



PENSIONERS' EDITION

THE FUTURE OF BROADWAY

TfL has invited architects to submit plans on 55 Broadway – London Underground's iconic headquarters for over 80 years.

The building is no longer fit for purpose as an efficient office building so TfL has issued a tender inviting architects to submit proposals for converting the building into residential accommodation.

Designed by Charles Holden and built between 1927 and 1929, the building was listed Grade Two in 1970 and upgraded to Grade One in 2011 by English Heritage on account of

Transport for London (TfL) begins process of securing the future of historic HQ

its outstanding national historic and architectural interest.

TfL looked at every potential option for the building with office, hotel and residential uses all being considered.

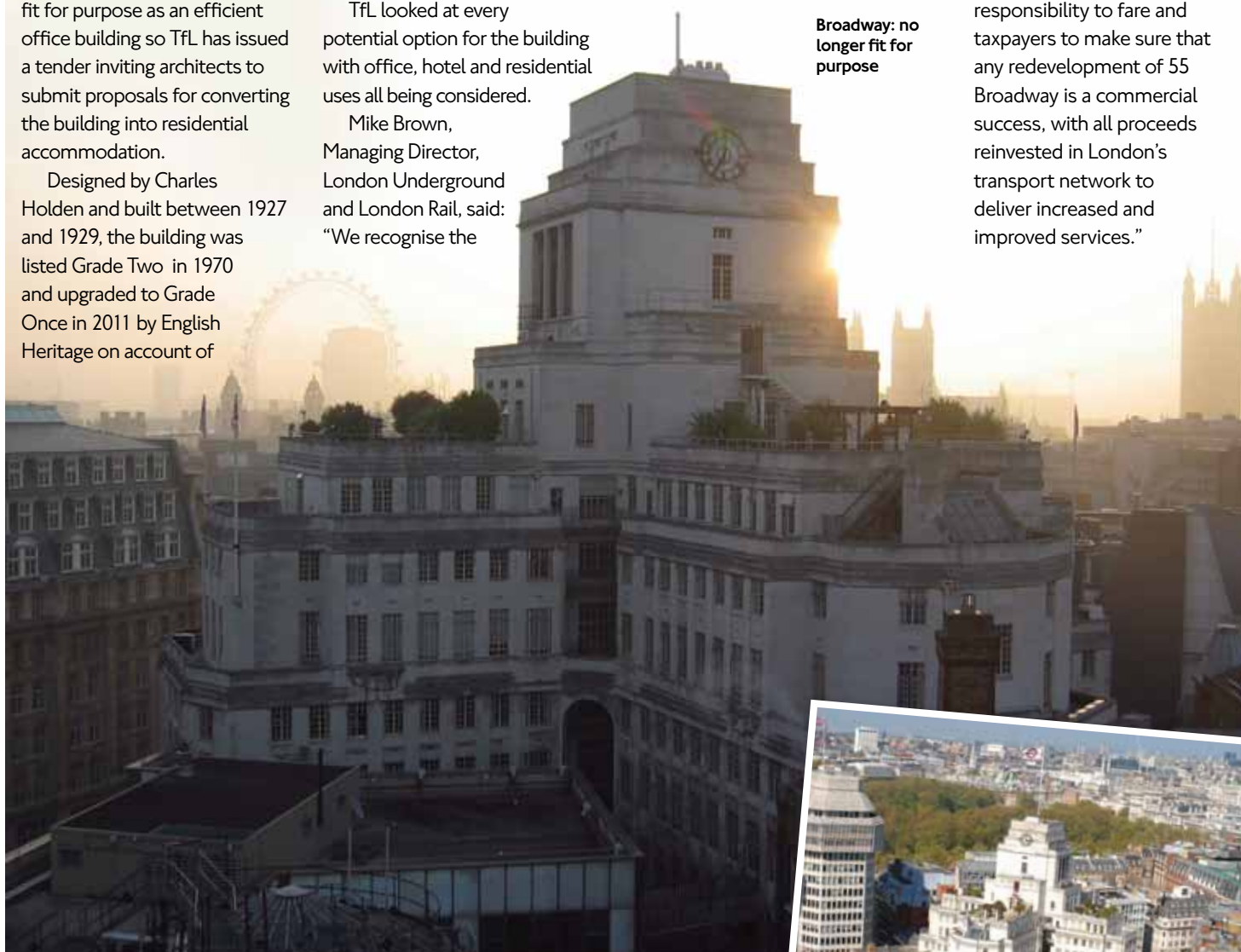
Mike Brown, Managing Director, London Underground and London Rail, said: "We recognise the

