



eFBU Matters—Informing Berkshire Members

Welcome to the New Berkshire FBU Newsletter

Welcome to launch edition the new Berkshire FBU e-newsletter designed to help keep members informed of what's going on around the Brigade, Region and Country. The articles will give you a brief update of what's going on and the links will take you to further and more detailed information from the FBU's local and the national websites.

It has been a busy time for FBU Officials who have been consulting on a wide range of issues, meeting with management on a variety of subjects and also vacating the Maidenhead office.

Finally Congratulations to Mark Stollery on his re-election as Brigade Secretary and don't forget the next Brigade Committee meeting is on Thursday 28th April 1830 at Stn 20.

Meal Provision on Brigade Courses

At it's meeting on the 17th February, the Fire Authority rightly agreed to maintain the provision of meals on Brigade courses. All Brigade courses should have food provided. The FBU has received reports that this may not be happening on all occasions and Officials have made representation to management accordingly. The problem should now be rectified, but please contact a Brigade Official if you attend a course and go hungry!



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[Hutton Report on Pensions](#)

FBU Education Courses

The FBU run a number of education courses to assist reps deal with workplace issues. For details— [click here](#)

Windsor Shift Update

After its acceptance of the TAP recommendation, the FBU met with management to discuss the new shift at Windsor. We asked the Brigade to increase the £2000 paid to people transferring to the new pattern. This was refused. We were also told that, unless they have a transfer request out of the station at the point of changeover, our Windsor members would by default be accepting the new shift. We have approached the Brigade to gain clarification on this issue but, as yet, have had no response.



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Dual Contracts Update

Human Resources have established a working party to revisit the Dual Contract Policy. This followed the FBU's concern that the policy is adversely affecting RDS appliance availability. It is still early days yet and we must stress that no decisions have been made.



RDS Part Time Workers Settlement

After years of concerted effort to achieve equality for Firefighters working the Retained Duty System, the Fire Brigades Union has finished negotiating an agreement to bring parity between Wholetime and Retained on terms and conditions. For full details—[click here](#)

MAY DAY 2011
THE NEXT STAGE
OF THE BATTLE
AGAINST CUTS
& JOB LOSSES

SUNDAY MAY 1ST MARCH & RALLY
ASSEMBLE 12 NOON
CLERKENWELL GREEN LONDON EC1
(NEAREST TUBE—FARRINGDON)
MARCH TO TRAFALGAR SQUARE 1300
LONDON MAY DAY ORGANISING COMMITTEE
www.londonmayday.org

Are Your Details Correct?

Have you updated the FBU about your change of address or next of kin?

It's vital that we have your correct details so if in doubt [CLICK HERE](#) for the forms you need.

Please print off, complete and return to Paul Watts FBU Membership Secretary.

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OFFICER SECTION UPDATE

HRU UPDATE

RDS UPDATE

FIRE AUTHORITY UPDATE

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Please do not hesitate to contact them if you need FBU help.