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WE LOVE LONDON CABBIES

Free admission for London cab drivers to London Transport Museum during February 2009

London Transport Museum loves London cabbies and to prove it they are offering all licensed London taxi drivers and a guest free admission during Valentine's month. All you have to do is present your London cab driver or suburban cab driver badge to receive complimentary entry to the Museum for up to two adults, making a saving of up to £20.00 on two adult tickets. Children under 16 enter free of charge. Previous students on The Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers enjoyed a visit to the museum during a course last year.

Transport for London's Taxi and Private Hire Director, Ed Thompson, said: "London's 75,000 licensed drivers do a great job and are an essential part of the transport provision in the Capital. This offer gives them and their families the chance to see the terrific exhibitions at the Museum - which is great for adults and children."

London Transport Museum reopened at the end of 2007 after a £22 million refurbishment and redesign project. New galleries tell the story of the development of London, its transport systems and the people who travelled and worked on them over the last 200 years. Stunning new displays feature original artworks and advertising posters, and explore the extraordinary design heritage of London's transport system. As well as exploring the past, the new Museum looks at future transport developments and how transport has shaped five other world cities - Delhi, New York, Paris, Shanghai and Tokyo.

Amongst the Museum's exhibits is an Austin Low Loader 1936 taxi and also models of Victorian cabs including the



'Coffin Cab' and the 'Growler'. Mini-me taxi drivers can enjoy the miniature taxi in the children's 'All Aboard!' play area, as well as a child sized boat, bus and Tube train.

While you're there, don't forget to visit The art of the poster exhibition which finishes on 31 March 2009.

The offer is available throughout February 2009.

For further information visit www.ltmuseum.co.uk or call 020 7565 7298.

London Transport Museum opening hours: Saturday to Thursday 10.00 to 18.00 (last admission 17.15) Friday 11.00 to 21.00 (last admission 20.15)

PENALTY NOTICES FOR MINOR OFFENCES

Back in 2001, the government introduced the penalty notice system for a range of minor offences. Whether taxi drivers or other members of the public consider the offences to be minor, the offences included infringements such as throwing fireworks in public places, trespassing on a railway or littering. Some offences carry a penalty of £80 for over-16s (and £40 for those between ten and sixteen), whilst others have a £50 penalty (reduced to £30 for those between ten and sixteen). Failure to pay or to attend court results in an automatic fine of one and a half times the amount of the penalty. Paying a penalty means that no criminal conviction is recorded. The increasing use of these fines has been criticised by the Magistrates' Association. Over 400,000 notices have been issued since 2004 in all 43 police forces in England and Wales.

There are now twenty offences that can be dealt with by virtue of the Penalties for Disorderly Behaviour (Amount of Penalty) (Amendment) Order 2008, with some new licensing offences, including those relating to the private security industry and some alcohol related offences. An £80 penalty relates to offences such as the Sale of tobacco to under-18s (s 7(1), Children and Young Persons Act 1933, and also includes Touting for hire car services (s 167, Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994).

BLUEBIRD CAFÉ CELEBRATES FARMHOUSE BREAKFAST WEEK

To coincide with Farmhouse Breakfast Week the iconic Bluebird Café (350 Kings Road, SW3 5UU) will be serving bacon butties from 8am. Priced at £3 and available all day from 25th - 31st January 2009. It's the perfect way to kick start a cold January morning!

