



PENSIONERS' EDITION

# HISTORY IN THE MAKING

History will be made in just under a year's time when the first all-night weekend Tube services run.

The 24-hour 'Night

Tube' weekend services will begin operation in the early hours of 12 September 2015.

Late night Tube ridership has increased

at double the rate of daytime trips and night bus usage has risen by 270 per cent since 2000.

In order to meet the expected demand for

Night Tube services, there will be six trains per hour through central London on all Night Tube lines, including the Jubilee, Victoria and most of the Piccadilly, Central and Northern lines.

On the Northern line, there will be eight trains per hour to meet demand at busy stations between Leicester Square and Camden Town.

Mike Brown, Managing Director, London Underground, described the launch as "a historic step in our modernisation of the Underground."

The new service is expected to boost jobs and benefit the economy by hundreds of millions of pounds.



## LOOK BACK IN ONGAR

Mike Brown, London Underground's Managing Director, unveils a replica 0.0km during an event to commemorate 20 years since services between Ongar and Epping were stopped. Full story on page three.

**Don't miss your 2015 TfL calendar which is included with this edition of otm.**



# PENSIONERS' FORUM SUMMARY

Main issues discussed at the meeting held on 20 August 2014

## ● TfL Pension Fund:

An update was given on the significant progress being made towards completion of payment of compensation payments to eligible Fund members under the Equitable Life Payment Scheme.

● **Pensioner Liaison Scheme:** The Pensioners' Representatives were pleased to note that, following the article in the July **otm**, enquiries had been received from 16 pensioners who were interested in becoming

pensioner liaison representatives, which were being pursued. Discussion took place on the extent of the current locations covered by pensioner liaison representatives and possible ways of extending coverage to other areas.

● **Staff Travel:** Progress with the introduction to TfL of the National Rail staff travel cards was discussed. These are the replacements of the annual free ticket entitlements for eligible TfL pensioners. The

pensioners' representatives said that this had been welcomed by pensioners and few problems had so far been experienced. TfL advised the representatives that, with effect from 7 September 2014, for a 12-month trial period, changes to the privilege rate fares on National Rail services for leisure would be available. These are only for eligible PTAC holders (further information on page five.) The pensioners representatives welcomed this development."

# 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. Data will be collected from TfL Group in October 2014.

## What is the National Fraud Initiative (NFI)?

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 2014)
- 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 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 <http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/fraud/nfi/pages/default.aspx>

# EPPING BACK IN TIME

To commemorate 20 years since the end of Underground services between the two stations, a special 'End of Tube' event was held by the Epping Ongar Railway.

To recreate the atmosphere of the former Central line stretch of track, the Railway operated a three-car Cravens set dating from 1960 that regularly ran on the branch and operated the last train on 30 September 1994. It was the first time the Cravens unit had been used for 10 years.

Mike Brown, Managing



**A three-car Cravens set was used in the event**

Director, London Underground, unveiled a replica 0.0km sign at Ongar as all distances on the network are measured from this post.

Mike said: "The Epping

Ongar Railway is an important and beautifully preserved part of our rail heritage. Our links with the railway remain strong, with many families and railway enthusiasts

travelling to Epping to enjoy a taste of history, and some of our former staff helping to keep the railway running for future generations to enjoy."

As the line is no longer electrified, the train was hauled by two Schoma Diesel locomotives, owned and operated by LU.

In addition, former Metropolitan Railway steam locomotive Met 1 was at the event. Last year it generated world-wide interest when it played a leading role in the 2013 'Tube 150' celebrations.

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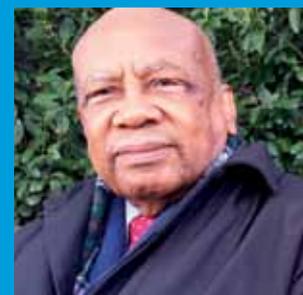
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www.tflpensionfund.co.uk

## A NEW WAY TO PAY

More than one million journeys have been made using contactless payment cards and devices since Transport for London (TfL) launched the new way to pay for public transport in London on 16 September.

Contactless payments can be made for travel on Tube, tram, DLR, London Overground and National Rail services that accept Oyster as well as London Buses.



## FOR EDITHA

Steve Tharpe, who retired in 1992 after 36 years' service, has set up a memorial to his late wife Editha.

While Steve was the Pensioner Liaison Representative (PLR) in the London W6 postal area between 1994 and 2012, he was actively supported by Editha, who was also well known for the community work she did in the Hammersmith Borough.

Editha is commemorated with a bench and plaque close to the Tharpe family home.

Steve still organises social activities for TfL pensioners in the area and publishes a quarterly newsletter.

