

NEWSLETTER
February 2010

Stratford No1
Meets every 2ns
Thursday at the
Ex-Servicemens
Club, Harvey Rd
Leytonstone.

RMT Unity is Strength STRATFORD NO.1

THE TIME IS RIGHT :
ONE UNION FOR ALL



BEWARE THE £5 MINIMUM TOP UP

The £5 minimum top up on the Oyster Card is a Trojan horse: This change to working practices is designed specifically to force more and more passengers to use the web and corner shops when they want to top up their Oyster Cards .

This policy is a back door to pulling down the blinds on booking offices permanently. This Union has not been consulted on the implementation of the £5 minimum top up at Ticket offices. We believe this policy is both an attack on customers, especially poorer people, and a threat to the future of ticket offices and jobs.

Bank/Monument Update

Staff on Bank group oppose the company's plans to force staff to move away to a work location where they do not want to work, and replace them with people who are not nearly as familiar with the station. Bank/Monument complex is the largest underground railway station in Europe. There are already serious concerns about staffing levels, assaults and evacuation times on the station, and replacing staff who are familiar with the running of the station and well versed in evacuation procedures can only make these problems worse. After 120 staff signed a petition against this, and RMT representatives put our case forcefully to management, we are now hopeful that no-one will have to move who does not want to. However, we can never be confident in management to protect our rights, so keep yourself up to date with the situation by talking to your reps and getting active in your union. .

Job cuts don't affect you?

Every job lost is a contribution to the pension scheme lost, multiply by hundreds of Jobs and the hole in the pension gets bigger. This would be just the excuse Boris needs to shut the scheme.

Fighting all job losses makes sense.

Leyton Group news:

Leyton Group has a full compliment of RMT Union representatives .Congratulations to Arief Danga who takes over the Health & Safety position, AND congratulations to Vincent Brooks who now has the responsibility for local industrial issues.

If you have any issues that needs the RMT's attention , just call your new Local reps for assistance.

Train Drivers : New Job Hazard

Last months Regional council was shocked to its core when the RMT'S Chris Carroll provided the delegates present with documentary evidence , secured by a freedom of information request that proves beyond any reasonable doubt that Train Operators are being sacked in disciplinary hearings for reasons that historically would not have resulted in a Train Ops dismissal.

One can only surmise that LUL are using the LDI/Disciplinary procedures to increase the levels of 'natural wastage'.

Only the RMT fights unfair dismissals!