



# jubileesouth

branch news

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## Tube bosses offer half hour reduction in working week

*RMT pressure sees improved offer made*



working week was now on the table and more talks would take place to discuss how that may be moved forward.

The latest offer is:

Year 1 RPI + 0.2%

Year 2 30-minute reduction in working week plus a pay rise of RPI + 0.2% less the cost of implementing the 30 minute cut.

LUL has indicated that it may be possible to maintain the full

RPI + 0.2% increase in year 2 subject to further discussions on how the reduction in working hours is introduced.

Remember only the RMT are in dispute for a shorter working week as part of this year's pay claim. Whilst we are not there yet we have moved LUL from 'absolutely not' to 'almost definitely' on reduced hours. More talks are planned for the 27th of August.

The RMT members mass meeting held on Wednesdays the 14th of August was absolutely speaking as one regarding the then current "offer" from LUL, describing it as unacceptable.

With this in mind the negotiating team went into talks with LUL on Friday 16th of August in a determined mood. Initially LUL's position was the same. A derisory pay offer was made with nothing on any of the other aspects of the RMT pay claim. 'Unaffordable, unaffordable, unaffordable' they said.

By early afternoon that had shifted to an acceptance that a shorter

## SPAD CDI Thrown Out

An RMT driver, facing a gross misconduct charge following a SPAD has had the case thrown out thanks to the RMT. The union said from the start that this shouldn't be a disciplinary matter and went into dispute to force the point. Had management listened to us it would have saved time and stress for the driver involved.

## A win for us all

Jubilee South branch is proud of this result, as it is great both for the member and all drivers on the Jubilee Line as it defends the principal that non-aggravated SPADs are not a disciplinary matter.

RMT drivers on the Jubilee Line at Stratford, North Greenwich and Wembley depots should feel confident that they are protected and defended as members of the train drivers' union: the RMT.

RMT Regional Organiser John Leach added to the jubilant mood of RMT members saying "This is a fantastic victory that highlights that the RMT is the union for train drivers."

*We are always ready to fight for members who are wronged and this case shows that we get the results."*

**If you have not yet joined the RMT you can do so at [www.rmt.org.uk/join](http://www.rmt.org.uk/join), or speak to a local rep.**



# Jubilee South branch

## Canada Water numbers just don't add up



Canada Water was recently upgraded to a 'Cat A' station.

This was based on huge increase in footfall, more and more trains running through with London Overground's increase in service levels and massive local development of houses and apartments.

Add in a thriving local economy with more jobs providing more local workers and customers and its clear to see the need for more vigilance with increased security checks and improved station management.

Except LU forgot to review the obvious requirement for more staff. Local reps have made management aware of the issues with having so few staff available to cover all the activities required around the station:

- an increase in footfall naturally increases the need for more MIP and VIPs to be offered assistance if needed
- Hourly security checks through-

out traffic hours

- Station control room needs to be staffed at all times

Our local reps have requested an emergency ad hoc meeting with LUL to discuss how the issues raised can be dealt with.

Thus far LUL have offered one PT 1700 -2100 Mon -Fri shift to cover the additional hourly security check.

Unless it's LUL's intention to only open Canada Water during this 4 hour window Monday to Friday they really need to start listening to us.

### NEC nominations

Jubilee South branch will be nominating for the 'National Executive Committee' (NEC) position at our upcoming branch meeting. The candidates are (in alphabetical order):

- Jayesh Patel
- Lorna Tooley
- Jared Wood

The NEC is the decision making body of the RMT which essentially runs our union alongside the General Secretary, President and Assistant General Secretaries. It is essential that you come along and vote so your voice is heard.



### Join the Climate strike on 20th of September

What can you do and why should it matter to you?

Demonstrations recently on Fridays resulted in School classrooms being quiet while streets worldwide have come to life again with the chants and cries of a new generation of climate activists. What started as a one-person protest by Greta Thunberg has grown to a movement of millions sacrificing their #FridaysForFuture in over 160 countries in at least 2000 locations.

School strikers voices have reverberated through the halls of power with moral authority and urgency in a way that has woken the world up to the true scale of the climate emergency we face.

The next date where worldwide opposition to the ruination of our climate and our futures will be on the 20th of September.

## The RMT is your union, have your say!

The Jubilee South Branch meets every pay day (weds) 1600-1800 at The King's Arms on Newcomen St which is just off Borough High Street. The nearest tube station is London Bridge via the Borough High Street exit.

**All members are welcome**

- **The next meeting is on Wednesday, 28th of August at 4pm.**

For further information please speak to your local rep or contact our Branch Secretary Eamonn Lynch on 07578769943 / eamonnlynchrmt@outlook.com.