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A formal investigation has been launched by Transport for London (TfL) after an issue with wheels on Tube trains forced the entire Metropolitan line fleet to be checked over.

That's according to an article on the BBC that says in April, urgent safety checks were carried out after engineers identified a fault with some of the wheels.

Due to the safety concerns a special timetable was put in place until the problems were fixed, with some services having to be run every 30 minutes.

TfL resumed a normal service on the 9th May.

Leaders in Greater Manchester have demanded a breakdown of how high speed rail bosses have arrived at an 'unaffordable' estimate of £5 billion for an underground station at Manchester Piccadilly.

An article in the Manchester Evening News says both Mayor Andy Burnham and Transport for the North have long-argued for an underground station to future-proof rail connections across the north and boost the value of HS2.

They have also said that the alternative - a 'turn back' station above ground on the northern flank of the existing hub - would create a concrete jungle of viaducts which will 'sever' east Manchester.

Work to replace the track on the Hythe Pier railway - the oldest pier railway in the world - has begun.

An article on New Civil Engineer covers the story about the pier which opened in 1881 and achieved grade-II listed status in 2021.

The electric train, which runs the full 640m of the pier, was created to carry passengers from the shore to the end of the pier where they could board the Hythe-Southampton ferry, and vice versa.

Great Western Railway (GWR) is honouring World War Two codebreaker Alan Turing by including his name on its popular 'Trainbow' Intercity Express Train.

Members of Alan's family will officially name the train at London Paddington station today. The ceremony will also see the unveiling of GWR's new 'Trainbow' livery celebrating the LGBTQ+ community.

Alan famously led a team in 'Hut 8' at the Government Code and Cypher School (GC&CS) at Bletchley Park, Britain's codebreaking centre during the war.

Alan's niece, Inagh Payne, speaking on behalf of the family, said: "Despite not being fond of neither fuss nor social occasions, he would have been delighted to have a train named after him."

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