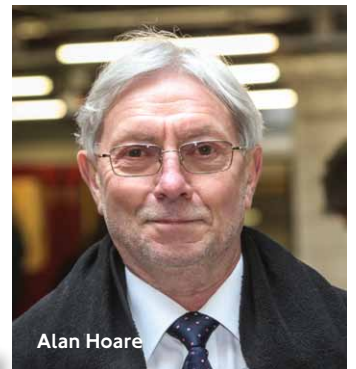


PENSIONERS' EDITION



Revenue Control Inspector Rohan Palmer chats to the Queen watched by Mike Brown



Alan Hoare



The Duchess of Cambridge meets Metropolitan line Train Operator Devon Wordsworth

said the Queen clearly recalled opening the Victoria line in 1969. "She was extremely interested in all our people and genuinely fascinated in the differences between the S7 and older trains," he said.

For Northern line Project Liaison Manager Allan Hoare it was like history repeating itself. Allan had been in the signal control centre in Cobourg Street in 1969.

"I spoke to the Queen about this and she remembered it well. I also spoke to the Duke and he said he could remember steam trains coming through Baker Street. It was great to meet them all," he said.

'A HUGE PRIVILEGE'

Baker Street station came to a virtual standstill when it played host to a royal visit as part of LU's 150th anniversary celebrations.

The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh and The Duchess of Cambridge met a cross section of staff and were shown examples of LU's past and future.

They first saw the Metropolitan Railway Jubilee Carriage No 353, the oldest operational carriage in existence and then took a closer look at the new S-Stock train which was unveiled and then named, appropriately, 'Queen Elizabeth II.'

The Royal Party was greeted by Sir Peter Henty, Commissioner of Transport for London, LU and Rail Managing Director Mike Brown and LU

Chief Operating Officer Howard Collins, who raised a smile when he presented the Duchess of Cambridge with a 'Baby on Board' badge.

Mike Brown described the visit as 'a huge privilege' and

Sam Mullins, centre, with, left, Howard Spencer and right, Mike Ashworth



BLUE PLAQUE FOR HARRY BECK

Eighty years after his iconic Tube map design was first presented to the public in 1933, former London Transport engineering draughtsman Harry Beck (1902-1974), has been commemorated with an



English Heritage blue plaque at his birthplace in Leyton. The plaque was unveiled by London Transport Museum Director Sam Mullins, with Design and Heritage Manager for London Underground Mike Ashworth and blue plaque historian Howard Spencer also present.

PENSIONERS' FORUM SUMMARY

Issues discussed at the meeting between representatives of TfL Management and the Pensioners' Representatives on 14 March 2013 included the following:

■ Tfl Pension Fund

- 2012 Actuarial Valuation – a special Pensioners' Forum meeting was held on 5 February 2013 at which the Pensioners' Representatives were advised of the contents of the Summary of Results for the Public Sector Section of the Fund and gave their comments for consideration by TfL and the Fund Trustees regarding the form of any recovery plan required. At this meeting, TfL Management gave an update on progress made towards reaching agreement on the way forward, which was expected to be finalised shortly.
- The Pensioners' Representatives were advised that progress continued with Equitable Life towards finalising compensation payments to eligible policyholders and Fund Members concerned would be contacted direct by

Equitable Life in the near future.

■ Pensioner Liaison Scheme

- Discussion took place on budgetary proposals put forward for consultation by TfL Management regarding benefits provided under the Scheme. The Pensioners' Representatives gave their response and it was agreed that further discussion on the issues would take place at the meeting in April.

■ Staff Travel

- It was reported that amended guidelines on retired staff travel facilities were being finalised and would be published on the website and in on the move shortly.

■ on the move

- The Pensioners' Representatives said they were pleased with the range of issues covered in the January edition and made suggestions for future editions.

RETIRED STAFF TRAVEL GUIDE

This shows your entitlements:

■ Former Country Bus services' routes

For joiners before and up to 31 December 1969 who have 'Also available on former Country Bus services' routes' on your Retired Oyster card, free travel on services listed in the LCB document or contact Staff Travel Services on 0800 015 5073.

