

Passenger Train Services over Unusual Lines

1988-9

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Monday 16 May 1988 to Sunday 14 May 1989. Unless otherwise indicated, trains operated on Mondays to Saturdays only. SUN denotes Sunday trains. Winter timetable started Monday 3 October 1988. All dates quoted are inclusive.

Explanation of references: refer to the **Introduction**

The two alpha characters after the title indicate the working timetable section containing the line.

This is a new edition, compiled from original sources and contains corrections which may not have appeared at the time. However, the line numbers that had been used in the 1988 printed edition of **PSUL** are also shown in brackets [] for ease of cross-reference.

From this year onwards, lines passed for passenger traffic which had **no** service included in the working timetables during the year in question have **generally** been excluded (even where they may have been included in the printed version).

Compared with the compilers of the original paper edition, the current compiler – in reviewing and revising this *and subsequent* editions – has taken a different view of the appropriateness of a number of entries, regarding them as elements of a multiple-track section of railway or as junctionry, rather than “obscure routes” in their own right. The following entries in the 1988 paper edition are therefore withdrawn as not falling within the criteria for inclusion, rather than because they had gone out of use: L1, L33, L43a, L55, L56, L57, L58, E5, E15, E43, E44 and M11. It is acknowledged that this is a somewhat “gray” area and the decision for in- rather than ex- clusion may seem arbitrary (for example, the survival of M35 and M67).

Land cruise trains and semi-regular excursions

Land cruise trains are **not** included in this compilation (but other services at day excursion fares may be included).

LONDON AREA

Forest Gate Junction – Woodgrange Park Junction *and* Barking Station Junction – Barking Tilbury Line Junction West (via flyover) [L2] LC

Used by evening/night LT&S line services diverted to Liverpool Street between 2100 SX / 0200 MO and 0630.

Trains to or from the Upminster line continue to use the Tilbury Line Junction West – Upney Junction link at the east end of Barking station, but this is henceforth regarded as merely a junction rather than a route.

Reading Lane Junction – Navarino Road Junction (Graham Road curve) LB

Peak-hour SX trains between Willesden Junction and Liverpool Street via Primrose Hill (see Table 58)

Camden Road West Junction – Primrose Hill – Camden Junction (with DC lines) {*new entry – existing minimal service*} CB

Services calling at Primrose Hill (see Table 58)

Euston - Camden Washing Plant Junction (via down departure diveunder line) [L10] CA/CC

Departures from Euston: 0710 SX, 1735 (from 2 October 1988), 1823 FO, 1843 ThFO, 1705 SUN, 2245 SUN (from 9 October 1988)

Old Oak Common (West London Junction) – North Pole Junction [– Kensington Olympia] [L36] PA/WB

Previously summer Saturday service only – from 16 May 1988 became all-year

Trains between Reading and Kensington Olympia (see Table 50)

VSOE excursion Victoria – Bristol, WO

Willesden West London Junction – Mitre Bridge Junction – North Pole Junction [– Kensington Olympia] [L35] CB/WB

Trains between the Midlands and Kensington Olympia *other than those via Reading* (see Table 50)

Became summer Saturday only from 15 May 1989

Old Oak Common West – Northolt Junction

1747 SX Paddington – Banbury

0653 SX Leamington Spa – Paddington

¶ SUNDAYS FROM 5 FEBRUARY UNTIL 19 MARCH 1989: High Wycombe line trains diverted to/from Paddington

East Putney Junction – Point Pleasant Junction [L30] WH

N 2324 Waterloo – Wimbledon (staff)

Battersea Pier Junction (Central section) – Stewarts Lane Junction – Pouparts Junction [L31] WF

0525/0625 SX, D 0525 SO, D 0525 SUN, D 1720/1820 Newhaven Harbour – Victoria

VSOE return excursion Chichester – Victoria, WO

Grosvenor Bridge Junction (South-eastern section) – Stewarts Lane Junction – Latchmere No.2 Junction [L32] WB {*previously no booked service shown*}

VSOE excursion Victoria – Bristol Temple Meads, WO

Latchmere No. 2 Junction – Longhedge Junction – Factory Junction [L37] WB

D 0653/0712 SUN Wolverhampton – Folkestone Central

D 1645 SUN Folkestone Central – Wolverhampton

0651 Crewe/0603 Liverpool Lime Street – Folkestone Central/Dover WD

1718 SX, D 1718 SO Folkestone Central – Liverpool Lime Street/Crewe

D 1352 SO Dover WD – Liverpool Lime Street

Latchmere No. 2 Junction – Clapham Junction (Windsor side, bay platform 2) [L38] WB

