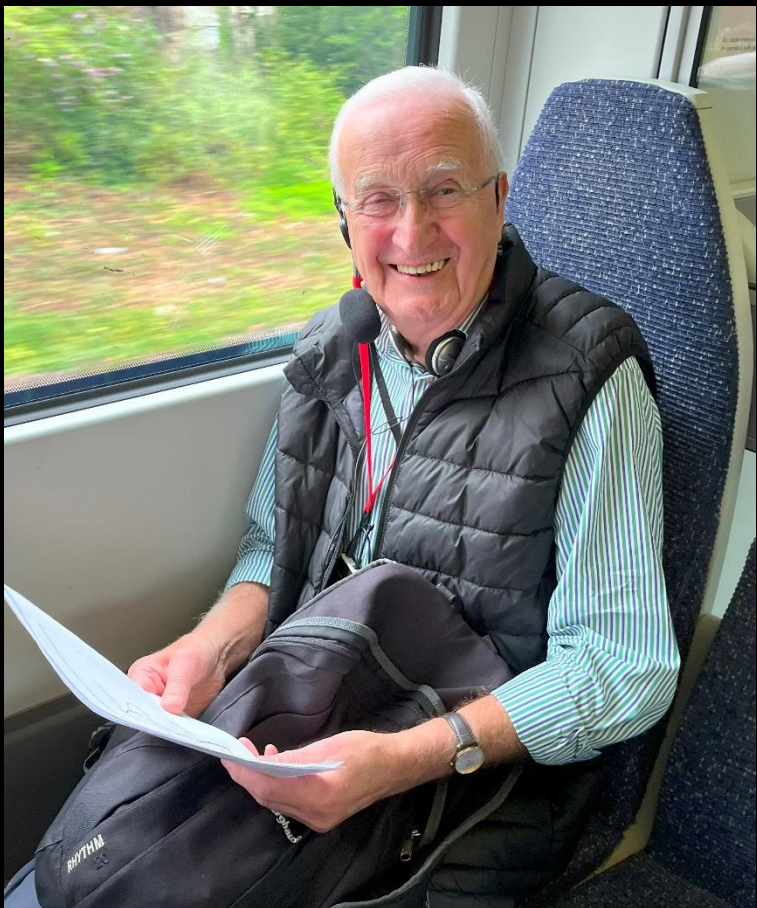


22 members of u3a Railway Group visited London on Tuesday 8th August 2023

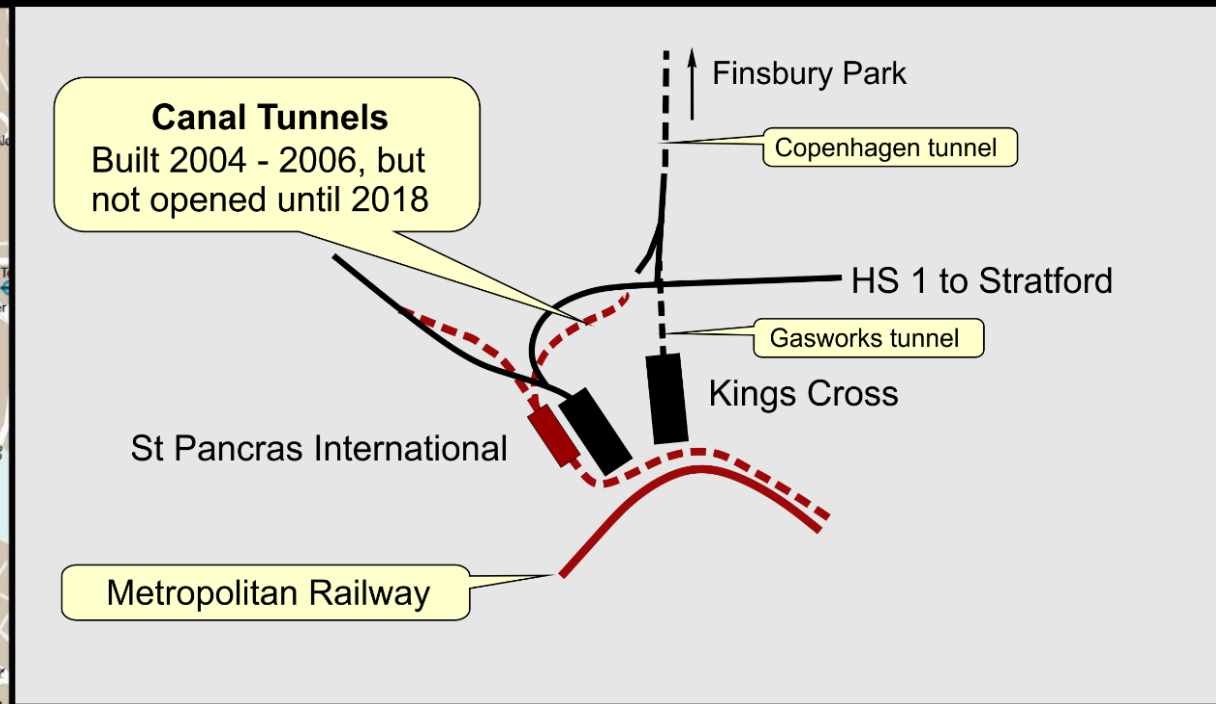
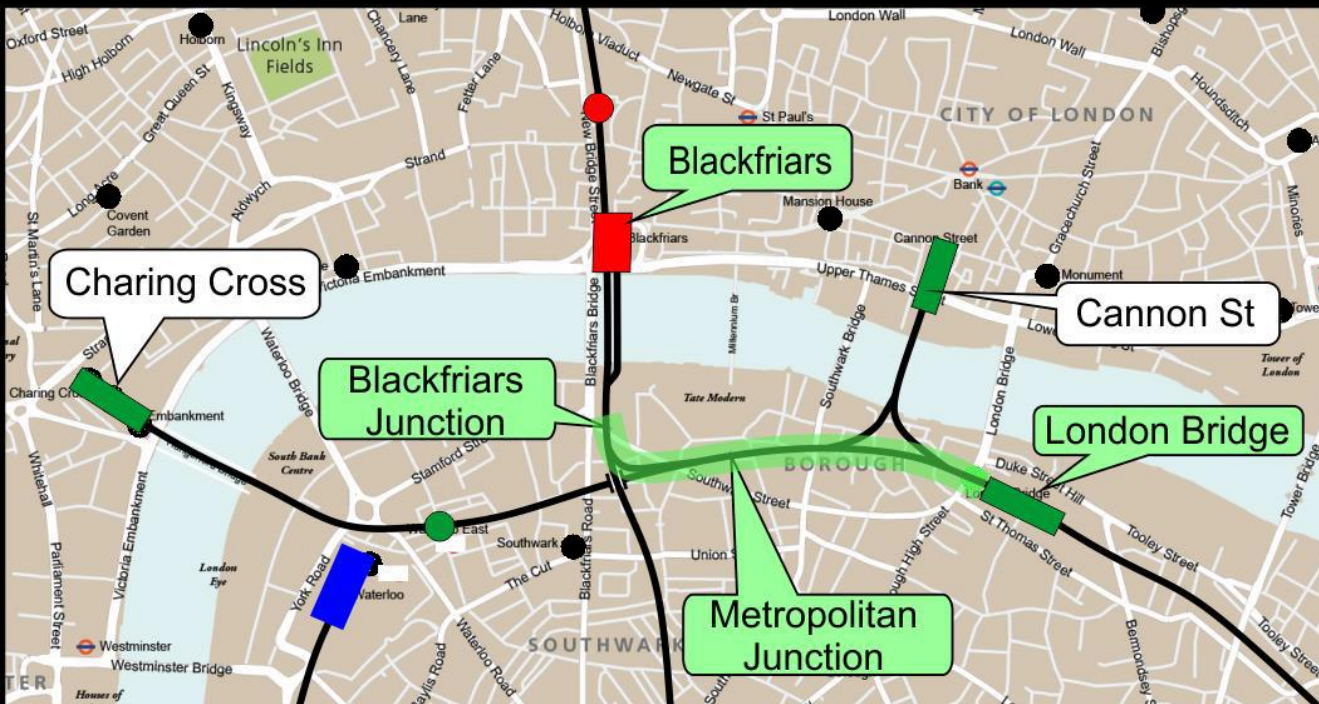
The itinerary

- **Depart LNER Leeds 10:16. Arrive Stevenage 12:02.**
- **Depart Thameslink Stevenage 12:17. Arrive London Bridge 12:59.**
- **Depart London Bridge 14:45. Jubilee Underground. Arrive Canary Wharf 15:00.**
- **Leave Canary Wharf Elizabeth Line 16:30. At Farringdon Underground for Kings Cross.**
- **Group booking Carluccio's on St. Pancras Station with time to visit the Coal Drops and redeveloped area behind the two stations.**
- **Depart LNER Kings Cross 19:03. Arrive Leeds 21:16. Arriving Ilkley 22:01.**

