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Holloway black cab driver Janet Kinnin has driven many celebrity passengers, including actor Timothy Spall and the late comedian Dave Allen. Janet, 47, prefers to work



all night when the roads are clear and people are generally in a good mood. "It's a great job because you work for yourself and do the hours that suit you. You also meet fascinating people who often tell you all about their lives."

Mark Rose, 44, owner of the Discount Furniture store in Holloway Road, close to the Nag's Head, took a well-earned rest on one of his own beds during a break in business on Wednesday. Mark, whose



beds range from £80 to £400 and who supplies housing associations as well as private customers, said trade is beginning to improve after a quiet period. "More and more people are realising that you can't buy a bed on the internet. You've got to sit on it and try it out. It could be too soft or too hard. Every bed is different."

Actor Ben Porter, who is currently starring in the Alan Ayckbourn play *Life of Riley*, has pressing issues to deal with at home in Tufnell Park. "Developers want to build an extra single storey,



containing nine new flats, above our block of unique 1930s private dwellings in Tufnell Park Road," he said. "It will block out the light to some residents and overlook others. It will ruin the area around the flats." His objection is supported by James Dunnett, a member of the Islington Society, who described the scheme as "crude" and likely to "ruin" the unique village green appearance of the estate.