

Passenger Train Services over Unusual Lines

1976-7

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3 May 1976 until 1 May 1977 (Southern Region from 20 April 1976; Córas Iompair Éireann from 3 November 1975 until 26 June 1977). 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.

LONDON AREA

L1: add to title: **Barking Station Junction - Barking Tilbury Line Junction West (via flyover)**; amend explanation of * note: These trains (to or from the Upminster line) also use the Tilbury Line Junction West – Upney Junction link at the east end of Barking station; add: 2300 SX, 2230 SUN Shoeburyness – Liverpool Street; from 4 October 1976 add: N* 0330 Liverpool Street – Shoeburyness; 2328 Liverpool Street started 2330

New entry: **Lea Junction – High Meads Junction:** NRU

L4: from 4 October 1976 add: 0605 SO, 0635 SX, 0705 SO, 0805 SO, 0905 SO, 1005 SO, 1201 SO, 1401 SO, 1605 SO, 1805 SO, 1905 SO Stratford (high level) – Tottenham Hale

L5: from 4 October 1976 add: 0625 SO, 0725 SO, 0828 SO, 0928 SO, 1028 SO, 1228 SO, 1428 SO, 1631 SO, 1825 SO, 1931 SO, 2025 SO Tottenham Hale – Stratford (high level), and delete 0914 SX Tottenham Hale – Stratford

L4 and L5: 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

L6: title to read: **Stratford: Carpenters Road curve**

L7: **Dalston Junction** to read **Dalston Western Junction**

L8: *regular services withdrawn with effect from Monday 8 November 1976*

L12: **City Goods Lines** to read **City Lines**; add: *{new entry – existing facility previously unrecorded}*

L18: was previously L17; **Cricklewood Junction** to read **Cricklewood Curve Junction**

L19: was previously L18; **Brent Junction** to read **Brent Curve Junction**

L20: *delete entry (through running no longer normally practicable with closure of Neasden North signal box from 15 October 1972 – Branch Line News 216, p.201)*

L29: from 4 October 1976 add: 0744 SUN and hourly to 2244 SUN Waterloo – Weybridge; 0711 SUN and hourly to 2311 SUN Weybridge – Waterloo, and delete 2348 Waterloo – Staines

L31: add to title: **(Central section)**

L32: amend **Battersea Pier Junction** to read **Battersea Pier Junction (Central section)**

L35 (Willesden Junction ... Kensington Olympia section): from April 1977 add (on odd dates): C 2300, C 2300 SUN Stirling – Kensington Olympia; C 2055, C 2055 SUN Kensington Olympia - Stirling

L42: was previously L43; title to read: **Battersea Pier Junction (Central section) – Stewarts Lane Junction – Factory Junction**

L43: was previously L44; from 4 October 1976 add: 0023 SUN Victoria – Orpington; 0459 SO, 0635 SUN, 0550 SO/0750 SUN and every half-hour until 2250 SO/2250 SUN Victoria – Sevenoaks; 0559 SO/0659 SUN and every half-hour until 2159 SUN/2259 SO, also 2237 SUN Sevenoaks – Victoria; 0400 SO, 0518 SO, 0656 SUN Swanley – Victoria; 2328 SUN, 2334 SO Victoria - Swanley

L44: title to read: **Canterbury Road Junction - Loughborough Junction**

L45: was previously L46; from 10 October 1976 amend 0102 Blackfriars – Orpington ran Tuesdays to Saturdays only

L46: title to read: **Cannon Street South Junction – Metropolitan Junction**

L47: title to read: **Lewisham Vale Junction - Tanners Hill Junction (St. Johns reversible line)**; add: *{new entry – opened 20 April 1976}*

L50: from 10 October 1976 add: 0020 SUN, 0021 MO Orpington – London Bridge

L55: was previously L56; add: 0558 SX Brighton – Victoria; from 10 October 1976 delete 0751 SUN Victoria – Purley and 0525 SUN Purley – Victoria became “N”

L56: was previously L55; from 10 October 1976 add: N 2350 SUN Sutton – Selhurst

L57: from 10 October 1976 add: 0745 SUN and hourly until 2145 SUN East Croydon – Charing Cross

EASTERN REGION

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

Trains shown non-stop between Ipswich and Harwich Parkeston Quay

New entry: **Lincoln: West Holmes Junction – Boutham Junction – Greetwell Junction**

