

## PENSIONERS' EDITION

# 150

UNDERGROUND

# NOT OUT

On 9 January 1863 the world's first Underground train pulled out of Paddington station and travelled to Farringdon and into the record books.

2013 marks the 150th anniversary of that momentous trip and, to celebrate, a whole range of events and activities have been planned.

These include special runs by Metropolitan Railway Steam Locomotive No.1 (pictured right); heritage outings with the Metropolitan Railway Jubilee Carriage No. 353 and the much-loved locomotive, Sarah Siddons; Poster Art 150: an exhibition of 150 posters at the London Transport Museum that will showcase the very best poster art plus behind-the-scenes events and open weekends at the London Transport Museum's depot at Acton.

For a full list of events, visit [www.ltmuseum.co.uk/whats-on/tube150/calendar](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/whats-on/tube150/calendar).

otm will also be updating readers throughout the year.

Meanwhile, Amersham Museum is seeking help with a special exhibition called Metroland: the birth of Amersham-on-the-Hill which opens in May.

If you worked on the Metropolitan line and have any memories about Amersham, the museum would love to hear from you.

Contact [curator@amershammuseum.org](mailto:curator@amershammuseum.org), 01494 723700 or visit [www.amershammuseum.org](http://www.amershammuseum.org).



Metropolitan Railway timetable and map, 1888 (right) and below, Metropolitan Railway, third class single, 13 April 1868



Metropolitan  
Railway Steam  
Locomotive No.1



## REMEMBERING COLLEAGUES



Members of the London Transport Old Comrades Association joined the Remembrance Sunday parade in November and laid a wreath in memory of colleagues who lost their lives during the Great War and the Second World War.



## PENSIONERS' FORUM SUMMARY

Issues discussed at the meeting between representatives of TfL Management and the Pensioners' Representatives on 28 November 2012 included the following:

### ■ TfL Pension Fund

- Discussion took place on progress with the 2012 Actuarial Valuation and the timetable for consultation with the Pensioners' Representatives on any actions which may be proposed when the outcome is known.
- The Pensioners' Representatives welcomed the continuing progress being made with tracing the current addresses for deferred Pension Fund members.

### ■ Pensioner Liaison Scheme

- Progress continued with organising Regional Meetings for Pensioner Liaison Representatives with the aim of establishing local networks, enabling PLRs to support each other and strengthen the service provided to pensioners in their areas.

### ■ Staff Travel

- A report was given on a meeting held between TfL Management and ATOC Rail Staff Travel Ltd at which problems with purchasing privilege rate tickets when booking offices were closed were discussed. Possible solutions were explored and further discussions will take place.
- New guidelines on retired staff travel facilities will be available for publication early in 2013.
- **on the move**
- Suggestions for future articles were discussed, particularly in relation to the 150th anniversary of London Underground in 2013.

## TFL PENSIONS TO INCREASE IN APRIL

The full pension increase from 1 April 2013 is expected to be 2.6 per cent. This is based on the increase in the Retail Price Index over the 12 months to September 2012.

Depending on the period of membership of the TfL Pension Fund, your pension may comprise various elements. Some of these elements may increase at a different rate or may be increased by the State, depending on your age. Please refer to the Pensioner Guide or the Fund's website at [www.tflpensionfund.co.uk](http://www.tflpensionfund.co.uk) for more information.

If you have been receiving your

pension for less than a year, you may receive a pro rata increase; see the table below for details:

Date Pension Commenced	Increase
Up to 1 April 2012	2.60%
2 April 2012 to 1 May 2012	2.38%
2 May 2012 to 1 June 2012	2.17%
2 June 2012 to 1 July 2012	1.95%
2 July 2012 to 1 August 2012	1.73%
2 August 2012 to 1 September 2012	1.52%
2 September 2012 to 1 October 2012	1.30%
2 October 2012 to 1 November 2012	1.08%
2 November 2012 to 1 December 2012	0.87%
2 December 2012 to 1 January 2013	0.65%
2 January 2013 to 1 February 2013	0.43%
2 February 2013 to 1 March 2013	0.22%
2 March 2013 and later	0.00%

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR PENSIONER ENQUIRIES

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## PCC ELECTION RESULTS 2012

The longest serving quarter of the TfL Pension Consultative Council (PCC) retired from office as usual on 30 November 2012. The term of office for the new appointments started on the 1 December 2012 and will end on the 30 November 2016.

