

Passenger Train Services over Unusual Lines

1979-80

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14 May 1979 until 11 May 1980. 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.

PENMANSHIEL TUNNEL: the East Coast main line between Berwick and Dunbar (which had been blocked from 17 March 1979) reopened to traffic on Monday 20 August 1979, whereupon remaining items marked "PT" **ceased** to apply and those marked "P‡" **commenced** to apply.

LONDON AREA

L1: **Barking Junction** to read **Barking Tilbury Line Junction West**; 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

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

L4: add from 2 July 1979: 2158 SX Camden Road - 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**

L10: from 7 January 1980 add 1748 SX (2) Euston – Northampton

L11: add: 0738 SX Watford Junction – Broad Street; from 8 July 1979 0923 SUN Willesden Junction Low Level – Broad Street started 0903 SUN

L12: **City Goods Lines** to read **City Lines**

L18: **Cricklewood Junction** to read **Cricklewood Curve Junction**

L19: **Brent Junction** to read **Brent Curve Junction**; Motorail service ceased after 1979 season – last ran 7 September 1979 only

L23: until 15 July 1979 trains ran **SX** (Saturday workings resumed via this route from 21 July 1979)

New entry: **Greenford LTE Bay Junction - Greenford West Junction – Northolt Junction** *{route L24 continued in use because Park Royal signal box was still only open SX; route ceased after 14 July 1979 with removal of that signal box}*

1742 SO Paddington – Birmingham New Street

0710 SO High Wycombe – Paddington

Special trains, *Saturdays and Sundays*, High Wycome line to and from destinations via Kensington Olympia

L27: amend ND 0721 TO Newcastle – Folkestone West ran **SO**; Motorail service ceased after 1979 season – last ran 7 September 1979 only

L29: *did not reappear in **PSUL** 1980 edition – regarded as a recognised route*

L30a: was previously part of L30: Wimbledon – East Putney Junction in regular use by Underground District Line service

L31 and L32: add to title: **(Central section)**

L31: *from 6 October 1979 add note: regular service added, and services:*

1726 SO, 1726 SUN Newhaven Harbour – Victoria;

from 6 April 1980 add 0750 SUN Victoria – Newhaven Harbour

L33: add: *{new entry - existing facility not previously recorded; this is a crossover within the Victoria station area and questionable as to whether it warranted inclusion}; delete '92' 1208 SX and 1308 SX Victoria – Epsom Downs; add: Victoria – Newhaven Harbour services shown in entry S7*

L35 (Old Oak Common ... Falcon Junction section): add *{new entry for daily Manchester – Brighton service from 14 May 1979, giving all-year service to Old Oak Common – Kensington Olympia (previously seasonal Motorail) and regular service to Latchmere Junction – Falcon Junction section}*

L35 (Willesden Junction ... Falcon Junction section): add *{new entry for once weekly Manchester – Brighton service from 19 May 1979, giving all-year service to Willesden Junction – North Pole Junction (previously seasonal Motorail)}*

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

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

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

L47: amend 0726 to 2126 SX & SUN Gillingham – Charing Cross to read 0726 to 2126 **SO** & SUN Gillingham – Charing Cross

L51a: add: *{new entry – existing service ascertainable from public timetable}*; from 1 October 1979 add 1737 SX Charing Cross – Slade Green
Entry omitted from PSUL1980/1 edition, the continuing limited service being ascertainable from public timetable

L53: title to read: **South Bermondsey Junction – Bricklayers Arms Junction (via Spur or Reversible Lines)**; delete 1837 SX London Bridge – Three Bridges; add ‘77’ 1837 SX London Bridge – East Grinstead; add the following trains to Charing Cross: ‘97’ 0633 SO and 1103 SX from Tattenham Corner; ‘93’ 0733 SUN from Purley; ‘93’ 0752 SUN from Caterham; delete existing trains to London Bridge; add “Also all Up trains stopping at stations Norwood Junction to New Cross Gate inclusive (see Table 178) *except* trains to Charing Cross (other than those above), trains arriving at London Bridge between 1530 and 1806 SX, and 1750 SX from Tattenham Corner and 1754 SX from East Croydon”

