



› You wrapped up London!

A HUGE thanks to all the generous Londoners who donated a coat to 'Wrap up London' earlier this month. Around 17,000 coats were collected, with 12,000 at Tube stations alone. The old and unwanted coats will

now go to more than 100 homeless shelters and charities to help keep people warm this winter.

It was the fourth year TfL partnered with Hands on London, which organises the event.

Birthday bash on the river

ESCAPE the crowds and explore London with a boat trip to Greenwich to mark the Cutty Sark's 145th birthday.

Celebrations will take place from Friday to Sunday (November 21 to 23) and include activities for under-fives at a special Toddler Takeover event on the Friday. Bring along your little ones to try out new activities including drop-in sessions, songs and stories. There will also be toys to borrow and play with around the ship.

Adults can visit the Cutty Sark studio theatre which is converted into an electric performing arts space each evening. The unique venue hosts cabaret, comedy, one-person shows, lectures, musical performances and dramas. As part of the birthday celebrations, the Cutty Sark will host an evening with acclaimed folk singer Karine Polwart under the ship's magnificent hull.

Regular river bus and river tours services run from central London piers such as Embankment, Westminster and London Eye through to Greenwich Pier. Most boats and piers have step-free



Cutty Sark © National Maritime Museum

access and newer boats have spaces for wheelchair users and accessible toilets. Travel to the concert and comedy nights by MBNA Thames Clippers river buses, which operate late into the evening.

■ To buy tickets and find out more about events at the Cutty Sark, go online to www.rmg.co.uk/cuttysark. Find out more about river services at tfl.gov.uk/river

Tube improvements – post weekend update



Central line: A total of 600m of rail was replaced between West Acton and Ealing Broadway to improve service reliability. Around 480m of track was replaced between White City and East Acton and 171m of drainage pipe, adjacent to the tracks between East Acton and White City, was renewed. A new pipe was also installed under the tracks to help prevent flooding and prolong the life of the track. The modernisation of Greenford station continued.

District line and Hammersmith & City lines: A redundant bridge and canopy was demolished at Whitechapel so that the station can be

rebuilt to prepare for Crossrail. At Upminster and Barking, depots were prepared for new walk-through, air-conditioned trains, set to arrive early next year. Track improvements were carried out between Bow Road and Elm Park stations to improve reliability.

Jubilee line: The tunnel between Bond Street and Baker Street was strengthened.

Bakerloo line and London Overground: Work was carried out at Willesden Junction to prepare the London Overground network for five-car trains.

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