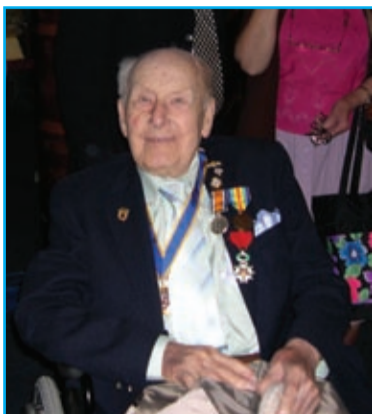


## THANKS FOR BUYING A DIARY

The President, Chairman and Officers of The London Taxi Benevolent Association for War Disabled would like to thank all their advertisers and sponsors who have supported this year's diary, as well as all the drivers who have purchased a diary.

This diary is the major source of the charity. Derek Leone, PRO for the charity, said: "We look forward to your continued support so that we are able on your behalf to continue the annual outings to Worthing which started in 1948 with 25 taxis and 50 ex service men to the present day when 130 taxis and 400 ex service men and women attend. We have also been able to give assistance to Combat Stress, The Haigh Homes Morden, St David's Home Ealing, Queen Alexandra's Home Worthing and The First World War Veterans Association. We have also supplied transport for Mr Henry Allingham who is the oldest surviving veteran of the First World War, who we are pleased to say was able to be with us at Worthing in 2007."



Henry Allingham



2008 marks the 60th Anniversary of the Association and to mark this occasion on 7th-11th May, the LTBAWD will be taking 160 veterans to Normandy. This coincides with the

Victory Celebrations in France and the charity has been asked by The City of Caen to be involved in the parade which will take place there on 8th May 2008. Doug Sherry MBE and Alan Hooker have been invited to a meeting with Admiral Brac De Ma Perriere who is involved with the French government department that is associated with the Normandy Veterans. All three have been instrumental in arranging this trip.

Other events this year include the annual trip to Worthing which will take place on 10th June and the Guest of Honour will be Lieutenant Colonel S.J.C. Tootal OBE PARA. There will also be a concert at The Royal Hospital on 28th September at The Royal Hospital Chelsea.

If any of the regular drivers on the trips have moved or if there are any new drivers who wish to be included in the outings, please contact the Secretary Paul Davis on 07860 850102 or contact can be made via the website [www.taxicharity.org](http://www.taxicharity.org)

## £2000 PRIZE UP FOR GRABS!

Test drive a purpose built TX4 at one of LTI's nine UK dealerships and you will receive a limited edition TX4 jacket, free of charge, while stocks last. In addition, drivers can enter a national prize draw with a £2,000 1st prize and £500 2nd prize up for grabs.

Rob Laidler, Sales Director at LTI Vehicles said: "We hope this incentive will encourage drivers to test drive the most advanced purpose-built taxi in the world. It's easy to see why the TX4 has broken all sales records since its launch, with an abundance of improved features that clearly sets the vehicle apart from any other taxi.

"Improved features include a cleaner, quieter and more powerful Euro IV compliant engine, ABS brakes to give increased control and stability in adverse road conditions and all-round coil suspension to give passengers and drivers a smoother and more comfortable ride.

"By taking the redefined, new generation TX4 taxi for a test drive, we know that drivers will soon realise what a great leap forward the TX4 represents in terms of power, comfort and safety.

To arrange a test drive, contact your local dealership or visit [www.lti.co.uk](http://www.lti.co.uk).



## CABBIES START THEIR DAY WITH TASTY FAYRE

A new London hotel, the Park Plaza County Hall, thinks that with a decent breakfast inside you a little knowledge goes a long way. So they ran an event to give cab drivers a free breakfast and a goody bag of healthy snacks to last them through their day. "Hotels like Park Plaza County Hall rely on the hardworking taxi drivers in this city," says Chris McFall, Director of Sales at the hotel.

"We are wonderfully placed, slap bang in the middle of the most vibrant, bustling part of the city. Our guests are in walking distance of some of the best attractions London has to offer. But we all need the indispensable service of the London taxi. We thought it would be a nice gesture to acknowledge this by offering breakfast boxes with coffee, fruit juice, pastries, breakfast bars and fresh fruit to the drivers."

Park Plaza County Hall has taken two years to build. It has been designed with many features tailor-made for the up-and-coming Waterloo area. This includes a special taxi runway where guests can be collected and dropped off in safety and protected from bad weather.



## NO SIGNAGE!

Minicabs are not allowed to display any signage on their vehicles at the moment, but does this include the provision of a number plate? Our image shows a missing plate on the back of the vehicle, but there was no plate on the front either!