Local services between Kensington Olympia and Clapham Junction (see Table 149) *except* 0746 SX Clapham Junction – Kensington O

D 0608 SO Bolton – Poole

D 1341 SO Poole – Bolton

Latchmere No. 2 Junction – Clapham Junction (Central section, platforms 16 & 17) – Falcon Junction WB

0746 SX Clapham Junction – Kensington O

0718, D 0850/0923 SUN Manchester Piccadilly – Brighton/Eastbourne

D 2325 FO Manchester Piccadilly – Weymouth via Gatwick

0815 SO, 0845 SX Brighton / 0955 SO Eastbourne – Manchester P

D 1355 SO Eastbourne – Glasgow Central

D 1722 SUN Brighton – Derby

1050 Glasgow Central – Brighton/Eastbourne

D 1145 SUN Edinburgh – Brighton

1315 SX, D 1315 SO Brighton – Glasgow Central

1322/1622 SUN Brighton – Manchester P

Brixton Junction – Canterbury Road Junction – Cambria Junction [L43] WB

N 0529 SO Victoria – Orpington (staff)

0559 SO Victoria – Sevenoaks (until 9 July 1988)

0657 SO, 0757 and hourly until 1557, 0827 SX, D 1605 SO, 1628 SX, 1657 SO, 1704 SX, 1724 SX, 1757 SO, 1857 and hourly until 2257, 0655 SUN and hourly until 2155 SUN, 2305 SUN Victoria – Ashford/Dartford/Dover

WD/Faversham/Margate/Maidstone East/Ramsgate

N 0312 SO Ramsgate – Victoria (staff)

0507 SO Orpington - Victoria (until 9 July 1988)

0628 SX Gillingham – Victoria

D 1255 SO Dover WD - Victoria

1707 SX and hourly to 2107 SX, 2207, 0711 SUN and hourly to 2108 SUN Ashford – Victoria

Some boat trains between Victoria and Folkestone Harbour/Dover WD used this route

Cannon Street South Junction – Metropolitan Junction [L46] WC

N 0455 SX Charing Cross – Cannon Street (staff)

Lewisham Vale Junction - Tanners Hill Junction (St. Johns reversible line) [L47] WC

SX departures from Charing Cross not calling at New Cross: 1610, 1619, 1631, 1639, 1644, 1659, 1706, 1719, 1726, 1739, 1746, 1759, 1819

SX departures from Lewisham to Charing Cross, not calling at New Cross, between 0653 and 0955

0738 SX Maidstone West – Charing Cross

0652 SX Rochester – Charing Cross

0652 SO Gravesend – Charing Cross

1000 SX and hourly until 1500 SX, 1800 SX Gillingham – Charing Cross

0740 SX, 1806 SX Dardoningford – Charing Cross

0737 SX Strood – Charing Cross

St. John's Junction – Parks Bridge Junction – Courthill Loop South Junction [L48] WC

Trains between Charing Cross or Cannon Street and the Hither Green line not booked to call at Lewisham

St. John's Junction – Parks Bridge Junction – Ladywell Junction [L49] WC

Trains to and from the Catford Bridge line not booked to call at Lewisham

Beckenham Junction – New Beckenham Junction [L50] WB/WC

N 0021 SX, N 0021 SUN Orpington – Charing Cross (staff)

Chislehurst Junction - St. Mary Cray Junction [L52]

1634 SX, 1654 SX, 1714 SX, 1734 SX, 1754 SX, 1814 SX, 1848 SX Cannon St – Ramsgate

0554 SX, 0623 SX, 0644 SX, 0702 SX, 0724 SX, 0741 SX Ramsgate – Cannon St;
0618 SX Faversham - Cannon St

South Bermondsey Junction - Bricklayers Arms Junction (via spur or reversible lines) [L53] WF

Up trains on weekdays calling at any station Sydenham – New Cross Gate and terminating at London Bridge (see Table 178)

Streatham North Junction - Streatham South Junction (via Reversible Fast spur) [L54] WF

0822 SO, 1122, 1322 SX, 1422 SO, 1522 SX, 1622 SO, 1722 SO Dorking – Victoria

0704 SO, 0904 SO, 1004 SO, 1204, 1304 SO, 1400 SX, 1504 SO Horsham – Victoria

Stoats Nest Junction – Earlswood (via Quarry line) [L59] WE

Principal use: trains between East Croydon and Gatwick Airport not booked to call at Redhill (with some exceptions, principally during night hours)

