

Make a splash at Totally Thames



Totally Thames celebrations are in full swing as the annual month-long festival brings the river to life with family fun, arts and cultural activities.

It's not too late to dive in and enjoy London's famous river at one of the following events.

Feel Good Fridays at St Katharine Docks

Friday September 15, 22 and 29 from 12.30pm to 2pm

Grab a bite from a floating World Food Market on Friday lunchtimes throughout September.

Guests can pull up a deckchair or a beanbag on the pontoon and enjoy some live lunchtime entertainment from various musical genres. Enjoy acts from string quartets and brass bands to jazz.

River Weekender

Friday September 15 to Sunday September 17, Watermans

This weekend arts festival alongside the rivers in Brentford features outdoor cinema screenings, creative workshops and more.

Families will love Mr Gumpy's Outing, an interactive journey down the river with the much-loved children's character. Or introduce them to opera with Liquid History, who will perform throughout the weekend, with a free outdoor performance on Watermans' Riverside Terrace as a finale.

Thamesmead Town Fete

Friday September 15 to Sunday September 17, The Link
The festival will launch on Friday

evening at The Link, with a showcase of Thamesmead's home-grown stars. Saturday will centre around the Thamesmead Country Show with a mix of entertainment and surprising art experiences, and Sunday will see a variety of art, performances and storytelling around different venues and outdoor locations.

Thamesfest

Saturday September 16, Rivergate Centre

The festival brings together a range of arts, including performances from the Royal Opera House, international street theatre and dance as well as workshops and walking experiences.

Foreshore Festival

Saturday September 23, Westminster Boat House

A fun family day celebrating recreation on the river. There will be environmental activities on the foreshore, and visitors can find out more about the outstanding natural asset that is the Thames.

Totally Thames is the Mayor's annual celebration of the river.

Running all September, there will be more than 150 events including walks, exhibitions, film screenings and parties, most of which are free.

■ See the full programme at www.totallythames.org



London Eye Pier update

LONDON Eye Pier will be closed for essential works on September 12, 13 and 14. The nearest alternative pier for MBNA Thames Clippers and City Cruises services is Westminster Pier on the other side of the river.



Reporting anything unusual won't hurt you

If you see any unattended items or suspicious activity, report it to a member of staff or the police immediately. For your safety and security, CCTV is in use across the network.



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WiFi data could transform Tube travel

A WIFI data collection pilot has revealed how journeys could be improved across the Tube.

The four-week TfL pilot, which ran between November and December last year, studied how depersonalised WiFi connection data from customers' mobile devices could be used to better understand how people navigate the London Underground network.

It focused on 54 stations in Zones 1-4 and saw more than 509 million depersonalised 'probing requests',

or pieces of data, collected from 5.6 million mobile devices making around 42 million journeys.

These trips were studied by TfL's in-house analytics team to help understand what customers were doing at particular points in their journey – such as entering or exiting a station, changing between lines or just passing through a station while on a train.

By using this data, TfL can get a more accurate picture of how

people move through stations and change between services, and how crowding develops.

TfL is now working with the Information Commissioner's Office, privacy campaigners and consumer groups to see how the data collection could be carried out on a permanent basis.

■ For more information, visit tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/wifi-data-collection

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