

# Passenger Train Services over Unusual Lines

1970-1

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**4 May 1970 until 2 May 1971 (Córas Iompair Éireann until 5 June 1971).**  
**Unless otherwise indicated, trains operated on Mondays to Saturdays only.**  
SUN denotes Sunday trains.

**This was the final edition for which Richard Maund undertook the compilation and editing, until he resumed the role from 1992 onwards.**

Rather than offering a complete new edition, those corrections and amendments known to the current compiler are tabulated in this amendment sheet, to be read in conjunction with the original edition. No attempt has been made to correct *mileages* even though some are believed to require revision.

During this year a number of line and junction titles were amended in accordance with BR's latest catalogue of route sections – these changes are not all listed below but will account for variations in the line titles used in the **PSUL** 1971-2 edition.

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BRITANNIA (MENAI) BRIDGE. Fire damage to the damage to the bridge on Saturday evening 23 May 1970 resulted in its closure (reopened Sunday 30 January 1972) and in the diversion – from 26 May 1970 – of Irish Sea shipping services from Holyhead to Heysham. Connecting trains were likewise diverted from the evening of 25 May 1970. Note that the passenger station was simply “Heysham”, although shown as “Heysham Harbour” in working time tables.

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EASTERN REGION

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**Stainforth Junction – Aswick Junction** should read – **Adwick Junction**

**Barkston East Junction – Allington Junction:** DN TWThO Skegness – Derby started DN 1925 TWThO (dates shown)

**Forest Gate Junction – Woodgrange Park Junction:** add to title: **Barking Station Junction - Barking Tilbury Line Junction West (via flyover)**

Trains to or from the Upminster line also use the Tilbury Line Junction West – Upney Junction link at the east end of Barking station

**Channelsea Junction – Stratford High Level and Temple Mills East Junction - Stratford High Level:** these entries represent the few journeys using Stratford (high level) as other services between Stratford and Tottenham Hale ran to/from Stratford (low level) via Channelsea Junction.

**Temple Mills East Junction - Stratford High Level:** from 21 September 1970 delete 2025 SX Tottenham Hale – Stratford

**Leyton (LTB)...Stratford High Level:**

*Withdrawn with effect from 1 June 1970 – line between Leyton (LTB) and Temple Mills East closed*

new entry: **Peterborough: Werrington Junction – Spalding No. 1:** *{from 5 October 1970 reopened for one unadvertised service}*

N 0307 Peterborough – Grimsby Town

**Tapton Junction...Woodhouse East Junction:** *add: {new entry between Beighton Junction and Woodhouse East Junction from 2 May 1970}*

*Motorail service diverted from Rotherham Masborough South Junction – Holmes Junction route after 1969 season*

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**Retford North - Whisker Hill Junction** to read **Retford North - Thrumpton West Junction**

**Sleaford South Junction – Sleaford North Junction**

Add: D 0812 SO Leeds - Yarmouth; D 0828 SO Newcastle – Yarmouth

**Benton Station Junction – Benton North Junction**

Amend: D 1115 Newcastle - Alnmouth started D 1116

From 5 October 1970 service amended to: 1241, 1535 SX, 1544 SO Alnmouth – Newcastle; 1115, 1422 Newcastle - Alnmouth

**Benton East Junction – Benton Quarry Junction: Benton Quarry Junction** to read **Benton Quarry North Junction**

From 5 October 1970 service amended to: 0751 SX, 0811 SX Tynemouth – Newcastle

**Geldard Road Junction...Holbeck West Junction**

0424 Doncaster – Leeds started 0924

*With effect from 3 May 1971 section Wortley South Junction – Holbeck West Junction closed – trains diverted via Viaduct line to /from Leeds*

**Wakefield Kirkgate East...Pontefract Monkhill West**

*Summer Saturday only service over section Crofton West – Pontefract Monkhill West ceased at end of 1970 season: last ran 5 September 1970 (remainder continued in minimal service)*

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**Gateshead High Street Junction..King Edward Bridge Junction North: Grensfield** to read **Greenfield**

**King Edward Junction West** to read **King Edward Bridge Junction West**

**Heaton Lodge Junction...Milner Royd Junction:** delete **Sowerby Bridge**

Junction became **Heaton Lodge East Junction** from 26 April 1970

Amend: D 0917 SO Sheffield – Blackpool North started D 0945 SO

**Altofts Junction – Whitwood and Castleford – Burton Salmon:** add: *{new entry – existing route with reduced service after withdrawal of local services from 5 January 1970}*

LONDON MIDLAND REGION

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**Landor Street Junction...Kings Norton Station Junction:**

add: D 0940 SO Paighton – Leeds

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new entry: **Hellifield Junction – Daisyfield Junction** *{reopened from 7 February 1971 for engineering diversions}*

