

Ted Abear – Deputy Chairman



Ted was born on the GWR Railway Estate at Acton in 1931 .He left school at the age of 14 and worked as delivery boy for a year before joining the Great Western Railway on January 28th 1946 as an Engine Cleaner. He was made Fireman in August 1947 and passed for driving at Swindon in April 1960.On being found to have a slight colour deficiency Ted was confined to shed at Old Oak Common and moved to Clerical Grade in December 1960. After 41 years' service, Ted eventually took early retirement from 125 House in Swindon in November 1987.

In retirement, Ted got heavily involved with the Friends group in the Farringdon Road Railway Museum, cleaning locos on Thursday evening and talking to visitors every Saturday about what it was like to work on the footplate. His involvement continued when the STEAM Museum opened in the old Railway Works and after over 30 years' service as a volunteer, Ted is still a member of the “Meet the Workers” gang, talking to visitors about life on the railway in Steam days ,and part of the “We’ll Meet Again” team in STEAM.



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