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## Message from

Dear colleague,

**Your latest Bus Talk is published at a time of change within the Go-Ahead family and wider transport sector.**

Earlier this month, the Go-Ahead Group announced that it is in takeover talks with an established Australian bus company called Kinetic and a Spanish transport infrastructure company called Globalvia. The two companies are working together to purchase Go-Ahead as they believe it has a bright long-term future and they have publicly committed to ongoing investment in the business, should they be successful. It is possible that other interested parties will also bid for Go-Ahead and while I understand change can be unsettling, please be assured it is very much 'business as usual' for us.

Although we continue to live with covid, bus passenger numbers in the capital continue to grow steadily, and we are back to around 85 per cent of pre-pandemic levels. Although that still leaves a sizeable gap to where we were at the start of 2020, it is nonetheless encouraging and the increased cost of private motoring offers us the chance to see that number rise still further.

Although simultaneous strikes on London Underground and National Rail will have passed by the time you read this, please accept my personal thanks for a job well done in very difficult circumstances. As demonstrated during covid, London's buses are fundamental to the city's well-being and your contribution to keeping the capital moving is appreciated.

## John Trayner

MANAGING DIRECTOR

In addition to possible changes within the company and strike action on the railway, we are also dealing with numerous big issues affecting Transport for London (TfL). Along with many other interested parties, we await the outcome of TfL's latest funding settlement with the government. TfL's fourth short-term finance agreement with the Department for Transport expires later this week and it is imperative they secure the money required to, among other things, continue fleet decarbonisation.

It will also not have escaped your attention that TfL plan some fundamental changes to central and inner London bus services which, if implemented, will result in our losing six services, including familiar route numbers such as 11, 12 and 14. Combined, the six affected routes mean 350 fewer drivers and 95 less buses at five

garages. Although the company does not plan any redundancies or garage closures, this is clearly not good news and I urge you to respond to TfL's consultation via [tinyurl.com/2p9dfe37](https://tinyurl.com/2p9dfe37)

With reduced funds, many competing demands and changed travel patterns, I accept that TfL have a difficult job, but these changes are, in my view, a retrograde step and one I believe will be short-term as mass public transport is the only way to ensure the health and wellbeing of the people who live, work and visit our capital. That said, I am concerned that we risk losing users to other modes, a point I will continue to make in my dealings with TfL and other stakeholders.

Despite the challenges, what makes us special is very apparent. We recently welcomed over 3,000 visitors at Stockwell, which opened its doors for the third time in eight years. Guests were treated to a superb vehicle display, guided tours and free bus rides, in an event that showcased what good looks like. Just over £5,000 was raised for a couple of worthy causes and the event further cemented our commitment to positive community engagement.



**JOHN TRAYNER**  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Elsewhere, exciting developments are taking place at Bexleyheath, where we expect to be operating electric buses on Route 132 from next month, in the process cleverly utilising pantograph top up charging, in yet another UK first for the company. Innovations such as this are of interest to the many international visitors we have recently hosted, which includes delegations from Albania, Indonesia and Singapore.

Irrespective of ownership, good days lie ahead for Go-Ahead London. Our capital requires a world class bus system and the spirit of togetherness that has taken us from the difficult early days of covid remains intact. None of this would be possible without the thousands of individual contributions that come together to make a collective team effort. Thank you all for making a difference and I hope you enjoy reading this edition of Bus Talk.

# Cool, calm and collected

**Not all heroes wear capes and in this case, the heroic acts and quick thinking of the team at Camberwell Garage, resulted in saving the life of a fellow colleague, back in April.**

Maria Collins, Garage Administrator, and Arjan Meta, Senior Garage Administrator, were the first on the scene to respond when a member of the public alerted them that a colleague had collapsed outside, opposite the garage.

Meta immediately began performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), while Maria called an ambulance and went rushing back into the garage to get the defibrillator. Making her way over to the scene, and without hesitation, Emma Tooze, Operating Manager, then took over the CPR, whilst instructing Meta to get the defibrillator ready. Emma continued CPR for a remarkable ten minutes, until paramedics arrived at scene.

Reflecting on the events that day, Emma, said. "This was an incredible team effort, and I am really pleased that our driving colleague is making a recovery. I would wholeheartedly encourage colleagues to complete first-aid training, you never know when and where you might need it; it could save someone's life.

First-aid training gives you the knowledge and confidence to step in when you are presented with a real emergency."

