

Overground and online: WiFi launched on 'orbital' network



FREE WiFi is now available at 50 London Overground stations.

The service, from WiFi provider The Cloud, allows passengers to use mobile devices to get free, real-time travel information on the move as well as browse the internet and use social networks.

The first 60 minutes of internet use is free. The remaining seven stations on the network will have WiFi access by the end of June.

'London Overground stations are a hive of activity for people travelling in and out of London,' said The Cloud managing director Vince Russell.

He added: 'This is especially true of workers commuting into the city. For these people, the ability to

check emails or perhaps access work documents on the go is vital.'

After completing a one-off registration, passengers will have 60 minutes of free internet access a day, at each station. After the hour is up, they will be charged £2.99 for 30 minutes, £4.50 for one hour, £9.99 for 24 hours or £11.99 for seven days.

Peter Austin, managing director of London Overground Rail Operations Limited, said: 'We are always looking for ways to make the London Overground even more convenient than it already is and believe the introduction of free WiFi can only improve and enhance our passenger journeys.'

'It complements the modern commuting railway service we already offer and is also fitting for what is one of the best performing railways in the UK.'

■ For more information on the service and to find out how to register for free WiFi, go to www.thecloud.net/free-wifi

Major stations to be WiFi-enabled are:

- **North London:** Willesden Junction and West Hampstead
- **South London:** New Cross Gate, Forest Hill, West Croydon and Norwood Junction
- **East London:** Surrey Quays, Dalston Junction, Wapping and Hackney Central
- **West London:** Kensington Olympia and Shepherd's Bush

Tube poems celebrate Underground anniversary

A NEW set of Poems on the Underground is now on display in Tube carriages to mark the service's 150th anniversary.

The poems reflect aspects of London life, past and present, for visitors as well as those who live in the city.

The new collection also explores the experience of immigrating to the capital in poems by Nii Ayikwei Parkes, a Ghanaian poet now living in London, and the distinguished Jamaican poet Lorna Goodison.

The collection includes:

- **The river proudly bridged** by David Gentleman, who designed the famous black and white mural at Charing Cross Tube station (pictured)
- **Vacillation** by Irish poet W.B. Yeats, a moving personal account of the experience of 'a solitary man' in wartime London
- **Stations** by Londoner Connie Bensley, who takes a humorous look at love on the Northern line

- **Gherkin Music** by award-winning London poet Jo Shapcott, which captures the iconic shape of the striking City skyscraper
- **Barter** by Nii Ayikwei Parkes, a poignant account of a young Ghanaian immigrant longing for human contact, while finding his way in a cold London winter
- **Bam Chi Chi La La: London, 1969** by Lorna Goodison, describing the dreams of a Jamaican teacher working as a charwoman in the West End. The title refers to a popular Jamaican children's rhyme

A huge range of events and activities to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first Tube journey are being held this year. They will explore London Underground's fascinating history and the vital role it continues to play – both in the lives of Londoners and to the economic life of the capital and the UK.

■ To find out more about Poems on the Underground, visit tfl.gov.uk/poems



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