Tulse Hill Junction – Leigham Junction [L60] WF

1930 SX London Bridge – Streatham Hill

0549 SX, 0617 SX, 0827 SX Streatham Hill – London Bridge

ANGLIA REGION

Ely North Junction – Ely West Junction (via west curve) [A1] LB

Summer Saturday service only:

Departures from Great Yarmouth at: 1020, 1340 to Birmingham New Street;
1400 to Manchester Piccadilly; 1530 to Newcastle; 1552 to Leeds

0722 from Newcastle

0750 and 0955 from Birmingham New Street

0908 from Leeds

0650 from Manchester Piccadilly

Tilbury South Junction – Tilbury East Junction LC

0538, 2355 SO Liverpool Street – Shoeburyness
0505 SO, 0510 SX Shoeburyness – Fenchurch Street
N 0100 Pitsea – Barking (staff)
0511 SX Pitsea – Liverpool St
N 0252, 2310 SO Shoeburyness – Tilbury Riverside
1642 SX Thorpe Bay - Fenchurch Street
N 0100 Tilbury Riverside – Shoeburyness (staff)
N 0528 Tilbury Riverside – Pitsea (staff)

Manningtree Junction: North Junction – East Junction LA

Trains shown non-stop between Ipswich and Harwich Parkeston Quay (see Table 11)

Shenfield – Mountnessing Junction (via reversible Southend loop) LA

Most down trains to the Southend Victoria line if booked to call at Shenfield.
Most weekday up services from the Southend Victoria line if booked to call at Brentwood (see Table 5)

[**note:** accessible from Shenfield platforms 4 and 5 only; other trains used Southend main lines]

EASTERN REGION

Welwyn Garden City flyover YA

Most up local stopping trains, *starting* from Welwyn Garden City

Langley Junction (up) – Langley South Junction (via Up Hertford spur) YA

Up trains to the Hertford North line from points north of Stevenage (see Table 25).

[**note:** trains *starting* at Stevenage normally used the down, reversible, spur]

Barkston East Junction – Allington Junction [E7] YC

Summer dated trains between Nottingham and Sleaford not booked to call at Grantham (see Table 27)

Northallerton High Junction – Eaglescliffe South Junction {*new entry – existing route with reduced level of service*} YD

0525 Newcastle – Kings Cross via Sunderland

Hull: Anlaby Road Junction – West Parade North Junction [E11] YC

Summer Saturday service only:

1310 Scarborough - Leicester

Darlington South Junction - North Junction (via main line avoiding station)

[E17] YA

Trains between York and Newcastle not booked to call at Darlington (see Table 26)

King Edward Bridge South Junction – Gateshead High Level Junction [E18]

YA/YD

0700 SX (until 30 September 1988), 1840 SX Darlington – Newcastle

0727 York – Newcastle

0656 Cardiff Central – Newcastle

0933, D 1553 SO Paignton – Newcastle

1608 SX, 1740/1805 SO, 1800 SX Durham – Newcastle

D 0800 SO, D 1545 SO Penzance – Newcastle

0740 SUN Plymouth/0925/0944 SUN Bristol Temple Meads – Newcastle

0734/0735 SO, 1050, 1243/1254 SO, 1313 SX, 1637 SX Newcastle – Durham

1310 Newcastle – Plymouth

1744 SX, 1744/1755 SO Newcastle – Bristol Temple Meads

2135 Newcastle – Durham/Darlington

0955/1103 SUN Newcastle – Poole

1458 SUN Newcastle – Birmingham New Street (until 2 October 1988)

1116 Newcastle – Cardiff Central

1720/1730 SUN Newcastle – Bristol Temple Meads

0545 SX, 1345 SO Durham – Newcastle (from 3 October 1988)

0909/0922 SUN Derby – Newcastle (from 9 October 1988)

1704 SO Newcastle – Durham (from 8 October 1988)

0550, 096, 1132, 1713 SO Newcastle – Hexham

1757, 1912, 2100 Newcastle – Carlisle

1100, 1400, 1500 SX, 1805, 2110 SO, 2320 SX Hexham – Newcastle

0745, 1137 SX, 1618, 1855, 2100 Carlisle – Newcastle

King Edward Bridge North Junction – Gateshead Park Lane Junction [E19]

