

## WiFi wows more customers

More commuters than ever can now connect to the internet as they travel on the Tube.

ANOTHER 100 stations now have the free, fast WiFi service, provided by Virgin Media, bringing the total to 250 on the Underground network.

Since its launch in 2012, WiFi has become an integral part of Tube travel with around half a million phones, tablets and laptops connecting to the service every day.

Passengers can link up throughout the stations – in ticket halls, passageways and on platforms – and WiFi has recently been extended to include Victoria Coach Station.

Total data use has increased from 3 terabytes a day to 20 terabytes a day in just 12 months.

Once connected, customers can access free travel information from TfL, including live service updates and the popular Journey Planner tool. Customers of Virgin Media and



several other mobile phone providers can also access the wider internet for no extra charge.

TfL's chief information officer Steve Townsend said: 'WiFi is one of many ways we're improving our customers' journeys across the TfL network and this will help more of our customers access live travel information, social media and internet browsing while they are on the move across the capital.'

WiFi is also available at all 79 London Overground stations, provided by The Cloud.

■ To see which stations offer free WiFi and to find out more, visit [tfl.gov.uk/station-wifi](http://tfl.gov.uk/station-wifi)



## Battersea's new pier brings fast river service

LONDON'S newest pier opened for business at Plantation Wharf in Battersea this week, providing a much-needed extra stopping point on the river between Putney and Blackfriars.

The new £2.8million state-of-the-art pier not only gives local residents a vital river link, but also access to MBNA Thames Clippers' two new high speed boats which have just entered service.

Route RB6 has become popular with commuters and the new 150-passenger high specification catamarans – which have extra space for bikes – will help meet the growing demand.

The boats, Galaxy Clipper and Neptune Clipper, are the most technically advanced and energy efficient fast ferries in the world. They are designed to cope with the unique tidal conditions of the River Thames, its shallow reaches and low bridges.

Sean Collins, CEO and co-founder, MBNA Thames Clippers, said: 'These are exciting times for us and this significant investment into our service between Putney and central London, and into London's river travel infrastructure as a whole, is one we plan to continue to grow.'

Passengers can pay as you go with Oyster at the pier and contactless payments are due to be introduced next summer.

In 2014, the number of passengers using the MBNA Thames Clippers river bus service increased by half a million to 3.8million. In 2016, the figures are expected to rise to more than 4.3million.

■ For details and timetables, visit [www.thamesclippers.com](http://www.thamesclippers.com)



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## Traffic information for the capital

**Whitehall**  
Today, 9.30am to 12.30pm  
Road closed between Horse Guards Avenue and Parliament Square for a ceremonial event.

**Trafalgar Square**  
Today, 10.58am to 11.02am  
Traffic holds on all approaches to observe the two-minute silence.

**A406 Brentfield Road**  
Today, 6pm to tomorrow, 8pm  
Road closed today and heavy traffic

expected tomorrow for an event at Neasden Temple.

**Wembley Stadium**  
November 13, midday to 6pm  
Large crowds and heavy traffic expected for a ceremonial event. Starts 2.30pm.

**Chelsea area**  
November 15, 7.30am to midday  
Roads closed along the route of the West Run which starts and finishes at Eel Brook Common via Kings Road,

Fulham Broadway, Parsons Green, New Kings Road, Northend Road and Chelsea FC.

**Regent Street**  
November 15, 8am to 11pm  
Road closed between Mortimer Street and Piccadilly Circus for the switching on of the Christmas lights. New Burlington Street closed from 6am.

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