



## Iconic Fender guitar to be won

THREE unsigned bands will get the chance to perform in front of music experts later this month to win an iconic Routemaster-themed Fender Stratocaster guitar – one of only 25 in the world. This is based on the classic Stratocaster design (above). The event will take place on the Fender Routemaster bus in Camden on Tuesday August 19 before it sets off on its maiden voyage on the legendary '24' Rock N Roll route - from Victoria via Denmark Street (Tin Pan Alley) to Camden Town, famous for its music scene and live venues. The competition, being run by the music charity Strummerville, celebrates the 60th anniversary of both the Fender Stratocaster and the Routemaster bus.

■ To enter the draw and see the terms and conditions, visit [strummerville.com/win](http://strummerville.com/win)

## Welcome to the bus of the future

BUS passengers can now shop, surf, post and tweet as TfL trials free WiFi on two vehicles operating in the capital.

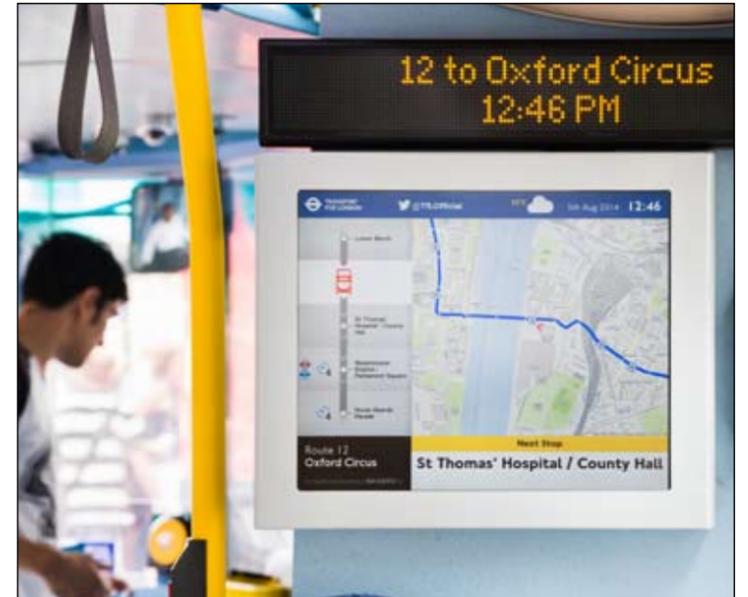
The new technology has been installed on a route 12 bus, running between Dulwich and Oxford Circus, and a route RV1 bus, between Covent Garden and Tower Hill.

If successful, the trial will be rolled out to more buses allowing passengers to keep in touch through email and social media, browse the internet and even complete their weekly grocery shop.

This is just one of a number of innovations that have been developed during TfL's Year of the Bus, celebrating the vital contribution London's bus network makes to the life and economy of the city.

### Take a seat

Another new idea uses information from the onboard CCTV system to display upper-deck seat availability on a screen at the base of the stairs. This is being



tried on a route 141 bus, which operates between Palmers Green and London Bridge.

Information screens are also being trialled on four buses showing their real-time progress. Details of the previous and next bus stops, with the anticipated arrival time, are all displayed.

### Leading the way

Simon Reed, TfL's head of technical services group, said: 'London buses have always led the way with new technology, benefiting the millions of passengers

who make the most of the extensive network every day and these trials will establish whether this technology provides genuine benefits.'

Other initiatives include digital clocks displayed on the 'iBus' screen on both the upper and lower decks, and location announcements on night bus routes, which will be available on all night bus services by the end of summer.

■ More information about the Year of the Bus can be found at [tfl.gov.uk/yearofthebus](http://tfl.gov.uk/yearofthebus)



## Remembering the fallen

FORMER staff of London Transport are honoured in a new photographic exhibition at City Hall that offers a powerful reminder of the human cost of the First World War.

The free exhibition – London's First World War Memorials – highlights some of the thousands across the capital created to honour the fallen and provides an insight into the role of war memorials in local communities.

The memorials honour transport workers and members of the London Fire Brigade, Metropolitan Police and Tramways workers, who lost their lives in the conflict. Two of the featured memorials are at Paddington (left) and King's Cross stations that respectively remember 2,524 men of the Great Western Railway and 937 men of the Great Northern Railway. In both cases the memorials were further dedicated to fallen colleagues following the Second World War.

Organised by the Mayor of London, with help from the War Memorials Trust and English Heritage, the exhibition features images taken by London photographer James O. Jenkins and runs until Friday September 12.

■ For more information, visit [www.london.gov.uk/events](http://www.london.gov.uk/events)

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