

## LTBAWD HELP ST DAVID'S HOME

Back in 2002, The London Taxi Benevolent Association for War Disabled learned from St David's Home in Ealing that a private car which was being used to transport patients on local journeys was beyond economical repair and they asked if the LTBAWD could help them find a taxi which would be better suited for their wheelchair patients.

After making enquiries, the LTBAWD found a taxi at Hooper's, which was then in Kilburn. The charity had the taxi serviced and put through an MOT and it has been serving the home for the past six years, on both local journeys and across the UK.

In 2007 the Secretary of the LTBAWD had a phone call from the home saying that unfortunately the taxi required repairs which would cost a large amount of money and due to the building work taking place they were unable to fund the repairs and could the Charity help.

At the same time, John Rowlands, a driver who regularly takes part in the annual outing the Charity makes to Worthing told the Charity he knew of a taxi that was available should they know of anyone that wanted it. Following a discussion at a



The first ambulance taxi donated, back in 2002 on the Worthing outing

the Charity agreed to help the home by purchasing the taxi and once again getting it through an MOT test so it could be used by the home as an ambulance.

St David's Home was told about this and they were delighted to accept the vehicle which they contacted during the first week of March. The Home say the vehicle will be put to good use straight away especially as they are now receiving injured personnel from the conflicts in Iraq and Iran.

The LTBAWD Committee is able to help with requests such as this thanks to the help of drivers and sponsors who every year purchase diary or advertise in it.

## NEW REPRESENTATIVE APPROVED FOR TRADEX

Dave Day is well known to many cab drivers, having been involved in the cab trade for over 40 years. He has been servicing and repairing cabs from London Central Cab Company in Herne Hill Road for many years. Through the years, Dave has been involved in engine conversions, he was MD of Metro Sales and Servicing and was the man who introduced leasing into cab trade. Now he has been approved by the FSA as an appointed representative of Tradex Insurance Company Limited, who recently acquired Westminster Insurance. His main brief in this new role is to encourage fleet operators to look at what Tradex can offer them. As a fleet operator himself and a member of the LMCPA, Dave knows and understands the needs proprietors have.

Tradex have 40 years of experience of dealing with taxi insurance and Dave said: "As an appointed representative of Tradex, I can offer drivers a total service. With highly competitive terms and benefits, I can get you a competitive quotation, so do get in touch. You can call me on 07801 186376 or email me d.day45@yahoo.co.uk"

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## LONDON TAXI DRIVER TAKES ON MINICAB FIRM BOSS

London taxi driver Chris Adams is taking on the managing director of Addison Lee plc in the Volkswagen Racing Cup. The opening rounds took place at Oulton Park over the Easter weekend, with qualifying times for Chris Adams in his Golf TDI 4motion, 2m 08.366s and Liam Griffin, Golf GTI, 2m 08.005s.



Liam Griffin

Chris Adams, 34, took time out from racing to study the KoL; he last took part in the VW Racing Cup in 2002. He was looking forward to taking the wheel of his self prepared car, which is a four wheel drive turbo diesel, a championship first.

Liam Griffin, the 34-year-old boss of Addison Lee plc, was bitten by the racing bug last year. 'I took part in some track days and thoroughly enjoyed them,' he said, 'so I started looking around at ways in which I could compete. It wasn't long before I found the Volkswagen Racing Cup.' Addison Lee is one of VW's largest fleet customers in the UK, with a fleet of 2500 vehicles in the capital. Almost all are Volkswagens, with the Sharan model in the majority. Liam is driving a new Golf GTI, built by Milton Keynes-based Volkswagen Racing UK, which is being prepared between races at Addison Lee's North London workshop by the firm's mechanics.

Taking part in the VW Racing Cup is open to almost all racing VW's from the Polo through to the 3.2 V6 four wheel drive Golfs. There are 14 rounds during the year, taking place at seven different race meetings.

## REFURBISHMENT AT EUSTON STATION TAXI RANK

When the last delivery run of Taxi Globe took place, our driver was surprised to find that work had commenced on the refurbishment of the taxi rank at Euston. Although the work was scheduled, no date had been given to allow the taxi trade press to pass the information on to drivers. Many drivers do collect a copy of Taxi Globe at the station but unfortunately until the works have been completed, there is no provision for the distribution bins to put safely anywhere near the rank. Therefore until the works are complete, which should be sometime in mid May, it will not be possible to get a copy of trade papers at Euston.

The refurbishment is tackling the road and paving areas and should mean an improvement for taxis using the rank once completed. There is a possibility that a new taxi sharing scheme could be put in place. In the meantime Network Rail has been providing marshals to help the rank flow through. It would appear that there was a breakdown in the communication between Network Rail and the taxi trade which meant the changes at Euston surprised some taxi drivers as well.