"The efforts of the team that day were amazing. Emma took full control of the situation and was heroic in her efforts to save our colleague." Derek Barker, General Manager.

**"This was an incredible team effort, and I am really pleased that our driving colleague is making a recovery."**

EMMA TOOZE  
OPERATING MANAGER



MARIA COLLINS (LEFT), EMMA TOOZE (CENTRE)  
AND ARJAN META, (RIGHT)

# the Pryce is Right

**Many colleagues say how working for Go-Ahead London is like being in one big family, for the Pryces this is definitely the case.**

An incredible three generations of the family, Carlton, Donna and Cheyenne, all work as drivers at Camberwell Garage. Carlton first started his career with the company in 1988 and

later inspired his daughter, Donna, to get behind the wheel in 2012. The Pryce family unit at Camberwell was complete earlier this year, when Donna's daughter Cheyenne joined the company.

Carlton, who has had two other careers since first becoming a driver, was very pleased to re-join the company earlier this year.

Donna has always enjoyed driving and finds the role of a bus driver with Go-Ahead London highly rewarding. In February 2022, Cheyenne started her Go-Ahead London journey on the driver apprenticeship scheme. It was always an easy career decision for Cheyenne, who was a frequent bus passenger as a child and was enthralled by her mother's positive experience. Cheyenne says she was 'Born to drive a bus'.

Speaking to the Pryce family, Carlton said, "Go-Ahead London has a high level of professionalism and Camberwell Garage is a real community." Adding to what her father shared, Donna also expressed how proud she and her daughter are to be bus drivers with the company and that they would 'wholeheartedly encourage other women to join the industry'.

**"Go-Ahead London has a high level of professionalism and Camberwell Garage is a real community."**

CARLTON PRYCE  
BUS DRIVER



CARLTON (LEFT), DONNA  
(CENTRE) AND CHEYENNE (RIGHT)



# Exercise your **mind**

Mental Health Awareness Week 2022

**M**ental Health Awareness Week took place from 9 to 15 May. At Go-Ahead London, the occasion was marked with events highlighting the importance of good mental health and supporting each another.

Across the business, we held events to build connections and to highlight the support, information, and advice available to all colleagues at Go-Ahead London, including the Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) and The Pod.

John Kelly, mentor at Orpington Garage, who assisted at one of the events, said, "It was a really interesting day discussing both the EAP and the Pod with colleagues. Several colleagues said that they would definitely be making use of the EAP resource. Others mentioned how they had received valuable assistance from the EAP and felt that a lot of progress had been made regarding their issues."



COLLEAGUES AT ORPINGTON GARAGE

[Click here to visit the EAP page on The Hub](#)

[Click here to visit The Pod page on The Hub](#)



COLLEAGUES AT CAMBERWELL GARAGE

# EID MUBARAK

In early May, colleagues across the business celebrated Eid, marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan for Muslims around the world. More commonly known as Eid al-Fitr, which means 'feast of breaking the fast', this was celebrated on the evening of Sunday 1 May. In many countries, Eid al-Fitr is a public holiday, and many people enjoy large meals with family and friends.

Afzaad Ali, Union Representative, kindly arranged a spread of food for colleagues on Tuesday 3 May at Silvertown and Henley Road Garages to continue celebrations.

Cover Operations Manager, Carl Trainor, said, "It was wonderful to see colleagues sharing the food supplied

by the company and the trade union. The comments were very positive and the event went very well - Afzaad and his wife did a great job."



COLLEAGUES AT SILVERTOWN AND HENLEY ROAD GARAGE COMING TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE EID



COLLEAGUES AT SILVERTOWN GARAGE





# BUILDING THE FUTURE

**C**ongratulations to our recent driver and engineer apprenticeship graduates. Their achievement was celebrated on 16 June at a Graduation Ceremony held at the Oval Cricket Ground.

Go-Ahead London's apprenticeship programmes saw 94 drivers and four engineers recently graduating, with many of them attending the ceremony and being presented with their certificates by the company directors. John Trayner, Managing Director, explained how the awards really celebrated the success of the apprentices. David Cutts, Operations Director, commended the

graduates on their hard work and dedication with Richard Harrington, Engineering Director, saying that all the graduates should be very proud of their achievement.

Wayne Jones, driver apprenticeship graduate, shared his inspiring story of how he thoroughly enjoyed his training and the high quality of Go-Ahead London's apprenticeship programme. Wayne explained how he was grateful to the company for him being allowed to take his next career step, having recently been appointed as a Classroom Trainer.