From 7 February 1971: 1503 SUN Carlisle – Crewe; 1000 SUN Glasgow Central – Manchester Victoria; 1110 SUN Glasgow Central – Euston; 1150 SUN Glasgow Central – Birmingham New Street; 1205 SUN Euston – Glasgow Central; 0925 SUN Liverpool Lime Street – Glasgow Central

new entry: **Farington Junction – Lostock Hall Junction – Bamber Bridge Junction** *{reopened from 7 February 1971 for engineering diversions}*

From 7 February 1971: 1503 SUN Carlisle – Crewe; 1110 SUN Glasgow Central – Euston; 1150 SUN Glasgow Central – Birmingham New Street; 1205 SUN Euston – Glasgow Central; 0925 SUN Liverpool Lime Street – Glasgow Central  
*Engineering diversion use ceased at end of 1970/1 timetable – last ran 2 May 1971*

new entry: **Bamber Bridge Junction – Lostock Hall Junction and Lostock Hall Engine Shed Junction – Farington Curve Junction** *{new entry – reopened for engineering diversions 7 February 1971, after both sections had temporarily closed from 4 January 1971}*

1435 SUN Blackburn – Liverpool Lime Street (off 1000 SUN from Glasgow Central)

**Golborne Junction...Newton le Willows Junction:** add: *{new entry – existing route not previously recorded}*

From 7 February 1971: delete 1425 SUN Preston – Liverpool Lime Street; add 1435 SUN Blackburn – Liverpool Lime Street

**West London and West London Extension Lines**

**Willesden West London Junction – Kensington Olympia**

From 20 March 1971 add: C 2010 SO, C 2040 MThO Kensington Olympia – Perth; C 2035 TFO, C 2035 SUN Perth – Kensington Olympia

**Old Oak Common (East) – Kensington Olympia**

Amend C 1535, 1550 TX St.Austell – Kensington Olympia to read C 1535/1550 TX....

From 3 April 1971 add: C 0810 SO Kensington Olympia – St.Austell; C 1535 SO St.Austell – Kensington Olympia

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**Willesden West London Junction – Clapham Junction (South Western side):** add: *{new entry – new through working from summer 1970, but all sections of route were previously with service}*

**Willesden Junction New Station – Kensal Green Junction**

From 5 October 1970 service amended to: 0834 SX Willesden Junction New – Broad Street

**Bescot No. 3...Bushbury Junction:** add: D 2112, D 2140 SX Heysham – Euston

**Rugeley Trent Valley No. 1...Wolverhampton High Level No. 2:**

From 31 May 1970:

delete 0125 SUN, D 0325 SUN Holyhead – Birmingham New Street;

insert 0350 SUN Crewe – Birmingham New Street; 0555/0815 SUN, D 1100 SUN, D 2157 SO Heysham – Birmingham New Street

*Engineering diversion service ceased - last ran on 4 October 1971 (section west of Ryecroft Junction retained other minimal services)*

**Rugeley Trent Valley No. 1...Walsall**

*Engineering diversion service ceased - last ran on 4 October 1971 (section west of Ryecroft Junction retained other minimal services)*

**Bescot No. 3...Wolverhampton High Level No. 2:**

delete D 1550 Holyhead – Birmingham New Street; amend D 0755 SO Birmingham New Street – Holyhead terminated at Bangor

new entry: **Pleck Junction – Darlaston Junction – Portobello Junction –**

**Wolverhampton High Level No. 2** *{from 5 October 1970 – adding all-year, but unadvertised, service to all sections of this route}*

N 0300 Birmingham New Street – Walsall – Wolverhampton High Level (- Birmingham New Street)

**Castle Bromwich Junction...Bushbury Junction:** add: *{new entry as between Castle Bromwich Junction and Walsall from Fri 15 May 1970 – for summer 1970 only – Motorail}*

**Castle Bromwich Junction...Wolverhampton High Level No. 2:** add: *{new entry as between Castle Bromwich Junction and Walsall from Fri 12 June 1970 as seasonal-only route for two Friday night ‘dated’ trains previously via Crewe – Hereford – Severn Tunnel (in addition to the Motorail train mentioned above)}*

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**Stechford No. 2 Junction – Aston No. 1:** add: D 2112, D 2140 SX Heysham – Euston

**Whitacre Junction – Kingsbury Station Junction**

*Regular service withdrawn with effect from 3 May 1971 – retained for summer Saturday only use*

**Soho South Junction – Parry Bar North Junction** should read – **Perry Barr North Junction;** delete C 2300 MWFO Stirling – Newton Abbot

**Crewe North Junction – Crewe Carriage Works** to read **Crewe North Junction – Crewe Wistaston Road Platform**

## **Crewe Independent Lines**

### **Basford Hall Junction...Crewe North Junction**

From 25 May 1970: delete 2055 SX, D 2055 FO Euston – Holyhead and D 0935 Birmingham New Street - Holyhead

### **Basford Hall Junction...Crewe Coal Yard**

Amend D 0803 SO Paigton – Liverpool Lime Street started D 0807 SO

From 25 May 1970 *temporarily became all-year because of diversion of Irish Sea shipping services from Holyhead to Heysham*: add: 2055 SX Euston – Heysham.