In section one (pensioners and deferred pensioners), Christopher Miller and Michael Swiggs retired. This section received two valid nominations meaning no postal ballot was required. Christopher Miller was re-elected together with new Councillor Paul Kilius-Smith.

In section two (TfL and its subsidiaries or contractors, excluding London Underground Limited (LUL), Luke Howard retired and David George resigned. This section received two valid nominations meaning no postal ballot was required. Luke Howard was re-elected together with new councillor Ralph Pidsley. Ralph's term of office will be for one year following his agreement to fill the casual vacancy – caused by David's resignation – whose effective appointment was 1 December 2009.

In section three (LUL and its subsidiaries and Tube Lines Limited), Eddie Darroch and Richard Head both retired and were re-elected as no further nominations were received in this Section.

For more information about the PCC, please visit the TfL Pension Fund website at [www.tflpensionfund.co.uk](http://www.tflpensionfund.co.uk) or contact Julian Collins, PCC Secretary on 020 7918 3789 or by email to [juliancollins@tflpensionfund.co.uk](mailto:juliancollins@tflpensionfund.co.uk)

■ Outgoing PCC councillor Michael Swiggs, who is retiring after eight years sterling service, joined LT in 1970 and has been a popular and hard-working member of both the PCC and the Pensioners' Forum. The Londoner who spent most of his career in HR, Facilities Management and Industrial Relations, said: "I enjoyed my time with LT immensely and I like to think I've given something back. I wish the PCC and the Forum all the very best as good pensioner liaison is vital for companies like TfL."

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Colin Curtis, who has died aged 86, was a key player in the design and development of the Routemaster bus.

Colin joined London Transport in 1947 and in 1951 took on the brief of creating a new bus for the Capital.

He was in charge of the groundbreaking mechanical development of the

## RIP MR ROUTEMASTER

Routemaster, which offered unequalled economy, easy maintenance and a smooth ride. The Routemaster was in regular service between 1956 and 2005.

In 1963 Colin, along with

colleagues Edward Brakefield and Ron Eastwood, was invited to take a Routemaster to the USA for trade festivals in Memphis and New Orleans. They took locals for rides in the bus, were shown around Graceland by Elvis Presley's uncle, and met up with British jazz musician Kenny Ball.

After leaving London Transport in 1988, Colin ran his own consultancy. He wrote books on transport, was president of the London Bus Museum and always made time to answer queries from bus enthusiasts. He was appointed OBE in 1985.

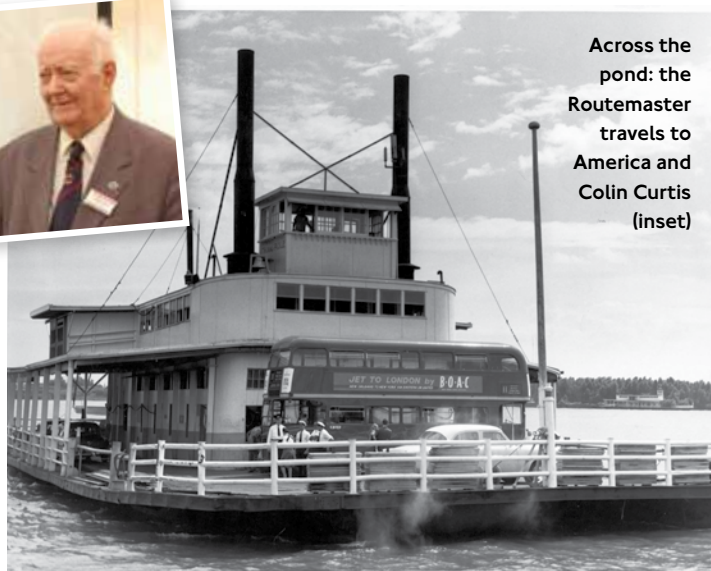
Barry Le Jeune of Friends of the LT Museum said: "Colin devoted his life to the development of London's buses – and that included much more than the Routemaster. He retained his passion to the very end of his life and was always ready to share his knowledge and enthusiasm."

