

Passenger Train Services over Unusual Lines

1973-4

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7 May 1973 until 5 May 1974 (Córas Iompair Éireann from 2 April 1973 until 9 June 1974). 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.

EASTERN REGION

page 1:

King Edward Bridge Junction ... Gateshead High Level Bridge Junction: add: 1930 SX and 1930 SUN Bristol Temple Meads – Newcastle; delete 1733 SX Newcastle - Durham

Hexthorpe Junction – Bentley Junction (Doncaster avoiding line

Ceased at end of 1973 summer season - last ran 1 September 1973.

Moorthorpe Station Junction – South Kirkby Junction: add: *{new entry from 7 May 1973: existing route reduced to seasonal-only usage upon diversion of most traffic to Cudworth route}*

page 2:

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

From 7 January 1974 add: 0729 Retford – Sheffield Midland; 0635 Sheffield Midland - Retford

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

new entry: **Heaton Lodge East Junction – site of Spen Valley Junction (via Fast Lines)** *{existing route - not previously recorded}*

Trains to or from Huddersfield **not** booked via the Underpass Lines:

D 0710 SO Bradford Exchange – Kings Cross

D 0920 SO Weymouth – Bradford Exchange

D 0910 SO Bradford Exchange – Weymouth

See Branch Line News 229 (11 July 1973) page 94 for explanation of this usage (which had probably already been in use for some years).

Hare Park Junction – Crofton West Junction to read **Hare Park Junction – Oakenshaw Junction**: add: *{existing route with reduced usage from 7 May 1973 on diversion of most traffic from Moorthorpe route to Cudworth route}*

new entry: **Oakenshaw South Junction – Goose Hill Junction**

Main line trains between Sheffield and Leeds not booked to stop at Wakefield, and between Sheffield and York not booked to stop at Pontefract Baghill

Wakefield: Calder Bridge Junction – Turners Lane Junction

Withdrawn with effect from 6 May 1974

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new entry: **Manningtree Junction: North Junction – East Junction** *{existing service – not recorded since 1967/8 edition}*

Trains shown non-stop between Ipswich and Harwich Parkeston Quay

Norwich Swing Bridge Junction – Wensum Junction: delete 0950 SO
Yarmouth - 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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West London and West London Extension Lines:

Old Oak Common...Kensington Olympia

D 1M61 1620 SO Paignton should be note C (not D)

From 10 April 1974, 0745 TSX Kensington Olympia – St.Austell and 1600 TX return ran Mondays to Saturdays

Kensington Olympia...Clapham Junction ‘A’

From 1 October 1973, inbound services to Kensington retimed to 0812 SX and 0845 SX

Willesden Junction...Clapham Junction ‘A’: D 1011 1016 Manchester

Piccadilly – Weymouth started 1015 and terminated at Poole.

Ceased at end of 1973 season – return journey last ran Saturday 15 September 1973. These were the last “non-Motorail” summer Saturday services over the WL and WLE lines.

Coventry...Nuneaton...: add *{new entry from Sunday 13 May 1973 in connection with engineering work diversions}*

Soho Soap Works to read **Soho North Junction**

Pleck Junction – Darlaston Junction – Portobello Junction – Wolverhampton Portobello Line Junction #

Seasonal-only use ceased at end of 1973 season (although all sections retained such service by adjacent entries)

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

Brent Junction to read **Brent Curve Junction**

new entry: **Glendon North Junction – Glendon South Junction** *{existing route}*

2359 SX, 2359 SUN Sheffield Midland – St.Pancras

0810 Nottingham – St.Pancras

0645, 1710 and 2230 SUN Derby Midland – St.Pancras

(main line trains using slow line platform at Kettering)

It is questionable whether this junction really qualifies for inclusion as a “route”

Northampton No. 2 Junction – Market Harborough Junction:

heading to read **Northampton No. 4 – Market Harborough Junction:**

Withdrawn with effect from 27 August 1973 (BLN 233)

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

Sunday trains between Wrexham Central and New Brighton

Hall Royd Junction – Gannow Junction: from 7 January 1974 delete 1730

Blackpool North – Leeds City.

Blackburn: Daisyfield Junction – Hellifield Junction and Farington Junction - Lostock Hall Junction:

Engineering diversions last ran 5 May 1974.

0955 SUN Manchester Victoria started 0925 SUN.

SCOTTISH REGION

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Newton on Ayr...Mauchline Junction: add to title **and Dubbs Junction –**

Byrehill Junction (Kilwinning avoiding line); also add: *{new entry from 23 June 1973}*

Kilmarnock No. 2 – Dalry No. 3 Junction

Service withdrawn with effect from 1 October 1973

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Carstairs South Junction – Carstairs East Junction

Service ceased at end of 1973 summer season - last ran 29 September 1973

Rutherglen Junction...Coatbridge Junction

Withdrawn with effect from 6 May 1974

Wishaw Central Junction – Shieldmuir Junction:

Deleted from PSUL 1974-5 edition as being explicit in public timetable on becoming (from 6 May 1974) the only route for local trains between Motherwell and Wishaw until service via Holytown restored 6 January 2003

