



# The Chronicle



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SOUTHERN DRIVERS  
COMPANY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER.

## **Smart Pensions.**

There are a number of members who endeavoured to opt out but for a number of reasons the company claim the forms were not received. We have now written to the company identifying all of those who were not opted out as per their wishes and have asked that they now be opted out. We are awaiting their response.

## **Wandsworth Common.**

Following the brief published by Southern last week we have written to them explaining we do not accept that the mirror on the up slow fulfils their duty under the standards to give a driver clear view along the full length of their train. We also highlighted a number of other locations that have been reported by drivers but no action has been taken to resolve these issues either. We have asked that the DOO working party be convened as a matter of urgency to agree ways to resolve these serious problems. We are awaiting their response.

## **Gender Specific Uniforms.**

At this year's AAD a resolution was passed asking company councils to get agreement with the TOCs on a gender specific uniform. We have written to all of our female colleagues via the Branch Secretary's asking for their input. We are awaiting their responses as well..

## **40 Years in the Pension Fund.**

We were recently asked by a colleague who is approaching their fortieth year in the fund what happens in regards to theirs and the company's future contributions.

We have been advised by RPMI that protected staff under the railways privatisation act are written to approximately six weeks before the forty years are complete and asked if they wish to continue with their contributions, if they do the company continue to contribute as well.

Unprotected staff are automatically carried on.

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