YD

1258 SX, 1358 SX Middlesbrough – Newcastle

1630 SX, 1840 SO, 2040 SO Sunderland – Newcastle

1300 Newcastle - Sunderland

1630 SX Kings Cross – Newcastle via Sunderland

Bishop Auckland – Stanhope *{new entry – service restored, on summer Sundays only, from 22 May 1988}*

Summer Sunday service only:

Until 2 October 1988

0900, 1600 Darlington – Stanhope

1015, 1720 Stanhope – Darlington or beyond

From 19 March 1989:

0840, 1040 Saltburn – Stanhope

1543 Darlington – Stanhope

1130, 1338, 1710 Stanhope – Darlington

Dore South Junction – Dore West Junction [E24] YE

D 1400 SO Yarmouth – Manchester P

1242 Ipswich – Blackpool N

D 0650 SO Manchester Piccadilly – Yarmouth

0730 Liverpool Lime Street - Norwich

1535 Liverpool Lime Street – Lowestoft

0513 Cambridge – Blackpool N

Tapton Junction – Beighton Junction – Woodhouse Junction [E25] YC/YE
D 0800 SO Leicester – Scarborough
However, *Branch Line News* no. 563, p. 174/87-83A reported that the train *in practice* in 1987 instead used Tapton Junction Down Goods Loop to be overtaken

Castleford – Milford Junction [E30] YE
Summer service only:
D 0828 SO, D 1007 SUN, D 0830 SX Wakefield Westgate – Scarborough
D 1835 SUN, D 1925 SX Scarborough – Wakefield Westgate
D 1048 SO Scarborough - Sheffield

Gascoigne Wood Junction – Milford Junction [E31] YG
Summer Saturday service only
1310 Scarborough – Leicester

Temple Hirst Junction - Selby South Junction YA
Weekday trains between Doncaster and Selby

Woodburn Junction – Wadsley Bridge [E38]
Football specials for visiting team supporters in connection with Sheffield
Wednesday home matches

York Burton Lane Junction – Rowntree’s Halt
Unadvertised workers’ service:
N* 0616 SX Doncaster – Rowntree’s Halt
N* 1637 SX Rowntree’s Halt – Sheffield
From 11 July 1988 service withdrawn

Thrumpton West Junction - Retford West Junction (high level platform 2)
[E40] YC
0536, 0743, 0926, 1317, 1648, 1838, 2134 SUN, 2138, 2230 Sheffield – Retford
0630, 0717, 0840, 1025, 1500/1518, 1742, 1933, 2230 SUN, 2233, 2327 Retford – Sheffield
D 0955 SO Manchester Piccadilly - Yarmouth

Aldwarke Junction: South-west – North-east connection [E43] YE
Trains between Sheffield and Doncaster
From 3 October 1988 overtaken by next entry

Holmes Junction – Rotherham Masborough – Aldwarke North Junctions *{new entry from 3 October 1988 when Rotherham Masborough station closed and use of this existing route became “obscure”}* YE
Trains between Sheffield and Doncaster, York or Leeds not booked to call at Rotherham Central or Barnsley

Doncaster Bridge Junction – St. James’s Junction [E47]
Special trains *from* RAF Finningley Open Day to Sheffield used this route *in earlier years*. Shuttle service ran until 23 September 1989, but no guarantee that they ran to Sheffield via this route, rather than to Doncaster station.

LONDON MIDLAND REGION

Bedford South Junction – Bedford North Junction (via avoiding line) *{new entry – existing route not previously recorded}*

Trains not booked to call at Bedford

Corby – Manton Junction [M1] CJ

¶ SATURDAY NIGHTS/SUNDAYS FROM 19/20 NOVEMBER 1988:

Trains between Kettering and Leicester from midnight until ca. 1500

Syston East Junction – North Junction [M5] *{new service from 21 May 1988}*

CJ

Summer Saturday service only: 1400 SO Yarmouth – Manchester Piccadilly

Trent East Junction – Toton Centre [M6] CJ

Although D 1400 SO Yarmouth – Manchester Piccadilly was shown this way from 21 May until 9 July 1988 in the working timetables, *Branch Line News* 592, p.245/88-36B reported the train as *not* running this route

¶ ON SATURDAY NIGHTS/SUNDAYS FROM 19/20 NOVEMBER 1988:

Trains between Derby and Chesterfield from ca. 2200 Saturday until ca. 1515 Sunday

Trent Sheet Stores Junction – Castle Donington – Stenson Junction [M7]

{new entry – for engineering diversions}

¶ ON SUNDAYS FROM UNTIL 14 AUGUST 1988:

Trains between Leicester and Derby until ca. 1300

Nottingham, Mansfield Junction – Radford Junction – Trowell Junction

[M8a] CJ

1815 SX St.Pancras – Barnsley

0705 SX Sheffield – St.Pancras

Line temporarily closed by derailment 1 September 1988: these trains diverted via Toton Centre and Attenborough Junction (the route used by other trains between Sheffield and Nottingham). Line not reopened until 14 May 1990 when it again became recognised route between Sheffield and Nottingham.

