



The gleaming new Crossrail station at Canary Wharf was completed last week. When services on the new line begin in 2018, it will take just six minutes to travel to Liverpool Street, eight minutes to Farringdon and 39 minutes to Heathrow from Canary Wharf station.

Improved reliability for District and Piccadilly lines

Next month the replacement of a major Tube junction will improve the District and Piccadilly lines.



ENGINEERS will completely renew and realign the Hanger Lane junction to make it faster, smoother and more reliable for the thousands of customers who travel through the area each day. The work will involve renewing track and signalling over nine days from Saturday October 24 to Sunday November 1. During this time, the District line will close between Ealing

Broadway and Turnham Green, with the Piccadilly line closing from Acton Town to Uxbridge on the two weekends.

David Waboso, London Underground's (LU's) director of capital programmes, said: 'Our engineers and contractors will be working around the clock to replace this complex junction.' LU will take full advantage of the

closure of the District line section to carry out other essential work at Ealing Broadway, preparing for the full modernisation of the line. Engineers will also replace an additional 330 metres of track, to ensure more reliable and smoother journeys.

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A magical trip of a lifetime

THE Children's Magical Taxi Tour set off from Canary Wharf last Friday, taking more than 200 youngsters with life-limiting illnesses on a three-day trip to Disneyland Paris.

The convoy consisted of more than 90 taxis, City of London Police escorts, Gendarmerie Nationale, London Ambulance NHS Trust vehicles and AA breakdown trucks.

Organised annually by the Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers, the event could not happen without the generosity of the drivers, who freely give their time and vehicles, and the sponsors who contribute towards the £1,500 per taxi needed to meet the cost of hotel accommodation, fuel, food, and admission charges.

This year, Transport for London's Taxi and Private Hire team raised enough money to fund two taxis on the tour.

Since it started in 1994, more than 4,000 children have made the trip to France.



Helen Chapman, general manager of Taxi and Private Hire, with Rhianna (holding the bear) and Shehnaz as they set out on the Children's Magical Taxi Tour.

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