Apprentice Bus Driver of the Year, Ionut Catalin-Voicu, was very grateful for the award, which recognised his

dedication and passion. Ionut thanked his instructor, Monika Siemieniczuk, and his assessor, Gerard Richards, for helping him to succeed. Equipped with the skills and experience gained as part of the apprenticeship programme, Ionut has further advanced his career by becoming a Cover Senior Garage Administrator.

Awards were also made to colleagues who had gone 'above and beyond' as part of the apprenticeship programmes and in supporting apprentices. This included Karen Taylor, Assistant Operating Manager, for Most Supportive Line Manager and Deanna Beckford, bus driver apprentice graduate, who received a Special Recognition Award.



DAVID CUTTS (LEFT)  
DEANNA BECKFORD (MIDDLE)  
JOHN TRAYNER (RIGHT)

DRIVER APPRENTICE GRADUATE, DEANNA BECKFORD, BEING PRESENTED WITH A SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD FROM DAVID CUTTS AND JOHN TRAYNER.



WAYNE JONES (DRIVER APPRENTICE GRADUATE)

DRIVER APPRENTICE GRADUATE, WAYNE JONES, SHARING HIS INSPIRING APPRENTICESHIP JOURNEY.



APPRENTICE BUS DRIVER OF THE YEAR, IONUT CATALIN-VOICU WITH DAVID CUTTS, OPERATIONS DIRECTOR.

DAVID CUTTS (LEFT)  
IONUT CATALIN-VOICU (RIGHT)



JOHN TRAYNER (LEFT)  
KAREN TAYLOR (RIGHT)

MOST SUPPORTIVE LINE MANAGER WINNER, KAREN TAYLOR, WITH JOHN TRAYNER, MANAGING DIRECTOR.



GEORGIE BISHOP (LEFT)  
RICHARD HARRINGTON (RIGHT)

4TH YEAR ENGINEER APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR, GEORGIE BISHOP, WITH RICHARD HARRINGTON, ENGINEERING DIRECTOR



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# Pin the TWEET

Many passengers, colleagues and Go-Ahead London bus enthusiasts follow our Twitter page and use it as a platform to give their feedback about their experiences. We receive a lot of positive tweets on topics such as excellent customer service.



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**Neil Adie** @Yellow212

While doing Monday shopping at Chingford Mount as I managed to capture the ADL/BYD Enviro400EV in Queen's Platinum Jubilee wrapped all over bus. Ee31 is seen here turning to New Road from Chingford Mount Road. @Go\_Ahead\_London

**ULTRA TRANSPORT** @ultratransport

Beautiful sunset while a bus on route 184 is heading towards Turnpike Lane Station.

#sunset #sunsetphotography #bus #colours #photo

**Go-Ahead London** @Go\_Ahead\_London

**Stockwell Open Day**

Thank you again to everyone who made our Stockwell Garage 70th anniversary Open Day such a success. The event was also held in aid of @Housing4Women and @StockwellParkCT. We are pleased to announce that a total of £5,137 will be divided between these two charities. #swopenday

**Edward Adoo** @EdwardAadoo · Jun 15

No worries. Great to meet John, Eugene and rest of the team. Brilliant day. So glad you raised over 5k.

**Go-Ahead London** @Go\_Ahead\_London · Jun 15

Thanks for coming by to our Stockwell Open Day on Saturday, and speaking with our Managing Director, Edward! twitter.com/EdwardAadoo/sta...

**Andrew Turton** @TurtontheTurtle · Jun 11

Replying to @Go\_Ahead\_London

The thanks should go to @Go\_Ahead\_London for organising it and to your excellent staff for making it such an enjoyable day! 🙌😊

# ENTER THE DRAGON



**Focus and a can-do attitude are the key factors for success for karate teacher and Camberwell Garage colleague Mark Alleyne. Mark, who is also Trade Union Representative, has a real passion for the sport and inspiring others to achieve success. Ever since he was a young child, Mark has always enjoyed playing sport and took up karate, having been inspired by watching the Bruce Lee film 'Enter the Dragon', which is Mark's all-time favourite film.**

Speaking to Mark about his love for the sport, he said, "I enjoy the teaching side of karate as you are helping others to learn a new skill and pass on knowledge, which can be invaluable to them. It is all about discipline, having the right can-do attitude and knowing your strengths."

