

Cool new District line trains

NEW air-conditioned, walk-through trains are now being rolled-out across the District line, with around 80 expected to be in service by the end of 2016.

The trains are already running on the Metropolitan, Hammersmith & City and Circle lines where customers have welcomed the spacious and accessible design.

The new trains feature wider doors and walkways, automated visual displays and on-board station announcements, as well as CCTV, dedicated wheelchair areas and a smaller gap between the train and platform.



London Underground's (LU's) chief operating officer, Nick Brown, said: 'This is great news for our District line customers. The new trains are walk-

through and in the summer customers will be able to feel the advantage of the air-conditioning too. When all the trains are in service by the end of next year, a total of 191 trains will be operating on the Circle, District, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines, which together represent 40 per cent of the entire Tube network.'

The line upgrades are at the heart of LU's investment programme which will increase capacity across the network by 30 per cent.

Holborn – urgent escalator work

CUSTOMERS will be unable to enter Holborn station between 8.30am and 9.30am on weekday mornings between now and early February while work is carried out to fix a faulty escalator.

Passengers leaving the station, or changing between lines will be unaffected.

People are advised to use nearby Chancery Lane station, which is either an eight minute walk away or a short bus ride on route 521 (from stop P) or routes 8, 252 or 242 (from stop H in nearby Procter Street).

Customers for the Piccadilly line can take a westbound train from Chancery Lane and change at Holborn.

Roam the river for less

MBNA Thames Clippers has teamed up with Groupon to offer a discounted all day hop-on, hop-off river pass for just £9 for adults and £19.80 for a family ticket.

Present your voucher to staff at a pier ticket office and jump on board a warm and comfortable river bus which will take you through the heart of London, passing famous sites such as Big Ben, The London Eye, St Paul's, Tower of London and maritime Greenwich.

Services depart every 20 minutes from central London piers and hot drinks, snacks, beer and wine are also available to buy on board.

The offer is valid on travel before March 31 but you must buy the voucher at www.groupon.co.uk before January 26. Vouchers are not accepted on the RB6 Putney or River Bus Express services.

■ For more details, visit www.thamesclippers.com



Last chance to see First World War transport exhibition

LONDON Transport Museum's popular exhibition, 'Goodbye Piccadilly – from Home Front to Western Front,' has been extended by six weeks.

Now open until April 19, the display shows the museum's perspective on the First World War. It explores how the conflict accelerated social change and how it impacted on the lives of Londoners. It also delves into the essential role undertaken by bus service staff and buses, both in the UK and abroad. There is

a focus on the role of women in the war who were employed on a large scale to do the jobs previously done by men, as well as some rarely seen war time propaganda posters.

Guided tours run Friday to Sunday at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm and are free with a general admissions ticket.

■ Tickets cost £16 (concessions £13.50). For more information, visit www.ltmuseum.co.uk

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