



## PENSIONERS' EDITION

# THANK YOU!

The Commissioner of Transport for London has thanked everyone who helped deliver a highly successful Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Peter Hendy CBE, said: "We can all look back with immense pride at the way in which we and our contractors contributed to the success of the Games, watched by literally billions of people around the world."

Cynics and doom-mongers predicted transport meltdown before the start of the Games.

Instead, a largely flawless service was delivered with the Tube, DLR, Overground and buses all playing a crucial part.

"This really was a public transport Games," said Peter. "The work done by our staff and volunteers was fantastic."



# HOLIDAY GIRLS

Thanks to Vic Philbey who sent us this great picture of four Potters Bar clippies taken in 1979 before they embarked on a three week cruise. Pictured left to right are Sheila Baylis, Vic's wife Ellen, Sylvia Read and Lily Martin. Sadly, Ellen and Lily both died earlier this year.

## PCC ELECTION RESULTS

Following the retirement from office of Christopher Miller and Michael Swiggs from Section One (pensioners and deferred pensioners) only two valid nominations were received (Michael Swiggs did not stand for re-election) meaning that no postal ballot will be required. Christopher Miller has therefore been re-elected together with new councillor Paul Kilius-Smith. Both terms of office will be for four years. Full details of the election results will be announced in the January 2013 edition.

## RIP COLIN CURTIS

Tributes have been paid to Colin Curtis OBE who has died aged 86. Colin worked for London Transport for over 40 years mainly at Chiswick Bus Works and was a key member of the team that developed the iconic Routemaster Bus. A fuller report will appear in the next edition of otm.



It was a largely flawless service during a spectacular summer of sport

# PENSIONERS' FORUM SUMMARY

Issues discussed at the meeting between representatives of TfL Management and the Pensioners' Representatives on 14 September 2012 included the following:

## ■ TfL pension fund

- Progress with the 2012 Actuarial Valuation remained on schedule.
- An exercise being conducted to trace the current addresses of deferred members, using the Department of Work and Pensions Tracing Service, was achieving a high success rate.
- An update was given on the Equitable Life Payment Scheme for compensation to pensioners concerned (those holding 'with profit' AVC schemes during the defined period). It was expected that payments would be made during 2013.

## ■ Pensioner liaison scheme

- A report was given on progress with provision of accurate lists to Pensioner Liaison Representatives of pensioners in their areas.
- Following the Annual Pensioner Liaison Representatives meeting in September, two further Regional

Meetings were to be arranged for later in the year.

## ■ Staff Travel

- A comprehensive list of the services on which retired staff PTAC facilities were available, including details of eligibility, as requested by the Pensioners Representatives, was being produced for publication.
- Issues raised by the Pensioners' Representatives concerning difficulties experienced with buying privilege rate tickets when booking offices were closed and possible solutions were to be discussed by TfL with ATOC Rail Staff Travel Ltd.

## ■ on the move

- The Pensioners' Representatives raised concerns regarding timescales for submission and space available for articles for the pensioners' edition for consideration.

## FRAUD CAMPAIGN NEEDS YOUR DATA

The Audit Commission has requested payroll and pensions information from the TfL Group, including the TfL Pension Fund (and other public bodies), as part of the National Fraud Initiative (NFI). Data will be collected from TfL Group in October 2012.

### ■ What is the National Fraud Initiative?

The NFI is the Audit Commission's data-matching exercise that takes data from a range of public bodies, analyses it and cross-checks it to detect fraudulent and erroneous payments from the public purse.

We are required under Section 6 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 to participate in the NFI.

### ■ What information will be given?

Where relevant, the following data will be collected by the Audit Commission:

- Employee reference number
- Title or gender
- Surname and forename
- Home address
- Date of birth
- Date started pension
- Date employment ended
- Leaver indicator
- Pensioner's widow indicator
- National Insurance number
- Gross pay to date so far this year (October 2012)
- Date last paid.

### ■ What happens with our information?

The data we provide is cross-checked with data supplied by other public bodies to see if there are any anomalies that might indicate fraud. For example, the data will show if someone is in receipt of a payment that only an unemployed person can claim, or in receipt of a pension when other records indicate that the person is deceased.

### ■ What if I don't want my details to be given; aren't I protected by the Data Protection Act (DPA)?

It's a legal requirement and this is allowed for by the DPA. The Audit Commission obviously needs to comply with the DPA in its use of the data.

Further information on the NFI process can be obtained on the Audit Commission's website [www.audit-commission.gov.uk/fraud](http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/fraud)

## NEW REPS REQUIRED

The Pensioner Liaison Scheme is keen to recruit new reps, especially in post codes SS2 – SS8, CB1 – CB5, W6, W12 and W3. There are also vacancies in

many more areas. If you like people and want to make a difference, please contact Yvonne Kerchhoff, Pensioner Liaison Manager, Floor 6, West Wing, 55 Broadway, London SW1H 0BD.