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Having given up the sport for a few years, Mark was delighted when a local studio opened near to where he lives. Mark now teaches karate at the same studio, with pupils from the age of five upwards. Mark has also inspired family members to succeed in the sport, with his daughter becoming a UK Dojo Tournament Champion.



**MARK ALLEYNE**  
DRIVER



# PASSENGER COMMENDATIONS

Congratulations to all our drivers who have received praise from customers. Here is a selection of those received...

AL

**SLYVESTER AGYEMANG-PAMBOU**

"Please thank this driver so much for waiting for me as I ran for his bus and greeting me with a beautiful smile. I really appreciate when drivers look out for us and help us get home safely. Thank you ever so much for making my evening."

SI

**KENNETH MCARTHY**

"This man is a star. He helped me when I was in a difficult situation, I can't thank him enough. These are the unsung stars of TfL that makes this city great and proud. CHEERS!!"

Q

**JASON COLLIER**

"I just wanted to share how lovely, welcoming, and friendly the bus driver of this service was. He is an exceptional driver on the route. Go him! So nice and refreshing to see."



**JASON COLLIER**  
CAMBERWELL

RR

**WAHID HUSSAIN**

"I was using Route 104 today going towards Stratford. When the bus arrived at Stratford Station, there was an elderly person struggling to get off the bus. The driver was very helpful in assisting the elderly person. Thumbs up for this and well done to him!"

AF

**PHIL PASTORAL**

"I'd like it acknowledged that this driver has excellent communication skills. The bus was on diversion, due to roadworks and the driver kindly explained where the bus was going to go, at the stop prior to the diversion. This really helped my journey and I'm very appreciative. Please pass on my thanks."

NP

**WAYNE MCNEIL**

"I have never witnessed such extraordinary kindness from a driver. He lifted the shopping trolley both on and off the bus for an elderly passenger. He's a credit to the bus industry."



**WAYNE MCNEIL**  
NORTHUMBERLAND PARK

SW

**YACCINE LAZZOUNGUENE**

"The driver of this bus was the most lovely caring customer friendly guy I have ever encountered on a London bus. He made the whole atmosphere happy, adding to a very pleasant journey."

NX

**IBRAHIM GARABET**

"Your really lovely driver was very patient with an elderly blind man and his guide dog. He stopped and helped the customer on and off the bus and only drove off when he was sure of the man's safety. It was really lovely to see."

MG

**MICHAEL FERGUSON**

"The driver of this bus was super helpful with many different passengers. Please thank him and commend him for his service-oriented attitude."

RA

**CHRISTOPHER WILSON**

"Been travelling on this route for 20 years. The driver was considerate, polite and a great communicator with passengers. Also a great driver. Thank you."

C

**HASSAN MOUJAR FALAH**

"Amazing. I would like to thank the S1 driver for the relaxing drive to my destination. Hopefully, I can take the same trip again with the same driver."



**HASSAN MOUJAR FALAH**  
CROYDON

AF

**DENNIS RAMADANI**

"Driver was so patient and kind to all of his passengers, greeting everyone who came on board cheerfully and waited until everyone was seated before driving off. He was also very obliging to those who asked him for advice on where to get off. Best wishes!"

BX

**KOLAWOLE AMODU**

"How pleasant to see a driver who gives you a very warm welcome both getting on and off the bus. It made my day. Please thank him for me."

PM

**MICHAEL STERLING**

"Just wanted to thank this bus driver for helping my son with his travel difficulties this morning. Well done – thanks for being kind and sensible."

A

**CLAUDINE DUNCAN**

"I had such a lovely ride to Croydon this morning. The driver was a young lady with short hair. She was polite and drove the bus with skill. She waited until some of the elderly sat down before moving off. It was clear what people thought of her as they shouted 'thank you driver' as they disembarked the bus. Thank you!"



**CLAUDINE DUNCAN**  
SUTTON

MB

**MARIANA EDREVA**

"When I got on the bus, I wasn't sure where to get off and I asked the lady driver to help me. The driver promised to tell me where to get off and she didn't forget me. When we got to the bus stop, she also gave me directions about where to go."

DS

**RAIHAN TAHMID**

"I was on the bus to Aldgate and the driver was very polite and helpful as I needed help with directions, I had a very smooth bus journey. Very well dressed as well, thank you."



Keep hydrated!

Thank you!

