

Passenger Train Services over Unusual Lines

1981-2

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1 June 1981 until 16 May 1982 (Córas Iompair Éireann 29 June 1981 until 27 June 1982). 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: **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

L2: *from July 1981 delete entry - line ceased to be available (Branch Line News 498, p.214/4A)*

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

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

L4: from 5 October 1981 services to read: 0607 SX Stratford (high level) – Tottenham Hale; 2158 SX Camden Road – Stratford (high level) *[all SO services withdrawn]*

L5: *withdrawn with effect from 5 October 1981*

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

L16: title to read: **[Junction Road Junction -] Covered Way west end - Gospel Oak Junction**

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

L19: **Brent Junction** to read **Brent Curve Junction**

L20: *Motorail ceased after 1981 season – last ran 24/25 October 1981*

New entry: **L23 Old Oak Common West – Northolt Junction**

1741 Paddington – Birmingham New Street

0645 SX, 0707 SO Birmingham New Street – Paddington

L30: was previously L30a

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

L35 (Willesden Junction ... Kensington Olympia section): delete: C 2115 SUN Inverness – Kensington O; C 0759 SX Kensington O – Carlisle; C 1610 SX Carlisle – Kensington O

L35 (... Latchmere Junction - Factory Junction section): *services (Motorail) ceased after 1981 season – last Dover – Stirling ran 10/11 October 1981*

L35: *all Motorail services to, from or via Kensington Olympia ceased after 1981 season – last ran 24/25 October 1981*

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

Ceased with effect from 11 October 1981 (train then departed from Eastern instead of Central side at Victoria - see new entry next below)

New entry: **Grosvenor Bridge Junction (South-eastern section) – Stewarts Lane Junction – Factory Junction** *{from 11 October 1981 – existing NRU facility}*
0355 SUN Victoria – Dover Priory

This is the first observed use of “Grosvenor Bridge Junction” for the south-eastern side connections at Battersea Pier Junction

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

L45: add: N 0415 SX Orpington – Blackfriars; 0540 SX Blackfriars – Bromley North (*Branch Line News* 427, p.224 - *line did **not** close 1 June 1981; 0540 train was SX not SO*)

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

L53: delete 1657 SX, 1702 SX, 1747 SX from London Bridge

L55 – L59: services extensively amended during resignalling and track rationalisation in the Norwood Junction / East Croydon area

L56a: *from 17 May 1982 line closed - delete entry (Branch Line News 438, p.61)*

L57: *from 26 October 1981 line closed - delete entry (Branch Line News 430, p.253)*

EASTERN REGION

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

Trains shown non-stop between Ipswich and Harwich Parkeston Quay

E2: was previously E3; from 5 October 1981 some westbound trains retimed a few minutes earlier from Norwich

E4: add: *{new entry - from Sunday 7 June 1981, summer Sundays only}* (became Saturdays instead of Sundays from summer 1982)

E4a: add: *{new entry – from 1 June 1981; the “route” is merely an elongated connection, in Down direction only, from Down Stamford line to Down (ECML) Main line, parallel to the latter};* from 5 October 1981 delete 0830 SX and 1817 from Kings Cross

New entry: **Welwyn Garden City flyover**

Most up local stopping trains, starting from Welwyn Garden City

E8 and E8a: **Pelman Street Junction** to read **Pelham Street Junction**

E9: text to read: Special trains Ulceby/Goxhill to and from Barnetby and beyond

E10: was previously E9; Trains ran from Hull for 1500 KO at 1430 and 1440, returning at 1650 and 1658; for 1930 KO at 1905, returning at 2128

E11: was previously E10

E14 and E16: the slow lines between **Ferryhill South Junction, Ferryhill and Tursdale Junction** *had* to be used by trains using either of these routes

E15: delete entry: *“route” is merely the slow lines between Ferryhill South Junction and Tursdale Junction - a multiple track section of the ECML.*

E17: amend **Gateshead High Street Junction** to read **Park Lane Junction**

E18: from 5 October 1981 add: 1322 SX Newcastle – Durham; 1405 SX Durham – Newcastle; 1908 SUN Newcastle – Liverpool L St; and delete 1240 SUN Newcastle – Liverpool L St

E25: used on Saturdays in July and August 1981 by 1422 SO Blackpool North – Leicester relief train (*Branch Line News* 426, p.205)

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

E32: categorised as a Goods Line

E35: *delete entry: the section Pyewipe Junction – High Marnham had been out of use since a derailment early in 1980 and was being lifted in summer/autumn 1981 (Branch Line News 431, p. 266)*

E36: *delete entry: facility ceased by February 1982*

E38: add: *{new entry – existing facility not previously recorded} Branch Line News 353, p.160 recorded a train in August 1978, but last such use was probably 15 November 1980 (Branch Line News 419, p.122)*

E40: title to read: **Retford West Junction (high level platform 2) - Thrumpton West Junction**; in entries, Retford GN to read 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**

New entry: **Doncaster: Bridge Junction – Hexthorpe Junction**

Goods Line; Special trains *returning* from RAF Finningley Open Day (each September from 19 September 1981) to Sheffield or beyond

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

E50: Joan Croft is two words

E54: add: *{new entry – engineering diversions from 1 June 1981} From 6 July 1981 delete the diversions - trains reverted to normal route. *This diversion later became a regular feature – but only actually used when engineering work dictated.**