Hatton West Junction – Hatton North Junction

0801 SX, 1752 SO Stratford upon Avon – Birmingham Snow Hill

1723 SX Birmingham Snow Hill – Stratford upon Avon

Summer Sunday service between Birmingham New Street and Stratford upon Avon

Aston South Junction – Stechford North Junction [M13/M14/M15] CD

0654 SX Walsall – Milton Kenyes Central

0712 SX Walsall – Birmingham International

1833 SX Birmingham International - Walsall

1624 SX Rugby – Walsall

1535 FO Euston – Wolverhampton (not advertised before 30 September 1988)

¶ ON SATURDAY NIGHTS/SUNDAYS UNTIL 13/14 AUGUST 1988 AND FROM 19/20 NOVEMBER UNTIL 11/12 FEBRUARY 1989:

Trains between Euston and Stafford or beyond from ca. 2200 Saturday until ca. 1600 Sunday (see Table 65)

Landor Street Junction – St. Andrews Junction – Bordesley Junction

[M20/M21] CL

D 2220 FO Newcastle – Paignton +

D 0700 SO Glasgow Queen Street – Newquay +

D 0727 SO Leeds – Penzance +

D 0800 SO Penzance – Newcastle +

D 0820 SO Newquay – Glasgow Queen Street +

D 0910 SO Weymouth – Newcastle §

D 1110 SO Poole – York §

[**note:** + = also traverses Bordesley Junction – Kings Norton Station Junction; § = also traverses Bordesley Junction – Small Heath South Junction]

Birmingham Grand Junction - Bordesley Junction – Small Heath South Junction CL

0624 SX Dorridge – Hereford

2245 Birmingham New Street – Shirley

2130 Leamington Spa – Birmingham New Street

0424 Birmingham New Street – Poole

Summer Sunday services Birmingham New Street ⇔ Stratford upon Avon

D 0910 SO Weymouth – Newcastle

D 1110 SO Poole – York

D 1241 SO Poole – Leeds

D 0608 SO Sheffield – Poole

D 0847 SO Leeds – Poole

D 1508 SO Poole – Liverpool Lime Street

¶ ON SUNDAYS FROM 21 AUGUST UNTIL 13 NOVEMBER 1988 until ca. 1600 AND FROM 19 FEBRUARY 1989 until ca. 1400:

Trains between Birmingham New Street and Leamington Spa

¶ SUNDAYS FROM 8 JANUARY 1989:

0925 Bristol Temple Meads – Newcastle

0837 Plymouth - Liverpool Lime Street

1058 Plymouth – Edinburgh

2200 SO Glasgow Central – Plymouth (until 22 January 1989)

0940 York – Exeter St Davids

Birmingham Grand Junction – Lifford East Junction – Kings Norton Station Junction [M21/M22] CL

2200 SX Glasgow Central – Plymouth/Penzance

2200 SO Glasgow Central – Bristol Temple Meads (19 November until 17 December 1988)

0940 Worcester Shrub Hill – Birmingham New Street

D 0710 SO Manchester Piccadilly – Newquay

1021 § Liverpool Lime Street – Exeter St Davids (§ = not summer Saturdays)

D 1736 SO Manchester Piccadilly – Plymouth

D 0015 SO Plymouth – Manchester Piccadilly

0616 § Bristol Temple Meads – Liverpool Lime Street

1718 SUN Liverpool Lime Street – Bristol Temple Meads

D 0950 SO Newquay – Manchester Piccadilly

D 1202 SO Penzance – Liverpool Lime Street

1733 SUN, D 2210 SUN Bristol Temple Meads – Birmingham New Street

D 0830 SO Bristol Temple Meads – Glasgow Central

Birmingham Grand Junction – Lifford East Junction – Lifford West Junction [M21/M22/M23] CL

Although D 0910 SO Weymouth – Newcastle was shown this way in the working timetables, *Branch Line News* 592, p.252/88 reported the train reversing at Birmingham New Street instead of running by this route