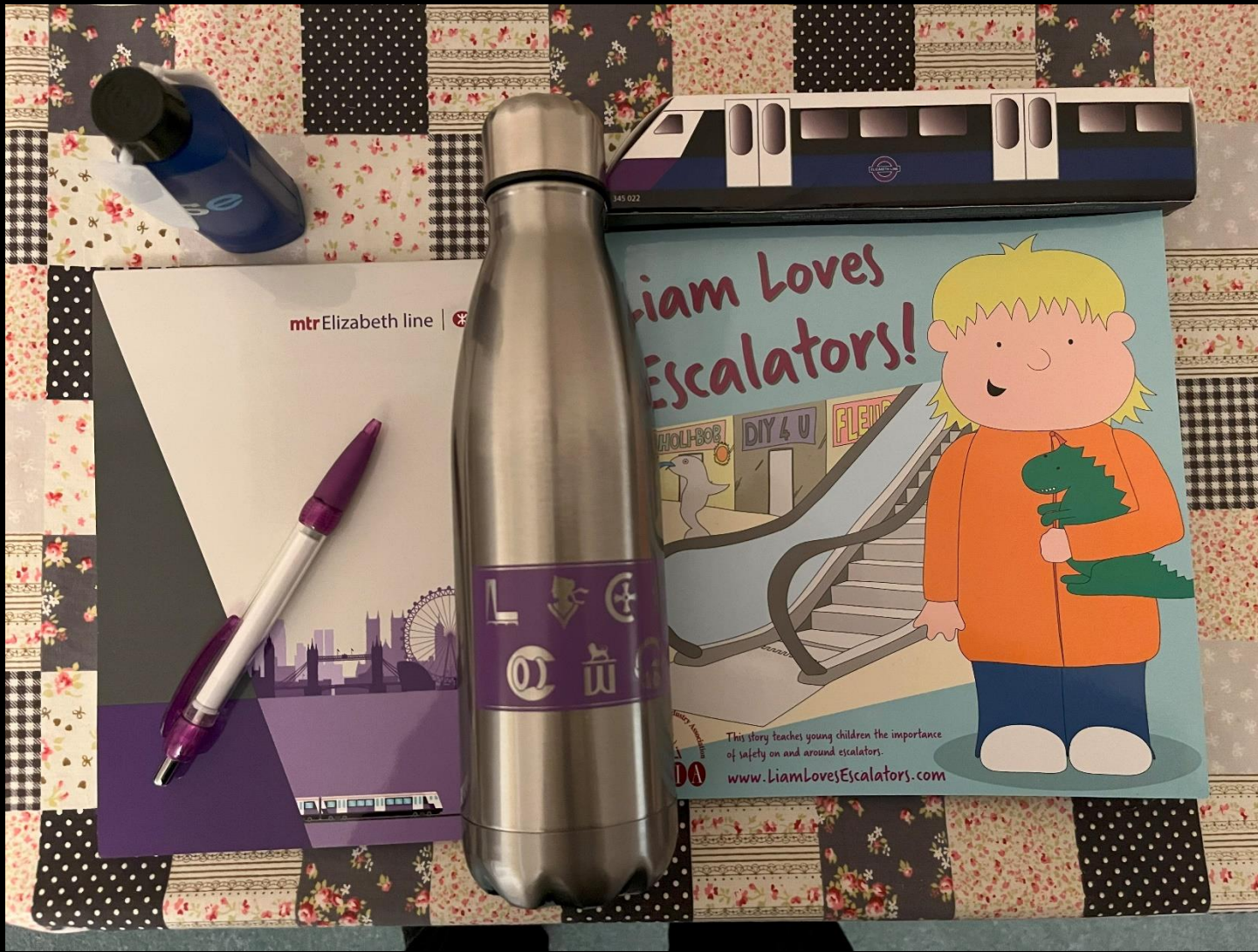
Austin uses u3a tour guide system to provide commentary from Stevenage to London Bridge on Thameslink Service







Two of the images shared by Austin and taken from his talk on the Thameslink Railway to the Railway group earlier in the year.



A quick change of plan at London Bridge. Our contact was expecting a group of children.

See contents of goody bag!

Richard Emmins, Network Rail Station interface manager, is dragged from his desk as a late stand in replacement.

He was Involved at a senior level on the conversion project from the early days and was an ideal choice.

Steve W entertains the group on the station organ whilst waiting for our emergency guide to be summoned from his lunch break.





Right image shows where new construction meets the original Victorian arches.



Richard opens “secret” passages not open to the public as he guides us around the station.



This secret passage leads behind the station retail units.



