

CINDERELLA SUNDAY

*You are invited to celebrate a
new era – as two of London's
neglected stations
shake off their Cinderella past*

Sunday 11 December 2005

12.05 dep Cambridge Heath

12.07 arr London Fields

*12.15 Pub on the Park,
Martello Street, London
Fields*

ONE for ALL

NEWSLETTER OF CAMBRIDGE HEATH AND LONDON FIELDS RAIL USERS

DECEMBER 2005

Hundreds of extra trains!

More than 500 extra trains a week will stop at Cambridge Heath and London Fields stations from 11 December 2005 in a major re-vamp of the service.

Each day – from Monday to Friday – the number of trains will double from 82 trains a day to 160.

On Saturdays the number of trains will also double from 73 to 147.

And for the first time for years passengers using the stations can enjoy a Sunday service – with 62 trains stopping.

Over the week, the number of trains will more than double from 483 trains to 1,008 trains.

It's the best service for years, thanks to train operator ONE and Transport for London.

❖ **MONDAY-FRIDAY:** From 12 December 2005, there will be four trains an hour in each direction on weekdays. During the morning peaks, there will be six trains an hour into Liverpool Street and in the afternoon peak, six trains an hour out.

❖ **SATURDAY:** From 17 December the Saturday service – which has been every half an hour – is also to be increased to four trains an hour.

❖ **SUNDAY:** For the first time for years, there will be a Sunday service starting on 11 December 2005 – two trains an hour in each direction. With roads in the area increasingly congested on a Sunday, this is welcome news.

❖ A **TRAIN INFORMATION SYSTEM** was installed last month at both stations, thanks to cash grants from Transport for London and Hackney council.

❖ **CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION** was also installed at the same time to ensure that people feel safer when they are using the stations.

❖ **NEW HELP POINTS**, like the ones on the Tube, have been fitted to provide a link to staff at the control office.

❖ **MORE NOTICE BOARDS** have been put up on the platforms so that routine information can also be provided where it is needed – where people are waiting for their trains.

Party time

Rail campaigners will be travelling on one of the first trains on Sunday and will be going to the Pub on the Park near London Fields station at 12.15 to celebrate their success. They are inviting some of the people who made the improvements possible.

What we have been campaigning for over the past 13 years

We have been struggling to get the return of a proper rail service ever since British Rail swung its axe after being told by the then-Tory government to slim itself down for privatisation. After 1992, we were left with just a few trains in the peak hours from Monday to Friday.

Our appeals were largely ignored until in 1996 we started counting passengers at the two stations to prove there was still a demand in spite of the appalling service. We were able to show that more people were using the

trains and we also carried out a survey to see what passengers wanted. Since then, things have gradually got better.

Improvements so far:

Off-peak train services. Saturday trains. Sunday trains. Help points at Cambridge Heath and London Fields. Passenger information system and CCTV. Telephone in the foyer at London Fields. Ticket machines installed in January 2001. New seats on the Liverpool Street-bound platforms at Cambridge Heath and London

Fields. Mirrors on blind corners. More official timetables and printed information. Re-painting. Improved lighting. Efficient graffiti removal. New signs. Stair edge repairs. More regular and thorough cleaning.

Our aspirations:

A regular, reliable service every 10 to 15 minutes, every day of the week. Oyster card readers. Real-time train information screens at ground level. Efficient ticket machines providing a full range of tickets, travel cards and railcard discounts.