L57: from 4 June 1979 add ‘71’ 1754 SX East Croydon – London Bridge

EASTERN REGION

New entry: **Manningtree Junction: North Junction – East Junction**
Trains shown non-stop between Ipswich and Harwich Parkeston Quay

New entry: **Welwyn Garden City flyover**
Most up local stopping trains, starting from Welwyn Garden City

E8: text to read: Special trains Ulceby/Goxhill to and from Barnetby and beyond

E10: title to read: **Hull: Anlaby Road Junction – West Parade North Junction**

E13: add: *{new entry – local services between Northallerton and Eaglescliffe withdrawn 14 May 1979}*

E26: heading to read: ... - **Rotherham Masborough Station North Junction**

E32: categorised as a Goods Line

E36: *facility ceased before complete closure of line in July 1980*

E38: title to read: **Shirebrook West – Shirebrook East Junction**

E40: title to read: **Retford West Junction (high level platform 2) - Thrumpton West Junction**; in entries, Retford GN to read Retford (high level); add: 0202 SUN Manchester Piccadilly – Retford (high level)

E43, E44, E45 and E45a: **Wath Central Junction** to read **Wath Junction**

E43 and E45a: Mexborough East Junction also known as Mexborough No. 2 box

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

E46: **Penistone (Quarry Junction)** to read **Penistone Barnsley Junction**

E48: **Loversall Junction (Up line)** to read **Loversall Carr Junction (Up line)**

E50: Joan Croft is two words

E51: *from 14 May 1979 service reduced from all-year weekdays to summer Saturdays only*

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)**; all-year weekday service added from 14 May 1979

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 have required to use this route. No trains so booked, but happened during engineering works.

LONDON MIDLAND REGION

M3: *line closed entirely from 31 May 1980 - entry deleted with **PSUL** 1980 edition*

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

M10: entry is misplaced (at foot of page 10)

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

M17: *ceased at end of 1979 summer season – last ran 21 September 1979*

M21: reverted to seasonal only use from 12 May 1980

New entry: **Madeley Junction – Telford (Coalbrookdale)** *{new service from 27 May until 2 September 1979 for one season only (service restored 1987)}*

Special excursion service to Ironbridge and Coalbrookdale museums, advertised locally: Sundays only, 27 May until 2 September 1979:

0846 and 1740 Birmingham New Street – Coalbrookdale

1100 and 1245 Wolverhampton – Coalbrookdale

1005 and 1155 Coalbrookdale – Wolverhampton

1630 and 1850 Coalbrookdale – Birmingham New Street

New entry: **Kidderminster Junction – Foley Park (BR/SVR boundary) – Bewdley (Severn Valley Railway)** *{new route from 4 August 1979}*

Special DMU service as locally advertised on Saturdays 4, 11, 18 and 25 August. 1055, 1215, 1715, 1845 Kidderminster – Bewdley and return (*Branch Line News* 375, p.138)

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

M40: D 1240 SO Bangor – Liverpool Lime Street started D 1210 SO

M41: 0206 SUN Stafford – Liverpool Lime Street was portion off 2320 SO from Euston

M44: **Bidston North Junction** to read **Seacombe Junction**; *{service restored – but only as unadvertised staff train – from (or by) 15 May 1979}*

M45: 1230 Chester Manchester Victoria started 1213; 1127 Manchester Victoria – Chester started 1140

M47: from 6 January 1980 add 0855 SUN Euston - Holyhead

M49a: *{new diversionary entry – parts of existing adjacent entries M49 and M50}*

M51: *all-year services withdrawn from 12 May 1980; Denton Jn – Ashton Moss South Junction section reduced to seasonal and diversionary use (see M52 entry); Ashton Moss South Junction - Ashton OAGB Junction without service*