## CONGRATULATIONS!

It's 50 years since the release of the famous film *Summer Holiday* in which Sir Cliff Richard and friends – who play mechanics at Aldenham Works – head across Europe in a converted AEC Regent "RT" double decker bus. To help prepare for the part, Sir Cliff was taught the basics of bus driving at Chiswick Works. Do you remember this? Were you there or know anyone who was? Let us know.

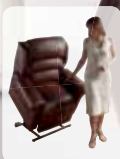


Across the pond: the Routemaster travels to America and Colin Curtis (inset)



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■ **The London Transport Pensioners' Association (LTPA)** is an umbrella organisation formed to protect and promote the interests of pensioners.

Membership is open to all pensioners, including deferred pensioners and dependants in receipt of a TfL pension. Its strength depends on the size of its membership, so it's important that as many pensioners as possible join. Free life membership is available on application to the membership secretary

Nick Dawkins at 15 Ocho Rios Mews, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN23 5UB, telephone 01323 472254 or email [nicholas.dawkins@virgin.net](mailto:nicholas.dawkins@virgin.net)

■ **The LT Retired Staff Association (LTRSA)** membership is drawn mainly from operational grades, but all former employees can join. Contact Rena Craig on 020 8573 7664.

■ **The LT Superannuitants' Association (LTSA)** is open to all retired employees. It has a welfare officer to help members who fall ill and can advise on pension issues. Contact John

Robson on 020 8808 1511 or e-mail [john@brucecastle.co.uk](mailto:john@brucecastle.co.uk)

There is an annual trip to Eastbourne; this year's break is from 3 to 8 March and costs £200. Contact Don Castle at [dbjcastle@bulldoghome.com](mailto:dbjcastle@bulldoghome.com)

■ **The Fifty-Five Society** was set up in 1949 for former senior LT managers. Membership is by invitation. Contact John Self on 01420 520132 or [john.selfobe@btopenworld.com](mailto:john.selfobe@btopenworld.com)

Invitation letters to join the Associations are sent out to people together with other documentation from the TfL Pension Fund when they retire. Other associations and groups include:

■ **The Aldenham Works Association** Contact Fred Pearson on 020 8428 2309.

■ **The Association of Retired London Underground Operating Managers** Contact Sue Gilbert on 07753 879197 or [susan.gilbertextfl@gmail.com](mailto:susan.gilbertextfl@gmail.com)

■ **Bus Operating Department managers and admin staff.** Contact Stuart Smith on 01843 868199 or [stuart4830@aol.com](mailto:stuart4830@aol.com)

■ **The W6 Area** is a society for pensioners in and around Hammersmith. Contact Steve Tharpe on 020 8748 8964 or [stephen.tharpe@btinternet.com](mailto:stephen.tharpe@btinternet.com)

People wishing to become more involved in representing the interests of pensioners may wish to consider standing for election to the pensioners' section of the Pensioners Consultative Council. The PCC constitution is on the Fund's website at [www.tflpensionfund.co.uk](http://www.tflpensionfund.co.uk) or you can contact PCC Secretary Julian Collins at [juliancollins@tflpensionfund.co.uk](mailto:juliancollins@tflpensionfund.co.uk) or on 020 7918 3879.

Lastly, you could consider becoming a Pensioner Liaison Representative, which would involve you keeping in contact with TfL Pensioners in your area. For further details, contact Yvonne Kerchhoff, Pensioner Liaison Manager on 0800 015 5074 or email [pls@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:pls@tfl.gov.uk).

## GOOD AS NEW



A carriage which ran on the first Underground railway line has been returned to the capital after extensive restoration work in Wales.

The 1892 London Metropolitan Railway first class Jubilee carriage had last been used as a garden shed, complete with toilet, when it was delivered to the Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railway for repairs.

