



# The Chronicle



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SOUTHERN DRIVERS  
COMPANY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER.

## Free Wills and Pension Nomination Forms.

Although we often think this is something we should do and intend to do, the problems family and loved ones face as a result of a member passing away without making a Will can add to the stress they are already suffering. It is so easy to make a Will, you can start the process by calling 08081008009, Thompsons Solicitors free Will service for ASLEF members.

Our Pension scheme also offers members the right to nominate who should receive the benefit from their Pension Fund (4 times your salary) should they pass away whilst still in employment with Southern. If you would like a form to make a nomination, or make a new nomination please contact one of your Company Council Reps (contact details below) or visit our Website [www.aslefsouthern.org.uk](http://www.aslefsouthern.org.uk) to download one. All completed forms should be sent Railway Pensions, the address is located on the nomination form.

We do appreciate that human nature leads people to think maybe I'll do this tomorrow or next week but the harsh reality is your loved ones may struggle financially while your estate is being processed by Probate. It is also the only way of ensuring your final wishes are carried out don't leave it until tomorrow. Both these services are free, please take advantage of them.

### West Croydon PNB point.

We have been in discussion with Southern on the use of West Croydon PNB room now that LOROL own the station. Southern do not diagram PNB's here as part of a normal duty. However, if the line north of West Croydon is blocked due to engineering works, PNB's may be booked at West Croydon. In this case, during the winter months Southern will ensure the room is adequately heated prior to any PNB's being taken.

### Southern and Gatwick Express mutual exchanges.

As Gatwick Express and Southern are operated as two separate brands and have different terms and conditions there are no facilities for drivers to register transfer moves between Southern depots and Gatwick Express or vice versa. We have raised the question whether drivers would be able to request a mutual exchange of depots between Southern and Gatwick Express. Southern have indicated they are prepared to consider any such requests with the proviso that if the request is granted, the exchange would be on the basis each driver agrees to the terms, conditions and salary of the depot they move to.

## Attendance to Coroners Courts.

ASLEF has been pursuing an agreement with the TOCs that drivers involved in fatalities should not be expected to attend a Coroners Inquest. Southern have now agreed to send a letter to the Coroners Courts detailing why they would like drivers not to be called to give evidence. Southern will also offer to provide an expert witness as an alternative to the driver, on behalf of the company.

There may be occasions where some drivers wish to attend the Coroners Court, where this is the case drivers should speak to their DM who will make the necessary arrangements. Graham Morris, ASLEF District Organiser, should also be advised.

## Joint Branch Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 9th June at The Orchard Pub, Cherry Orchard Road Croydon.

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