



HEALTH & SAFETY COMMISSION'S RAILWAY INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3rd Public Meeting

6:30pm Thursday 9th October 2003

Copthorne Hotel's
Jubilee & Cullinan Suite,
Paradise Circus,
Birmingham.



P R O G R A M M E

6:00	Coffee and registration	
6:30	Introduction An overview of the evening from Margaret Burns, Chair of RIAC and Stewart Francis, Chair of Rail Passengers Council (RPC), facilitator of the meeting	Margaret Burns CBE Stewart Francis
6:35	What is RIAC? Its background and the work it does	Margaret Burns
	Session 1	
6:45	Passenger security - what matters to the public?	June Bridgeman CB, Soroptimist International SE England
	Session 2	
7:30	Crowding on the railways - is it a health and safety issue?	John Cartledge, London Transport Users Committee/ RPC
8:15	Open Forum	
8:45	Close	

NB Times subject to change

The event is supported by the RPC

Notes on Speakers

Margaret Burns CBE: is a part-time tutor of public law at the University of Aberdeen. She was formerly the legal advisory officer for and is now a member of the Scottish Consumer Council, which nominated her for the Health & Safety Commission (HSC). She was appointed as a HSC Commissioner in 1998 and as Chair of RIAC in 2001.

Stewart Francis: Chairman of the Rail Passengers Council (RPC), the statutory watchdog representing rail users was formerly Chairman of the RPC for Eastern England, Stewart is based in Peterborough and is the Chairman of Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Strategic Health Authority. In 2002, he was appointed as a member of the Commission for Integrated Transport.

He is Chairman of Lite FM, an independent radio station based in Peterborough and is a partner in Francis Vincent Media. Stewart is also past-Chairman of the Commercial Radio Companies Association and past Managing Director of Mid-Anglia Radio plc as well as an award-winning radio broadcaster.

John Cartledge: is Deputy Director of the London Transport Users Committee and advises the Rail Passengers Council on safety policy issues. He has represented the interests of rail users at public inquiries following a number of serious railway accidents, including King's Cross fire and the collisions at Clapham Junction, Southall and Ladbrooke Grove. He has been a member of RIAC for 12 years.

June Bridgeman CB: led the Soroptimist International Rail Safety Task Force that produced the report "Safe and Sure. A "quick wins" agenda for Britain's railways" last year (www.soroptimist-gbi-see.org.uk). This offers the survey findings and practical ideas of a major women's organisation about a key aspect of the quality of life - feeling and being safe when using rail. Her main career in Whitehall was in the economic and environmental field including railways policy and working in the Government "Think Tank". She was Deputy Chair of the Equal Opportunities Commission before going on to serve as a member of the BSE Inquiry.