M51, M52 and M53: **Crowthorne Junction** to read **Crowthorn Junction**

M60: add (as exceptions) from 7 July 1979: 2318 SO Manchester Victoria – Leeds, and from 1 October 1979: 2035 Leeds – Manchester Victoria

M74: add (after FROM 14 OCTOBER): due to WCML being blocked by engineering works

M79: *Ceased at end of 1979 season - last ran 5 September 1979.*

M82: *from 4 June 1979 delete entry (which had applied only from 14 May 1979 (Branch Line News 371, p. 99)) – train further diverted via Carlisle station*

WESTERN REGION

W4: add C 2230 SO Newton Abbot – York

W13: note N* applied to **all** trains

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

W22: **Bulmer's Sidings** to read **Bulmer's Hereford Cider Mills platform**; the shuttles on 25 September 1977 may have been the last such local shuttle services between Hereford station and the Bulmers site, there being no mention subsequently in *Branch Line News* of other than occasional through trains, or shuttles totally within the Bulmers compound, until the site went out of use – last public event 31 May 1993. Entry did not re-appear in **PSUL** 1980/1 edition

W25: D 0925 SO Manchester Piccadilly – Newquay started D 0928 SO

W26: **Radyr Branch Junction** add **a.k.a. Penarth Curve East**

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

W35: entry is misplaced (at foot of page 18); delete 0114 Bristol Temple Meads – Milford Haven; add D 1535 WThFO Paddington – Pembroke Dock

SOUTHERN REGION

S1: Winter service was one train a week only:
1935 FO 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

S6: add (*before* list of trains): “Trains terminating or starting at Portsmouth & Southsea (Tables 165, 166 and 182) *except* those listed below:”

S7: from 7 January 1980 add 0605 Brighton – Newhaven Harbour

SCOTTISH REGION

H4: *regular Saturday night diverted East Coast services ceased at end of 1979-80 timetable - last ran 10 May 1980*

H5: “KO” denotes Kensington Olympia

H6 and H8: use by seasonal Sunday Motorail service first run on 1 October 1978, then from 27 May through 1979 season. *Last ran 30 September 1979.*

H12, H13 and H14: **Cowlairs Junction** to read **Cowlairs West Junction**

H20: *Penmanshiel tunnel diversions applied only from 14 May 1979 (Branch Line News 371, p. 99)*

NORTHERN IRELAND RAILWAYS

Antrim – Bleach Green Junction

Services included RPSI summer only *Portrush Flyer*

New entry: **Whitehead – Whitehead Excursion Platform (RPSI)**

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

CÓRAS IOMPAIR ÉIREANN

Dublin: Glasnevin Junction – Islandbridge Junction services to read:

0715, 0705 SUN, D 1250, 1905, 1905 SUN Dun Laoghaire Pier – Dublin Heuston

0610 (advertised 0605) Dublin Connolly – Cork

D 1240, D 1240 SUN, 1905 SUN Dublin Heuston – Dun Laoghaire Pier

1520 Cork – Dun Laoghaire Pier

Limerick Junction: Kyle Crossing points – Milltown Crossing points services to read:

0835, N* 1740 WO Limerick – Dublin Heuston

N* 0915 WO, 1745 FX, 1748 FO (advertised 1745) Dublin Heuston – Limerick

N* = *Radio Train* excursions, 11 July until 15 August 1979

Also special trains to and from Limerick with points Thurles or north thereof

Cobh Junction – Youghal

Add: Annual Knock special to Claremorris

Sea-Breeze Excursion services to read (other details and note unaltered):

ND 1000, 1115, 1430, 1840 Cork – Youghal (all SUN)

ND 1110, 1230, 1730, 1950 Youghal – Cork (all SUN)

Despite the Sea-Breeze Excursion services continuing to be shown in later years' working timetables, CIÉ did not operate them after the 1979 season (*BLBranch Line News* 391, p.64 and 419, p.126)
