

TAXI DRIVER OF THE YEAR CHARITY FUND



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On 1st December the annual dinner dance of the Taxi Driver of the Year Charity Fund took place. This was the 35th annual dance and following the dinner, guests enjoyed dancing to a live band. Dial-a-Cab, KPM, Doug Sherry MBE and the Royal Oak had all helped support this evening with their sponsorship, with all the ladies present receiving a ladies gift. Russell Poluck MBE made a speech in which he thanked everyone



for attending and helping raise more funds for the taxi trade charities. The charities who were represented at the dinner all received cheques on the evening for their respective charities.

A charity auction was held on the evening, along with a tombola. Russell, his wife Barbara and the Committee all work hard to make the evening a success. Russell said: "The Taxi Driver of the Year Charity Fund would like to thank everyone that supported our annual dinner dance and helped us to raise money for the charities that have supported us. We would also like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year."



SHADOW MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT MEETS THE LATEST LONDON TAXI

Robert Goodwill MP, Shadow Minister for Transport, was elected in the 2005 general election. He has been shown the latest purpose built London taxi by Richard Daniels, LTI Vehicles' Government Affairs Manager, at the House of Commons. Mr. Goodwill reviewed the vehicle's disability access features as well as looking at the VM Motori Euro 4 engine and famous 25 foot turning circle.

Having viewed the TX4 Robert Goodwill MP commented: "Black cabs are truly iconic and an excellent example of British automotive manufacturing succeeding in the global economy. The London taxi is also an internationally recognised symbol of Britain."



Robert Goodwin MP (left) with Richard Daniels (right)

Robert Goodwill, a keen supporter of the British automotive industry, was briefed on LTI's developments in China and the work the company is undertaking to reduce emissions from its vehicles. The new TX4 model meets the lowest Euro 4 emissions limits and actually exceeds these limits by 50 per cent. Richard Daniels, said: "I am delighted that Robert was able to take the time out to see the latest London taxi and that we had the opportunity to explain what the company is doing to meet the emerging policy challenges of the 21st Century.

"The reduction of 'air quality' and CO2 emissions from our taxis is at the top of the company's agenda and it is important to have discussed this with Robert."

PASSENGERS TOLD TO BE TAXI WISE THIS CHRISTMAS

With the Christmas party season in full swing, the number of incidents involving bogus taxi drivers is set to increase. Grazia, the leading high street glossy magazine, is supporting the Taxiwise campaign and will be promoting the 'be taxi wise' message to all of its readers. "We are delighted that Grazia has decided to support the ongoing work of Taxiwise," comments Hazel Crawford-Upton, Taxiwise spokesperson. "The announcement further enhances our commitment to passenger safety as Grazia is read by so many of our target audience. We want to urge party-goers to take extra care when returning home by taxi. The safest way is to hail a traditional style black cab or to book a taxi in advance."

Grazia editor, Jane Bruton believes the partnership will help women live safer,

independent lives: "I'm sure we've all been tempted after a night out to jump into the first cab that pulls up outside a pub or nightclub, but it is simply not safe and you are potentially putting yourself at risk. This year



we have followed a number of stories involving bogus taxi drivers which have had tragic results so we wanted to endorse the message of Taxiwise and encourage all women to think about the potential dangers when travelling at night."

Taxiwise has attracted the support of a number of celebrities since its launch over four years ago. Lisa Snowden, Gabby Logan and Tamara Beckwith have all felt strongly about the dangers that women can encounter after a night out on the town and offered their support to the Taxiwise campaign.