Broadway: no longer fit for purpose

historic features of 55 Broadway and we need to carefully ensure that any future use enhances its features.

"This tender is seeking architects who are used to working with heritage buildings to help us develop the plans.

"We take our responsibilities for our heritage assets extremely seriously. We also have a responsibility to fare and taxpayers to make sure that any redevelopment of 55 Broadway is a commercial success, with all proceeds reinvested in London's transport network to deliver increased and improved services."



PENSIONERS' FORUM SUMMARY

Issues discussed at the meeting between representatives of TfL management and the pensioners' representatives on 22 August 2013, included the following:

■ Tfl Pension Fund

- The director of pensions and reward gave an update on recent developments in pension-related matters. The pensioners' representatives noted particularly that the Government had announced that there would be no change to the calculation of RPI, which would continue to be published monthly but would, in the future, no longer be designated as a national statistic. This would not affect the current calculation of any TfL Pension Fund increases which would continue to be based on the RPI in accordance with the Fund Rules.

■ Pensioner Liaison Scheme

- A report was given to the pensioners' representatives on the current situation regarding the scheme following its transfer to the Pensions and Reward Directorate. It was noted that the annual meeting for the pensioner liaison representatives had been

arranged for the end of August.

- Further to discussion at the previous two meetings on proposed cost-saving measures, TfL management advised the pensioners' representatives of the changes which would be implemented, their views having been taken into consideration. (see article on page 3 for more details).

■ Staff Travel

- The pensioners' representatives were advised that the Staff Travel Handbook was being revised. Points already made by them regarding its content would be taken into consideration.

- Discussions continued between TfL and National Rail management to resolve issues raised regarding access to and use of privilege facilities. Steps had been taken regarding staff training, and longer term improvements in ticket issuing mechanisms were being pursued.

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website at www.tflpensionfund.co.uk



POPLAR CHOICE

Thank you to everyone who wrote in response to the mystery photograph we published in issue 40. Lynn Purcell, who was in the picture, and Dave Clark, Garage Operating Manager at nearby West Ham, confirmed that the picture is of some of the last bus drivers at the old Poplar garage, which closed in the mid-1980s. Retired LU train operator Chris Johnson recognised his brother Dave in the picture, and Mrs Paola Beth spotted her late husband Gerry.

NUMBER CHANGE:

Please note Rena Craig, Membership
Secretary of the LT Retired Staff
Association has a new phone number:
01789 205739.



SEVENTH HEAVEN

This is the new S7 stock train which began operating on the District line recently. Upminster Instructor Operator Trevor Wright was at the helm when it made its maiden journey between Earl's Court and West Ham. The new train will run five timetable trips per day Monday to Friday before it runs from Wimbledon to Edgware Road next February.



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CALENDARS AND HAMPERS

Director of Pensions and Reward, Stephen Field, explains the thinking behind some changes affecting the distribution of calendars and hampers to pensioners and their dependants.

“Following detailed discussions between TfL and pensioner representatives, changes have been made to some of the services provided under the Pensioner Liaison Scheme. In order to maintain both a cost effective and an efficient service delivery we have had to look at what we deliver and how we deliver.”

CALENDARS

“I am delighted to confirm that we will continue to issue calendars to all pensioners and dependants. To keep costs to a minimum we have included your 2014 calendar with this edition of



otm and going forward we plan to provide your calendar with the October edition each year.’

HAMPERS

“Turning to the provision of hampers, I am extremely pleased that we are able to continue issuing them to all our UK based pensioners from your 90th birthday and annually thereafter with a special, larger hamper on your 100th birthday.

