

HELP WITH NON FAULT ACCIDENTS

Cab Aid have been in the business of providing their own replacement black cabs for non-fault accidents for over ten years. Today, their fleet consists of TX4 and late TXII cabs. These cabs include some which are fitted out with radio circuit equipment for Com Cab and Radio Taxis. All of these cabs are comprehensively insured, as well as having been checked and prepared to a very high standard prior to delivery to each customer.

The company has its own tried and tested team of London based claims experts. This team only manage taxi claims, which means they fully understand the workings of the Cab Industry, and more importantly, the needs of the London cab driver. With a successful track record of taking on and winning non-fault claims Cab Aid is able to offer cab drivers a proven service. It is not just the easy claims that this track record proves can be won. Claims in the past have included ones which have involved all sorts of vehicles, from buses, emergency service vehicles and other black cabs. Whatever the other vehicle involved is makes no difference, Cab Aid always has the interests of the taxi driver in mind when pursuing a non fault claim.

SUPPORT THE LTFUC IN COVENT GARDEN

by Ray Levy

On Sunday 7th September, 2008 the London Taxidriver's Fund For Underprivileged Children will be extending their 80th anniversary celebrations by holding a fun day at the Piazza in Covent Garden, from 10am to 6pm.

Come and support us by bringing your family and friends for an enjoyable day out. There will be something for them all: Vintage Taxis - Tombola - Raffle (flat screen TV to be won) - fun 'knowledge' quiz - characters for the children to meet - and plenty more! The raffle will be drawn on the same day and anyone interested in buying raffle tickets before then should contact any committee member - contact details on our website at www.ltfuc.org.uk.

Please don't hesitate, put the date in your diary and come and give us your support. The Committee hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you there.

DRIVING OUT ILLEGAL TAXI TOUTS

During the past few weeks, taxi drivers in London have seen that Mayor Boris Johnson meant business when he promised to come down hard on illegal touting. Cab drivers across the capital understand the serious and dangerous threat illegal touts pose to the public, encouraging them to use unlicensed taxis that are not insured. But it is not just in London where illegal touts are causing problems and every week newspapers carry news of incidents involving illegal touts.

Now LTI Vehicles is encouraging local Councils to crackdown on illegal taxi touts by following the example set by London Mayor Boris Johnson. Unlicensed taxis contribute to some of the most serious crime in London. In 2007, there was an average of seven sexual attacks and rapes on women by illegal minicab drivers each month in London alone, according to 2007 MET Police statistics published by the London Mayor's office. Plans to crackdown on London's illegal cab trade by Mayor Johnson includes doubling the number of cab enforcement officers from 34 to 68 and the 'one-strike and you are out' rule that would ensure licensed drivers convicted of touting would immediately have their licence revoked.

A spokesperson for LTI Vehicles said: "We welcome the decision made by Boris Johnson to take a hard line with illegal taxi touts. We hope that other Councils, if not done so already, quickly follow suit. Removing touts from our streets is a step in the right direction to ensure that everyone can feel safe when they travel by taxi. It's important that



people using a taxi late at night can hire one with complete confidence. The best way to do this is to hail an instantly recognisable London style taxi or to book a private hire vehicle in advance using a reputable firm."

BEANO AND DANDY BIRTHDAY BASH!

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The Beano was always down on the kids' level, it saw everything from their perspective. ... It was such a treat, every Saturday, once I got it, you couldn't disturb me. I had to go somewhere quiet and read it from cover to cover, and I just loved being in that world," says Nick Park, creator of Wallace and Gromit.

An exhibition opens on 30 July 2008 at The Cartoon Museum in 35 Little Russell Street, celebrating the 70th birthday of The Beano comic. Together with The Dandy, which was launched just eight months earlier on 4 December 1937, the two comics have been responsible for entertaining generations of British children. Included in the exhibition are iconic characters such as Desperate Dan, Dennis the Menace, the Bash Street Kids and Minnie the Minx.

In the late 1930s The Beano and The Dandy brought a new approach to comics. They came in a handy size with a mixture of picture stories and comic strips and were a big hit with their young readers. Early favourites were Lord Snooty and the cow-pie-eating Desperate Dan drawn by Dudley D Watkins.

When the war came the comics were forced to cut the number of pages due to paper shortages and appear in alternate weeks, but they never ceased production and did their bit to raise morale.

In the 1950s the British comic entered one of its most dynamic periods. At D C Thomson artists such as David Law, Leo Baxendale and Ken Reid were producing brilliant, ingenious drawings which inspired many future cartoonists and animators. The decade saw the introduction of many classic characters, some of whom are still with us today such as Dennis the Menace, the Bash Street Kids, Minnie the Minx and Roger the Dodger. This period also coincided with record comic sales. In the week beginning 22 April 1950 the Beano sold a staggering 1,974,072 copies and sales stayed well over a million and a half throughout the decade.

The Cartoon Museum is open: Tue-Sat, 10.30-17.30 and Sun, 12-17.30
Admission: Adults £4, Concessions £3, Free to Under 18s and Students