E55: add: *{new entry – engineering diversions from 7 June 1981} From 10 January 1982 delete the diversions - trains reverted to normal route. *This diversion later became a regular feature – but only actually used when engineering work dictated.**

E57: add: *{gained dated Sunday service for 1981 season only – first ran 7 June, last ran 6 September 1981}*

E58: was previously E56: *from 17 May 1982 evening SX service ceased – reduced to summer Saturday use only*

E59: was previously E58

E60: was previously E59; heading to read: **Heaton Lodge Junction – site of Spen Valley Junction (via fast lines)**; from 5 October 1981 delete 0748 SX Hull – Manchester Victoria *(route reverted to seasonal only use)*

E61: was previously E60; **Heaton Lodge Junction** to read **Heaton Lodge East Junction**

E63 and E64: **Gelderd Road Junction** to read **Geldard Road Junction**

LONDON MIDLAND REGION

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

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

M15: *Motorail ceased at end of 1981 summer season – last ran 18 September 1981*

M16: delete 1322 Norwich – Birmingham New Street (booked to call at Nuneaton): *all-year weekday service withdrawn with effect from 1 June 1981 – became summer Saturdays only*

M22: *from 1 June 1981 increased to daily all-year*

M28 and M29: *did not reappear in **PSUL** 1982 edition (but all sections covered – albeit less frequently – in adjacent entries)*

M38 (... Crewe Coal Yard section): *Motorail ceased at end of 1981 summer season – last ran 23 October 1981*

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

M44: **Bidston North Junction** to read **Seacombe Junction**

M45: add: 1652 Bangor – Manchester Victoria

M47: the diversions applied from 25 October 1981; add: 0107 SUN Holyhead - Euston

M51: *addition of summer Saturday trains from 6 June 1981*

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

M54: out of use east of Cheadle Junction since summer 1980 (initially temporarily but never restored as a through route)
Delete section Apethorne Junction – Godley Junction – formally closed 20 July 1981 (Branch Line News 423, p.169)

M56: *from 20 July 1981 delete entry – section Hadfield – Penistone Huddersfield Junction closed to all traffic (Branch Line News 423, p.169)*

M68 and M68a: *from 1 November 1981 delete entry (line via Clock Face closed)*

M78: add: Although the overall terminal was known operationally as Heysham Harbour, the passenger station was plain Heysham

M80: delete “N” note – train was advertised on page 1277 of public timetable

WESTERN REGION

W1: 0617 SO Redhill – Portsmouth Hbr ran via Reading; add: ND 1105 WO Portsmouth Hbr – Newcastle; from 5 October 1981 2051 SX Tonbridge started 2106 SX

W5: add: *from 1 June 1981 an unadvertised regular (7 dates only) train added*

W10: on Saturday nights/Sundays from 10/11 October 1981 until 2/3 January 1982 add: 0845, 1035 Paddington – Plymouth/Penzance; 2045 SO Penzance – Paddington; 0730, 0910 Plymouth – Paddington

W12: add: *{new entry – existing facility previously unrecorded}*

W13 and W14: were previously W12 and W13, respectively

W14a: add: *{new entry for dates specified – for engineering works (see also existing adjacent entries W14 and W16)}*

W15: was previously W14: semi-regular summer TWThO workings from South Wales for Bristol Zoo had died out by about 1973/4

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: seasonal services ceased after 1982 season

SOUTHERN REGION

S1: resumed bi-weekly winter service from 17 November 1981 (but still only *to* the quay, at 2225 TFO from Weymouth)

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

Add entry: **Laverstock North Junction – Laverstock South Junction**

Used for diversions when the line between Southampton and Worting Junction is blocked by engineering works

Line commissioned 28 August 1981; first diversionary use 14 September 1981

SCOTTISH REGION

H3: reopened by March 1982

H5: from 5 October 1981 amend 2045 Inverness – Euston to 2045 SX, and delete 2150 SX, 2150 SUN Euston – Inverness

H12: **Cowlairs Junction** to read **Cowlairs West Junction**

From 5 October 1981 0420 Mossend – Glasgow Queen Street started 0327; 2236 Cowlairs – Mossend extended to Carstairs SO (through Euston ⇔ Fort William coaches)

H14: **Cowlairs Junction** to read **Cowlairs West Junction**

H13: from 10 August 1981 delete entry (line taken out of use – *Branch Line News* 425, p.193)

H25: from 5 October 1981 N* 1618 SX Rosyth Dockyard started N* 1621 SX

LONDON TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE

Watford North Junction – East Junction

Add: Also used on Boxing Day when Metropolitan line Amersham service operated via Watford (*this arrangement started from Boxing Day 1981 – Branch Line News 469/43D*)

NORTHERN IRELAND RAILWAYS

Antrim – Bleach Green Junction: add: Summer service only: Outward and return RPSI *Portrush Flyer* excursion Belfast York Road - Portrush, fortnightly Saturdays July and August

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

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

CÓRAS IOMPAIR ÉIREANN

Cobh Junction – Youghal

Despite the Sea-Breeze Excursion services continuing to be shown in working timetable, CIÉ did not operate any after the 1979 season (*Branch Line News* 391, p.64 and 419, p.126)