This secret passage leads to the station control room. Train signalling south of London Bridge is controlled from Three Bridges.

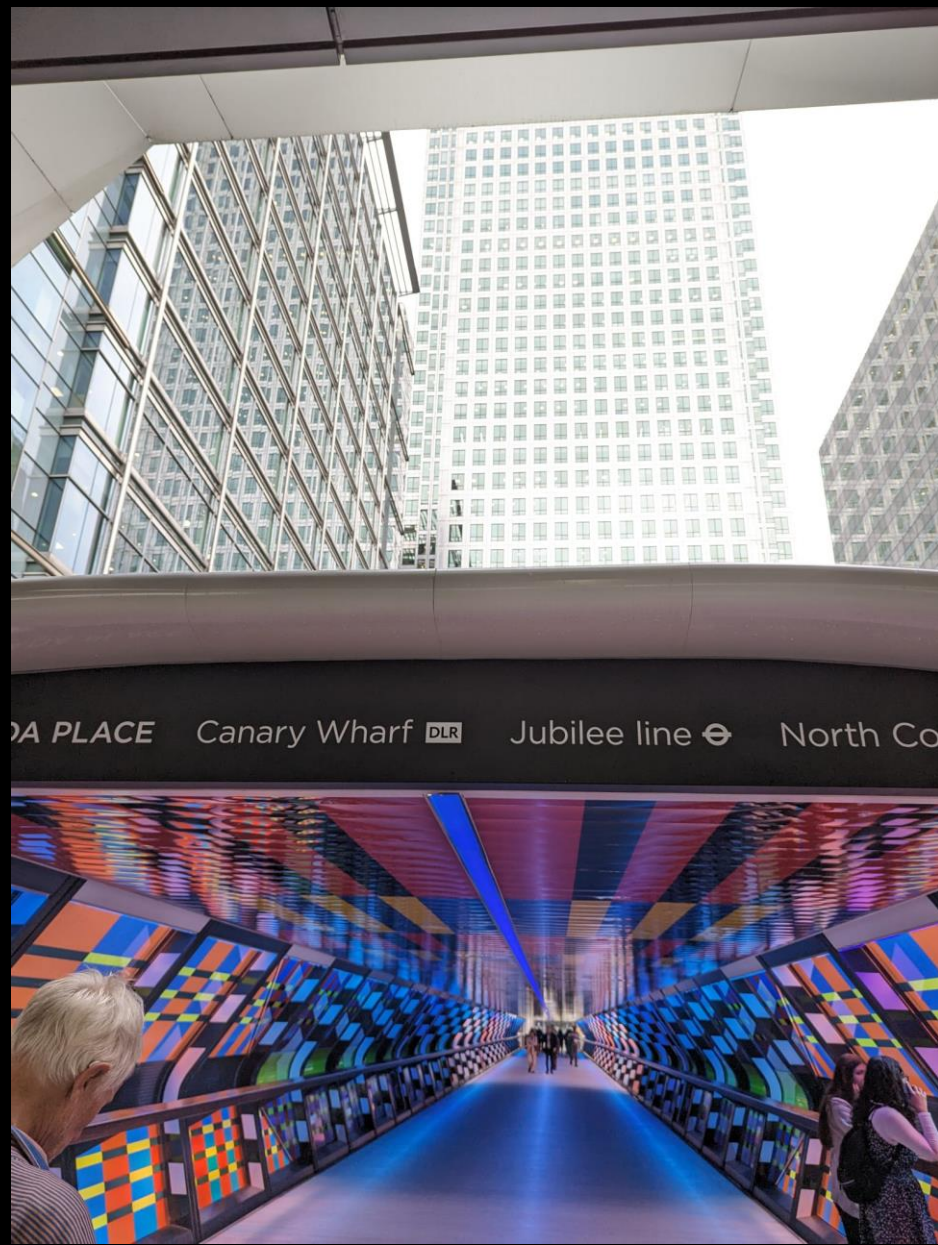


Onwards via Jubilee Underground line to Canary Wharf. Splendid modern architecture



Met off the Jubilee train by our guide to the Elizabeth Line Station, Katrina Treacy.





The spectacular entrance to the Elizabeth Line Station at Canary Wharf



Katrina explains that this is still a construction site, improving the passenger links between the Elizabeth Line and Docklands Light Railway.





Elizabeth Line station has its own roof garden, complete with blackbirds.



**Inside Elizabeth
Line train from
Canary Wharf to
Farringdon.**

**Final destination
Heathrow**



Group booking Carluccio's on St. Pancras Station