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR PENSIONER ENQUIRIES

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# S-TEAM WORK

Many readers responded to Roy Dyer's request for information about the LU Steam Locomotive 94 he saw at an open day.

Thanks especially to Paul Stanley, ex Surface Transport, London Dial-a-Ride, former bus worker Arthur Ayres, former Production Control Engineer Nick Ridge and Retired Track Development Engineer Alan Winter who all supplied excellent information.

The locomotive was introduced by the Great Western Railway in 1929 and mainly used for shunting.

The model (pictured right) was one of seven purchased by LT in 1959 as BR 7752, renumbered L94 and finally withdrawn from service in 1971 and returned to the Birmingham Railway Museum (now the Tyseley Locomotive Works) where Roy saw it.



## NEW BUS STATION

London Bridge bus station has been transformed into a modern, spacious key interchange.

Passengers now benefit from new, comfortable waiting facilities, more pavement space, better signage and new CCTV cameras.

It forms an important part of the London Bridge Quarter masterplan which includes the Shard, the capital's newest landmark.

## OLD MATES

After we ran their picture in the last edition bus driver Bob Baker and conductor Jimmy Green made contact for the first time in almost 50 years. Though the pair haven't met in person they

are hoping to visit the Canvey Island Transport Museum soon.

Several other people responded to Jimmy's request for old colleagues to get in touch and we have passed on their details.



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# FAREWELL A STOCK

With the A Stock train making its last journey on 29 September, we asked for your memories and you didn't disappoint us.

**Alan Cloake**, ex-coachbuilder in the reconstruction shop at Acton Works recalls Cravens – the Sheffield-based

manufacturer of the new trains – sending body shells to Acton with kits of the parts that needed to be fitted.

**Brian Webb**, a former fitter at Acton Works, recalls being part of a team employed to do this and said: "I felt quite honoured to be part of this team and

we were congratulated by the Works Manager for the high standard of workmanship achieved."

Retired Train Operator **R D Kingsley** says the A60s were great to operate but, before fan heaters were fitted, the cabs got very cold in winter: "An official

once recorded -2 in the cab. When it was icy or snowy, the pick-up shoes would flash and crackle. It was quite a fireworks display," he remembers.

**Brian Walker** recalls, as a child, asking his grandfather why the A60 wasn't painted, not realising they were aluminium-bodied.

"I shall miss them a lot. They were the iconic face of the Metropolitan line," he says.

**Tom Davies** was an electrical fitter at Neasden Depot when they were introduced and recalls fitting de-icing equipment on them: "It was the first passenger stock so equipped on LT, I believe," he says.

**Keith Ware** recalls the many adjustments that needed to be made to the infrastructure to accommodate the new train which was the widest ever train on the network.

Former Train Operator **Rodney Salter** recalls a scary incident when Train 407 was struck by lightning and forced out of service during a freak thunderstorm on the Chalfont & Latimer to Chesham branch line.

And **Dick Welland**, who worked as a Stock Trainer in the mid 1980s, recalls the simple design of the A Stock trains earning them the name 'boxes on wheels.'



Fondly remembered: the A Stock on one of its final journeys

## RESTORED!



Former North Weald signalman Nick Whelan sent us these 'before and after' pictures of the signal frame at North Weald after the Epping-Ongar Railway signals team restored them to their former glory.







## BACK TO THE 30S

A 1938 Stock Tube train and the iconic Sarah Siddons locomotive (above) were among the star turns at a recent Heritage Open Day in Amersham, Bucks.

Both trains ran throughout the day between Harrow-on-the-Hill, via Rickmansworth to Amersham.

There were also heritage buses, including Routemaster RM1 which made journeys between Amersham station and Amersham town.

A popular vintage attire competition was also run with entrants encouraged to take their inspiration from the Art Deco style trains on display.



Meet the Seat-les: the mini mop-tops travelling on the Tube

## TICKET TO RIDE

Cheryl Tebbutt turned heads and stopped the traffic recently when she took four miniature Beatles models around London.

The former Piccadilly Circus station control room assistant and Fab Four fanatic took the

five-inch high models on the Jubilee line to St John's Wood station and on to Abbey Road where she placed them on the famous zebra crossing.

"It caused huge mania," said Cheryl.



# BUS ACCESS GUIDANCE

TfL has issued new guidance to bus drivers to help improve journeys for wheelchair and mobility scooter users and other bus passengers with accessibility needs.

Though London already has the most accessible bus fleet in the world, new guidance includes a reminder that the

wheelchair bay on a bus is primarily for the use of disabled passengers, new guidelines on the types of wheelchair and mobility scooters that can safely board and alight buses and a reminder for drivers to get as close to the kerb as possible and lower the bus where necessary to assist passengers.