Special trains, Market Rasen line to and from Sleaford and beyond

New entry: **Welwyn Garden City flyover**

Most up local stopping trains, starting from Welwyn Garden City

E8: **Ulceby Junction** to read **Ulceby South Junction**; amend to read: Special trains New Holland Pier to and from Barnetby and beyond (e.g. 11 September 1976: 1100 New Holland Pier – Lincoln and 1700 return)

E20: add: *{new entry – existing facility previously unrecorded}*

E24: *restored to all-year weekdays from 3 May 1976 but with effect from 2 May 1977 reduced again from all-year weekdays to summer Saturdays only*

E25: D 2250 FO Sheffield – Paignton was “C” (Motorail). *If it carried passengers west of Newton Abbot, it did so unadvertised.*

E32: categorised as a Goods Line

E35: delete - **Shirebrook Junction North** - and substitute – **Shirebrook Junction (Shirebrook east junction)** –

E38: title to read: **Shirebrook West – Shirebrook Junction (Shirebrook east junction)**

E40: **Whisker Hill Junction** to read **Thrumpton West Junction**; passenger services (temporarily suspended from 5 January 1976 during resignalling work) (*Branch Line News* 297, p. 76 and 302, p.133). During this period, Retford North Junction renamed. [Sheffield – Retford “short” workings] resumed 5 July 1976 From 5 July 1976 title to read: **Retford West Junction (high level platform 2) - Thrumpton West Junction** (the former was sometimes rendered as Retford Western Junction), and add: 1747 Sheffield - Retford (high level) and 1918 return; from 4 October 1976 add: 1055 Sheffield – Retford (high level) and 1311 return; from 16 January 1977 add: 0955 SUN Retford (high level) - Sheffield

E43, E44 and E45: **Wath Central Junction** to read **Wath Junction**

E43: Mexborough East Junction also known as Mexborough No. 2 box

E44: Mexborough South Junction also known as Mexborough No. 3 box

E50: Joan Croft is two words

E51: was previously E50

E54: extended **Crofton West Junction – Oakenshaw Junction** (common with E56)

E59: heading to read: **Heaton Lodge Junction – site of Spen Valley Junction (via fast lines)**

E60 and E61: **Heaton Lodge Junction** to read **Heaton Lodge East Junction**

E64: add “Any trains using platforms 1, 2 or 3 at Leeds would require to use this route. No trains so booked, but happens during engineering works.”

New entry: **Methley Junction – Cutsyke Junction** – NRU

LONDON MIDLAND REGION

M3: was previously M11

M6: was previously M5

M7: **Castle Donnington** to read **Castle Donington**

M11: *entry deleted from 2 May 1977 with opening of line to regular services*

M12: was previously M13; add: When Birmingham/Nuneaton line is blocked for engineering work, Birmingham - Leicester services run via this route, reversing at both Coventry and Nuneaton

M13/M14: were previously M14/M15

M19: add: *{new entry – existing facility, partly previously unrecorded}*

M25: *from 19 June 1976, summer Saturday use in addition to all-year staff train*

M38 (... - Crewe North Junction section): 2115 FO Euston – Holyhead was “D”

M39: title to read: **Crewe North Junction – Crewe Wistaston Road Platform**

M45: was previously M46; add to diversions from 31 October 1976: 1820 SUN Chester – Manchester Victoria

M47: from 16 January 1977, 1013 SUN Crewe – Chester started 1021 SUN

M51: from 4 October 1976 amend service to: 2250 SX Shrewsbury – York and 2150 SX York – Shrewsbury only

M51, M52 and M53 (out of numerical sequence): **Crowthorne Junction** to read **Crowthorn Junction**

M56: diversion of Hope Valley trains applied only FROM 31 OCTOBER 1976

M60: from 4 October 1976 add to *exceptions* 2310 SO Leeds – Manchester Victoria

M63: part was previously M59; regular use for diversion of West Coast trains applied FROM 9 MAY 1976

M65: delete entry – race specials last ran in 1975 (*Branch Line News* 300, p.110)

M68: entry did not reappear in **PSUL** 1977/8 edition – all three elements covered in adjacent entries

M71: **Bidston North Jn** to read **Seacombe Junction**; from 4 October 1976 amend service to: 2104 SO Wrexham Central – New Brighton

M73: categorised as a Goods Line

WESTERN REGION

W1: from 4 October 1976 add: 2223 SUN Guildford – Reading, 0824 SUN, 1924 SUN Reading – Guildford; amend 1945 Reading – Tonbridge ran SX; delete 1745 SUN, 1945 SUN, 2045 SUN Tonbridge – Reading, 0826 SUN Reading – Tonbridge, 2250 SUN Reading - Guildford

W8: to read: “Between 0800 and 2230 ...” and from 4 October 1976 to read: “Between 0800 and 2130...”