■ Privilege Ticket Authority Card (PTAC)

For joiners before 1 January 1970 to 31 March 1996, you may have a PTAC for use on National Rail services and other operators. Travel restrictions apply. If you want to change to a Nominee Oyster card, you must give up all your facilities for the National Rail PTACs.

■ Nominee Oyster cards (Tfl services)

For joiners after 1 April 1996, you are not eligible for a PTAC but can only apply for a Nominee Oyster card and any restricted TfL Rail Services PTACs for dependent children over the age of 16 provided they permanently reside at the same address.

■ Pay As You Go Oyster cards

You may apply for discounted rates on to a public Oyster card for any nominee or dependent who holds a PTAC. Applications can be sent to Staff Travel Services for approval. The reduced rates do not include buses.

■ Status passes

If you were a Band 4 Grade/Business Manager or higher, you may be eligible for a retired status pass. You must hold a PTAC and have joined before 1 April 1996.

■ Free tickets for a National Rail journey

If you were eligible for one or more free annual tickets while in service, you may be able to retain in retirement according to your circumstances. However, if you held a Standard Class PTAC and were eligible for one free ticket per year, you lose this facility in retirement. To apply, complete an application form and return it to Travel Services.

■ Emirates Air Line (cable car)

A 25 per cent discount is available with a valid Retired Oyster card but not a PTAC.

■ River boat services

You can get a one third discount with a valid Retired Oyster card but not a PTAC.

■ Eurostar

Special offer process direct from Eurostar on 0844 822 4888 if you have a valid Retired Oyster card. Not available on PTAC.

For more information, contact Staff Travel Services on 0800 015 5073 or email StaffTravelServices@tfl.gov.uk

ROMFORD REUNION

There will be a reunion for staff from the Romford, North Street, bus garage on 4 May. If you are interested in attending, contact Ted Bott on 01362 420278.

4TH MAY

WANTED YOUR MEMORIES

Ben Pedroche – author of *Do Not Alight Here*, a book about disused Tube stations – is looking for people to help with a new project.

He wants to hear from anyone who worked on the construction of the Victoria line in the 60s/70s, and the Jubilee line in the 90s, particularly the tunnelling work. You can contact him at ben.pedroche@googlemail.com

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A number of designs are being looked at for the trains of the future



LOOKING AHEAD

This is how the Tube trains of the future could look.

It is one of the designs being looked at as part of a project known as the Deep Tube programme which will deliver the next series of line upgrades.

These are on the Bakerloo, Piccadilly, Central and Waterloo & City lines and are described

as the next chapter in the Tube's history.

The upgrades involve a programme of innovation including more trains with more space, less crowding, greater reliability, advanced cooling solutions and, potentially, unattended train operation.

Deep Tube Programme Chief

Engineer Andy Guest told **otm** that the business had learned from previous line upgrades and was now better placed to understand the bigger picture:

"We can now take a complete system view of the work we are doing and take into consideration things like energy use and the need for cooling" he said.

EASY RIDERS

Seventy per cent of bus stops in the capital are now fully accessible, according to new figures released by Transport for London.

Making stops accessible means ensuring the kerb is at the correct height, ensuring that the bus can stop parallel to the kerb and removing any street clutter from where the bus doors open.

An injection of £18m additional funding will ensure that at least 95 per cent of stops will be accessible by 2016.



DOWN TO MARGATE

Seeing the photo of the Acton apprentice outing at Margate in (issue 38) brought back some memories for ex Depot Plant Engineer Mike Nicholls.

Mike went on outings to Margate in 1957 and 1958.

"On one occasion I missed the last train home and had to sleep in the waiting room on the station, then get the first train out," he said. "They were great times and I have many happy memories."

Names that Mike (centre, in glasses) remembers are Brian Hendle, twins Terry and Derek

Badger, David Bates and Ray Jenkins. All were apprentices at Acton and depots between 1957 and 1962.

Do you recognise anyone? Let us know



MEMORIES OF SIR CLIFF

A big thanks to everyone who wrote in following our story about Sir Cliff Richard's time training to drive a London bus for his role in the much-loved 1963 film *Summer Holiday*.

Mrs Ellen Rochford remembers her late husband Noel driving a Routemaster around the skid pan at Chiswick for the film, wearing a coloured silk scarf to look like Sir Cliff in the film.

