

ASLEF

THE TRAIN DRIVERS' UNION

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Noise like being at Rock Concert

The increasing noise levels on the Northern Line have led the Camden New Journal to describe the noise on the line as 'like being at a rock concert'. H&S Reps are dealing with the company at all levels to get this addressed.

There will be no quick fixes to this. In the meantime, ear protection should be available all booking on points. In addition, if you feel that, to protect your own health and safety, you have to drive over the noisiest areas at a slow speed then so be it. ASLEF will, as always fully support a driver taking appropriate steps to protect their health and safety.

Trains Functional Council Election.

Our branch has nominated Maeve Hanley (Golders Green) and Tony Cashman (West Brompton) for the two positions on the Trains Functional Council.



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Next Branch Meeting Monday 11th
March at the Lucas Arms @1500 all
members welcome



High Barnet Reports

The gym room will hopefully be open very soon. ASLEF are and have always been supportive of more and better facilities for our members and are not obstructing the opening of this gym in anyway, the sooner it opens and members can use it, the better! More lumbar supports for drivers who feel they need them should be at the booking on point soon. After consultation with IR Reps, all 5.2 cases have been pulled and will not be dealt with under the 5.2 policy. New TOM Darryn Miles is now in place

For more info on these issues
<https://www.aslefdistrict8.org/northern-line-north-branch/>

Summer Football

The annual Viner/Turrell football tournament will be on Tuesday 23rd July 1pm-5pm at Market Road. There will be a social after at the nearby Driver pub. All welcome and encouraged to attend; we have had great turnouts in recent years with teams from across the combine.

New Drivers Seats

Alstom are rolling out new seats on the 95 stock. This is after consultations with H&S Reps. A few seats a week should be done until finally all the old ones are replaced. The new seats do not recline all the way the back, and seem to be a bit rigid around the middle. We have been assured the seats are to the same spec and the old ones weren't meant to recline all the way back either and the rigidness will give way with use.



Trains Functional Council

Tony Cashman from the Trains Functional Council gave the branch an extensive report on the issues we are facing as a whole on the combine at the moment. Management want to renege on previous arrangements and allow managers to drive trains in 'degraded conditions'. The TFC reject this and insist that management stick to previous agreements on this about when a manager can drive a train.

Management have also been trying to introduce and use TfL procedures and agreements for CDIs, LDIs etc. The TFC completely reject this approach, we have LU specific agreements and procedures that ASLEF have been instrumental in implanting and this is what should be used for CDIs and LDIs.

Management have also been trying to renege on agreements from 2002 regarding drivers being interviewed after traumatic incidents. Again, the TFC are insisting that management stick to agreements we have previously made, no driver should be interviewed straight after a traumatic incident. Tony also spoke on the pay talks and indicated that the company seemed keen to have a deal done sooner rather than later. Updates will of course follow.

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Golders Green Reports

The furniture in the Edgware mess room was in need of a deep clean following some water damage, however management have said that deep cleans on furniture no longer provided. Golders H&S rep also reported on the issue of trains lurching after stopping at a platform and doors opening. Meetings will take place with Alstom about this so if you have this happen on your train, please report it to your H&S Rep as soon as you can so information can be gathered.

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