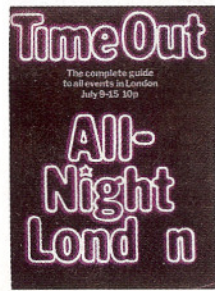
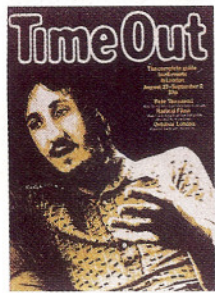
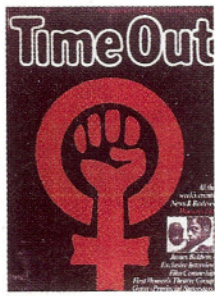
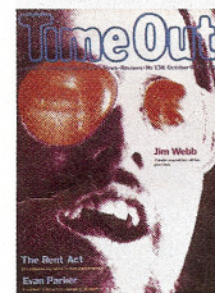


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Subscribers of the week special

Revealed! Time Out's most loyal readers ever

Fancy a slice?
Michael Hodges's column has moved to the back! See p194

The long distance

subscriber: **Lynn Loring**

Loring visited London as a student in the 1970s; later, as an air stewardess, she landed the New York-London route. She lives in Scottsdale, Arizona, but still gets *Time Out* every week.

First thing *Time Out* inspired you to do?

'I discovered London Walks through *Time Out*; they changed my life. I've done most of them and now I'm doing some again.'

First thing you turn to?

'The restaurant reviews. If I'm gone for weeks I want to know what's opened. I like The Square and Racine, and the Indian food is better than in India.'

Best London moment?

'When I met my husband: I was early for a walk I'd seen in *Time Out* and so was he, standing by a tree on the Embankment – London's most romantic spot. I could tell he wasn't with the lady he was talking to, so I just walked up and said "Are you waiting for the walk?"'

What aspect of London would you transport to Scottsdale?

'The architecture. Or a poster from the tube. Oh, and The Globe for my Shakespeare-professor husband, if I were in an unselfish mood.'

... and vice versa?

'I wish London was a little friendlier; you all have a little bowl around you and you know it's improper to break that little bit of invisibility.'

London's hidden's gem?

'The George Washington statue outside the National Gallery. Washington said: "I will never set foot in London again!" So they brought some dirt from Virginia and that's what he's standing on.'

The *Time Out* family: Sean, Amanda and Jacob Russell

In January 2004, Sean Russell placed an ad in our 'Talking Hearts' personals that began: 'Tim seeks Dawn...' And Dawn answered, or rather Amanda did. Today they are



married and live in Teddington with their 13-month-old son, Jacob. We spoke to Amanda.

First date?

'In The Red Lion pub in Islington, with the little theatre upstairs. I'd said I'd be wearing a red coat and black hat – quite foolish, as if I'd seen Sean and thought "Oh God!", I'd have shot myself in the foot.'

Is Jacob a *Time Out* reader?

'Well, he likes to rip it up.'

What's the weirdest thing you've seen in London?

'I used to live on Charlotte Street, and this guy would drive up and down in a convertible Cadillac with a Great Dane in the back.'

Favourite walk or route in London?

'The 243 bus route. Sean lived in Tottenham when I lived in Teddington and we have lots of memories of taking that bus really early in the morning.'

With parents who met through *Time Out*, does Jacob display the mag's influence?

'He certainly lets you know if he doesn't like something.'

Readers' lives

Clockwise from top: Lynn Loring; John Davis then and now; Sean, Amanda and Jacob Russell

The long-term reader: John Davis

John Davis has been reading *Time Out* since the first issue. He recently left London to live in Surrey.

When did you first begin reading *Time Out*?

'I lived in Notting Hill in 1968. I remember the first edition of *Time Out* – just a fold-up sheet. Tony Elliott was one of those people you always heard about. I remember thinking: What a good idea!'

What's the weirdest thing you've seen in London?

'I was in a taxi with Syd Barrett in 1967, just as Pink Floyd were getting big. He told the driver to stop: on a balcony of the Hyde Park Hilton were The Monkees, above a huge crowd of girls. Syd said, "Wow, I really like some of their stuff. One day that could be me..." He was the ultimate hippy troubadour – it almost blew my faith in him. I think he was joking...'

London's hidden gem?

'There's a little pub actually inside Chelsea Hospital – it's used by the pensioners, but it's open to anyone.'

Compiled by Paul Fairclough

OVERHEARD UNDERGROUND They sent a film crew. They were probably from Estonian telly, but it still counts.