



Take a trip into the past

THIS weekend, London Transport Museum will open the doors of its depot in Acton for two days of activities focusing on the role of transport in the capital during the First World War.

Visitors will have access to the depot's vast collections store, which only opens to the public occasionally, and will be able to take part in an exciting line-up of activities.

As part of TfL's Year of the Bus celebrations, a highlight of the open weekend will be the appearance of

the museum's 1914 B-type bus. It has been converted into a wartime 'Battle Bus' with khaki livery and boarded-up windows which replicates the vehicles used to transport troops to the front line. You can board the bus before it heads off on a commemorative tour to the First World War battlefields of Northern France and Belgium. You can even sing the bus on its way with traditional wartime songs sung by mezzo-soprano Patricia Hammond, accompanied by Matt Redmond on guitar and banjo (Saturday only).

Find out what happened to the capital's buses during the First World War, hear first-hand from the curatorial team about how and why the B-type bus was restored, and watch a selection of films from the museum's Goodbye Piccadilly exhibition.

Also on display will be four vintage motorcycles from the London Motorcycle Museum, including a 1919 Triumph Model H that was used in the First World War to provide effective communications with the front line troops.

Doors open at 11am and the event finishes at 5pm. Tickets are £10 (£8 concessions) and are valid for entry for the entire weekend. Children and young people aged 17 and under go free. Advance booking is recommended – visit www.ltmuseum.co.uk or call 020 7565 7298. To keep up to date on the Battle Bus tour of France, follow @lmbattlebus.

■ For more details about Year of the Bus celebrations, which mark the essential role that buses play in London, visit tfl.gov.uk/yearofthebus

Last chance to have your say

TfL is asking Londoners for their views on proposed changes to how people pay the Congestion Charge.

Plans include refusing to accept Congestion Charge payments from unofficial 'copycat' websites or other unauthorised third parties. The suggested crackdown would be the latest step towards combating rogue sites that can charge unsuspecting customers up

to £8 extra a day for non-existent 'additional services'.

Another proposal includes replacing the text message payments with a smartphone app that would allow customers to manage their payments and check their account.

■ To have your say, visit tfl.gov.uk/ccyourviews before Friday



Tube improvements – post weekend update



AS part of work to improve reliability on the District and Circle lines, 350 metres of track were replaced at Embankment and 141 metres of drainage at Blackfriars. The opportunity was also taken to carry out station improvement work at Victoria.

On the Northern line, track improvement work was carried out between Camden Town and Golders Green, and 28 sleepers were replaced.

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

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