

RMT Jubilee South Newsletter Oct 2012



Dates for your diary:

Next Branch meeting: 31st Oct, Blue Eyed Maid.

Branch AGM: 28th Nov, Blue Eyed Maid.

Train Grades Meeting: 25th Oct. 14.30 hrs. Unity House Chalton St. Euston

Station Grades Meeting: 25th Oct. 14.30 hrs. Exmouth arms, Starcross St. near Euston station

Regional Council Meeting: 25th Oct Exmouth Arms, Starcross St. Near Euston station 16.30 hrs.

TUC Future that works Demo: 20th Oct

What happened at the last branch meeting?

Regional Organiser Election and nominations

At the last Branch meeting after lively debate Unjum Murza was given the nomination of our branch for the Regional Organiser position. The Election will be taking place soon and you are urged to vote for your choice for this important position

Trains rep DE recognition This issue was discussed and it was the decision of the branch that London Underground management had no place interfering with the unions democratic process and that Jason Moriarty was the rep regardless of any silliness from outside the RMT. The branch decided that Jason Moriarty would be supported 100% as rep.

Branch AGM It was announced that due to the Christmas break the branch AGM would be held at the November branch meeting day on the 29th of November at the usual time of 16.00hrs after the branch business is concluded we will be retiring to the bar.

Other issues discussed included New rule book 23 (incompatible train movements), Wheelchair ramps, Probationary interview problems on the Stratford group and others.

London Underground needs to scrap plans for driverless trains PERMANENTLY after safety concerns

Following the threat of industrial action LUL have stated that they will not be testing driverless trains any time soon, however many are skeptical and have good right to be.

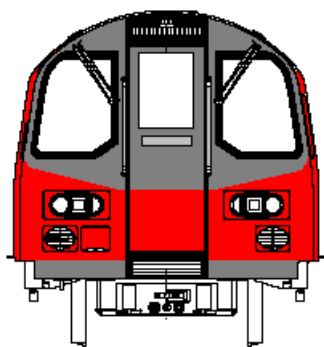
The fact that these announcements have been made does not mean the threat to jobs and safety has gone away.

Philippa Oldham, who is head of transport and manufacturing at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, said "The secrecy so far about the move towards driverless trains only adds to the fear that LU is being driven by ideology more than anything else on this issue." She also said "London Underground drivers do a fantastic job and fortunately accidents due to driver error are very rare".

There have been several incidents recently which would undoubtedly result in deaths if the acts of professional trained drivers had not prevented possible fatalities occurring.

This is not a time to bury your head in the sand or feel secure about the future of the train operator grade, the threat is still real.

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JOIN US IN LONDON
SATURDAY
20 OCTOBER 2012
Assemble at 11am-1:30pm
for march to Hyde Park rally

TUC Future that works demo/ March 20th October

It has been proven many years ago that austerity in the face of depression is not a good idea. Policy makers, pundits and particularly politicians have decided for mainly political reasons to forget these elementary rules. Many workers are paying for this recklessness with their jobs, pensions and savings. The poor are particularly targeted, while the rich remain untouched.

Our member's jobs pay and conditions are being threatened as never before. ALL unions must unite and send a NO message to the coalition government's austerity slash and slaughter policy.

We invite members of all trade unions to join us in the march in London on October 20th Details of the march are available on union noticeboards or www.rmt.org.uk and www.afuturethatworks.org

The jubilee south Branch has two muster points for travelling to the march

Stratford Station:

(By Robert the steam train, near bus station entrance) Meet 09.30 Leaving 09.50 prompt

London Bridge Station;

Tooley St Exit Meet 10.20 Leaving 10.40

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The RMT has a proven track record of defending its members in many adverse circumstances, at local and national level, both on personal and national issues.

There has never been a more important time for workers to unite together, join us now, and fight for a better future.

Details are on our website www.rmt.org.uk



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