"It was a wreck," said



Then and now: the carriage has been restored to its former glory

Norman Bond of the railway's Boston Lodge Carriage Works, which has been carrying out expert repairs to vintage carriages since the 1950s.

The carriage is now at the London Transport Museum's Acton base.

## KING'S CROSS ANNIVERSARY MARKED



Relatives, station staff and representatives from British Transport Police, London Fire Brigade and Trade Unions laid flowers at the memorial at King's Cross station on Sunday 18 November to mark the 25th anniversary of the fire when 31 people lost their lives and a further 100 people were taken to hospital.

Chief Operating Officer Howard Collins joined Group Station Manager Mike Guy and station staff, who spoke to relatives and members of the public at the memorial.

We will never forget: flowers laid at the memorial

# JIM TO THE RESCUE

The locomotive that is playing a starring role in London Underground's 150th anniversary celebrations was saved from the scrap heap 50 years ago by an otm reader.

In 1962, Jim Stringer was a 21-year-old engineering apprentice based at Neasden depot when he learned of LT's

decision to scrap all its older steam locomotives.

Half a century on, he recalls: "I decided that one of these locomotives should be saved and chose 'F' class locomotive L52. I set up an appeal fund and raised over £1,000 but when I went to hand over the cheque, I was told she had a cracked

mainframe and could not be 'steamed' anymore.

"However, I was offered L44 which was, in spite of her age (1898) still in fine fettle and I was told I could have her for £450.

"So that's how this fine old locomotive, now in the good care of the Quainton Railway Museum, came to be saved, and now can take the leading role in the forthcoming celebrations."



L44, the engine which Jim saved

L44 is now correctly known as Metropolitan Railway Steam Locomotive No.1.



Jim with L52

## SIR WILFRID NEWTON

Former Chairman of London Transport Sir Wilfrid Newton has died at the age of 83.

South African born Sir Wilfrid was invited to chair LT and LU in 1989, after a

successful stint overseeing the transport system in Hong Kong.

He was appointed CBE for his work in Hong Kong in 1988, and knighted in 1993.



## IT'S SUBSCRIPTION TIME FOR STAFF EDITION

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## otm FONDLY REMEMBERED

### ● Frank Bateman

**18 October 2012, aged 84**

Frank was a railway operator and retired as assistant divisional operations manager (District and Piccadilly).

### ● David Blake

**25 January 2012, aged 85**

David spent all his working life in the tool stores at Chiswick Works.

### ● Howard Blewitt

**15 November 2012 (age withheld on request)**

Howard was associated with many developments in ticketing and revenue collection. He took voluntary redundancy in 1992 from his position of chief clerk at Heathrow Central.

### ● Peter Dunne

**10 October 2012, aged 76**

Peter was a maintenance foreman at Ruislip before retiring in 1992.

### ● John "Jack" French

**31 January 2012, aged 87**

Driver Jack joined Turnham Green garage in 1955, moved to Stamford Brook in 1980 and retired in 1989.

### ● William "Bill" Jones

**13 November 2010, aged 91**

John joined London Transport in the 1940s and worked as a bus conductor out of Sidcup and Plumstead garages before taking early retirement in the late 1970s.

### ● David Kellett

**4 September 2011, aged 76**

David was Implementation Manager (Professional Services) when he retired.

### ● John Lewis

**1 November 2012, aged 81**

John was a senior manager in bus engineering and also worked for LT International.

### ● Gerald "George" Leonard

**21 September 2012, aged 87**

Gerald started as a mechanic at Camberwell before finishing as a storekeeper at Peckham.

### ● Martin Lewis

**20 August 2012, aged 63**

Martin's last post with LT was Engineering Director at London United Busways.

### ● Beryl Norris

**9 October 2012, aged 74**

Beryl joined LT in 1975 and worked in the drawing office at Acton Works before her retirement in 1990.

### ● Peter Smith

**18 July 2012, aged 69**

Peter worked as a bus driver at Sutton Garage for 42 years.