From 29 May 1970 add: D 0935, 2154 SX Birmingham New Street – Heysham; D 1940 MSX, D 2335 FO Euston – Heysham; D 0755 SO Heysham - Euston

From 5 October 1970: delete 2055 SX Euston – Heysham and 2154 SX Birmingham New Street – Heysham; add: D 2055 SX, D 2055 FO Euston – Heysham

new entry: **Bidston West Junction – Seacombe Junction** *{existing route with reduced service from 4 January 1971 - weekday trains diverted to Birkenhead North}*

Sunday trains between Wrexham Central and New Brighton

## SCOTTISH REGION

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### **Springburn – Cowlairs West Junction**

From 20 March 1971 add: C 2010 SO Kensington Olympia – Perth

new entry: **Craigendoran Junction – Craigendoran Pier platform**

Service in summer only – trains booked to start from or terminate at Craigendoran

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### **Fullwod Junction – Mossend No. 2 Junction**

Delete 2115 Perth – Euston

From 22 March 1971 add: C 2040 MThO Kensington Olympia – Perth; C 2035 TFO Perth – Kensington Olympia

new entry: **Wishaw North Junction – Shieldmuir Junction**

Stopping trains between Wishaw and Motherwell not booked to call at Holytown

**Strathbungo Junction...Larkfield Junction**: add: *{new entry from 14 May 1970 for Motorail}*

**Strathbungo Junction – Langside Junction – High Street East Junction**

**(Glasgow City Union line)**: add: *{new entry from 10 May 1970 for Sunday engineering diversions and Motorail}*

From 20 March 1971 add: C 2010 SO Kensington Olympia – Perth

**Rutherglen Junction...Coatbridge Central Junction**: add: *{new entry from 10 May 1970 for Motorail service and – until 2 May 1971 – Sunday engineering diversion}*

## SOUTHERN REGION

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new entry: **Factory Junction – Stewarts Lane Junction – Battersea Pier Junction ‡ (eastern side)** *{temporary diversions pending bridge strengthening on high level lines}*

From Victoria: 0255, 0405 SUN to Ramsgate; 0355 SUN, 0425 SUN to Dover P; 0330 to Folkestone Central; 1030, 1030 SUN, 2200, 2200 SUN to Dover M  
To Victoria: 0720, 0720 SUN, 1805, 1805 SUN, 2000, 2000 SUN from Dover M  
*Ceased from Spring 1971*

‡ = the eastern side junction referred to in later years as Grosvenor Bridge Jn

new entry: **Pouparts Junction – Stewarts Lane Junction – Battersea Pier Junction ‡ (eastern side)** *{regained seasonal-only service from 4 May 1970}*

D 1718 SX Newhaven Harbour – Victoria (until 2 October 1970 and from 29 March 1971)

*Seasonal service ceased at end of 1970 timetable - last ran on 30 April 1971*

**Shepherds Lane – Cambria Junction:** amend 1649 Victoria – Margate ran **SO**; from 6 July 1970 0640 SX Ramsgate – Victoria started 0636 SX

new entry: **Archcliffe Junction – Dover Marine**

Boat trains to and from Dover Marine (see Southern time table 79) **except** 0720, 0720 SUN Dover Marine – Victoria

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**Millbrook - Southampton Western Docks:** to read **Millbrook - Southampton Western Docks (Mayflower Ocean Liner Terminal – berths 105/6)**

**Crayford Spur ‘B’ – Crayford Spur ‘A’:** amend N\* 1604 SX Cannon Street returned to *Cannon Street (circular)*

**Hounslow Junction – Feltham Junction:** amend D 0905 SO Leeds – Poole started D 0950 SO

new entry: **Weymouth Quay – Weymouth Junction**

Summer only (also Christmas and Easter) boat trains in connection with Channel Island sailings

## WESTERN REGION

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**Court Sart Junction** to read **Briton Ferry, Court Sart Junction (down)/Up Flying Loop Junction (up)**

