

For train drivers at Stratford and North Greenwich depots



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Pay Talks Update – RMT Calls For Substantial Rise

Pay talks for 2015 have begun with the union calling for a substantial increase and a 4 day week. London Transport Regional Organiser John Leach has updated members:

“Today myself and senior RMT (functional council) reps attended and represented the union at what was the third meeting we've had now since we submitted our claim for a substantial pay rise and improved terms and conditions for all of our members across all areas of employment in London Underground Ltd 2015

“The management presented to the meeting a working document. Also they stated that it was their view that Night tube would feature in their thinking around this pay negotiation .Howeverdespite myself pressing them to ...LUL made no offer .

“We have agreed to return to the table next week on the 3rd of March . LUL stated at the meeting today that at this forthcoming meeting on the 3rd they would make an offer to us to consider on behalf of our RMT members .

I shall report back to the unions national leadership at that point , who will consider the RMTs response .”

Strike Called In McGuigan Dispute

Further to my previous correspondence advising you of the result of the ballot, members are congratulated for returning a 'yes' vote for strike action and for the excellent support shown by you and your colleagues despite a massive campaign of misinformation and smears mounted by LU and TfL bosses and the media.

Following this result, a meeting of your RMT Train Grades Reps and Activists took place on Thursday 19th February to discuss the campaign strategy to reinstate Brother McGuigan. The General Grades Committee has considered this matter and having noted the views and wishes expressed at the meeting, has taken the decision to instruct all RMT

Train Operator and Instructor Operator members **NOT TO BOOK ON FOR SHIFTS THAT COMMENCE BETWEEN:- 21:30 hours on Saturday 7th March 2015 until 03:59 hours on Sunday 8th March 2015.**

This action is the first stage as part of a rolling programme of industrial action and I urge all RMT London

Underground Train Operators and Instructor Operators to stand firm together against this, and any future, injustices against RMT members.



Yours sincerely, Mick Cash
General Secretary

Branch meeting

Meetings are held every pay day at the Blue Eyed Maid in Borough High Street. (nearest Tube London Bridge). Our next meeting is on 18th March at 1600.

All members welcome, please try and come along.

- ☆ Pay Talks
- ☆ Strike Announced
- ☆ Go back to check M door
- ☆ Car park changes & more

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Go back To Check M Door Alarms



Management may be about to introduced a new procedure for when a rear M door alarm activates – proceeding to the next station rather than investigating first.

We believe this is unsafe as an intruder could have entered via the rear cab from outside of the train. This is also another example of management’s attempts to dumb down our job by taking away the need for a train operator.

While consultation is still ongoing with your union representatives locally and at tier 2 level, the advice for RMT members is to continue with the previous policy of going back to investigate an alarm indicating that the rear M door has opened.

Any questions? Ask you health and safety reps Graham Stanbridge and Matt Minter.

Car Park Changes

Parking spaces outside Fleet House are likely to be reduced as bosses want to build a new entrance into Stratford Station

through the car park. Various options have been given for alternate parking locations – We will be meeting with management – jointly with station reps – to discuss the issue and will push to ensure that adequate provisions remain in place so drivers can park as near Fleet House as possible in a safe location.

Sacked For Being Epileptic

Recently branch member Karen Guyott - who works on stations - has been sacked for being epileptic. Just two days after her sacking the case was discussed in parliament. Kate Hoey, Labour MP for Vauxhall asked “Does the hon. Lady think it shocking that in this day and age a very large public body like Transport for London —London Underground — could sack a young woman for the fact that she has epilepsy?”

Tory MP Laura Sandys who called this an extraordinary case replied “ First, why would the young woman lose her job? She already had the job and was succeeding in it, so why was the sudden revelation of her epilepsy a reason for losing it? Secondly, her manager said that it had absolutely no impact on her ability to perform her role.

This is, in many ways, a 19th-century attitude.”

If London Underground sacks station staff this callously and gets a way with it, all workers are threatened. As an all grades union the RMT will respond to any attack on any worker from the bosses, in order to protect members from unfair sackings.

Night Tube

Night tube talks are ongoing but there is not any clear offers or position from management as yet. As soon as details start to emerge we'll update you. It's worth getting down to branch too for the latest position, and to give your views on what Night Tube should mean for us.

Age Medicals

The Train’s H&S Council have received enquiries lately about what is covered in periodic age medical assessments. The periodic medical assessments that are undertaken include various tests and a consultation with a nurse followed by a review of the test results.

The occupational health medical record of each employee is also reviewed. There is also an amount of health promotion in these assessments. If you have any enquiries then contact your RMT Safety Rep.

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