Derek Bull's father Harry worked as a messenger at Chiswick in 1962, and took autograph books from the office girls for Sir Cliff to sign.

Muriel Benson's father Charlie Allcock was a fitter at Chiswick for

42 years. "He said the girls from the canteen were all watching and the whole place nearly came to a standstill," she said.



Den Sparks, who worked at the Aldenham Bus Overhaul works when some of the film was shot there, mischievously told people that Sir Cliff had danced on his desk. "A few days later I went into the workshop to these feet (cut out of aluminium) leading up on to my bench," he said.

Also, thanks to Mick Harden, we got in touch with Jim Whittaker, who gave Sir Cliff some refresher training for a BBC children's programme in the 1980s.

"He was a true gentleman," said Mick, who worked for LT for 38 years. "He was very polite, he listened to you and never stood on ceremony."

NOVEL APPROACH

Ed O'Regan has put an unusual twist on his memoirs of 14 years as a customer service assistant in the old East London Line and then on the gate at Aldgate station.

The Well of Shadows: Underground London, which is due to be published on Kindle, explains how an Ancient Chinese I Ching text persuaded Ed to join LU. The quirky tome is also littered with references to artists and musicians from William Hogarth to The Rolling Stones.

SON OF A CLASSIC

Route 24 will become the first bus route in London to be served entirely by a fleet of new bus for London vehicles.

The route runs from Hampstead Heath to Pimlico, via Camden, Trafalgar Square, Parliament Square and Victoria and operates 24 hours a day.

The new bus for London incorporates iconic design, with more than a nod to the much-cherished Routemaster.

The buses are reputed to be among the most environmentally friendly in the world.

The new bus for London is inspired by the old Routemaster

John Turnham's artwork



MYSTERY TRAIN

Edna Turnham sent us this picture by her late husband John, who worked as a motorman on the Northern line.

"He took a black and white photo then coloured it with oils. I think it was taken in the 1950s. I do not know which station it is, someone may recognise it."

It is certainly a fascinating picture of how the Tube used to be. Any ideas which station it is?



ROMFORD OLD BOYS



Romford driver Keith Walsh sent us this great photo from 1963 showing an old boys' reunion preparing to head to Clacton from North Street, Romford garage. Charlie Bennett, Keith's wife's granddad, is fourth from the right. Do you know anyone else?

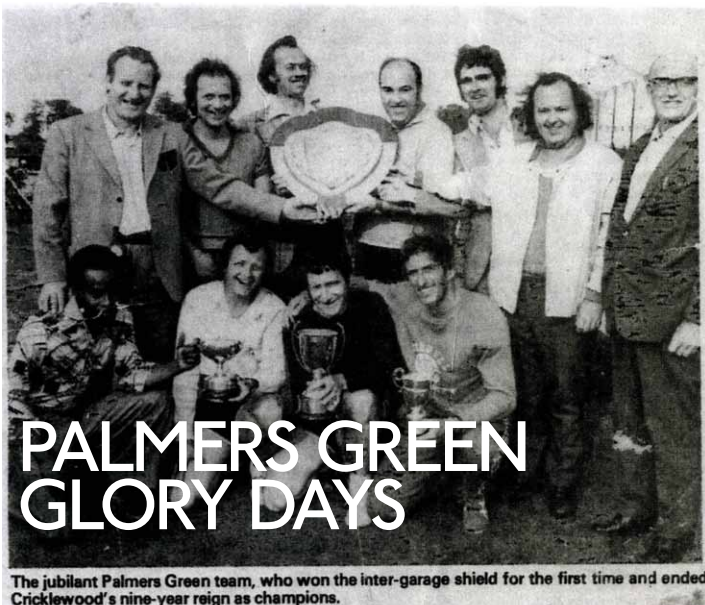
KING OF THE ROAD

Mrs B King sent in the picture opposite, which features her late husband Ronald, who spent 20 years as a bus driver at Southall and Hanwell garages. Ronald is in the back row, second from the right.

"He enjoyed the job very much," she said. "He was a very keen snooker player and played with a team at both garages. I hope that some of the other guys in the photograph are still around and it brings back happy memories for them."

Are you in the picture? Let us know.

Ronald and colleagues in front of a 207 destined for Hanwell Broadway



PALMERS GREEN GLORY DAYS

The jubilant Palmers Green team, who won the inter-garage shield for the first time and ended Cricklewood's nine-year reign as champions.