For the UK based dependants of our deceased colleagues, I am pleased to be able to provide hampers on your 90th and 95th birthdays as well as a special hamper on your 100th birthday. However, we will no longer provide hampers on birthday anniversaries between these milestone dates with effect from 1 January 2014. For all pensioners and dependants hampers will be sent every year after reaching 100.”

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HORNCHURCH REMEMBERED

Roy Pepper sent in some pictures of his time at the Hornchurch bus garage, which closed 25 years ago. The former coach builder is now 88 and living in Yorkshire. He spoke of his "wonderful colleagues" and the pride they took in their buses. Do you recognise any of the faces in the picture?



BRAVE NEW WORLD

Thanks to Bryan Hunter for sending in these fascinating pictures of some the early technology adopted by London Transport. During his 30 years with London Buses, Bryan worked with Marconi to develop the Computer Assisted Location Aid (CARLA) for buses, pictured above. The second picture is of testing for the first public information board in in West London.

MOORGATE MEMORIAL

A memorial has been unveiled for the 43 people who died in the Moorgate Tube crash in 1975. The names of all those who died are written on the black granite memorial in nearby Finsbury Square. The disaster on 28 February 1975 injured a further 74 people when a commuter train hit an end wall at Moorgate Station.

ALL ABOARD!

Transport for London (TfL) has launched a new accessibility awareness training programme designed to give bus drivers a greater understanding of the needs of older and disabled passengers.

The training will be delivered to all of the capital's 24,500 bus drivers by the end of 2014 and builds upon the extensive training London's bus drivers currently receive.

The new training scheme, called 'All Aboard!', has been carefully developed in partnership with disabled and older bus passengers, Transport for All and Age UK London.



ALL CHANGE

Retired bus drivers George Allen and Dennis Stally, former conductor Sheila Morford and retired inspector Gerry Wagstaff recently featured in BBC documentary *The Route Masters, Running London's Roads*. They spoke about their careers and how the industry has changed, particularly with regard to

new technology such as radio communication and CCTV. George, now chairman of the London Transport Pensioners' Association, joined the service in 1970, aged 28, and worked out of Catford for his whole career, mainly driving route 54. "It was a good programme. I thought it turned out well," he said.

REMEMBERING JULIUS

A London Underground staff member is trying to trace the family of a train driver murdered by a gunman 37 years ago.

John Stockwell, a Duty Train Staff Manager at Neasden, would like to see recognition for Julius Stephen who was shot dead by an IRA terrorist in March 1976.

Julius, 34, of Hammersmith, was driving

a train out of West Ham station when a bomb carried by the terrorist on the train exploded prematurely.

Julius and Post Office engineer Peter Chalk chased the gunman who shot Julius killing him instantly.

John said: "When I read about the Moorgate memorial it got me thinking about this other terrible incident which happened a year later. This seems to

have been forgotten but I feel there should be some kind of memorial to remember this forgotten hero."

Previous plans to erect a memorial stalled after the business was unable to contact any remaining family that Julius had.

Do you know any of Julius's family? If so, write or send an email to the usual addresses.

IN BRIEF

TfL has launched a public consultation seeking customers' views on proposals to withdraw cash fare payments on London buses.

London Underground was named Passenger Train Operator of the Year at the recent National Rail Awards. There was also a Judges' Special Award for Industry Achievement during the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



LU staff are being asked for their opinions on a new uniform which is being created by well-known designer Wayne Hemingway.

Londoners have the opportunity to comment on TfL's proposals for a major upgrade of Bank station during a public consultation which has begun. Go to tfl.gov.uk/bank

Work is underway to make Greenford Underground station step-free with a new 'incline' lift which customers will be able to use in 2015.

Hampstead station won the coveted 'Best Overall Award' at the 2013 London Underground in Bloom awards.



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FONDLY REMEMBERED

Albert 'George' Allen
17 August 2013, aged 93

George was a bus driver who started his career at Camberwell before transferring to Harrow when he moved to north London.

Don Compton
19 August 2013, aged 86

Don joined LT during the 1940s and qualified as a civil engineer. He retired as Works and Building Manager in 1982.

