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SOUTHERN DRIVERS
COMPANY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER.

London Bridge SHARD

As you may be aware, we recently circulated a Bastille Times about the affect of sunlight reflecting off the Shard building. An article has now been included in the Traincrew Matters publication asking for drivers to submit reports when they have experienced sunlight reflection from the building. We would be grateful if the reports are also left for your Health and Safety representatives as they are discussing this at their quarterly safety meetings with Southern.

This matter is on the monthly agenda Level 2 meeting between Southern and Network Rail, which is also attended by ASLEF. Please forward a copy of your report to any of the Company Council representatives (contact details below), so we can track this through the Level 2 meetings.

Christmas and New Year 2011/12 Bank Holidays arrangements

It was brought to our attention the payment arrangements document contained a slight error. It showed the payment arrangements were in line with Bank Holidays arrangements for Monday 2nd January 2012. However, it stated the day was not a Bank Holiday. This has now been corrected and Monday 2nd January 2012 is now shown as a Bank Holiday. There are no other alterations to the document. To avoid any confusion, Monday 2nd January 2012 is a Bank Holiday and drivers booked to work will be paid a standard days pay, plus either hours worked or a day off in lieu.

Passport 2 Learning

A number of courses are available to members. If you are interested or would like any further information please contact your Union Learner Rep. Their details should be displayed locally at depots.

On behalf of Company Council, we would like to wish all members and their families a

Happy Christmas

and a

Peaceful New Year

We also thank members and Representatives for their help and support throughout 2011.

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The Railway Safety & Standards Board (RSSB) has recently re-launched their **Safety Culture Tool-kit** which allows Train Operators to undertake an independent and in-depth survey of their employees views on the management of safety within the Train Operating Company that they work for.

The Southern Safety and Operational Standards department intends to use the RSSB model to carry out a Safety Culture Survey of most of our employees, and they are intend to do this towards the end of October. Hopefully as part of [European Safety week!](#)

[We would encourage everyone to take part. Further details will be published nearer the time](#)

G. S. Election

A second vote is required following the result of the original ballot when there was no overall winner.

The run off is between Simon Weller. Brighton Branch and Mick Whelan Willesden Branch.

Ballot papers will be with you shortly.

Don't forget to make your vote count in shaping the future of your trade union