Jim Dunn (standing, second left) sent us this photo of the victorious Palmers Green football team with the inter-garage shield.

"It was great to win this out of all the LT garages and we were only a small shed," said Jim. "Good memories of the 60s and 70s!"

Palmers Green's win brought an end to Cricklewood's nine-year winning streak. Are you in this picture? Let us know your memories.

otm FONDLY REMEMBERED

John Ager
26 January 2013,
aged 80

John had been a senior member of both the LT Pensions team and staff administration

James Barry
11 September 2012,
aged 87

James worked as a carpenter based at Acton Works and retired in 1979 after more than 20 years' service

Neville Lobley
10 January 2013,
aged 81

Neville worked in bus operating and had been manager of the Chiswick bus training centre

Connor McGandy
26 November 2008,
aged 71

Connor joined LT in 1957 and retired in December 1993. For most of that time he was bus crew at Plumstead garage and was a trade union representative.

Claire Pavitt
22 January 2013,
aged 101

Claire worked as a booking office clerk during the war and then worked in Payrolls and Lost Property. In retirement she engraved glass to a professional standard and, at the age of 99, had a poem published.

Albert 'Bert' Prior
18 February 2013,
aged 92

Bert joined in 1963 and worked as a conductor, driver and finally inspector at Peckham Garage before retiring in 1985.

Jack Willing
27 April 2011,
aged 90

Jack worked as a chief clerk.

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THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HARRY (1)

We have been contacted by Tony Hadaway, the son of the late **Harry Hadaway**.

Harry started with LT as a draughtsman in 1927 and gave 49 years service, retiring as Chief Signal engineer in 1976.

Harry's father, pictured, worked for LT for 46 years, between 1907 and 1953, rising to Yard Master at Morden.

The other picture shows the younger Harry being



presented to the Queen at the opening of the Victoria line.

TRACK DOWN (3)

Does anyone have any information that could help with the maintenance these Wickham type trolleys.

Please contact Jonathan Flood at jonathan.flood72@btinternet.com



PULLING POWER (5)

This picture, sent in by **John Rooke**, shows staff pulling buses to raise money for charity.

The first is from 1980 and shows Abbey Wood Garage staff preparing to pull a bus.



JUST THE TICKET (4)

Michael Owen, who was a driver at the Potters Bar Garage from 1964, wrote in after seeing the "Holiday Girls" picture in issue 37.

Michael also sent us a picture of himself and a colleague who he would like to get back in touch with. The two men, pictured at Muswell Hill Broadway bus stand, passed out together. Michael's number is 020 8440 6479.



RECALLING RICHARD

Roger Bass, a bus driver for 35 years in Enfield and Edmonton, sends his regards to **Richard Eversden**, who is trying to contact his old conductor (**otm** pensioners no38).

Roger remembers Richard as a "bus nut" and wonders if he attends bus rallies.



PITCH PERFECT (2)

The daughter of former Albert **William "Mick" Meachem** contacted **otm** after seeing a picture of a pewter tankard commemorating the opening of the Victoria line in the January 2012 edition.

Paula Weston-Smith also sent some pictures of her dad in his cricketing days, as part of the Westinghouse group team.

MEMORY LANES

Fred Winch, who worked on the Green Line buses from the 1940s until 1977, is wondering if any former colleagues would like to get in touch. Mr Winch can be contacted on 01277 222967.



RE-UNITED (6)

Following a wonderful reunion last year, a group of retired drivers from **New Cross Garage** are due to meet again at the Racing Greyhound pub in Ramsgate, Kent, on Saturday 13 April.

Last year's reunion was organised by Susan Blackborow for her dad, **John Fenn**, who drove buses 53 and 177.

If you would like to attend, contact Mr Doug Young, 184 Cheriton High Street, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4HS Telephone: 01303 277493.

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE MEN? (7)

Former bus driver **Paul Munroe** has sent in these pictures from a day out he shared with colleagues back in the 1970s.

"Where we were going I have no idea," said Paul, who was a bus driver at the old West Ham bus garage in Plaistow from 1972 to 1980. "It would be interesting if anybody could identify anyone."

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.