DS

HENLEY ROAD

Q

CAMBERWELL

MG

MORDEN WHARF

MB

ORPINGTON

A

SUTTON

RA

WATERLOO

BX

BEXLEYHEATH

PM

PECKHAM

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CROYDON

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STOCKWELL

PL

WATERSIDEWAY

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RIVER ROAD

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NEW CROSS

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SILVERTOWN

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NORTHUMBERLAND PARK



On Saturday 11 June, an Open Day was held at Stockwell Garage to celebrate its 70th anniversary and to raise money for local charities. Visitors were able to explore the Grade II\* listed historic building, see a display of vintage and modern buses, browse stalls selling bus related memorabilia, as well as having the opportunity to purchase a range of anniversary merchandise

Over 3,000 people attended the event and a total of £5,137 was raised, which will be divided equally between two local charities, Stockwell Park Community Trust and Housing for Women, helping to support their excellent work in the local area.

Guided tours of the garage were also organised, providing visitors with behind-the-scenes access and the chance to learn more about the garage's rich history.

The tours were incredibly popular and sold out within days of being put on sale.

Around 30 volunteers from across the business kindly volunteered their time to ensure a memorable experience for all.

Reflecting on the event, Kristian Lake, Schedules Compiler, who was part of the team of colleagues who organised the event, said, "On behalf of the Open Day team, I would like to say thank you to everyone who made the event such a success. It was particularly pleasing to see such a broad range of visitors, from all parts of the community, taking a real interest in both the building and bus heritage. The atmosphere was great - an excellent way to celebrate Stockwell's historic anniversary."

# 1952 - 2022 STOCKWELL GARAGE 70 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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THE OPEN DAY ORGANISATION TEAM PICTURED AT THE EVENT



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**I**nspiration struck for Peckham driving colleague Ray Hall, who saw an advertisement for a Routemaster Bus that he used to drive and felt inspired to create a scale model, which he then kindly donated to Go-Ahead London.

Ray's driving career, of over 22 years, started at Peckham Garage where he spent five years, before transferring to Waterloo Garage for the next 15 years, before deciding to return to Peckham Garage in 2019.

Sharing a few words about making the 1:12 scale model of RM857, "It took about a year to complete but I thoroughly enjoyed putting it together and seeing the final product. When I showed it to colleagues at Peckham, they were amazed by the level of detail."

Thank you to Ray for generously donating the bus model, which proudly sits in our display cabinet at Head Office. In mid-April, Ray was invited to meet with John Trayner, Managing Director, and see the model on display, along with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque.

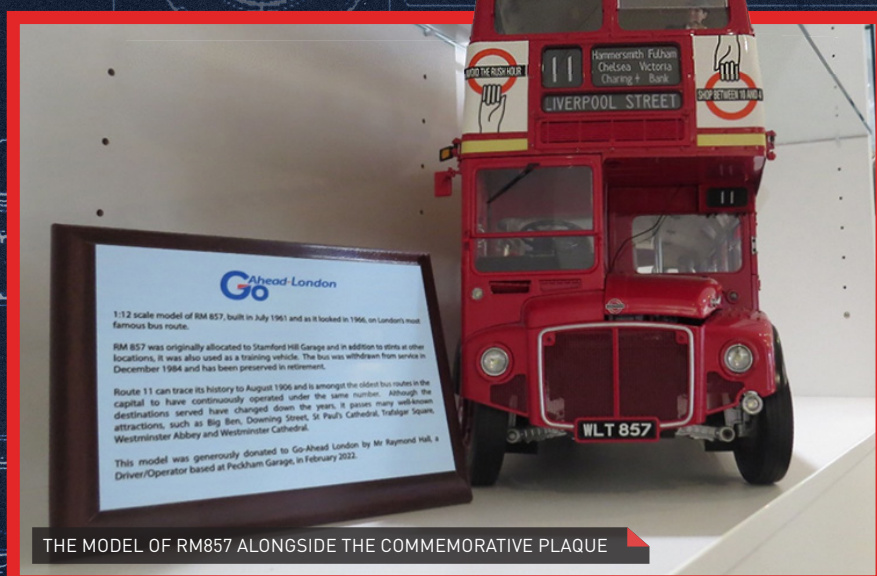
# BLAST

*From the past*



**JOHN TRAYNER**  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

**RAY HALL**  
DRIVER



THE MODEL OF RM857 ALONGSIDE THE COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

## Happy 10 years Northumberland Park

Thank you to local resident Denzel Nwankwo, who submitted his drawings of some of Northumberland Park Garage's buses, in celebration of Go-Ahead London's 10 years of operating the garage.