Drivers are being issued with new guideines

## GREENER BUSES

London's bus fleet is on track to be one of the greenest in Europe following the introduction of the 300th hybrid bus into its fleet.

Hybrid technology combines batteries, a diesel engine and an electric motor and delivers fuel-savings of 30 per cent and 20 per cent reduction in mono-nitrogen oxides.



## otm FONDLY REMEMBERED

### Donald Apperley

**30 June 2012, aged 83**

Donald worked for London Transport for 41 years, finishing his career as a driver at Morden.

### Geoff Ashby

**8 June 2012, aged 83**

Geoff's career was spent in the Railway Operating Department culminating as staff superintendent.

### Les Braithwaite

**20 April 2012, aged 83**

Les was a superintendent in the LT Division of the British Transport Police.

### Ernie Cook

**17 February 2012, aged 87**

Ernie's career was spent in bus mechanical engineering.

### Gary Cox

**7 May 2011, aged 52**

Gary started in 1979 as a train maintainer at Neasden depot before transferring to Barking.

### David Dhanpersaud

**9 November 2005, aged 62**

David was a supervisor based at King's Cross and present on the night of the tragic fire there.

### Roger Fernley

**26 June 2012, aged 67**

Roger joined London Transport in 1965 and rose to the position of Advertising Managing Director.

### Anthony (Tony) Edward Fitzwater

**12 May 2012, aged 70**

Anthony worked as a driver on the District line for 22 years based at Acton.

### John William Francis

**1 July 2012, aged 65**

John started in 1973 spending time in Employee Relations before retiring in 1994 as a manager in Selkent buses.

### Eric 'George' Garwood

**20 April 2012, aged 84**

George started at Chiswick and later moved to Aldenham Works where he was an inspection engineer.

### Ernie Grinham

**6 July 2012, aged 88**

Ernie retired as assistant distribution engineer (maintenance) in the Signal and Electrical Engineering department

### Michael Guerin

**21 June 2012, aged 81**

Michael was a senior member in the Estates Department.

### Carlton Hugh Jones

**16 August 2011, aged 59**

Carlton was a driver at Victoria and later became an instructor at Merton, Camberwell and Peckham.

### Joseph Love

**8 December 2010, aged 76**

Joseph worked at Wood Green garage as a ticket collector from 1960 to 1988.

### Bill West

**14 June 2012, aged 85**

Bill worked in bus operating prior to his retirement.

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# Share Your memories

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## GET IN TOUCH

Charles 'Pat' Winterbone sent us this picture (1) of himself taken in 1972. Charles joined LU in 1956 and worked as a conductor on route number 70 between Eltham and Victoria. He became a garage assistant

in 1975 at Elmers End and Walworth and ended up at Bromley in 1996. "I would love to hear from anyone who knows me," says Charles who is now 87. Contact **otm** and we will supply you with Charles' details.

**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.**

## WE REMEMBER YOU DAVID

In the last edition David Harman asked if any **otm** readers remembered him. The answer is an emphatic 'yes' as the many emails and letters we received testified. Unfortunately David didn't leave any contact details so, if you're reading this David, get in touch and we'll reunite you with some old colleagues.

## BEST OF THE BEST

Peter Cattermole writes from Ealing to tell us how much he enjoyed his career with London Transport. Peter trained at Chiswick and then started life as a driver at Hanwell in 1965. He was promoted to inspector in 1967 and ended up as an assistant operating manager at Hanwell before taking early retirement in 1992.

"The team I worked with were the best of the best. I loved my time with London Transport."

## NOMAD RETURNS

Former London Transport Inspector Edward O'Dwyer would like to hear from any old colleagues that remember him, especially fellow Inspector Billy Coles. Edward, known as 'the nomad' because he worked at so many garages including Victoria, Hampstead and Piccadilly, retired in 1990. Edward can be contacted on 020 7 267 1950.

## JACK'S STILL GOING STRONG

Robert "Jack" Slatter, who worked in Industrial Relations until the 1980s, wishes to be remembered to anyone who knows him. Jack, 92, retains a vigour for life but lost his wife two years ago and has spent time recently in hospital in Haywards Heath and Lewes for knee surgery and rehabilitation. While in hospital, he was delighted to meet a cleaner from the Azores where he was stationed in the war so now he is planning a trip back there to revive wartime memories.

## MY DAD 'DUSTY'

Our photograph taken at Palmers Green garage in the early 1980s brought back happy memories for one **otm** reader.

Gillian Taylor recognised her father, William 'Dusty' Miller, who worked as a conductor on the 29 bus.

'Dusty,' who died last year, was a hugely popular man, a real comedian who amused his colleagues all day with his jokes.

Gillian's mum, Elsie, also worked for London Transport in the payroll office at Telstar House.

## WIN A DVD COLLECTION

**otm** readers have the chance to win a copy of the latest DVD in the British Film Institute's fabulous series of transport and travel films.

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