### ● Ronald Southwell

**17 June 2012, aged 87**

Ronald worked for LT for 43 years finishing his career as a senior chief booking clerk.

### ● David Southwood

**3 November 2012, aged 64**

David was learning services manager, Group HR, TfL, when he retired.

### ● Roy Sullivan-Russell

**22 September 2012, aged 80**

Roy worked as a bus driver at West Ham, Hornchurch and Romford garages before retiring on medical grounds in the late 1980s.

### ● Ronald Upsdell

**21 August 2012, aged 64**

Ronald worked at Sutton Garage as an engineer for 29 years.

### ● Mike Yardley

**25 September, aged 66**

Mike was a principal quantity surveyor and senior manager in Project Management Services before becoming PPP Contracts Manager.

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### STAYING IN TOUCH DO YOU REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE?

● **Ron Downer**, who between 1974 and 1980 drove buses numbers eight and 25. Contact **adowne01@aol.com**

● **Andy Flanagan**, who started at West Ham in 1968 before working at Leyton, Hornchurch and Barking garages before joining travel information and retiring in 2008. Contact via **otm**.

● **John Jones**, who joined LT in 1969 and worked out of Clapton garage and retired in 1986. Contact 01245 690705.

● **Marvin Bunting**, who worked as a conductor at Hanwell Garage and then a revenue protection inspector, before emigrating to Adelaide. Contact **mbmarvin@gmail.com**

● **Lawrence (Larry) Mantz** who worked at Potters Bar for 12 years from 1974 and now lives in Cyprus. Contact **lawrenceandkate@cytanet.com.cy**

● **Jacqui Lee** would like to know if anyone remembers her Dad John Lee who joined as a motorman at Acton Town in 1963 and finished, Jacqui thinks, as a ticket inspector at Loughton. Sadly John died in 1994. Contact **otm** if you remember John.

● Former Edmonton/Enfield driver **Richard Eversden** would like to contact his old clippie Donald Johnson who he worked with between 1974 and 1980. Contact **otm**.



### MEMORIES OF FRED

My late husband **Fred Fisk (1)** worked at Tottenham Garage for 43 years, as a driver and conductor on the number 73, until he retired in January 1981.

He was thrilled that a special destination blind was made for his last journey and could not believe it when told there was a problem with his Gibson machine. This was a ruse as he was then given his old Bell Punch Machine to take out. It made his day.

Another special day for Fred was when he was asked to participate in an event with Barbara Windsor and the late Bernard Bresslaw.

Sadly Fred passed away on the 22 October 2009 aged 81.

Shirley Fisk



### CAN YOU NAME THE UDDERS?

Thanks to Harry Stubberfield for sending us this fabulous picture of **(3) Acton Works apprentices** on a day trip to Margate. Harry, pictured third left and colleague Alan Grainger (milking the 'cow') would like to hear from anyone who remembers these trips. Can you help name the people in the picture? Among those who Harry and Alan can remember are John Page, Geoff Farrant, Brian Barnett and the chap holding the cow's ear is an ace-pianist called Denis.

### HAPPY HAMMER

Former bus driver **Bert Waters** recently enjoyed a visit to the new West Ham garage. Now 87, Bert used to work at the old West Ham garage as well as Upton Park, Barking, Bow, Seven Kings and Forest Gate. If you remember Bert, get in touch and we'll pass your details on.

### BEANO REVISITED

**John Fenn**, who worked for LT for just short of thirty years, met up with some of his old colleagues at a surprise reunion organised by his daughter Susan in Ramsgate.

John, 87, who drove 177 and 153 buses out of New Cross, said: "It was terrific. We used to go on beans to Margate and are arranging another for April. We want to get as many as we can down there." Contact: Mr Doug Young, 184 Cheriton High Street, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 4HS Telephone: 01313 277493.



### DARTS OUTING

How about this for a 1970s timepiece **(2)**? It was sent in by former New Cross driver **Peter Hams** and shows he and colleagues on a darts outing to Southend in 1974. Do you recognise yourself or anyone else? Let us know.

**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 or post them, enclosing a sae, to the address above.**