

Bakerloo News



Newsletter of the Bakerloo Branch
national union of rail, maritime and transport workers

JULY SPECIAL

Strike announced defend Jerome!



Following the disgraceful way in which Jerome Bowes was sacked, RMT members on the Charing Cross group have voted in favour by 90 percent for industrial action in support of Jerome.

RMT members will be striking from 1900 on Sunday 27th to 1900 on Monday 28th. All staff who's rostered to book on between these times should respect the overwhelming vote and support Jerome by not coming in to work for their duties, and non RMT members are asked to support their colleagues.

Jerome was a witness to a violent altercation between two members of the public, and

when this fight split up one of the men involved started to verbally and physically harass Jerome. As Jerome was walking away to a place of safety he was hit on the back.

Having just witnessed this man in a fight a few minutes previous Jerome was of the opinion that it may have lead to a further and prolonged attack so he struck back once to defend himself. When the police turned up both Met and the BTP found no cause to arrest either Jerome or the member of public but London Underground saw reason to take away Jerome's livelihood by sacking him even though no official complaint was raised.

Inexperienced office staff are being familiarised to cover the stations and DSM's are putting themselves down for 16 hour shifts to undermine our strike, but we need to show solidarity and not be intimidated by these people. Management showed Jerome no support before this incident or during his case and so we need to show our colleague our support.

Support the action and be strong this issue could happen to any of us and so we call on RMT members to back Jerome and send the message of disgust to management about the treatment of their employees.

AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL - DO NOT CROSS PICKET LINES