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Hundreds of people gathered in central London this morning as the city's new multi-billion pound Elizabeth line finally opened.

The opening features in many of the news outlets, including on the ITV website that says transport enthusiasts hailed the "momentous occasion", having travelled from across the country for the ceremony.

Around 300 people were waiting outside Paddington Station ahead of the service's opening at 6.30am, and the crowd cheered and rushed forwards when the doors opened at around 6.20am, with the first train departing on time at 6.33am.

The Elizabeth line stretches from Reading in Berkshire and Heathrow Airport in west London to Abbey Wood in south-east London and Shenfield in Essex. It is operating in three separate sections, which are expected to be integrated in the autumn.

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The threat of the biggest national rail strike since the industry was privatised is expected to come a step closer today, in a bitter dispute over jobs, pay and conditions.

An article on The National says more than 40,000 members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport Union (RMT) at Network Rail and 15 train operators have been voting on whether to launch a campaign of industrial action.

The ballot closes today.

After a break of more than half a century, people living in the East Berwickshire region were reconnected by rail once again.

They were able to use the TransPennine Express (TPE) service starting 6.16am yesterday morning from the newly constructed Reston station.

It was the first passenger service in this Scottish Borders area since 1964.

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The fifth Women in Rail Awards has taken place at the iconic Roundhouse, Camden London.

The event was attended by more than 700 individuals from across the rail industry, coming to celebrate colleagues, teams and companies, who work hard to support others and to help create a more gender balanced, diverse and inclusive work culture in our industry.

The Adeline Ginn Women in Rail Award was presented to Jacqueline Harrington, Legal Secretary, ODL & Insurance Manager for Angel Trains and Sigourney Doyne, Team Secretary at CS2 Limited, for being an integral part of the Women in Rail journey.

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