

Days out at Acton Depot

Don't miss a rare opportunity to take a look inside London Transport Museum's Depot on April 22 and 23.

THE Museum Depot in Acton, West London, only opens occasionally to the public and is a hidden treasure trove of the capital's transport history, housing a range of objects including posters, vehicles, maps, signs and models.

Visitors to the open weekend can discover the secret and hidden spaces of the Underground, take part in art and poster tours, listen to fascinating talks including the marvels revealed during the Crossrail excavation, and get involved in family fun.

The programme of activities also includes rides on a miniature railway, interactive displays and object handling.

There's plenty for kids too. Little ones can enjoy miniature train layouts, get crafty in

make and take activities and join a family tour looking at highlights from the collection.

There will also be a vintage vehicle pop-up food village and the chance to buy unique transport-related products in the Depot shop.

The Depot is open from 11am to 5pm with last admission at 4pm. Tickets cost £12 for adults (£10 for concessions) and are valid for both days. Children and young people aged 16 and under go free and must be accompanied by an adult.

■ **For more information and to buy advance tickets for Secrets of the Underground Museum Depot Open Weekend, go to www.ltmuseum.co.uk/open-weekends**



LOOK out for vintage vehicles at the Depot including the Metropolitan Railway Jubilee carriage (pictured), the only surviving example of a stock built by Craven Brothers of Sheffield in 1892 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. More curious objects include a section of a spiral escalator. Built in about 1906, this moving walkway was installed experimentally at Holloway Road station but never operated in public service.

That's the ticket

SCHOOLS across London have still got time to apply for tickets for the World Para Athletics Championships, which take place between July 14-23 at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Stratford.

The deadline has been extended to March 24 to allow schools to buy tickets, which cost £3 and include free travel on TfL services.

As well as availability on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, organisers have now made Sunday morning (July 16) available. School tickets for the midweek daytime sessions have already sold out.

The initiative gives accompanying adults and teachers free entry. There will also be a dedicated volunteer for each school party to meet the group and lead them throughout the visit.

Paralympic medallist Stef Reid said: 'To think that 90,000 children from

more than 1,000 London schools are already guaranteed a once in a lifetime trip to be in the Stadium for the World Para Athletics Championships is truly awesome - this is the kind of event that can change the way a generation of school children see themselves and their world.'

■ **For information and to apply for tickets visit www.London2017athletics.com/schoolsFAQs**

The World Para Athletics Championships and the IAAF World Championships London 2017 will bring together 3,000 athletes from more than 200 countries, who will compete in 30 sessions over 20 days.

The Hopper fare has arrived

Two journeys for the price of one



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Restricted access at Finsbury Park

THERE will be reduced stair access to and from both southbound platforms at Finsbury Park Tube station from today until November while work takes place on a new lift shaft.

To allow the station to stay open during the work there will be a one-way system in place during the morning peak and extra staff will be available to help passengers.

All entry from street level will be via the Station Place

entrance, and customers should use the spiral stairs to exit from the southbound platforms, either to street level or to National Rail services.

Passengers should follow the signs and allow more time for their journeys during the morning peak.

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