

MAYOR APPOINTS FIRST DEPUTY MAYOR

Boris Johnson has announced that Tim Parker has agreed to become First Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive of the GLA Group. The Mayor will also nominate Tim to be Chairman of Transport for London from 1st September 2008.

Tim Parker is one of the UK's most successful businessmen with an impressive track record of bringing out the best in a wide range of major companies, including the AA, Kwik-Fit, Clarks and Kenwood. He also has considerable experience of public service, having worked in the Treasury and served as a board member of the Audit Commission and a Regional Development Agency and as Chairman of the Emerging Africa Infrastructure. Tim Parker will take up his post on the 7 July 2008. He has agreed to take no salary. Boris Johnson said: "Tim Parker is ideally and uniquely equipped for the huge challenge of improving the lives of Londoners and delivering value for money. His skills, insight and experience will be invaluable. I'm thrilled that he's agreed to take the position and am grateful that he's agreed to do so effectively for free."

Tim Parker said: "I relish this opportunity to bring out the best in the GLA Group. I've spent my career taking over struggling companies and making them strong. I see wonderful opportunities to transform the infrastructure of London and deliver better services to Londoners. Throughout my business career, I have been accountable to exacting shareholders. In my new role, my shareholders will be the taxpayers of London. Throughout my career I have tried to focus companies on the core product demanded by consumers. My core products now will be the key services vital to Londoners. I feel honoured to be offered the opportunity and look forward to taking up my post in July."

The appointment of Tim Parker to the chair of the Board of TfL is subject to consultation with the London Assembly in accordance with new powers in the GLA Act 2007. The London Assembly has three weeks from the announcement of the proposed appointee to conduct a non-binding confirmation hearing. As announced on 14th May, the Mayor of London currently chairs the Board of TfL but he will cease to be a member of the Board when the appointment of Tim Parker is confirmed.

WAR VETERANS OUTING TO NORMANDY

Taxi Globe carried a full report and images of the recent trip to Normandy when The London Taxi Benevolent Association for War Disabled took veterans to Caen. This outing, like many other taxi trade outings is made possible by those "behind the scenes" who donate their time and efforts freely to ensure everything runs smoothly. The Honorary Press Officer of the LTBAWD is Derek Leone and on behalf of the charity he would



like to thank everyone who made the outing such a success. Veterans have been writing to the charity telling how much they appreciated the trip. Special thanks go to Ubiquitous, who helped with the advertising on the cabs, Total who sponsored the diesel for the trip, together with the many sponsors and T&J Breakdown Services for their invaluable back up during the trip. The sponsors include 3rd Parachute Association, L.T.D.A., Mr and Mrs Rogers, Mr W.J. Burbidge, Paynes Metal Re-cycling, Mr J. Pethick, A&S Taxis, Mr R. Payne, 49th Reconnaissance Regiment, David McAlpine, The Goring Hotel, Worshipful Company of Carmen, Freemasons Grand Charity, Dave's Cabs, Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers, Manganese Bronze, Birmingham City Council



Taxi Licensing, M&O London, London Ambulance Service, HALT, Kevin Sharkey, Crystal Palace Football Club, Al Murray (Pub Landlord) and Banner Batteries. As always, thanks go to the drivers for making this trip possible. Derek says: "Without you giving up your time, we could not have taken these veterans back to Normandy."

PARKING OFFENDERS DEALT A CRUSHING GREEN BLOW

Fifty of central London's most prolific parking offenders who owe more than £180,000 in unpaid fines are to have their vehicles crushed and recycled. The vehicles are due to be sent for recycling over the next few weeks and include everything from family cars and small hatchbacks to top of the range models such as a BMW and a Mercedes Benz.

Metal parts have long been valuable but new technology means at least 85 per cent of each vehicle, including oil, tyres and plastic bumpers, can be reused or recycled. All of their valuable parts will be removed first before the plastics are turned into common everyday household items such as pens, rulers and even mouse mats. Tyre rubber can be used for children's playground surfacing and fuel recovery, glass is mixed with aggregate for road construction and fluids are used in industry.

Westminster City Council's Director of Parking, Alastair Gilchrist, said: "Westminster has some of the highest pollution levels in the UK and a day time population of one million people. Rather than rusting away in our car pound we are pleased that these vehicles earmarked for crushing will be recycled and put to good use and in doing so will help the environment in the process."

NEWSPAPER DISTRIBUTION FIRM TO RUN A MODEC ELECTRIC TRUCK

Menzies is trialling a 5.5 tonne Modec vehicle working out of one of the company's central London depots. If the trial succeeds, more Modecs may join Menzies' 500-strong van and truck fleet. "It's the perfect environment to really put the Modec through its paces, whilst enjoying a range of additional benefits including a 100% discount from the Congestion Charge," said Stuart McLean, logistics manager at Menzies Distribution. The truck will do up to 30 morning deliveries across the Westminster

area, starting at 4.30am. Each afternoon it will collect express parcels for Menzies Aviation's central sorting depot.

Modec Limited is a new private company, founded by Jamie Borwick in 2004. He is known to London's taxi trade for his role as ex-Chairman of Manganese Bronze, parent company of LTI Vehicles. Many of the team of engineers who worked with Jamie to design the iconic TXI Taxi have joined the new company.