



# Easthammer

Welcome to 2010

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## Book Review

Right now for something different.

### Janine Booth Guilty And Proud Of It.

This is a wonderfully well written book about the Poplar Rebel Council of 1919-1925. It has been well researched and is well worth the read. I recommend this book to anyone with an interest in History, Politics and Law.

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# Happy New Year!

CONGRATULATIONS

Those of you who know me know that I don't celebrate Christmas or the New Year but I would like to take this opportunity to wish you the best for the upcoming year and hope you had a good Christmas or whatever Seasonal Holiday you celebrate.

This is the beginning of a new decade and one that is going to present its own unique challenges. We now need to put behind us the pay deal and issues of last year and prepare ourselves for the bigger fight to come.

With the coming of the new fare revision as you are all aware we now have a £5 minimum Top-Up at ticket office windows being implemented which the RMT is fully against.

With this comes the threats of job cuts including DSM's and AGI's no matter what you think of these grades some of these are RMT members. We must fight ANY job cuts no matter who they are or what grade. This is just the beginning your grade may be next and we must fight these cuts every step of the way. Remember the RMT are an

## ALL GRADES UNION.

We would like any input into issues you have arising this year and thoughts you have for the impending job cuts, Olympic Talks.

You can contact me on the number or email to the left

TRAIN DRIVER Alex Gordon has been elected to serve as the President of RMT, Britain's biggest specialist transport union, for the coming three years. In the postal ballot that closed today Bristol-based Alex, who will take up office in January, beat four other candidates and replaces John Leach, a London Underground worker whose term of office ends at the close of the year.

RMT's President is the most senior lay official in the union, whose responsibility is to uphold the union's rulebook and to preside over meetings of the union's executive bodies, including the sovereign annual general meeting.

"Alex Gordon is a highly respected RMT activist who has served his union at all levels, from the all-important local rep to the union's executive, and I know he will make an excellent President," RMT general secretary Bob Crow said today.



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