



## Love on the Air Line

Love was in the air for one couple who got engaged on the UK's first urban cable car last week. Liam Holder got down on one knee to ask girlfriend Lisa Creek to marry him, on what was their fourth anniversary together.

Liam said: 'Lisa is the sunshine of my life and I wanted to get as high in the

sky as possible with a great view of London and somewhere private. The Emirates Air Line could provide that and it's something new that we had not experienced before. The staff were lovely and helped me to prepare the cabin with a happy anniversary banner so it had the personal touch.'

## Motorbike safety project marks 10th anniversary

BIKESAFE-LONDON is celebrating 10 years of improving the safety of motorcyclists across the capital.



The one-day practical courses are run by Transport for London (TfL) and the Metropolitan Police Service, and help motorcyclists improve their knowledge, skills and experience, making them better, safer riders.

To celebrate the anniversary, anyone attending a skills day will pay the 2003 cost of the course – £25 – saving £20. The offer is valid until September 6.

So far more than 26,000 people have completed a rider skills day. Run by traffic police officers they include observed rides, interactive presentations, discussions and advice on rider safety.

Ben Plowden, director of Surface Planning at TfL, said: 'BikeSafe-London has helped create a huge number of safer motorcyclists in London over the past 10 years and hopefully the current offer to

attend for the price of a decade ago will help encourage a whole new generation of safer motorcyclists.

'We continue to look at how we can improve road safety for all road users and our Motorcycle Safety Action Plan, which will be published later this year, will set out how we will further improve the safety of riders in the capital.'

TfL's recent motorcycle safety campaign targeted both riders and drivers to reduce the number of motorcyclists killed or injured.

■ Riders can also enter a competition to win a BMW Off-Road Skills Level One GS course. To find out more and book a place, go to [www.bikesafe-london.co.uk](http://www.bikesafe-london.co.uk)

### Improve your skills

Coach driver Brendan Coy attended a rider skills day last week because he wanted some informed feedback on areas that could use some improvement.

He said: 'I found the most interesting part of the day was watching the police motorcyclist's methods of observation and anticipation, now I can practise doing the same.'

'The course made me consider other road users and their requirements both while riding my motorbike and driving the coach.'

'I have no hesitation recommending it to anyone who wants to improve their riding.'

## Tube improvement plan – post weekend update



**Circle and District lines:** A closure between Baker Street and Gloucester Road allowed for 320 metres of track to be replaced between High Street Kensington and Notting Hill Gate. Drainage improvement work was also carried out in the area.

**Circle and Hammersmith & City lines:** A closure between Baker Street and Hammersmith meant track could be improved between Goldhawk Road and Royal Oak.

**Circle, District and Hammersmith & City lines:** Closures on these three lines enabled improvement work to continue at Edgware Road to prepare for the introduction of new, longer air-conditioned trains to the Circle and Hammersmith & City lines. This included work to improve the sidings to ensure they can accommodate the new trains.

■ For details about how closures may affect your journey this weekend, see Friday's MetroTravel page

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