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## PRESENTATION IN MEMORY OF DOUG SHERRY

Three of London's taxi trade charities have joined together to dedicate a Diasend Modem in memory of the late Doug Sherry MBE. David Lessman, Chairman of the Taxidriers' Fund for Underprivileged Children, said: "Taxi trade charities all work hard for different causes. For our charity, the London Taxi Benevolent Association for War Disabled and The Taxi Driver of the Year Charity, one person had a common bond and will be much missed. That man was Doug Sherry." Russell Poluck, Chairman for the TDOY, welcomed everyone present. The Diasend Modem is a relatively new technology whereby patients with diabetes can download data downloaded from blood glucose meters. The hardware consists of a small box that reads most of the current BG meters and several makes of insulin pumps using appropriate USB cables or built in infrared receiver. The data is transmitted directly to the internet server using General Packet Radio Service (GPRS). This means that a lot of time can be saved by these professionals in helping make adjustments for patients.



Richard Hudd, Chairman of the LTBAWB, presented flowers on behalf of the three charities to Audrey Sherry, Doug's wife. When the three charities decided that they wanted to mark Doug's life in some tangible way, Audrey chose the London Medical in Marylebone High Street to receive the equipment.

It was staff at this clinic that had helped Doug with his diabetes, particularly during the last weeks of his life. Audrey thanked everyone for attending the



dedication and for all their support. The Diasend Modem, together with a dedication plaque is now in use at the clinic.

## MAKING LATE NIGHT TAXI JOURNEYS SAFER AND EASIER IN CAMDEN

Black cabs (and private hire vehicles) travelling in Camden are now being allowed to stop on yellow lines to let passengers safely use cash points at night. Any passenger who needs to withdraw money to pay for their journey will be able to ask their driver to stop near an ATM on yellow lines for a maximum period of five minutes between 10pm and 6am. Started on 27th July 2009, the trial will last for six months.

The trial is supported by the Parking and Traffic Appeals Service and follows the successful trial by Transport for London where cabs have been allowed to stop on red routes at night for passengers to use ATMs. Once concluded, the trial will be assessed and a decision made on whether to instigate on a permanent basis.

## LONDON VOTED THE TAXI PARADISE OF THE WORLD

In a survey by hotels.com London taxis got the thumbs up once again. Other cities around the world have earned a reputation for taxi rip offs, but London's drivers are voted the best on grounds of their driving ability, their friendliness and of course their knowledge. Taxis are an extremely important part of the tourism sector anywhere as first impressions count the most.

So, a gold medal for London, whilst the silver went to New York and Berlin with the bronze. Madrid and Copenhagen made up the top 5. The London Tourist Board sees this vote as an important step in firmly

establishing London as an attractive tourist haven. The weakening pound, plummeting prices and further availability of hotels have now been aided by the taxi factor.

On a more negative note, the survey revealed that Athens taxis were voted the filthiest, whilst 11% of those questioned said that Paris could be proud of having the rudest drivers and 10% said that waiting for a taxi was annoying in the French capital. The worst driving award went to the taxi drivers of New York.

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