He said: "I do enjoy it, I think it's a wonderful experience. I think most of the pensioners enjoy it too, people out there can feel isolated."



## NEWS FROM AROUND TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

### CROY FREEDOM

Major works to completely transform the site of West Croydon bus station have begun as part of a continuing £50m investment to improve the town's public realm and transport infrastructure.

### NORTHERN SOUL

London Underground (LU) has announced its intention to award the contract to design and build the Northern line extension from Kennington to Battersea via Nine Elms to Ferrovial Agroman Laing O'Rourke.

The contract, worth approximately £500 million, will be for six years and covers the main construction works.

### PAYING RESPECTS

Transport for London (TfL) paid respects to transport staff who lost their lives in the First World War on the centenary of the day Britain entered the First World War. TfL staff joined members

of the London Transport Old Comrades Association to pay their respects to those who fought, by laying wreaths in stations and bus garages across London over the course of the day.

### SAFER CYCLING

Trials of detection software to enhance bus driver awareness of pedestrians and cyclists have begun to improve road safety in the capital. Four buses, two on route 25 and two on route 73, have been fitted with brand new pedestrian and cyclist detection software as part of a six-week trial.

### PRESENT AND COLLECT

TfL has joined forces with a number of major retailers to trial a service called 'Click and Collect' at 25 Tube station car parks. The service makes it easier for LU customers to collect orders they have made online by picking them up from a station on their way home.

# PTAC RE-ISSUE FOR DEPENDANTS OVER 16

Those readers who have Privilege Ticket Authority Cards (PTACs) for their dependants over 16 years of age are reminded the cards expire on 31 December 2014. A letter including an application form will be sent out shortly requesting:

- Complete a form for each dependant child over 16.
- Include a letter from their school, college or university dated no earlier than September 2014 to confirm they are still in full time education.

These should be sent to TfL, Travel Services, 1st Floor, 14 Pier Walk, London SE10 0ES by 14 November 2014 to ensure enough time for reissue.

Please note if any of your dependants have a Pay As You Go (PAYG) Oyster card with the discounted privilege rate set on it, they will need to go to any LU Ticket Office with their new PTAC to get this reapplied against their new PTAC serial number. Otherwise the full amount will be charged for each journey made.

## New privilege rates using PTACs

A trial is taking place on National Rail for holders of PTACs. The 75 per cent discount is now available to include National Rail walk up fares for leisure travel – the PTAC discount can now be applied to off-peak and super off-peak fares instead of at the full price.

Please note that this is not valid for Season Tickets, Day Travelcards or Advance fares.

Any questions should be emailed to [StaffTravelServices@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:StaffTravelServices@tfl.gov.uk) or call 0800 015 5073.

## GOING... GOING... GONE

Two lifelong transport enthusiasts and former trustees of London Bus Museum have established an auction house - London Transport Auctions - that caters for the capital's transport ephemera of the last 150 years.

Peter Duplock and Michael Wickham have over 80 years' experience between them of the transport collectables market.

Twice-yearly sales are being held in Croydon. The London Transport Museum and London Bus Museum used the opportunity to raise considerable sums of money by selling surplus

artefacts at the auctions, taking advantage of some of the record prices achieved.

LTA's next sale is on Saturday 1 November, with two more planned for 2015.

LTA's website is [www.londontransportauctions.com](http://www.londontransportauctions.com) and they can be contacted on [enquiries@londontransportauctions.com](mailto:enquiries@londontransportauctions.com) or 01293 763013.



## otm FONDLY REMEMBERED

**Adrian Ashby**  
**18 August 2014, aged 64**

Adrian served as the chief executive and development manager of the Griffin Housing Association.

**Ray Blakey**  
**July 2014, aged 73**

Ray spent much of his career working in signal and electrical engineering.

**Walter "Jim" Braithwaite**  
**4 August 2014, aged 84**

Jim was a District line train operator who worked at both Barking and Upminster. He retired in the 1990s.

**Terry Din**  
**11 July 2014**

Terry joined the business in 1970 and spent his working life in the Permanent Way.

His first 'home' station was Dagenham Heathway and his last was Whitechapel.

**Linda Goodwin (nee Staines)**  
**4 July 2014, aged 67**

Linda worked as a conductress at Walthamstow Bus Garage from 1967 to 1978 before taking medical retirement. She was an avid darts player who played for the ladies team.

**Robert 'Bob' Gregory**  
**8 July 2014, aged 68**

Bob started as an apprentice foreman in 1973. He became an inspector at Dagenham East and was a supervisor multi-functional when he retired.

**Linda Mackett**  
**8 July 2014, aged 65**

Linda worked at Putney Garage for 24 years

starting as a conductress before becoming a driver.