Springburn – Cowlairs Junction: Cowlairs Junction to read Cowlairs West Junction

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

SOUTHERN REGION

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Coulsdon North – Earlswood Junction: add to exceptions: 1209 SX Horsham – Victoria (2 July to 28 September 1973)

new entry: **South Bermondsey Junction – Bricklayers Arms Junction (via South Bermondsey spur line)** *{existing route – not previously recorded}*

Trains from London Bridge at 0457 SX, 0505 SO, 0659 SX, 0728 SX, 0802 SX, 0810 SX, 1658 SX, 1700 SX, 1708 SX, 1715 SX, 1722 SX, 1725 SX, 1732 SX, 1739 SX, 1743 SX, 1748 SX, 1755 SX, 1804 SX, 1831 SX, 0740 SUN, and various inbound local trains to London Bridge (low level)

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Gloucester Road Junction...Selhurst Local Lines: from 7 January 1974 add 0809 SX Victoria – Coulsdon North and 1650 SX Victoria - East Croydon

Newhaven Harbour (Continental) – Newhaven Harbour Junction: delete “D” note against 0948 and 0948 SUN Victoria and 1720 and 1720 SUN Newhaven Harbour which continued to run throughout the timetable year

Portsmouth & Southsea Low Level – Blackfriars Junction: add *{new entry – existing route not previously recorded}*

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

Previously summer only, services shown applied only until early October (and again from Spring 1974); a limited winter service resumed from 12 October 1973: 2030 FO Waterloo – Weymouth Quay *(also Christmas and Easter)*

Addlestone Jn – Byfleet: D 1011 1016 Manchester Piccadilly – Weymouth started 1015 and terminated at Poole.

WESTERN REGION

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Old Oak Common West Junction – Greenford West Junction: heading to read **Old Oak Common West Junction – Northolt Junction** *{new entry – existing route with reduced service from 7 May 1973}*

Add: Until 12 August 1973: Sunday service to/from High Wycombe line, diverted from Marylebone

Greenford LTE Bay Junction – Greenford West Junction: heading to read **Greenford LTE Bay Junction – Northolt Junction** *{existing route extended to Northolt Junction from 7 May 1973}*

Reading New Junction – Reading Spur Junction: from 10 June 1973 delete 1546 SUN Tonbridge – Reading; from 1 October 1973 Tonbridge to Reading trains to read: 0700 SO, 0702 SX, 1845 SO, 1853 SX, 1945, 2116, 1445 SUN, 1745 SUN, 1945 SUN, 2045 SUN

Westbury Avoiding Line: from 5 June 1973 amend to read: Between 0830 Mondays and 2230 Saturdays *(i.e. then including nights)*

Gloucester: Tuffley Junction...Horton Road Junction: from 1 October 1973 add: 0111 MX Bristol Temple Meads – Sheffield Midland; 1930 SX Newcastle – Bristol Temple Meads; 1710 SUN Bradford F Sq – Bristol Temple Meads. On Sundays from 6 January until 10 February trains diverted via Gloucester because of the closure of the Severn Tunnel for engineering work used this route.

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Bristol: Feeder Bridge Junction – Dr Day’s Junction: On Sundays from 6 January until 10 February because of the closure of the Severn Tunnel for engineering work used this route, delete 0100 SUN Fishguard Harbour – Paddington but add 0037 SUN Swindon – Bristol Parkway
Feeder Bridge Junction was subsequently referred to as North Somerset Junction West in consequence of Bristol area resignalling

Swansea Loop West Junction – Landore Junction: during Swansea resignalling (30 September to 14 October 1973) this line was in use for diverted trains, as was the Swansea District line: **Briton Ferry, Court Sart Junction/Up Flying Loop Junction - Morlais Junction via Felin Fran**

Radyr Branch Junction add **(a.k.a. Penarth Curve East)**

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Services operated from 2 April 1973 until 9 June 1974

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SPECIAL EVENTS

EASTERN REGION

Forest Gate Junction – Woodgange Park Junction

The liner sailing connections died out

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 Western Docks and Southampton Eastern Docks

In the PSUL 1974-5 edition these entries were transferred from this section to the main listing.

WESTERN REGION

Ashton Gate – Parson Street Junction

Ceased during the 1972/3 season (last ran 16 December 1972), the only specials thereafter being those for supporters of visiting teams (*see Branch Line News 222, page 41*)

Patchway Junction...Hallen Marsh Junction

School holiday excursions to Bristol Zoo (Clifton Down) died out

add: **Radyr Junction – Ninian Park Platform** and **Cardiff Central: Radyr Branch Junction (Penarth Curve East)– Ninian Park Platform**

Football matches from the valleys for football league matches only – see details on page 11

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

Trains from Paddington for *Cheltenham Gold Cup* race meetings

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Kensington Olympia – West Kensington East Junction

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Curragh Siding - Racecourse

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add: NORTHERN IRELAND RAILWAYS:

Whitehead – Whitehead Excursion Platform (RPSI)

RPSI excursions (including *Portrush Flyer* summer excursions) to/from Whitehead
