

THE LANCASTER LONDON

On Wednesday 9 September 2009, the Royal Lancaster Hotel will change its name to the Lancaster London. To coincide with the name change, there will be a host of exciting “999 offers”. These will be available to guests booking on-line from 9.09hrs on 9 September 2009, but Taxi drivers pulling up outside the hotel’s main entrance on 9 September 2009 will all be treated to a special gift to celebrate the re-branding.

Stephen Kyjak-Lane, General Manager of Lancaster London, stated: “London is the centre of the world’s day, which starts and ends in Greenwich, thereby enabling business to be carried out throughout the world from London. We are changing our name to Lancaster London to reflect the

fabulous location of the hotel in one of the world’s greatest and most cosmopolitan cities. Many exciting new projects are underway to enhance our guests’ delight at their experience at the hotel and the re-branding is one of the first stages to come to fruition.”

The Lancaster London is renowned for its panoramic views over Hyde Park and London’s famous skyline. It is only a few minutes’ walk from the world-class shopping districts of Oxford and Bond Streets, internationally famed West End theatres, museums and tourist attractions, and only a short subway ride to the business district.

HENRY ALLINGHAM 1896 TO 2009

On July 18th 2009, Henry Allingham, Britain’s oldest veteran of the First World War passed away. He was born on 6th June 1896 in Clapton East London.

At the outbreak of the First World War, Henry decided to join The Royal Naval Air Service and became an air mechanic servicing the aircraft and making sure that the work had been done properly on the planes. The pilots often took the mechanic up with them. He was at the Battle of Jutland and was the last survivor of that battle. In 1918 the RNAS with the RFC merged and it became the Royal Air Force and Henry was the only man left from the original reorganisation. After the war he worked at various jobs and ended up at The Ford Motor Co. at Dagenham. During The Second World War the factory made military equipment and Henry helped in the development of a device for disabling magnetic mines. He retired from Fords in 1961.

In 2004 Dennis Goodwin of



The First World War Veterans Association contacted The London Taxi Benevolent Association for War Disabled to see if we could assist with transport when Henry came to London. The Secretary, Paul Davis, and Derek Leone would each wait for Henry and Dennis and Brenda Goodwin to arrive at Victoria Station. We both looked forward to doing this on many occasions. We were invited to Henry’s birthdays, the last being at the R.N.V.R H.M.S. President in St. Katherins Dock on the 6th June 2009. Many of the taxi

drivers who attend our outings to Worthing would remember seeing him there.

The funeral took place in Brighton at St. Nicholas Church on the 30th July 2009. This service was attended by HRH The Duchess of Gloucester, The Lord Lieutenant of Sussex, Vice Admiral Sir Adrian Johns KCB CBE, and Air Vice Marshall Peter J Dye OBE. Paul Davis and

Derek Leone were invited to attend on behalf of The London Taxi Benevolent Association for War Disabled.

It has been an honour for the LTBAWD to have been able to help Henry in the later years of his life and on a personal note both Paul Davis and Derek Leone have been privileged to be part of his life.



TFL APPOINTS NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND DIRECTOR

Garrett Emmerson has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer of Streets and Traffic at TfL, following retirement of Peter Brown. Ben Plowden is appointed to be Director of Integrated Programme Delivery. The Chief Operating Officer of Streets and Traffic is responsible for keeping London moving and helping to drive forward the Mayor’s agenda to smooth traffic flow in the Capital. The role oversees the operation, management and investment in the Transport for London Road Network (London’s Red Routes), traffic signals, and traffic, incident and event management.

The Director of Integrated Programme Delivery is responsible for delivering integrated transport programmes across London to support sustainable travel. This includes cycling and walking, road safety, bus priority, public realm improvements, smarter travel and freight. Garret Emmerson was previously Director of Strategy and Policy in TfL Planning and joined TfL in 2008. Both roles report directly to David Brown, Managing Director, Surface Transport, TfL.