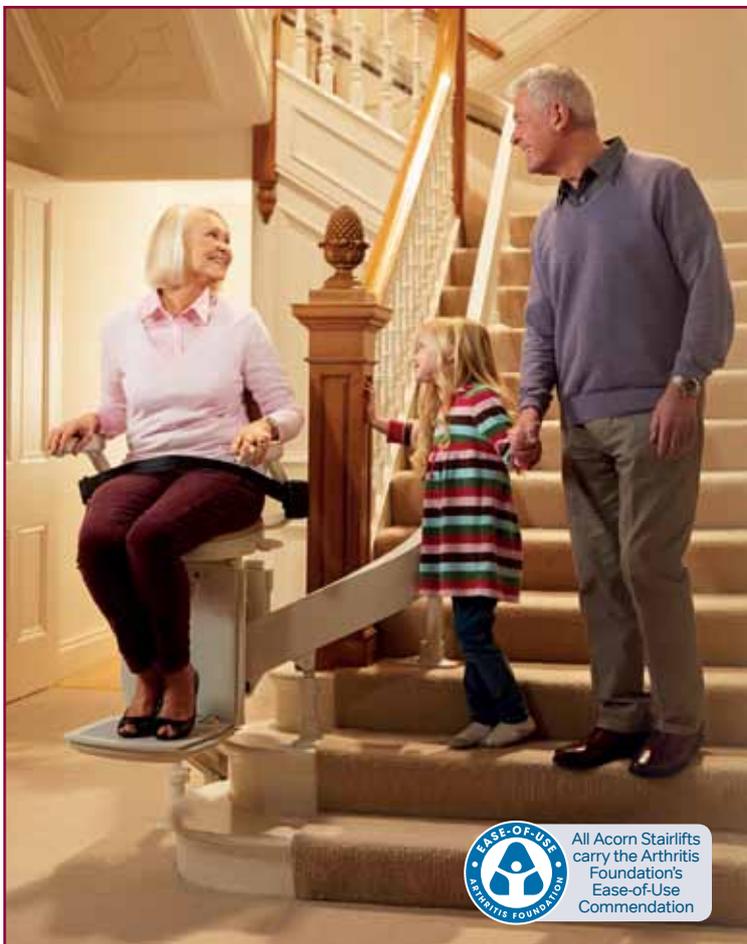
**Michael Owen**  
**5 June 2014, aged 74**

Michael was a driver at Potters Bar Garage from 1964 to 1986 before working as a counter-hand due to ill-health. He was actively involved in the Sports and Social Club.

**Brian Ridgeway**  
**9 December 2013, aged 77**

Brian joined the business in 1967 as a class 1V booking office clerk working on the District line. When he retired through ill health in 1992 he was a class C area manager and acting depot manager at East Finchley. He earlier worked on many special projects at 55 Broadway and Earls Court.

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duty manager.

Let's have a bit of content/news about the Underground. Perhaps you could run a story on the TBTC signalling system which is in place on the Jubilee line and I believe is soon to be fully commissioned on the Northern line.

I appreciate there are many much older than me who receive the publication but please let's look to the future rather than dwelling on the past.

**Dave Wyeth**

**Editor's Note:** You're right Graham. Readers can subscribe to the regular edition through a form which will be included in the next edition of **otm**. On the other matter, we've listened to readers and you'll find more current material in this edition.

**TEAM TALK**

Eddie Borrill and his wife Pat were interested to read about Theresa White in the last edition of **otm Pensioners**. Eddie played for the LT rugby team with Tess's husband Danny.

"By coincidence I was talking to John "Tug" Wilson recently and we wondered how Tess and Danny were faring these days and how we could be in touch with them," he wrote. Watch this space.

**JACK OF ALL TRADES**

After seeing the story My Husband Frank in issue 44, Robin Goddard got in touch. He suggests that the name of the driver in the photograph is Jack, and recalls that he moved on to be a driver instructor at Chiswick and then a team leader.



**THE GENERATION GAME**

Mrs E Perry, who is 89, wrote in with her memories of her father, who started on the buses at Putney Garage when he was 21. He stayed with LT until he was 70. Her sister also worked for the company. She then joined and the family worked together during WWII. Her father drove a bus full of colleagues at his conductor's funeral. Her father-in-law, both her son-in-laws and her daughter all worked for the company.

"Quite a bus family weren't we?" she wrote.

**DON'T FORGET THE COACH STATION**

Thanks for **otm** but why is there no mention of Victoria Coach Station (VCS)? It is all about London Transport. I worked at VCS for 40 years, and it has a long history with many interesting items.

**Peter Scammell**

**Editor's note:** Did you work at VCS or have any memories about it? Let us know.



Passengers preparing to board a coach in 1976

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.