

# Passenger Train Services over Unusual Lines

1972-3

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**1 May 1972 until 6 May 1973 (Córas Iompair Éireann from 4 June 1972 until 1 April 1973). Unless otherwise indicated, trains operated on Mondays to Saturdays only.** SUN denotes Sunday trains.

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.

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## EASTERN REGION

page 1:

**Normanton Goose Hill Junction...Wath Road Junction:** add: *{new entry – reopened 1 May 1972}*

*From 7 May 1973 section Oakenshaw South Junction – Wath Road Junction became regular route for main-line trains between Sheffield and Leeds, and for trains between Sheffield and York not booked to stop at Pontefract Baghill; section Goose Hill Junction – Oakenshaw South Junction became regular route for main-line trains between Sheffield and Leeds not booked to call at Wakefield, and between Sheffield and York not booked to stop at Pontefract Baghill (and **PSUL** entry retained)*

new entry: **Wakefield Kirkgate East Junction – Oakenshaw Junction – Cudworth - Wath Road Junction** *{section Oakenshaw Junction – Oakenshaw South Junction reopened 2 October 1972}*

D 2215 Leeds City – St.Pancras (from 2 October 1972 to 30 December 1972)

D 2215 SX Leeds City – St.Pancras (from 1 January 1973)

*From 7 May 1973 became regular route for trains between Sheffield and Leeds booked to stop at Wakefield*

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**Normanton: Altofts Junction – Whitwood Junction and Castleford - Burton Salmon Junction** *Summer service ceased at end of 1972 season - last ran Sunday 3 September 1972 - but from 7 May 1973 became regular route for trains between Sheffield and York not booked to stop at Pontefract Baghill*

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

**Sowerby Bridge...Bradley Junction**

*Summer Saturday service ceased at end of 1972 season but all sections of route remained in use*

**Heaton Lodge Junction** to read **Heaton Lodge East Junction**

### **Hare Park Junction - Calder Bridge Junction – Wakefield Kirkgate East Junction**

*From 7 May 1973 section Oakenshaw Junction – Wakefield Kirkgate East Junction became regular route in consequence of trains diverted from Moorthorpe route to Cudworth route*

### **Hare Park Junction - Calder Bridge Junction - Turners Lane Junction**

From 2 October 1972 delete 2145 SUN Leeds City – Bristol Temple Meads and 2215 (weekdays) Leeds City – St.Pancras

*From 7 May 1973 section Oakenshaw Junction - Calder Bridge Junction became regular route in consequence of trains diverted from Moorthorpe route to Cudworth route; remaining train did not use Hare Park – Oakenshaw Junction section so entry became **Calder Bridge Junction - Turners Lane Junction***

### **Geldard Road Junction to read Gelderd Road Junction**

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**Benton Junction – Benton North Junction:** add D 2254 Morpeth – Benton (until 30 December 1972); amend D 1422 SO Newcastle – Alnmouth to D 1433 SO

**Gateshead High Street Junction...King Edward Bridge North Junction:** from 2 October 1972 add: 2220 Newcastle – Kings Cross and 1537 Norwich – Newcastle

**Stratford High Level – Channelsea Junction and Stratford High Level – Temple Mills East Junction:** other services between Stratford and Tottenham Hale ran to/from Stratford (low level) via Channelsea Junction and Temple Mills – these entries represent the few journeys using Stratford (high level) instead. The second entry is via Chobham Farm.

**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

### LONDON MIDLAND REGION

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#### **Crewe Independent lines**

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

Amend D 0828 SX Birmingham New Street – Rhyl to D 0828 **SO**

##### **Basford Hall Junction...Sydney Bridge Junction**

*Summer Saturday service ceased at end of 1972 season: Salop Goods Junction – Sydney Bridge Junction section last ran 22 September 1972*

**Bescot Junction...Wolverhampton Portobello Line Junction** to read

**Wolverhampton Crane Street Junction:** add: *{from 1 May 1972 reopened for all-year advertised service – previously seasonal and/or unadvertised staff service only}*

From 2 October 1972 delete N 0300 Birmingham New Street – Wolverhampton – Birmingham New Street (return of ‘circular’ staff train, diverted via Stour Valley and Soho Road lines)

**Bescot Junction...Bushbury Junction**

1815 FSX Newton Abbot – Stirling should read note **C** (not D)

**Pleck Junction...Bushbury Junction:** add: *{new entry – but all sections previously had at least seasonal service}*

**Pleck Junction...Wolverhampton Portobello Line Junction** to read **Wolverhampton Crane Street Junction**

add: D 2125 FO Manchester Piccadilly – Newquay and D 2355 FO Liverpool Lime Street – Penzance