DENZEL'S DRAWING SUBMITTED TO GO-AHEAD LONDON



**HAPPY 10 YEARS** Go-ahead London  
LONDON GENERAL  
**NORTHUMBURLAND PARK GARAGE! 2012-2022**

## Meanwhile at... River Road

**Congratulations to the team at River Road Garage on the successful launch of the Route 304 on 21 May. This new service operates from Manor Park to Custom House and was introduced to replace the withdrawn section of our Route 104 between Lonsdale Avenue and Manor Park.**

Reflecting on the launch, Kastriot Gashi, General Manager said, "Thank you to Performance, Operating

and Engineering colleagues for their determination and hard work to guarantee a successful launch."

Ronald Maddocks (pictured), who had the privilege of driving the first Route 304 from the garage, said, "I'm excited to be the first driver to serve passengers on the new Route 304 service."





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# Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee

**H**er Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in early June was celebrated at Go-Ahead London with a commemorative bus wrapped in a regal purple and white design to mark the occasion. The vehicle, based out of Northumberland Park Garage, operated over a range of routes during the Jubilee period.

Colleagues across the business were also in good spirits, celebrating The Queen's 70 years on throne. At Merton Garage, Spencer Suckling dressed to impress with a Union Jack flag waistcoat and matching bow tie.

Silvertown driver, Tracy Turnstill, who is also an avid baker when not at work, made some wonderful Jubilee sweet treats for the team.

Brad Campbell, Operations Manager, said, "The Jubilee celebrations were a great opportunity to commemorate all things British, and there is no better example than a London Bus Garage to show the true diversity of British culture. Thanks to Tracy, who isn't afraid to share her baking skills, and ensured that her colleagues were treated to some delicious cakes. This is another example of Silvertown Garage really coming together."

“The Jubilee celebrations were a great opportunity to commemorate all things British, and there is no better example than a London Bus Garage to show the true diversity of British culture.”

BRAD CAMPBELL  
OPERATING MANAGER



WRAPPED JUBILEE BUS Ee31 PICTURED ON ROUTE 212



DRIVING COLLEAGUE TRACY TURNSTILL (RIGHT). BELOW PHOTO OF THE SWEET TREATS THAT WERE ESPECIALLY BAKED BY TRACY.

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SPENCER SUCKLING  
DRIVER



# Well done Bexleyheath

## Civic Recognition for Outstanding Achievement

**The efforts of Bexleyheath Garage colleagues were recognised at a presentation ceremony in May, held at Bexley Civic Hall.**

The Mayor of Bexley, Councillor James Hunt, presented the garage with the 'Civic Recognition for Outstanding Achievement' award for services provided to the residents of Bexley during the pandemic.

Bexleyheath Operating Manager, Dave Terry, and Trevor Steadman, Trade Union Chairperson, represented the garage at the ceremony.

Dave said that it was a pleasure to have been part of the ceremony and that, "It was noticeable how much appreciation there was from the residents of Bexley, not only for the hard work and dedication from our drivers, but also for engineering, iBus and administration colleagues. All who help to keep the residents of Bexley moving."



COUNCILLOR JAMES HUNT (LEFT) PRESENTING THE AWARD TO DAVE TERRY (MIDDLE) AND TREVOR STEADMAN (RIGHT)

“  
**We are extremely proud of our achievement and a big thank you to all colleagues who took part.**  
”

DAVE TERRY  
OPERATING MANAGER



# In safe hands

**As part of efforts to encourage future generations of passengers to feel safe and secure when using public transport, Ryan Beaumont, River Road driving colleague, conducted a Safe Bus event back in mid-May. On the day, pupils from Hacton Primary School in Hornchurch East London, were given advice on safe travel, helping them to build their confidence.**

The pupils got to experience, first-hand, the responsibilities of a London bus driver, including the obligation to complete a thorough pre-service check. The event, organised with the Metropolitan Police Safer Transport Tasking Team, gave the children the opportunity to learn some invaluable life skills and improve their knowledge of personal safety.



PUPILS FROM HACTON PRIMARY SCHOOL AT THE SAFE BUS EVENT

Kastriot Gashi, General Manager, commended Ryan for his efforts saying, "Ryan is a valued colleague at River Road Garage and did a fantastic job encouraging the pupils to feel more confident about using public transport."





