

Buses – also available in red



A specially-painted silver New Routemaster bus has gone into service on London's streets designed to celebrate the anniversary year.

STAND outside any house in London and you are likely to be less than 400metres from a bus stop.

This is one of the fascinating facts that have been compiled about London's buses and the bus network to mark the 2014 Year of the Bus.

Commuters may guess that Victoria is the busiest bus station and Tenison Way in Waterloo has the busiest bus stop, but few may know that 8,500 buses operate on the capital's roads and that 6.5million people take a bus journey every day.

The longest bus route is 23 miles long, the X26 from Croydon to Heathrow, and the highest points on the network are on top of the North Downs, at Westerham Heights on route 246 and Tatsfield on route 464.

The most northerly TfL bus stop is in Potters Bar, the most southerly in Dorking, the most easterly in Brentwood, Essex and the most westerly is in Slough.

There are more than 700 bus routes across the capital, providing jobs for 24,000 drivers. Together they travel 305million miles a year, the equivalent of driving to the moon and back 621 times.

2014 has been declared the 'Year of the Bus' to celebrate the vital role that buses play in keeping the capital moving.

To celebrate, London Transport Museum in Covent Garden is running a programme of events including illustrated talks, Friday Lates and guided tours. A major new exhibition is also being hosted – Goodbye Piccadilly – from Home Front to Western Front.

There will also be bus garage open days, museum depot open weekends and family activities. The B-type Battle Bus will also be going on tour.

■ For further details of all events, visit www.ltmuseum.co.uk

Transport at a glance



TfL's new mapping tool

TfL and Clear Channel are trialling a real-time travel mapping tool at a Regent Street bus stop.

Positioned on one of London's busiest shopping streets at Piccadilly Circus's bus stop 'G', the state-of-the-art digital screen incorporates TfL's data feed of live departure information to allow passengers to track their bus in real-time. Alongside live bus arrival information, the interactive

panel offers wider transport network updates from the Tube and real-time availability of nearby Barclays Cycle Hire bikes. The panel also offers local area information including maps and walking routes to tourist attractions, theatres and shops.

The panel is the first of its kind to operate in a UK bus shelter. The launch coincides with the Year of the Bus, which celebrates the vital role that buses play in keeping the capital moving.



Take your love to new heights

LOOKING for love? Take a trip on the Emirates Air Line next Thursday evening and you may meet the person of your dreams.

An online dating site is hosting a single's dating experience across the Thames on London's only cable car. At 295ft, people

can meet and chat while taking in the sights and the capital's skyline. Tickets should be pre-booked and there is an after party afterwards at the O2.

■ For more information, visit www.simplicity3.co.uk/events

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