*(note: outward leg of N 0300 Birmingham New Street – Walsall - Wolverhampton ‘circular’ staff train over this section not affected by October 1972 changes)*

new entry: **Soho North Junction – Soho East Junction – Perry Barr West Junction – Perry Barr South Junction** *{new route from 2 October 1972 – section Soho East Junction – Perry Barr West Junction already in use}*

N 0300 Birmingham New Street – Wolverhampton – Birmingham New Street (return of ‘circular’ unadvertised staff train)

*Diverted from previous route between Wolverhampton and Birmingham via Bescot to run via Stour Valley and this route*

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

*By this date, trains were running to and from Wistaston Road Platform by the east end connection, controlled by Crewe North Junction box*

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**Chester No. 5 – No. 6**

*Weekend engineering use ceased - last ran 5 November 1972*

**Acton Grange Junction...Warrington Bank Quay High Level No. 1:** title changed to **Warrington South Junction** with resignalling

**Hindley No. 2 Junction...Standish Junction**

*Summer Saturday service ceased at end of 1972 season - last ran 2 September 1972; “as required” use for engineering diversions ceased from 2 October 1972*

**Carnforth East Junction – Carnforth F&M Junction:** add *{new entry – reopened 12 November 1972 – last ran 6 May 1973}*

**Brent Junction** to read **Brent Curve Junction**

new entry: **Northampton No. 2 Junction – Market Harborough Junction** *{reopened 10 July 1972}* 0253 SX Northampton – Leicester

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**Lifford West Junction – Lifford Station Junction:** amend heading to: **Landor Street Junction – St.Andrews Junction and Bordesley Junction – Lifford West Junction;** add *{Lifford Station Junction – Lifford West Junction reopened 17 June 1972}*

**Whitacre Junction – Kingsbury Junction**

*Ceased at end of 1972 summer season - last ran 23 September 1972*

**Northwich Sandbach West Junction – Sandbach Junction**

*In title, amend Sandbach Junction to read: **Sandbach***

*from 12 November 1972 add:*

*0055 SUN Holyhead – Euston*

*0110 SUN Holyhead – Euston*

*0300 SUN Crewe – Holyhead*

*Weekend engineering use ceased - last ran 6 May 1973*

**Golborne Junction...Parkside Junction and Castlefield Junction – Ordsall Lane No. 2 Junction**

*Weekend engineering use ceased - last ran 6 May 1973*

**Earlestown No. 1 – No. 4**

*Seasonal Motorail use ceased at end of 1972 season - last ran 14 September 1972*

*new entry: **Bidston West Junction – Seacombe Junction***

*Sunday trains between Wrexham Central and New Brighton*

**Denton Junction...Ashton Moss North Junction:**

*Weekend engineering use ceased - last ran 5 November 1972*

**Manchester Victoria East Junction...Thorpes Bridge Junction:** from 1 July 1972 delete 2010 Leeds – Manchester Victoria

*new entry: **Stone Junction – Colwich Junction** {existing route – not previously recorded}*

*Trains between Euston and Stoke-on-Trent not booked to call at Stafford - except between 2000 Saturdays and 0600 Mondays,*

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**Blackburn: Daisyfield Junction... Lostock Hall Junction:** add: 1155 SUN Glasgow Central – Euston (for complete timetable, not just from 12 November 1972)

**Farington Junction – Lostock Hall Junction** add: *{new entry - section regained service from 12 November 1972 for weekend engineering diversions}*

**Preston East Lancs Junction No. 4...Lostock Hall Junction:** add: *{new entry – existing route reduced to summer Saturday only use from 1 May 1972}*  
*Summer Saturday service ceased at end of 1972 season - last ran 2 September 1972*

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**Dublin Connolly...Glasnevin Junction**

*1810 Pearse – Sligo, while booked via Newcomen Junction, normally ran via North Strand Junction FSO*

*Withdrawn with effect from 2 April 1973*

**Dublin: Glasnevin Junction – Island Bridge Junction:**

0740 Dun Laoghaire Pier – Heuston amended to 0742

delete 0900 and 0930 SUN Pearse – Galway

add 0900 and 0930 SUN Galway – Pearse

**Limerick Junction North avoiding line**

1750 Heuston – Limerick amended to 1815 (weekdays)

**Tralee – Fenit**

*Ceased at end of 1972 summer season - last ran September 1972*

**Cobh Junction – Youghal**

The trains shown (all for Sundays) were likely to operate mid-June to mid-August but depending on the weather, the service would have been between nil and the full service.

add 1839 SUN Cork – Youghal; 2035 SUN Cork – Youghal amended to 2045 SUN;

1955 SUN and 2150 SUN Youghal – Cork amended to 2005 SUN and 2155 SUN

add: ND 1430 WSO Cork – Youghal and ND 1935 WSO Youghal – Cork (these trains were likely to operate mid-July to mid-August – also dependent on the weather)

