

Press release – Friday 22 March 2019

Steam travel returns to London Underground



- **Be transported to a by-gone era of Victorian steam-powered travel as London Transport Museum marks 150 years of the Capital's District line**
- **Last chance to travel on a vintage steam train through central London - tickets go on sale Wednesday 27 March 2019**

London Transport Museum and Transport for London will celebrate 150 years of London Underground's District line serving customers by running a vintage steam train into the heart of the Capital between Ealing Broadway and High Street Kensington.

Three return journeys will take place on both Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June 2019.

Tickets to travel aboard one of these six special steam-powered train journeys – the last opportunity to travel through the central section of the Underground in this way – will go on sale on London Transport Museum's [website](#) at 10:00 on Wednesday 27 March.

The commemorative trips will mark the final time steam trains are expected to travel into central London on the Underground network due to signalling modernisation that will provide more frequent services and improved reliability for customers on the Circle, District, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines from 2021.

Steam trains served the District Railway when it first opened to the public between South Kensington and Westminster on Christmas Eve, 1868. Today, the District line serves 60 stations – the most of any Tube line.

Sam Mullins, Director, London Transport Museum said: “Passengers on these special finale journeys will be transported to a by-gone era of Victorian steam-powered travel, giving people a rare opportunity to experience the sounds and sights of travelling on the District line when it first opened 150 years ago.”

Nigel Holness, Managing Director of London Underground, said: "The District line has been a vital part of London's transport network for 150 years and it's amazing to think how many billions of journeys have been made in its lifetime. This is likely to be the final time we are able to run a steam train on the Tube network though central London so offers transport enthusiasts a fantastic opportunity to be a part of Underground history."

London Transport Museum will continue to offer its heritage steam train outings on the outer reaches of the Metropolitan line towards Chesham. Visitors looking to enjoy other heritage days out can book to board a beautifully restored red double-decker bus for day-time excursions from Covent Garden to Kew Gardens and Greenwich.

People can also discover more District line history at the next Open Weekend at the London Transport Museum Depot in Acton Town, West London on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 April.

Tickets to ride aboard the District 150 steam train, join an excursion by bus to Kew Gardens and Greenwich or visit the Museum Depot Open Weekend can be booked here:

www.ltmuseum.co.uk

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Media opportunities

- A limited number of press tickets will be available to journalists wishing to cover the event.
- Filming and interview opportunities will be available on the platform at Ealing Broadway.
- To register your interest please email: rsvp.press@ltmuseum.co.uk

Notes to editors

- Ticket prices for the District 150 Steam Train Run:
 - £150 for a standard ticket
 - £180 for a first-class ticket
- People are advised to register for a London Transport Museum account before trying to buy tickets.
- The train will be comprised of the following locomotives and carriages:

- Met No.1 steam locomotive from Quainton Railway Society
- Bluebell Chesham Coaches
- District Railway Coach No.100 from the Kent and East Sussex Railway
- London Transport Museum's Met Jubilee Coach 353
- Sarah Siddons electric locomotive
- The train will be hauled by Sarah Siddons to High Street Kensington on the outbound journey and by Met No.1 steam locomotive on the return journey to Ealing Broadway.
- Victorian costumed actors and a vintage brass band will entertain passengers on the platform at Ealing Broadway on both Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June 2019.

About London Transport Museum

- London Transport Museum is situated in the heart of Covent Garden and filled with stunning exhibits; the Museum explores the powerful link between transport and the growth of modern London, culture and society since 1800. Historic vehicles, world-famous posters and the very best objects from the Museum's extraordinary collection are brought together to tell the story of London's development and the part transport played in defining the unique identity of the city.
- London Transport Museum is an educational and heritage preservation charity. Its purpose is to conserve and explain the history of London's transport, to offer people an understanding of the Capital's past development and to engage them in the debate about its future. The Museum's charity number is 1123122.
- London Transport Museum is supported by public funding from Arts Council England.
- London Transport Museum opening hours:
 - Daily 10.00 to 18.00 (last admission 17.15)
- Public information:
 - Talks & events bookings: +44 (0)20 7565 7298
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