# GOING GREEN

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ADAPTABLE

**A**s part of our commitment to sustainability and to improve our levels of recycled waste, we are rolling out recycling stations across the business. In mid-May, Camberwell Garage, including the Recruitment and Training Academy, became the third location to have the recycling stations installed. The rollout saw all bins across the site being replaced with recycling stations.

Camberwell follows Head Office and Waterloo Garage in launching the recycling stations, which have encouraged colleagues make a conscious effort to recycle as much waste as possible and contribute to the company achieving its sustainability objectives.

Camberwell Operating Manager, Emma Tooze said, "We are very pleased to join Head Office and Waterloo Garage in the company's ongoing commitment and efforts towards becoming a more sustainable business. I encourage all colleagues to be more mindful when they are throwing away their rubbish and to make full use of the recycling stations."



COLLEAGUES AT CAMBERWELL GARAGE MAKING USE OF THE RECYCLING STATIONS



**Keep an eye out for the recycling stations at your location, as they are rolled-out across Go-Ahead London.**



# BEAT THE HEAT!



## Stay cool!

**Drink plenty of water** throughout the day to **prevent dehydration and fatigue** whilst on your shift.



# Sutton Garage Walk for life



THE TEAM ABOUT TO EMBARK FROM SUTTON GARAGE

On Saturday 30 April, twelve colleagues took on the challenge of walking an incredible 45 miles from Sutton Garage to the centre of Brighton, to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity. Starting off in the late afternoon, the group reached Pease Pottage at 11.30pm, with 21 miles left to go.

The team kept each other motivated throughout and guided one another through the dark woodlands with torches, with some local wildlife keeping them company. Despite the challenges, the group did not waver their determination to complete the task at hand.

All twelve colleagues were successful in completing the walk and raised over £1,400 for charity – a superb achievement.

Reflecting on the event, Jill Sliney, Sutton Garage

Operating Manager, said, "We are extremely proud of our achievement and a big thank you to all colleagues who took part. I would particularly like to thank Anthony Brown, Gary Hunt and Mick Doherty without whom, we would not have been able to do this challenge."

**"We are extremely proud of our achievement and a big thank you to all colleagues who took part."**

JILL SLINEY  
OPERATING MANAGER



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# Ukraine Appeal

## At Go-Ahead London

Many of us will be aware of current events in Ukraine and the devastating impact they are having on both the country and its people. Earlier in Spring, Go-Ahead London collaborated with White Eagle Club in Balham, southwest London, to organise a collection of vital supplies as part of wider humanitarian efforts.

Donation drop-off points were set up across garages to collect a wide range of necessities, including medical supplies, clothing and long-life food. The donated items were gratefully received by White Eagle Club, for onward distribution to humanitarian organisations in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

The collaboration with White Eagle Club was organised by Wiktor Kowalski, Assistant

Operating Manager, and Katarzyna Bilinska, Accident Prevention Supervisor, who thanked colleagues for their support.

“ We were blown away by the support shown and the generous donations made by colleagues across the business – thank you! ”

KATARZYNA BILINSKA  
ACCIDENT PREVENTION SUPERVISOR



Thank you for your donations  
Ukraine Appeal

# This bus terminates here

As part of our ongoing partnership with Transaid, we were very pleased to donate an ex-service Go-Ahead London bus to the transport charity. In late April, the vehicle (SE35) commenced its 4,600 mile journey to Dar Es Salaam in Tanzania where it will form a key part of Transaid's Professional Driver Training initiative in the country.

The bus received a full repaint and repanelling before departure, with it looking brand new. Bexleyheath Garage engineer Duane Hirst, who completed the work, said he was really pleased to be have been involved in the project. "It was a real privilege for me to be given the task of preparing SE35 for Transaid. Seeing it finished and knowing that it will be put to excellent use in Tanzania makes me really proud. Thank you also to colleagues for their assistance."

Duane explained that the work was completed over two weeks and it was a bit of task to keep the paintwork in perfect condition as it was drying, thanks to some unwelcome donations from the local birdlife.

Transaid works with partners and governments to solve transport challenges in sub-Saharan Africa, aiming to transform lives through safe, available, and sustainable transport.



BEXLEYHEATH GARAGE ENGINEER  
DUANE HIRST, PICTURED WITH SE35



Thank you for reading our Summer 2022 issue.

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