



The Sun Shines on the Wrighteous

On the 13th of May, which was a gloriously sunny day, tram 7 was named after the Wolverhampton Wanderers and England football legend Billy Wright.

Billy Wright was born in the Shropshire town of Ironbridge on 6th February 1924. He died in 1994 however a giant statue of him still greets visitors to Molineux.

Billy made his England debut against Northern Ireland in

1946 and subsequently captained the England team through three world cup campaigns.

He was the first player in the world to make 100 international appearances and went on to achieve a fantastic total of 105 appearances for his country.

He was never booked in almost 650 games for club and country which was an excellent achievement demonstrating his

strong and unflappably calm character.

Billy was married to Joy Beverley of the chart-topping Beverley Sisters. Unfortunately Joy was not well enough to attend the tram naming ceremony however Billy and Joy's daughter Vicky and granddaughter Kelly, along with several of Billy's former team mates, were present to see the tram being named in Billy's honour.



Wolverhampton Wanderers and England captain, Billy Wright.



Pic caption: Billy's daughter, granddaughter and former team mates gather around one of the name plates fitted to tram 7



Passenger Information Displays



Real time passenger information display

There have been intermittent problems with the new real time passenger information displays which were installed at the tram stops towards the end of last year. We have been working closely with our supplier to resolve these problems to improve the accuracy of the predicted arrival time of the next two

trams at each tram stop and our ability to display text messages to advise of any alterations to scheduled services. Corrective actions have been implemented and the ongoing performance of the information displays will be closely monitored by Metro staff. Thank you for your patience while this is resolved.

Service Performance

Service performance dipped in April with an average of 92% of scheduled services being operated. This fall off in performance was mainly due to two separate incidents of damage to the overhead power lines which disrupted services on the southern half of the Metro route between the 1st and 3rd April and on the 11th April. Midland Metro apologises to customers who were affected by these service disruptions.

Sunday Closure

There will be no tram services between Wednesbury Parkway and Birmingham Snow Hill tram stops all day on Sunday 15th June to allow essential engineering work to take place.

Several major items of work need to be carried out including replacement of rails in Hill Top tunnel, replacement of track components at Birmingham Snow Hill and replacement of overhead power cables at Winson Green. A co-ordinated approach is being taken to complete all of this work during one Sunday closure rather than affecting services more than once.

A Sunday closure of the affected part of the Metro route is necessary as it is not practicable to carry out these items of work during short overnight periods between end of services on one day and start of services the next day.

A 15 minute service will operate all day between Wolverhampton St Georges and Wednesbury Parkway tram stops on Sunday 15th June.