

Crossrail portals to the past

A DISPLAY of archaeological finds, including skulls from Roman London, has opened to the public thanks to Crossrail's archaeological programme.

The free exhibition will show more than 50 items found over the last year, including ancient skulls, a Roman cremation pot, flint used by Londoners 9,000 years ago and items found in a suspected Black Death burial ground. Crossrail experts will also give a series of Wednesday evening lectures:

- February 19 – The Urban Realm: buildings archaeology
- February 26 – Crisis and the Black Death
- March 5 – Beyond the city walls, recent finds from Liverpool Street Station
- March 12 – London's last great shipbuilder: the Thames ironworks and shipbuilding company

Lectures start at 6pm, no booking is needed but people are advised to arrive early as spaces are limited.

Crossrail lead archaeologist Jay Carver said: 'The past year has delivered some exceptional finds across central London. We have encountered early Londoners through the discovery of a suspected 14th Century Black Death plague burial ground and a

highly unusual group of Roman skulls buried deep within one of London's lost rivers. We have tracked down evidence for a rare Mesolithic hunting group in the Thames Marshes and made further investigations at the site of London's greatest Victorian shipbuilding yard. One of the things that is so unusual for an archaeology exhibition like this is that the finds are so diverse, from pretty much every important period of London's history.'

See Portals to the Past at the Crossrail Visitor Information Centre, 6-18 St Giles High Street, WC2H 8LN. The exhibition runs until March 15, Tuesday to Saturday, from 11am.

■ For more information, visit www.Crossrail.co.uk



Routemasters running on Route 148

PASSENGERS travelling on Route 148 are the latest in the capital to be served entirely by the New Routemaster buses.

The service, which runs 24-hours a day between Camberwell Green and White City via Westminster, Hyde Park Corner and Holland Park, started on Saturday and will have 25 of the new buses in operation at any one time during peak hours.

Around 22,000 passengers use the route every weekday and all three sets of doors will be open at bus stops so people can board and alight quickly. The rear platform will be closed, however, when the

bus is moving.

The next service to be converted to the new buses will be Route 10 which runs between Hammersmith and King's Cross St Pancras, via Olympia, Knightsbridge and Tottenham Court Road.

The New Routemaster is already the world's greenest diesel electric hybrid bus and is set to get even greener with the introduction of the very latest Euro VI engines.

Testing on passenger services are due to start in March, with full production expected to begin later this year.

Traffic information for the capital

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Chelsea Embankment A3212
Ongoing until February 26, 6pm

A contraflow is in operation for river wall coring works.

Hogarth Flyover
February 19, 10am to February 21, 4pm

Works are planned at the concrete road deck of the Hogarth car bridge at Hogarth roundabout, junction of the A4 and A316. Lane restrictions are in place.

Southwark Bridge A300
February 21, 7pm to March 2, 4pm

Southwark Bridge will be closed to traffic in both directions between the junctions of Upper Thames Street and Southwark Street for resurfacing works. There will be a southbound diversion via Upper

Thames Street, Puddle Dock, Queen Victoria Street, Blackfriars Bridge and Southwark Street and northbound diversion via Southwark Street, Blackfriars Bridge, Queen Victoria Street, Puddle Dock and Castle Baynard Street (Friday to Sunday only).

Twickenham Rugby Stadium
22 February 2pm to 10pm

Twickenham Stadium will be hosting the England vs Ireland 6 Nations Rugby match, kick-off at 4pm. Expect an increase in traffic before and after the game. Roads likely to be affected are the A316 Chertsey Road and all roads leading to Twickenham Station and around the stadium.

Victoria Street A302
February 24, 10am to March 15, 3pm

At the junction of Palace Street, eastbound carriageway will be reduced to one lane owing to electricity works.

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