

# Passenger Train Services over Unusual Lines

1974-5

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**6 May 1974 until 4 May 1975 (Córas Iompair Éireann from 10 June 1974 until 3 March 1975). 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, nor to amend the "Other passenger lines" section (pages 14 and 15).

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## EASTERN REGION

page 1:

**King Edward Bridge Junction ... Gateshead High Level Bridge Junction:** add: 1930 SO Bristol Temple Meads – Newcastle, C 2345 SO Cambridge – Edinburgh, C 2140 SUN Edinburgh – Cambridge; delete D 2345 SO Kings Cross – Edinburgh, D 2210 SUN Edinburgh – Kings Cross

**Pyewipe Junction – Greetwell Junction:** D 1159 SO Yarmouth – Chesterfield extended to Sheffield

page 2:

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

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

**Heaton Lodge Junction (fast lines)** heading to read: **Heaton Lodge Junction – site of Spen Valley Junction (via fast lines)**

**Hare Park Junction – Oakenshaw Junction:** 1804 Kings Cross was Bradford *via Huddersfield* portion

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

page 3:

new entry: **Manningtree Junction: North Junction – East Junction**

Trains shown non-stop between Ipswich and Harwich Parkeston Quay

**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

page 3:

new entry: **Euston – departures via Down Carriage Line to Camden Junction**

*{new entry – existing facility not previously recorded}*: add: departures from Euston at: D 1030 SO, D 1115 SO, 1300, 1450 SX, 1600 SO, 1733 SX, 1805, 1818 FO, 1845, 2100 FO (trains departing from platforms 1 to 6, to avoid conflict with incoming services)

*This route was later adjudged an integral part of the mainline, rather than a separate “route”*

page 4:

**South Acton Junction...Old Kew Junction**

Delete entry (duplicates the same details on page 3)

**West London and West London Extension Lines:**

**Old Oak Common...Factory Junction:** add *{new entry – new Motorail routes from 24 May 1974 (but all sections of route already covered by other Motorail services)}*

page 5:

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

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

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

page 6:

new entry: **Nuneaton: Abbey Junction – Midland Junction** *{new entry – limited resumption of service from 15 June 1974}*

D 1050 SO Poole – Sheffield

**Northwich...Sandbach Junction:** add *{new entry from 15 September 1974 – for engineering diversions}*

**Miles Platting: Phillips Park...** to read **Miles Platting: Philips Park...**

new entry: **Hadfield – Penistone, Huddersfield Junction** *{from 12 October 1974 until 4 May 1975 – for engineering diversions }*  
Sunday trains between Manchester and Sheffield until ca. 1600

**Manchester Victoria East Junction ... Thorpes Bridge Junction:** add to the exceptions: 1910 SO Leeds – Manchester Victoria

page 7:

new entry: **Bidston West Junction – Seacombe Junction**  
Sunday trains between Wrexham Central and New Brighton

#### SCOTTISH REGION

page 7:

**Ayr: Hawkhill Junction ... Mauchline Junction**

*Section Hawkhill Junction – Blackhouse Junction withdrawn with effect from 5 May 1975 when these trains were diverted via Kilmarnock – Barassie*

**Wishaw Central Junction – Holytown Junction:** add *{new entry – existing route with reduced service from 6 May 1974}*

**Rose Street Junction – Welsh’s Bridge Junction:** add: 1548 Aberdeen – Inverness (only applied TThO until 5 October 1974), and delete 1120 SUN Lairg - Inverness

page 8:

**Springburn – Cowlairst Junction** to read **Springburn – Cowlairst West Junction**  
*Dated train ran via Glasgow Queen Street low level to reach Springburn*

**Cowlairst East Junction – Knightswood South Junction and Whiteinch North Junction – Whiteinch East Junction:** *although shown in working timetable by this route, in practice train had run Cowlairst East Junction – Knightswood North Junction (Westerton); it was shown by that latter route for 1975 season so the sections Maryhill Park Central Junction - Knightswood South Junction and Whiteinch North Junction – Whiteinch East Junction ceased to have any booked workings (however nominal they had been) after 1974 summer season*

