2012, aged 80**

Ellen worked for London Transport for 33 years, of which nearly 30 were spent as a 'clippie' mainly on the 134 and 242 routes out of Potters Bar garage. She spent the last years of her career as a counter assistant at Palmers Green garage.

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# Have Your Say



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## TRYING TO TRACE

Howard White is trying to trace his cousin Hyacinth White who he believes used to work on the buses in London though is uncertain in what capacity.

Hyacinth was born in Manchester, Jamaica, before emigrating to the UK and Howard believes she may have had the nickname Jippel or Gippel.

If you knew Hyacinth please contact Howard on 020 7932 1190.

## WORKING MEMORIES

Mr J E Payne, 91, on 20 July writes to tell us that he joined London Transport in 1952 as a station assistant at Tottenham Court Road and later, around 1960, became a driver or motorman which he continued to do until his retirement in 1986.

"I worked on the 1938 Stock," he says, "the best vehicles I had ever worked on. These vehicles were solely used on the Northern line between High Barnet or Edgware to Morden, via Charing Cross or Bank."



## ON THE BUSES

Conductor Jimmy Green sent us this photograph (1) taken at Chigwell Row bus stand on route 150 in 1964.

Jimmy, right, is pictured with his driver Bob Baker.

Jimmy transferred to Bow in 1965 and became a driver in 1967 before taking early retirement in 1993.

Now living in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, Jimmy said: "It would be nice to hear from Bob again or any other old friends."



## DO YOU REMEMBER DAVID?

David Harman, pictured (2) laying a wreath at the Cenotaph for London Transport in 1987, writes: "I joined in 1941 as a booking clerk on the District line. After serving in the Navy, I was promoted to senior booking clerk at Amersham. I qualified as a station master starting at Belsize Park. I ended my career at Baker Street. I am now 86 and wonder if there is anyone alive who remembers me?"

## PAINTER MEN

Coach Painter Barrie Last sent us this picture (3) taken in the early 1980s at Palmers Green garage showing members of the operating and engineering staff. Barrie, who completed 36 years at Palmers Green and Enfield, is sitting on the box.



**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.**