## SCOTTISH REGION

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**Glasgow: Pollok Junction...High Street East Junction** and**Glasgow: Strathbungo Junction...High Street East Junction:**

*Withdrawn from October 1972 - diversion of Saturday night sleepers off the Glasgow City Union line ceased – see Branch Line News 217, page 1 (alteration from October 1972 by weekly notice, made permanent from 7 January 1973 by timetable supplement)*

**Glasgow: Strathbungo Junction...Larkfield Junction:** add C 1145 MFO Stirling – Sutton Coldfield

*Ceased end of 1972 summer season – last ran 23 September 1972*

**Barassie Junction – Lochgreen Junction**

From 2 October 1972 amend 1126 Glasgow Central – Stranraer Harbour to 1115

**Kilmarnock No. 2 – Dalry Junction**

*Summer services ceased at end of 1972 summer season but Glasgow → Euston all-year service remained*

**Fullwood Junction – Mossend No. 2 Junction:** delete: C 1930 SO, C 2030 FO Stirling – Dover Marine; C 2030 FSX Stirling – Kensington Olympia; C 2035 Perth – Kensington - Olympia

Title changed to **Mossend East Junction – Mossend North Junction** with resignalling

**Rutherglen Junction...Coatbridge Junction:** add: *{reopened for weekday all-year service 1 May 1972}*

*Motorail services ceased at end of 1972 summer season – last ran 23 September 1972 – but recently introduced Perth – Glasgow Central – Dundee all-year round trip remained*

**Springburn – Cowlairs Junction** to read **Springburn – Cowlairs West Junction:** from October 1972 (by weekly notice, from 7 January 1973 by timetable supplement) delete 2035 SO Euston – Inverness and 0625 SUN Glasgow Central - Edinburgh (diversion of Saturday night sleepers via Carstairs – see *Branch Line News 217, page 1*)

*Dated Fort William train ran via Glasgow Queen Street low level to reach Springburn*

**Winchburgh Junction – Dalmeny Junction:**

*Withdrawn with effect from 1 January 1973*

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**Craigendoran Pier – Craigendoran Junction**

Service in summer only

*Ceased at end of 1972 summer season – last ran Sunday 10 September 1972*

SOUTHERN REGION

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**Parksbridge Junction** to read **Parks Bridge Junction** (*two entries*)

**Strawberry Hill Junction – Fulwell Junction:** add: *{new entry – existing route with reduced service from 1 May 1972}*

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**Couldson North – Earlswood Junction**

From 2 October 1972 delete 1509 SX Horsham – Victoria

**Norwood Fork Junction...Windmill Bridge Junction:** Amend Coulsdon North – Victoria to read Coulsdon North – London Bridge; from 2 October 1972 amend 1742 SX London Bridge – Coulsdon North to 1741 SX

**Southampton Western Docks** to read: **Millbrook - Southampton Western Docks (Mayflower Ocean Liner Terminal – berths 105/6)**; add “N” note to both trains and amend 1017 MO Southampton Western Docks to 0951 MO.

**Weymouth Quay - Weymouth Jn**

Services were summer only (also Christmas and Easter)

**Farlington Junction – Cosham Junction**

From 2 October 1972 delete “D” note against both Saturday trains as they ran the whole timetable

**Hounslow Junction – Feltham Junction:** a revised temporary timetable – continuation of the 1971/2 service - operated until the end of September (the summer Saturday services were not affected). Service from 2 October 1972: 0500, 0714 SX Waterloo – Weybridge; 1702 SX Waterloo - Weybridge – Waterloo; 1742 SX Waterloo – Reading; 2347, 2347 SUN Waterloo – Staines; 0706 SX, 0806 SX Windsor & Eton Riverside – Waterloo; 1700 SX Weybridge – Waterloo; 0716 SX, 0734 SX, 0804 SX Reading – Waterloo; 0738 SX Hounslow – Windsor & Eton Riverside

**Strawberry Hill Junction – Fulwell Junction:** a slightly increased temporary timetable – continuation of the 1971/2 service - operated until the end of September. From 2 October 1972 add to service shown in **PSUL**: 0758 SX , 1653 SX Waterloo – Shepperton and 0710 SX, 0840 SX Shepperton - Waterloo

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**Wimbledon Putney Line Junction ...Point Pleasant Junction:**

delete entry – service did not run so line did not reopen (*see Branch Line News 206 page 112*)

new entry: **Streatham Junction North - Streatham Junction South (via Through Lines Spur)** *{existing route – not previously recorded}*

All through express services running via Balham and Mitcham Junction, plus: 0517 SX, 0616 SX, 0717 SX, 1602 SX Epsom – Victoria; 0839 SX Horsham – Victoria

