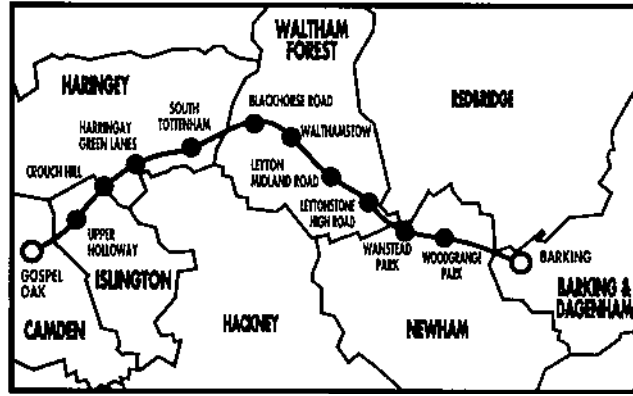


BARKING-GOSPEL OAK LINE USER GROUP

Chairman: Alderman Frederick Jones,
Barking & Dagenham Council

Secretary: Graham Larkbey,
35 Carr Road, Walthamstow,
London E17 5ER

www.barking-gospeloak.org.uk
info@barking-gospeloak.org.uk



NEWS RELEASE 17th December 2007

“CHECK YOUR LONDON OVERGROUND TRAIN TIMES DURING FESTIVE SEASON”, WARNS PASSENGER GROUP

**Transport for London is only running a half-hourly service from
Monday 24th December until Tuesday 1st January
on the Barking - Gospel Oak Line**

Passengers wishing to use the Barking-Gospel Oak Line during the holiday period will need to plan their journeys as Transport for London (TfL) will be operating a reduced service on the local London Overground line, with trains every 30 minutes from Christmas Eve until New Year's Day. There will of course be no trains on Christmas Day or Boxing Day.

- **Christmas Eve, 24th December:** First train from Gospel Oak at 06:25. First train from Barking at 06:38. Trains will then run at 30-minute intervals until the last train from Gospel Oak at 20:25 and from Barking at 21:08.
- **Christmas Day, 25th December & Boxing Day, 26th December:** No Service.
- **Thursday, 27th December:** First train from Gospel Oak at 07:55 and first train from Barking at 08:08. Trains will then run at 30-minute intervals until the last train from Barking at 23:08 and from Gospel Oak at 23:25.
- **Friday, 28th December & Saturday 29th December:** First train from Gospel Oak at 06:25 and first train from Barking at 06:38. Trains will then run at 30-minute intervals until the last train from Barking at 23:08 and Gospel Oak at 23:25.
- **Sunday, 31st December:** Trains will run to the normal Sunday timetable.
- **New Year's Eve, Monday, 31st December:** First train from Gospel Oak at 06:25 and first train from Barking at 06:38. Trains will then run at 30-minute intervals until the last train from Barking at 23:08 and from Gospel Oak at 23:25.
- **New Year's Day, Tuesday, 1st January:** First train from Gospel Oak at 09:25 and first train from Barking at 10:08. Trains will then run at 30-minute intervals until the last train from Barking at 23:08 and from Gospel Oak at 23:25.



Services will run to the advertised timetable from Tuesday, 2nd January.

Graham Larkbey, Secretary of the Barking-Gospel Oak Line User Group (BGOLUG) said, “While we expected an early close down on Christmas Eve and later starts in the mornings after Boxing Day and New Year’s Day, we expected trains to run to the current Saturday timetable as has been the case in previous years. Instead London Overground have produced a special 30-minute interval timetable which will only confuse and annoy passengers expecting a 20-minute interval service during the mornings and afternoons.”

“We believe that the reason for this reduced service is a shortage of train crews and this may explain why TfL’s *Festive Season* travel information booklet shows a Saturday service operating on London Overground, when this is not the case on the Barking-Gospel Oak route. We hope that TfL will quickly produce the correct information for passengers,” he added.

Passengers can get further information about London Overground and services over the Christmas and New Year period from (020) 7222 1234 or www.tfl.gov.uk/overground.

- ENDS -

Contact Graham Larkbey – (020) 7023 0527

