

ONE for ALL

NEWSLETTER OF CAMBRIDGE HEATH AND LONDON FIELDS RAIL USERS

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Centre of attraction

A special train ran to London Fields from Liverpool Street on 7 February to show off the improvements at our two stations.

Among the invited guests were some of the key people who have helped to bring the CCTV and the train information systems, largely funded by Transport for London and Hackney Council, to us.

It was a very positive occasion after years of neglect.

The improved train service, with 500 extra trains, which was introduced in December has however hit trouble.

A new temporary timetable has been introduced with

80 trains a day cut. It leaves some awkward gaps at certain times of the day and there is only one train an hour on Sundays.

But even with the cuts, we still have 420 more trains than we had at this time last year.

ONE say that a combination of an industrial dipute with the train drivers and a general shortage of drivers was the cause of cancellations.

ONE is recruiting new drivers and hope to reinstate the cuts as soon as possible, possibly in July (in time for the the Lido reopening) but "definitely by December.



DOWN OUR WAY: London Assembly Member Jennette Arnold, Transport for London rail chief Ian Brown, Hackney Councillor Guy Nicholson and ONE Railway managing director Dominic Booth.



Group station manager Tim McCarthy greets the special at London Fields on 7 February

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The CHLFUG campaign

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 and railcard discounts.