Peter Coysten
25 August 2013, aged 71

Peter died after a prolonged and courageously borne illness.

He joined LU in 1962, and by 1970 had become Divisional Assistant (Nights) at Chalk Farm. In 1986 he was promoted to the position of Permanent Way Manager, located at South Kensington.

Peter left LU in February 1992 as Track Engineering Manager and founded a new company, Railway Management Services Limited.

Jim Gates
7 August 2013

Jim worked for London Underground before transferring to the Docklands Light Railway where he became operations director.

Reg Haddock
17 August 2013

Reg worked for London Transport for more than 30 years and was plant manager at Aldenham Works until its closure.

John Lane
16 March 2013, aged 85

John worked as a senior manager in Works and Buildings and LT Property.

Kevin Lawton
16 July 2013, aged 80

Kevin worked on the Central and Piccadilly lines as a railman and leading railman at Greenford and White City and later as rostered leading railman at North Acton and South Ealing stations.

Charles Moorton
28 August 2013, aged 75

Charlie was a driver for London Transport and joined the service in 1963. He was at Clapton Garage for 24 years before transferring to Barking until his retirement in 1992.

John 'Shaun' Murphy
25 July 2013, aged 84

Shaun worked at the Apprentice Centre at Acton Works until his retirement in the early 1990s.

Mary O'Driscoll
20 June 2013, aged 83

Mary worked as a catering manager at Aldenham Works.

Steve Steady
3 July 2013, aged 90

Steve was a craftsman at Ruislip depot.

Richard Watt
20 February 2013, aged 66

Richard joined London Transport in the 1960s and worked in the signals department at Baker Street before moving into the maintenance department at Ruislip depot.

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STUMPED!

Anthony Goldsworthy

(front row, centre) sent us this picture (1) from a cricket match celebrating the new Central line sports ground at Fairlop in the late 1950s. The match saw a team of Guards and motormen from Acton Town take on the Central line. Anthony has given us some of the names, but we are stumped on some. Are you in the picture? What are your memories of the match?



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TURNING POINT

Thanks to **David Cattermole** for sending us this picture of the Royal Forest Hotel in Chingford (4), which was a turning point for routes **38, 106, 102, 121** and **249**. On the far right is the green mobile canteen. David, who worked as a driver at West Ham from 1963 until 1992, said: "I'm sure many staff will remember Charlie the Canteen Manager with his hammered flat teaspoon and hot Eccles cakes which you could purchase there."



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THE FRAME IN SPAIN

Can you help clear up this mystery? Joyce Griffin, who worked in the central typing service until 1987, and Ken Bill, building services until 1994, picked up a framed London Transport long service award at a bootfair in Spain. The 1982 award marks 50 years' service by **Robert R Stacey** and is signed by **JL Mansfield**, Chairman. Joyce would like to learn more about Robert's work history. Can anyone help?

TAKING A BREAK

Thanks to **Allan Worsley** who sent us this picture (2) taken at Arnos Grove in 1986/87. Allan joined the business in 1967 and worked as a patrolman before retiring in 1997. Allan, centre, with the beard is pictured with, far right, **Eddy Byrne**. Do you recognise anyone else?

THE LAST BUS

Thanks to Mrs Linda Bird of Sidcup in Kent who kindly sent us this picture (3). Her late husband, **Arthur James Bird**, driver number N115571 was chosen to drive the last bus out of Sidcup bus garage. "He was so proud," says Linda. The picture shows a 229 bus being driven by Arthur in Orpington High Street.

BACK IN THE FRAME GANG

Having seen Maria Coulson's 1974 picture of her dad **Joe Beckett** with colleagues in **Neasden**, a number of you wrote in. **Ron Wilson** worked with Joe on the permanent way sub-gangers for 10 years and picked out **Albert Goddard** and **Bill Sirs** from the picture. He would love to get back in touch. And former Permanent Way Training Manager **David Brimson** contacted us after recognising himself and also Chief Instructor **Eddie McArdle**. David explained the photograph was taken outside the new training centre at Neasden.

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.