



Stockport & District Branch

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34 DAYS OF ACTION

Our 22 Conductor members at Buxton have remained rock solid in the RMT Industrial Action to keep a second safety critical person on the train.

Through so many days of strike action and maintaining a picket line at Buxton, the Guards have maintained a principled stand against ARN and the Department for Transport's desire to remove the Guard off the train.

There has been much public support and the High Peak MP Ruth George attended a picket line in the summer to show solidarity. This is a long running dispute and donations are requested from members who are not on strike – this can be done via the RMT website



NETWORK RAIL PAY CLAIM 1st Jan 2019.

The RMT's application has been submitted on behalf of our members working for Network Rail for an improvement in pay and conditions of service consisting of:

1. A substantial pay award above the level of the Retail Price Index
2. A minimum flat rate increase to underpin the agreed percentage increase to add benefit to those on the lowest salaries
3. Review of Role Clarity contracts
4. Relief Signaller Flexibility Premium
5. Full travel facilities for all

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Branch AGM 2018
Thursday 13 Dec 6pm
Armoury Inn, Shaw Heath
Buffet and mince pies

2019 dates:

7 Feb, 7 Mar, 11 April, 9 May, 6 June, 25 July, 19 Sept, 17 Oct, 14 Nov, 12 Dec.

President Election

The president is the highest lay role in the union always elected from the rank and file membership.

The election is now taking place for 2019 – 2021 term of office and Stockport Branch have nominated Michelle Rodgers who works at Piccadilly Station.

Please use your vote – if a ballot paper hasn't arrived at your home by now - ring 0800 376 3706.



Workplace Rep vacancies

Stockport Station – Virgin West Coast
Macclesfield Station – Virgin West Coast
Stockport S&T
Wilmslow PWay - Inspection

NETWORK RAIL MAINTENANCE - SPECIAL MEETING AT ASHTON

On 11 September John Tilley, Regional Organiser and Jimmy Brown, Maintenance TU Co-ordinator attended a special meeting to address issues on Network Rail Maintenance. John gave an update on Ill Health severance, the Stood Off arrangement and recent cases. Jimmy gave an update on the bridge examiners and drainage and civils work coming in house into the Works Delivery department which is represented by the Manchester Maintenance Council.

Network Rail maintenance makes up a large proportion of our branch – with depots at Wilmslow, Edgeley, Longsight, Chinley, Guide Bridge and Heaton Mersey.

The Area Council reps for maintenance are Tommy Mather 07715 134534, Dave Whittingham 07825375124, Dave Tunstead 07917330570.



Network Rail 2019 pay claim – Continued from front page

- 6.Reduction in the working week
- 7.Review of family friendly policies
8. Guarantee of No Compulsory Redundancies
- 9 .Managed Stations
- 10.Review and up-rating of all allowances, expenses and payments.
- 11.Christmas Working Arrangements
- 12.London & South East Allowances

Mick Cash, General Secretary writes

An initial meeting took place on 1st November 2018 where both sides set out their respective positions. Management are now considering our claim with further negotiations due to take place on Friday 30th November 2018. Branches will be kept fully informed of developments.

Congratulations to the following members for achieving long membership

40 years' membership NUR / RMT membership

Billy Hardiman – Stockport Station
Richard Herbert – Stockport Telecomms
Peter Arthur – Longsight OLE
Les Booth – Guide Bridge Ultrasonics
Joe Francis - Stockport No 1 box
Tommy Cavanagh – Bolton PWay

25 years' RMT membership

Rod Heyes – Hazel Grove box
Jason Nelson – S&T Works Delivery Stockport
Dave Roworth – S&T Maintenance Stockport
Gwyn Thomas – S&T Works Delivery Stockport
Ian Woodcock – Piccadilly signalling centre
Kev Dowd – Relief Signaller (anywhere that needs covering – based Man South)



Branch Chair Stuart Reid (centre) presenting badges to Tommy Cavanagh (left) and Billy Hardiman (right)

Freighliner Heavy Haul – Groundstaff at Earles Sidings and Guide Bridge

Pay and Conditions Claim – Next meeting 13th November – update to follow

Representation

Your RMT reps continue to represent members day in, day out, across the area with individual grievance cases, and at harassment, welfare and discipline hearings as well as giving advice and help. Make sure you have your RMT rep's contact number to hand should you need them and never go into an investigation without a trained rep.

Ill Health and Voluntary severance Quotes

All quotes should be checked by RMT Regional Office to ensure they are correct and members get what they are entitled to.



Stockport & District branch cover stations on the Buxton, Marple, and Macclesfield / Crewe lines with a good level of membership.
ARN Station rep is Burt McIntyre at Congleton.

With November 5th marking the 25th anniversary of the passing of the Railways Act, which condemned lifeline transport services in Britain to a generation of fragmentation and exploitation, RMT will be launching a fresh drive to end the privatised rip off which has left passengers paying the highest fares in Europe to travel on overcrowded, unreliable services.

That means repeal of the 1993 Act to pave the way for the return of the entire railway to public ownership.

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PUBLIC MEETING

Thurs 15 November

6.00 pm

Manchester

The Mechanics Centre, 103 Princess Street, Manchester, M1 6DD

RMT members are standing solid, determined and united on Northern in the continuing fight for safety, security and access on our trains.

This meeting in Manchester is one of a series of public meetings that are being organised across the North to build support for our members in the dispute.

The meetings will be addressed by RMT officials, local MPs, and others. Additionally, local representatives from Transport for the North and rail campaigners have been invited.

Speakers include

Mick Cash RMT General Secretary

Rebecca Long-Bailey MP for Salford and Eccles

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Are your details up to date?

Check and change details on RMT members area or website or ring 0800 376 3706 to change details – eg phone, email, postal address, job title / location