**Carmarthen Junction – Carmarthen Bridge**

From 1 June 1970 add D 2355 Swansea – Fishguard Harbour

new entry: **Llangynwyd – Cymmer Afan** *{existing route with reduced school traffic only service from 22 June 1970 with withdrawal of regular services}*

22 June to 14 July 1970: N 0821 SX Cymmer Afan – Llangynwyd; N 1625 SX Llangynwyd – Cymmer Afan

*Withdrawn with effect from 15 July 1970 – last ran 14 July 1970*

new entry: **Bridgend East – Barry Junction** {reopened from 5 May 1970, for one train weekday engineering diversions}  
2140 SX Milford Haven - Paddington

**Honeybourne Station Junction – Cheltenham Spa Lansdown Junction:** add:  
{new entry – reopened for weekend engineering diversions 9 May 1970}  
Amend 1732 SO Leeds terminated Bristol Temple Meads  
Engineering diversion service ceased at end of timetable - last ran 2 May 1971

new entry: **Tuffley Junction – Gloucester Yard Junction**  
Trains in **Barnwood Junction - Gloucester Yard Junction** entry *plus* trains running between the Swindon line and the Chepstow line via Gloucester

new entry: **Gloucester Yard Junction - Horton Road Junction**  
Trains running between the Swindon line and the Chepstow line via Gloucester

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**Dublin Connolly...Glasnevin Junction:** add: 1820 Pearse – Sligo

**Glasnevin Junction – Island Bridge Junction:** add:

1125 Dun Laoghaire Pier – Heuston (note: retimed *from 26 May 1970* because mail boat was sailing from Heysham instead of Holyhead in consequence of Menai Bridge closure)

D 1115 SUN Dun Laoghaire Pier – Heuston (from 4 October 1970)

D 1500 Pearse – Westport (until 12 September 1970)

1900, 1105 SUN Pearse – Westport

1840 SUN Pearse – Galway

0735 Galway – Pearse/Dun Laoghaire Pier

0900, 0930 SUN Galway – Pearse

0835, 1850 SUN Westport - Pearse

1530, 1530 SUN Cork – Dun Laoghaire Pier

D 2125 Heuston – Dun Laoghaire Pier

Until 13 September 1970 add (*thereafter these services reverted to use of Heuston*):

1000 SUN, 1830 SUN Connolly – Limerick

1015 SUN, 1855 SUN Connolly – Waterford

1040 SUN, 1910 SUN Connolly – Cork

0855 SUN, 1850 SUN Waterford – Connolly

0915 SUN, 1815 SUN Cork – Connolly

1005 SUN, 1910 SUN Limerick – Connolly

**Tralee – Fenit:**

add: N#D 1015 SUN Cork – Fenit; N#D 1815 SUN Fenit – Cork

(note # = not advertised between Tralee and Fenit)

**Limerick Junction North avoiding line:** add:

0820 Limerick – Heuston

D 1900 Heuston – Limerick (until 26 September 1970)

From 20 September 1970 add:

1000 SUN, 1830 SUN Heuston – Limerick

1015 SUN, 1915 SUN Limerick – Heuston

**Cobh Junction – Youghal:** add: advertised excursions:

Sundays 21 June - 16 August 1970: from Cork 1030, 1355, 18135; from Youghal 1200, 1650, 1950

Wednesdays and Saturdays 22 July – 15 August 1970: from Cork 1415; from Youghal 2000

The trains shown were as booked but - depending on the weather - the actual service would have been between nil and the full service.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

LONDON MIDLAND REGION

**Liverpool Riverside – Edge Hill**

*Withdrawn with effect from 1 March 1971*

WESTERN REGION

**Stoke Gifford West...Hallen Marsh Junction**

Add: Services from 28 July to 27 August 1970: ND 0930 TWThO Swansea – Clifton Down; ND 1805 TWThO Clifton Down – Swansea (advertised excursions)

After opening of a new curve from Patchway to Filton West Junction in March 1971, services *ceased using the Stoke Gifford – Filton West section – last ran 27 August 1970*

add: **Cheltenham Spa Lansdown Junction – Cheltenham Racecourse** *{new entry from 16 March 1971}*

Trains from Paddington for *Cheltenham Gold Cup* race meetings

*These trains ran previously, until March 1968 meeting (just prior to withdrawal of Leamington – Stratford – Gloucester regular service)*

add: **Ashton Gate – Parson Street Junction** *{new entry from 31 October 1970}*

Bristol City home first team football matches: train from Filton Junction *(previously only for visiting supporters' specials; see BLN 169 page 2)*

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add: **Ballygeary platform – Ballygeary Junction**

Summer Sunday train to Wexford, connecting out of Normandy Ferries arrival at Rosslare

*(operated 1970 season only - 7 June to 30 August 1970)*

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