WESTERN REGION

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**Greenford LTE Bay Junction – Greenford West Junction:** add: *{new entry – reopened from evening of 6 May 1972}*

*note: weekday trains continued to run via Park Royal where the signal box – hence line – was now closed at weekends*

new entry: **Reading New Junction – Reading Spur Junction** *{existing route – not previously recorded}*

Services to/from the Southern Region **not** using platform 4A at Reading:

From Reading: 0608/0609 SX, 0623 SO, 0645/0647, 0708 SX, 0723/0724, 0823, 2140, 2323

To Reading: 0625 SX from Guildford; 0615, 1640 SX, 1812 SX from Redhill; 0702, 1846 SO, 1855 SX, 1946, 2117 from Tonbridge

All Sunday services *except* 1646 and 1846 from Tonbridge, and 1923 and 2123 from Reading

From 2 October 1972 delete 0708 SX and 2123 SUN from Reading; add 1708 SX and 2240 SUN from Reading

**Didcot East Junction – Didcot North Junction:** amend text to read: Trains between Reading and Oxford not booked to stop at Didcot.

**Gloucester: Tuffley Junction...Horton Road Junction:** from 2 October 1972 amend 2145 SUN Leeds – Bristol Temple Meads to 2154 SUN

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

Amend Fishguard & Goodwick – Kensington Olympia Motorail services to C 1600 SUN, C 1630 all weekdays

*Ceased at end of 1972 summer season – last ran 16 September 1972*

### **Swansea Loop West Junction - Landore Junction**

Amend C 0715 ThFSO Kensington Olympia - Fishguard & Goodwick Motorail service to C 0715 all weekdays

Amend Fishguard & Goodwick – Kensington Olympia Motorail services to C 1600 SUN, C 1630 all weekdays

### **Carmarthen Junction – Carmarthen Bridge Junction**

Amend C 0715 ThFSO Kensington Olympia - Fishguard & Goodwick Motorail service to C 0715 all weekdays

### **Gloucester: Tuffley Junction...Horton Road Junction**

Severn Tunnel blockade applied Sundays 12 November to 2 December 1972 and 7 January to 15 April 1973; amend 0945 SUN Cardiff – Portsmouth Harbour to 0940 SUN

**Cardiff: Ninian Park Platform – Radyr Branch Junction:** add: *{new entry – transferred from “special events” section}*

**Radyr Branch Junction** was more usually referred to as **Penarth Curve East**

From 12 August 1972 add (all with “Q” note): 1703 SO Ninian Park – Merthyr; 1720 SO Ninian Park – Treherbert; 1340 SO Aber – Ninian Park; 1850 SX Cardiff – Ninian Park

**Cardiff: Ninian Park Platform – Radyr Junction:** add: *{new entry – transferred from “special events” section}*

From 12 August 1972 delete 1705 SO Ninian Park – Pontypridd

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SPECIAL EVENTS

EASTERN REGION

**Hull: Boothferry Park – Walton Street Junction:** amend services: from Hull 1405 and every 10 mins until 1445, returning from Boothferry Park 1640, 1647, 1654, 1704.

add: LONDON MIDLAND REGION

### **Aylesbury – Quainton Road**

Shuttle services to Quainton Railway Society’s Buckinghamshire Railway Centre at summer Bank Holiday weekends

SOUTHERN REGION

### **Southampton Eastern Docks**

Route via Tunnel Junction ceased to be available from 5 February 1973

WESTERN REGION

delete: **Barry Pier – Barry Island:**

*Ceased at end of 1971 summer season - last ran 11 October 1971*

**Ashton Gate – Parson Street Junction:** from 12 August 1972 service became 1352 SO Bristol Parkway – Ashton Gate and 1700 SO return (running via North Filton to reverse in order to serve Filton Junction platforms); apparently no service mid-week.

*Ceased during the 1972/3 season - last ran 16 December 1972*

Thereafter, the only specials were for supporters of visiting teams (*see Branch Line News 222, page 41*), and such use seems to have ceased about 1974

add: **Radyr Junction – Ninian Park Platform** and **Cardiff Central – Ninian Park Platform:** Football matches from the valleys for football league matches only – see details on page 12

add: **Cheltenham Spa Lansdown Junction – Cheltenham Racecourse**

Trains from Paddington for *Cheltenham Gold Cup* race meetings

add: NORTHERN IRELAND RAILWAYS:

**Whitehead – Whitehead Excursion Platform (RPSI):** RPSI excursions (including *Portrush Flyer* summer excursions) to/from Whitehead. First inwards trip 7 October 1972, first outwards 25 November 1972, first *Portrush Flyer* 28 July 1973

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