

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and social**

**Thursday December 6, 2007  
16:00 hours**

**Upstairs at The Clachan,  
Kingly Street. Oxford Circus**

***Elect all branch  
officers and reps***



# **Detrainment staff to strike again on November 12**



**Striking station staff leaflet the public on their strike for safety.**

Not one member of detrainment station staff came to work on the last strike day.

The strength of feeling amongst the affected staff asked to work alone on one of the most dangerous parts of the rail network is clear.

But of course while London Underground want the staff con-

cerned to work alone their hypocrisy shone through as senior managers and RCI's worked in groups of 6 to tip out trains. No danger of managers working alone up in bandit country. And while they staff the stations mob handed management have not come forward with a solution to allay the fears of the staff and the union.

There has been mutterings that once the Silverlink transfer takes place the problem will go away.

But these staff have not been trained yet on LUL procedures and at the moment will not be available at extreme times of the day.

London Underground must recognise the strength of feelings of the detrainment staff.

Detrainment staff are 100% against lone working. That is

why they are 100% behind further action to defend their safety. That is why there will be 100% support for strike action on November 12.

By pure coincidence this is the same day London Underground top brass will be out in force at Willesden Junction to publicise the launch of the London Overground Railway.

The RMT will be joining management on the day to leaflet the public about our concerns for staff safety.

And the public want the same as the RMT: more staff visible to assist.

London Underground better realise this soon. The detrainment staff will not go away. They are fighting for their safety and the public's safety.

Join them on the picket line and protest!

**ALL GRADES UNITED IN ONE COMMON OBJECT**

## Silverlink staff transfer is a pretext to bring in agency staff

LUL management are determined to use the Silverlink transfer as a pretext to attack station staffing. The company plans to use security guards and agency staff on the transferring stations, and to scrap Supervisors resident on each station and instead have a single Supervisor covering several stations at once.

Security guards and agency staff would casualise our workforce; and mobile Supervisors mean fewer jobs and worse safety standards.

LUL has refused to alter their plans in the face of union objections, and it now looks like we are heading for a strike ballot.

This issue does not just affect station staff on the north end of the Bakerloo line: it affects every London Underground worker in every grade and every location. Why? Because you can be sure that if LUL gets away with using agency staff, security guards and mobile supervision at these locations, it will soon be eyeing up your grade and your location.

When a driver has an incident - perhaps a one-under or a PEA operation - there may be no station staff there to help you. How would you feel having to wait while a mobile Station Supervisor tries to get to you from another location, hampered by the fact that the train service isn't running?

All grades need to unite to fight off this attack.

Despite being at loggerheads with LUL management on these issues, RMT reps are still meeting regularly with them to ensure our new workmates get the best possible deal.

We have demanded that transferring staff get LUL rates of pay straight away - after all, you have got your uniform in time for 11th November, so why not your pay packet?! We are also arguing for the best possible deal on rosters, staff travel, pensions and other issues.

## SLH refurb completed

Finally the refurbishment at South London House is complete. And its not too bad either.

But according to management SLH was reopened by Tim O'Toole on October 31st. If only it was.

For the last 3 years all drivers patience have been tested to the limit while putting up with the noise, inconvenience and being shunted from one floor to the next.

And when Tim did come to "reopen" SLH, this was prepared by a swat teams of clean-

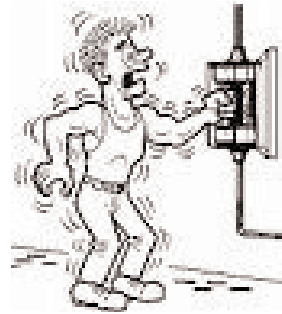
ers scrubbing the building from top to bottom. So this will be the level of cleanliness we will all expect from now on.

Like the Queen thinking that all toilets smell of fresh paint, does Tim O'Toole thinks all LUL buildings reek of bleach?

Do you need some work done in your house? Invite Tim round for tea! An anonymous swat team of cleaners and decorators will get your house sorted out in a jiffy!

Can someone invite him to the Goldfish bowl at the Elephant? That place stinks!

## RMT and Aslef call for Inquiry after another driver is electrocuted



*In late September a driver was electrocuted using the ready to start plunger at Harrow & Wealdstone.*

*Despite the fact that the driver needed hospital attention the plunger was left in operation for 4 days. It was only after union intervention was the plunger decommissioned and eventually fully insulated and earthed.*

*At an adhoc meeting the union raised concerns about the plungers at Stonebridge which are the same design as those at Harrow. Management of course said there was no need to worry. RMT Health & Safety reps told management in no uncertain terms that they were putting drivers at risk.*

*Now another driver has been electrocuted and in need of hospital attention. You guessed it: at the Stonebridge Park ready to start plunger.*

*This lax attitude to drivers safety by senior Bakerloo management is disgraceful. We demand a full inquiry.*



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