

Full steam ahead for vintage trains



LONDON Transport Museum will celebrate 125 years of the Chesham branch of the Metropolitan line with steam train journeys this weekend.

The train will be hauled by Metropolitan Locomotive No.1, which was restored last year to its former 1898 glory and L150 Steam Locomotive. Passengers can travel in the Chesham Set coaches, built in 1898 and 1900, and the Metropolitan Jubilee carriage 353. The 1896 Metropolitan Milk Van and

Sarah Siddons electric locomotive will also make up the train.

There will be four runs on each day:

- The first between Wembley Park and Rickmansworth
- Two from Rickmansworth to Chesham and return to Rickmansworth
- The last run will go from Rickmansworth to Chesham and return to Harrow-on-the-Hill

Look out for the Museum's pop-up shop at Rickmansworth station, selling gifts and mementoes including exclusive Metropolitan line commemorative products.

■ Tickets range from £10 to £55 and can be booked at www.ltmuseum.co.uk

Win a steam ride

To win one of two pairs of first-class tickets to travel in the Chesham Set coaches on Sunday August 17, answer this question:

When were the two Chesham Set coaches built?

Send your answer to metrocompetitions@tfl.gov.uk by midnight tonight. The winners will be selected at random. Terms and conditions apply, for details go to tfl.gov.uk/terms

Without leaving London

EACH week this month, one of four celebrities who love London will share their top tips on how to enjoy the capital on a budget. Whether it's where to find cheap theatre tickets or discovering delicious restaurants at affordable prices, get the insider knowledge here.

Celebrity chef Antony Worrall Thompson tells Metro Travel News his top things to do without leaving London.

- A visit to Chinatown is a must – atmosphere and food that won't break the bank www.chinatownlondon.org/ – fascinating history, too!
- Don't forget our free museums, monuments and our green open spaces, I think we have more green open spaces/parks than any other city
- Check out restaurant websites and take a look at their offers. I place mine on www.avtrestaurants.com
- Leicester Square ticket booth for cut price tickets on the day – it's been there since the 1980s run by Society of London Theatre www.solt.co.uk/tkts



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- Get an Oyster card – still the best way of travelling around London when on a budget and getting the true feel of a city
- Share your top tips on how to enjoy the capital for less by emailing Metro@tfl.gov.uk

River crossings – have your say !

THERE is still time to share your views on a number of proposed new river crossings in east London. The current consultation ends on September 12 and the following new proposals are being considered:

- A ferry service or a bridge at Gallions Reach between Beckton and Thamesmead
- A bridge at Belvedere between Rainham and Belvedere
- A ferry at Woolwich

There are also two remaining drop-in sessions where people can find out more:

- Broadway shopping centre, Bexleyheath on Saturday August 30, 9am - 2pm

- Vicarage Fields shopping centre, Saturday September 6, 10am - 5.30pm

The new river crossings will bring huge benefits for people and businesses on both sides of the Thames, providing new road connections between east and southeast London, cutting journey times and supporting local growth. They could be in place by 2025.

This consultation is happening as TfL's proposals for a new road tunnel in Silvertown, which could be complete by 2021, continue to move forward.

■ Full details can be found by searching for 'river crossings' at www.tfl.gov.uk/consultations

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