

H&C NEWS

Official RMT Newsletter of the Hammersmith & City Branch

Secretary's Welcome

Firstly congratulations to all grades on the rock solid strike action taken on the 19th August. The whole package of RMT action we have taken has without a doubt delayed imposition of catastrophic attacks on our pensions and conditions. However the recently accepted bailout terms make it clear that there are tough times ahead. The terms are outrageous and it is shocking that a Labour Mayor has accepted them.

With Solidarity we will win!

Notting Hill Carnival

The Notting Hill Carnival returned after a 3-year break since the last Carnival in 2019. As predicted there was chaos including a passenger attempting to throw another passenger under a train at Kings X. Once again, incidents like this and many others over the weekend prove why LUL needs a properly staffed network with well trained staff who can deal with such unpredictable situations professionally.



All Out!

Your Reps and Officials were on Picket Lines alongside members at Hammersmith, Edgware Road Depot, Kings Cross and Paddington. Thanks to all who attended Picket Lines.

Above; Picket Line at Paddington Station, below left; Pickets at Kings X, below bottom right; at Hammersmith.



September Branch Meeting

Following a break in August with many Reps and Activists away on Holiday, Branch Meeting resumes on Wednesday 7th September, the usual time and place.

Upcoming Branch Vacancies

We will need to appoint a Branch Trustee in the September Branch Meeting since the departure of Mark Harding, as per our Standing Orders.

Other vacancies coming up soon include Assistant Branch Secretary & Union Learning Rep. Further information will be shared but I hope these will be filled at the AGM in November.

RMT Credit Union

Why not join the Credit Union? It is an ethical way to save for a rainy day and provide affordable loans should you require them. You can save as little as £5 a month, and join the Christmas and/or Summer savings clubs if you wish to do so. More information google RMT Credit Union, or give me a call.

Paddington Sub Floor

After months of work to attempt to resolve the situation with the slippery floor at Paddington Suburban, already having caused numerous accidents of both Staff and Passengers. I am pleased to report this has now been completed. Congratulations & thanks to the local Reps for working tirelessly to get this done.

Oyster Card Refunds

There have been numerous cases recently, not just on the H&C but across the combine, of staff refunding discarded unregistered Oyster Cards with cash. Sometimes after resolving a journey to increase the balance. The LUL fraud dept are seriously hot on this issue at the present moment. They have a team working daily to recognise any such activity and will use any methods at their disposal to identify anyone involved in this and then throw the book at them. Please do not be tempted- it simply is not worth the risk for the sake of a few quid!

Farewell Mark Harding

Previous Branch Secretary Mark Harding has retired from London Underground, celebrating his retirement with a month long holiday in France. Mark is well known to many, not only running the Branch for many years, but representing dozens of members of staff, not just on the Railway but also from Cleaning, Bus grades and many more.

We wish Mark the very best in his retirement.

Contact Details- Branch Officials and Reps

There are numerous Branch Officials and Reps in the H&C Branch, to find your local Rep or Branch official, **SCAN THE QR CODE** with your smartphone. We Represent members at all stations from Hammersmith (H&C)- Kings X (excluding Baker St), Edgware Road & Hammersmith Train-Crew Depots, Hammersmith SCC, Cleaning Grades, and Buses. If you work at one of these locations YOU have a local RMT Rep team. You can also contact the Branch Secretary, Ian Flatman, on hammersmithcity@rmt.org.uk or 07716 815 405 for further assistance or to find out who your rep is.



Hammersmith & City Branch Meetings- We usually meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Dolphin Public House, near Kings Cross station, WC1H 9DW from 1500hrs. All Welcome!