

Talking of Grading...



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Talking of Grading is limited this time due to the sheer volume of valuable information and updates in this edition of **Private Hire News**.

Having joined the **Association** soon after it was re-structured in the early 90's with just a dozen members and in financial trouble, I am very proud to see what we do for our members today given the very limited financial resources.

What is set out in this magazine will take the **LPHCA** to a new level, delivering '**The Gain**' rather than '**The Pain**' from being a '**Fully Licensed Mode of Public Transport**'.

The recent re-structuring, backed by every member at **four meetings in the past four months** will enable the **LPHCA** to provide many more solutions for the industry, much more quickly.

It is no longer a case of '**What can the LPHCA do for you?**' it is now a case of '**What you can do for yourself**', which is **really very simple**.

Firstly if you are not a member of the **LPHCA** you can join us. **Membership fees have been re-structured** to enable **Smaller Operators to pay less** and for 90% of members the fees are **less than a £1 a day** for which you get a fantastic amount of value for your money.

Secondly if you are already a member you can become part of the exciting '**Platinum Membership**', which has electrified recent meetings.

Dozens have already become '**Platinum Members**' and *nearly 30 of them* have taken '**Committee Positions**'.

The management of '**Industry related issues**' on the new '**Members Only - Private Message Forum Board**' is stunning, giving every member the opportunity to gain a vast amount of knowledge, **24-7**, from *anywhere in the World* via the Internet.

We will be featuring new members in the next edition of **Private Hire News** and I look forward to meeting you if you wish to join us or upgrade to **Platinum** in the next few months.

Finally, members will be pleased to hear that John Nethercott is back working following his recent hip replacement.

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