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CHRISTMAS MARSHALLED TAXI RANKS

The Christmas timetable for marshalled taxi ranks is printed below. The marshalled taxi ranks in Beckenham, Bromley, Cranbourn Street, Kingston, Romford and Liverpool Street will be in operation to help organise taxi queues and provide assurance to people waiting for a late night taxi. The initiative is a part the Safer Travel at Night campaign.

John Mason, TfL's Director of Taxi and Private Hire, said: "Late night marshalled taxi ranks continue to prove popular for passengers and London's taxi drivers have been instrumental over the last few years in making these ranks operate smoothly and efficiently. By working together we are helping drivers get business, and giving Londoners another safe option to get home after a night out."

Timetable for each of the different ranks

LIVERPOOL STREET

Wednesday 2nd Dec 09 - 22:00 to 02:00
Thursday 3rd Dec 09 - 22:00 to 02:00
Friday 4th Dec 09 - 22:00 to 02:00
Wednesday 9th Dec 09 - 22:00 to 02:00
Thursday 10th Dec 09 - 22:00 to 02:00
Friday 11th Dec 09 - 22:00 to 02:00
Tuesday 15th Dec 09 - 22:00 to 02:00
Wednesday 16th Dec 09 - 22:00 to 02:00
Thursday 17th Dec 09 - 22:00 to 02:00
Friday 18th Dec 09 - 22:00 to 02:00
Monday 21st Dec 09 - 22:00 to 02:00
Tuesday 22nd Dec 09 - 22:00 to 02:00
Wednesday 23rd Dec 09 - 22:00 to 02:00
Thursday 24th Dec 09 to - Friday 1st Jan 2010 - closed
Restart as normal Wednesday 6th Jan 2010

CRANBOURN STREET

Friday 4th Dec 09 - 22:00 to 03:00
Saturday 5th Dec 09 - 22:00 to 03:00
Friday 11th Dec 09 - 22:00 to 03:00
Saturday 12th Dec 09 - 22:00 to 03:00
Friday 18th Dec 09 - 22:00 to 03:00
Saturday 19th Dec 09 - 22:00 to 03:00
Friday 25th Dec 09 to Saturday 2nd Jan 2010 - closed

Restart as normal Friday 8th Jan 2010 - 22:00 to 03:00

BECKENHAM and BROMLEY

Friday 4th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 02:30
Saturday 5th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 02:30
Friday 11th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 02:30
Saturday 12th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 02:30
Friday 18th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 02:30
Saturday 19th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 02:30
Tuesday 22nd Dec 09 - 22:30 to 02:30
Wednesday 23rd Dec 09 - 22:30 to 02:30
Friday 25th Dec 09 - closed
Saturday 26th Dec 09 - closed
Thursday 31st Dec 09 - closed
Friday 1st Jan 2010 - closed
Restart as normal Saturday 2nd Jan 2010 - 22:30 to 02:30

KINGSTON

Wednesday 2nd Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
Friday 4th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
Saturday 5th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
Wednesday 9th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
Friday 11th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
Saturday 12th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
Wednesday 16th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
Friday 18th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
Saturday 19th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30

Tuesday 22nd Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
Wednesday 23rd Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
Friday 25th Dec 09 - closed
Saturday 26th Dec 09 - closed
Wednesday 30th Dec 09 - closed
Thursday 31st Dec 09 - closed
Friday 1st Jan 2010 - closed
Saturday 2nd Jan 2010 - 22:30 to 03:30
Restart as normal Friday 8th Jan 2010 - 22:30 to 03:30

ROMFORD

Friday 4th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
Saturday 5th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
Friday 11th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
Saturday 12th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
Friday 18th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
Saturday 19th Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
Monday 21st Dec 09 - 22:30 to 03:30
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BIKER CABBIE INSPIRED TO HELP THE HEROES

Biker-Cabbie Tim Newby is fanatical about keeping fit and healthy. As well as being a dedicated husband and father, he has a passion for motorcycling. It was at a biker show at Battles Bridge, Essex that Tim and his wife, who is also a dedicated biker, met a fellow biker known as Stitch, who rides a Harley Davidson Road King bike, which is airbrushed with the faces of British servicemen. The bike was amazing and a good talking point for everyone who stopped and admired it. Tim and his wife Bev soon got talking to Stitch about 'Wounded', a programme that had been recently shown on TV, which had left both of them deeply moved by what they had seen. Tim had won some money at a function and wanted to make a donation to a charity and Help for Heroes was to be Tim's chosen charity, mainly because of the chance meeting with Stitch and the images of the servicemen on the Harley and the impact of the TV show. Researching the charity Tim found that every penny raised went into the charity funds to help British servicemen and women.

From that point Tim wanted to do a little more and a family get together was arranged where wife Bev and Tim's daughters all agreed to pull their resources together and organise some fund raising. Tim has trained at the Finsbury leisure centre for about 25 years and the idea was to get a training event underway at the centre. Tim spoke with the coach about holding the event, who of course was up for taking the class. The next stage was to get the centre to agree to the event. Both Linda and Anita who run the centre agreed that it was a great idea and said they would donate

the gym hire fee for the night to the fund. What Tim then needed was someone for the class to 'compete with', and what better than a super fit soldier. So off Tim went to Finsbury Barracks in City Road, enquiring at the gates and relating his task to the guard. The soldier on duty did some security checks and Tim was told to come back at a later date. A week later and Tim was talking to RSM Andrews and explaining to him what he was doing and asking if he would be able to send a soldier for the training event. The RSM was only too pleased to help and what's more 2 soldiers were offered. Then it was off to speak with Vic and Paul Akers at the Arsenal who are both friends of Tim, they said they would send some goodies to auction off on the night. The next task was to get some Help for Heroes buckets at the cab drivers eateries, The Picallo, Gresham Street, Great Suffolk Street, and The Royal Oak all allowed collection buckets.

On 27th October Tim along with his five daughters his wife and two friends, John Palmer and Mo went out to the Taxi ranks collecting from drivers and the public. Later that day along with the two soldiers, Danny and Adam they collected from outside the City Road Barracks. The collections and the training night proved to be outstanding successes. In Tim's own words, "The response was amazing, everyone was so accommodating especially the cab drivers, and everyone was so generous. I think we raised just over £4,000.00 on our day for Help for Heroes. Thank you to everyone Help for Heroes is a great charity and we need to support our servicemen and women".



Images show Tim with the soldiers Danny and Adam, the training session underway and collecting at the ranks.

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