W13: until 1 October 1976 services from North Filton Platform were: 1545 FO, 1646 FSX North Filton – Bristol Temple Meads, and thereafter were: 1545 FO North Filton – Parson Street, 1646 FSX North Filton – Bristol Temple Meads

W14: semi-regular summer TWThO workings from South Wales for Bristol Zoo had died out by about 1973/4

W16: *did not re-appear in PSUL 1977/8 edition – now regarded as recognised route*

W18 and W19: *all such diversionary use ceased with effect from 25 August 1976 after a derailment between Toddington and Winchcombe that day*

New entry: **Hereford: Brecon Curve Junction – Bulmers Hereford Cider Mills platform**

Shuttle services between Hereford station and the Bulmers site in conjunction with open days of the *6000 Locomotive Association*. The first such recorded in *Branch Line News* (no. 321, p. 87) was 25 September 1976.

W26: **Radyr Branch Junction** add **a.k.a. Penarth Curve East** from 4 October 1976 Q 1318 SO Treherbert - Ninian Park started 1315 *Regular football service ceased at end of 1976-7 season*

W30: was previously W32

W31: add: *{new entry – existing facility previously unrecorded}*

W33 and W34: **Court Sart Junction** to read **Court Sart Junction (down)/Briton Ferry Flying Junction (up)**

SOUTHERN REGION

S1: Winter service was one train a week only:

2030 FO (1930 FO from 10 January 1977) Waterloo – Weymouth Quay (*also Christmas and Easter*)

S2: 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

S3: entry to read: **Northam Junction - Southampton Eastern Docks (Queen Elizabeth II Ocean Liner Terminal – berths 38/9)**

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

S5: from 10 January 1977 N 0247 Havant – Fareham started N 0250 and extended to Eastleigh

SCOTTISH REGION

H3: add: 24 July to 14 August 1976: 1028 SO Carlisle – Largs; 1340 SO Largs – Carlisle

Ceased at end of 1976 summer season - last ran 14 August 1976

H6: add: SUNDAYS 27 JUNE TO 14 NOVEMBER 1976. Due to engineering work in Queen Street Tunnel, all services between Glasgow Queen Street and Edinburgh or Stirling or beyond ran to/from Glasgow Central via this route (except 2200, 2230, 2300 from Edinburgh and 2203 from Perth which ran normally)

H9: **Muirhouse Junction** to read **Muirhouse Central Junction**

H12: **Cowlairs Junction** to read **Cowlairs West Junction** add: *{reopened from 3 May 1976 (Springburn – Cowlairs West Junction had previously been summer only, Gartsherrie South Jn – Gartcosh Jn had no service)}*; from 4 October 1976 add: 2236 Cowlairs – Mossend (through coaches 1812 Fort William – Euston), and delete: 2225 SX, D 2325 SO Glasgow Queen Street – Mossend and D 2206 SO Cowlairs – Mossend (and accompanying note)

H13: **Cowlairs Junction** to read **Cowlairs West Junction**

H20: add: FROM 18 OCTOBER TO 4 DECEMBER 1976 Due to engineering work at the west end of Waverley station: 0449, 0645, 1203 SX, 1209 SO, 1326, 1359, 1806, 2108, 2156, 2245 Carstairs – Edinburgh, 0748, 1241 Liverpool Lime Street – Edinburgh (thus arriving at the east end of the station instead); 2140 SX Edinburgh – Carstairs (retimed to 2128 SX). The 2345 SX, 2345 SUN Inverness (0622 Stirling) – Edinburgh also used this route from Haymarket West Junction (instead of Slateford Junction)

New entry: NORTHERN IRELAND RAILWAYS

Whitehead – Whitehead Excursion Platform (RPSI)

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

CÓRAS IOMPAIR ÉIREANN

Services shown operated from 3 November 1975 until 26 June 1977, subject to:

Curragh Siding – Racecourse

Withdrawn with effect from 7 March 1977

Listowel – Tralee

*Unlikely to have been any such specials after 3 November 1975; entry did not re-appear in **PSUL** 1977 edition*

Cobh Junction – Youghal

According to *Branch Line News* no. 312, excursions ran Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from early July to Sunday 15 August 1976 – and (at short notice) also on Sunday 22 August.
