

# Neasden Flyer

Newsletter of the RMT Neasden Branch

January 2016

**BREAKING NEWS!!!** RMT Suspends this weeks strike action planned for Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th January. Following strikes planned for February are still to go ahead as planned.

A very Happy New Year to you from the RMT Neasden Branch. Many thanks to all of you who attended the December Branch meeting. It was a chance for all grades to get together before the festive period. We have a busy year ahead with the Night-Tube, Pay, and Fit For The Future Stations disputes still ongoing. We would like to see more of our members at The Branch meetings this year.

We currently have a vacancy for an Industrial Rep at Neasden Depot (Train side). If you or anyone you know is interested in fulfilling this position, please let your local Rep know or come along to the next branch meeting.

## Are you a budding artist or designer?

*Neasden branch are looking to update the branch banner and are looking for your suggestions on how it could look? It must be simple and relevant to the branch and it must contain the union motto 'Unity is Strength.'*

*If you have a design in mind, jot it down and email to [neasden@rmt.org.uk](mailto:neasden@rmt.org.uk) or feel free to bring your ideas along to the next meeting.*

## Local Issues

- Station Staff at Harrow are concerned that the new rosters are causing fatigue issues. Staff feel that the new rosters are not allowing enough time to recover from the change in shift patterns (i.e. night shifts to early shifts).
- Service Control staff have concerns about the implementation of Section 15 protection. This is following a recent near-miss on another line, and a lack of formal training for Service Control Staff.
- Station Staff have expressed concern over Ticket Machine cash-handling training. Staff who have never dealt with LUL cash feel that they are being rushed through the training course.
- A trial of Vinyl advertising on Jubilee Line Platform Edge Doors has caused safety concern for Train and Station Staff as it obscures the view of the train and the customers inside when the Platform Edge Doors are closed

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## Upcoming Courses and Events

### RMT National Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Conference 2016.

This course is to be held in Nottingham on Friday 13th/Saturday 14th May

### RMT Black and Ethnic Minority Members Conference 2016

This course is to be held in Manchester on Monday 21st/Tuesday 22nd March.

The Neasden Branch is currently lacking a Black and Ethnic Minority Official. If you are a branch member and you would like to represent the Black and Ethnic Minorities or attend any of the conferences please let your local Rep or the Branch Secretary know.

### Pensions Open-Day

A Pensions Open Day will be held Tuesday 16th February at 10am in the Harrow On The Hill Depot Meeting Room. Representatives have been invited down to discuss Pensions and Wills with our members and to help you plan for your future.

### Train Operator /Service Control Liaison Meetings

Regular meetings have started to take place between Train Operators and Service Control staff in order to maintain good relationships between the grades. The meetings have been informal and give staff a chance to air any issues or pass on any positive comments. So far the meetings have received positive feedback.

If you have any informal issues you would like to be raised at these meetings then please pass this info on to your local liaison Officer. Any formal issues will need to be dealt with via the normal route.

## Metropolitan Line Craft Club

The Metropolitan Line regularly hold a Craft Club at Harrow Depot. This is a chance to try out your knitting or needlework skills alongside other creative people. If you would like to attend one of these club meetings or if you have any craft related items which you would like to donate (wool/fabric/buttons etc) please contact the branch or the local Rep at Harrow for more info.

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If you have any content which you would like to be included in the next edition please come along to the next branch meeting or pass the info onto your local Rep.

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