#### SOUTHERN REGION

page 8:

**Battersea Pier Junction ... Factory Junction:** title to read: **Battersea Pier Junction (Central section) – Stewarts Lane Junction – Factory Junction:** add: *{new entry from 12 May 1974}*  
From 12 October 1974 0355 SUN Victoria – Dover Priory retimed to 0400 SUN

page 9:

**South Bermondsey Junction – Bricklayers Arms Junction**  
0836 SX and 0902 SX from Epsom Downs ran to London Bridge; add: 1609 SX Sutton – London Bridge

page 10:

**Southampton Eastern Docks** entry to read: **Northam Junction - Southampton Eastern Docks (Queen Elizabeth II Ocean Liner Terminal – berths 38/9)** *{new entry – previously in Special Events section}*

Boat trains in connection with sailings to and from Southampton Eastern Docks, usually 1600 from Waterloo and 1015 from Southampton Eastern Docks

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

Boat trains in connection with sailings to and from Southampton Western Docks, usually 1510 from Waterloo and 1015 from Southampton Western Docks

**Weymouth Quay - Weymouth Jn**

Winter service was one train a week only:

2030 FO Waterloo – Weymouth Quay *(also Christmas and Easter)*

**Strawberry Hill Junction – Fulwell Junction**

Delete \* notations

*Deleted from PSUL 1975-6 edition as being explicit in public timetable (entry reintroduced from PSUL 1990 edition)*

WESTERN REGION

page 10:

**Old Oak Common West Junction – Greenford West Junction:** heading to read **Old Oak Common West Junction – Northolt Junction**

0720 SO Birmingham New Street – Paddington ran **SX**

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**Greenford LTE Bay Junction – Greenford West Junction:** heading to read **Greenford LTE Bay Junction – Northolt Junction**

page 12:

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

Add: 1710 SUN Leeds – Bristol Temple Meads (‡); from 11 August 1974 delete 1710 SUN Leeds – Bristol Temple Meads

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

LONDON TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE

page 13:

**Kensington Olympia – West Kensington East Junction:** add *{new entry – transferred from Special Events section}*.

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page 13:

Services operated from 10 June 1974 until 3 March 1975 are those printed in **PSUL** 1975-6 edition, subject to:

**Limerick Junction North: Kyle Crossing points – Milltown Crossing points:**

*Services suspended from 22 July to 29 September 1974*

**Glasnevin Junction – Islandbridge Junction:** add: D 1025 SUN Dublin  
Heuston – Dun Laoghaire Pier, D 1015 SO Dun Laoghaire Pier – Dublin  
Heuston [*operated during 1974 summer season*]

**Curragh siding – Racecourse:** add {*new entry – transferred from Special Events section*}.

Delete word “may” as special trains were regular for race meetings.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

page 13:

**Ashton Gate – Parson Street Junction:** delete entry – such use seems to have ceased about 1974

**Aberdare High Level – Abercynon Junction:** add {*new entry*}

add: **Whitehead (NIR) – Whitehead Excursion Platform (RPSI):** RPSI  
excursions (including *Portrush Flyer* summer excursions) to/from Whitehead

add: **Aylesbury – Quainton Road**

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

#### OTHER PASSENGER LINES

No attempt is made to correct or update this list – other than to observe that

i. the Eastern Region entry starting at “Shirebrook West Sidings” box  
should read “Shirebrook West station” as the Midland’s Pye Bridge – Mansfield -  
Worksop line south thereof was re-categorised as a goods line by the London  
Midland Region from 2 April 1972

ii. in the Eastern list Wath Central Junction should read Wath Junction,  
and Joancroft should be two words

iii. in the London Midland list Crowthorne Junction should read Crowthorn  
Junction and Castle Donnington should read Castle Donington

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