Soho South Junction – Perry Barr North Junction [M25] CD

2305 SO Walsall – Birmingham New Street

¶ SATURDAY NIGHTS UNTIL 14 AUGUST 1988:

2205 SO Glasgow Central – Plymouth

¶ SUNDAYS 29 JANUARY UNTIL 12 FEBRUARY 1989:

1420 SUN Shrewsbury – Euston

¶ SUNDAYS UNTIL 14 AUGUST 1988 until 1545 AND FROM 19 FEBRUARY 1989 until 1500: Most trains between Birmingham New Street and Wolverhampton [other trains ran via Aston]

¶ SUNDAYS FROM 19 FEBRUARY 1989:

Trains shown non-stop between Birmingham New Street and Stafford *except* 1305 Birmingham New Street – Glasgow Central, 1510 Birmingham New Street – Manchester Piccadilly and 1225 Liverpool Lime Street – Plymouth

Soho North Junction – Perry Barr South Junction [M26] CD

N 0350 Wolverhampton – Birmingham New Street (staff)

Bescot Junction – Bushbury Junction [M15/M15a/M27] CD

¶ ON SATURDAY NIGHTS/SUNDAYS UNTIL 13/14 AUGUST 1988 AND FROM 19/20 NOVEMBER UNTIL 11/12 FEBRUARY 1989:

Trains between Euston and Stafford or beyond from ca. 2200 Saturday until ca. 1600 Sunday (see Table 65)

2200/2205 SO Glasgow Central – Bristol Temple Meads/ Plymouth

1905 SO Plymouth – Edinburgh

Bescot Junction – Wolverhampton Crane Street Junction [M14/M28] CD
0929 SX, D 1329 SO Birmingham New Street – Aberystwyth
1029 SX, D 1029 SO Birmingham New Street – Shrewsbury
D 1210 SO Paignton – Rose Grove
2200 SX, 2200/2210 SUN Glasgow – Plymouth /Penzance
1711 SX, D 1711 SO Aberystwyth – Birmingham New Street
D 0735 SUN Wolverhampton – Paignton
1535 FO Euston – Wolverhampton (not advertised before 30 September 1988)
Variously dated SUN workings
¶ SUNDAYS UNTIL 14 AUGUST 1988 until 1545 AND FROM 20 NOVEMBER
1988 until 1500:
Trains (*except Sprinters*) between Birmingham New Street and Wolverhampton

Pleck Junction – Wolverhampton Crane Street Junction [M30] CD
N 0300 Birmingham New Street – Wolverhampton via Walsall (staff)

Lichfield CityTrent Valley High Level – Wichnor Junction [M32]
From 28 November 1988 heading amended to **Lichfield Trent Valley High Level
– Wichnor Junction** upon resumption of regular service between Lichfield City
and Trent Valley
¶ SUNDAYS 21 AUGUST UNTIL 13 NOVEMBER 1988:
Trains between Birmingham New Street and Burton on Trent until ca. 1600

Walsall – Hednesford – Rugeley Trent Valley North Junction [M33] CD
{new entry – for engineering diversions}
From 10 April 1989 heading amended to **Hednesford - Rugeley Trent Valley
North Junction** upon resumption of regular service between Walsall and
Hednesford
¶ SUNDAYS FROM 19 FEBRUARY UNTIL 14 MAY 1989:
Trains shown non-stop between Birmingham New Street and Stafford

Madeley Junction – Ironbridge Gorge – Buildwas (Ironbridge Power Station)
Summer Sunday service only - 24 July until 4 September 1988:
1000 Sutton Coldfield – Ironbridge Gorge
1610 Wolverhampton – Ironbridge Gorge
1145, 1715 Ironbridge Gorge – Birmingham New Street
[**note:** outward journey proceeded past halt to reverse at Buildwas, then returned
to halt; return journey ran direct from halt to Madeley Junction]

Wrexham General Platform 3 – Wrexham Exchange Junction [M35] CH
0642 Wrexham General – Bidston
2121 FSX, 2326 FSO Bidston – Wrexham General

Colwich Junction – Stone Junction [M37]
Trains between Euston and Stoke on Trent which do not stop at Stafford, on
weekdays between 0600 and 2230

Crewe North Junction – Crewe Wistaston Road Platform [M39] CH

N* 0610 SX Derby – Crewe Wistaston Road Platform

N* 1430 FO Crewe Wistaston Road Platform – Derby

N* 1659 FSX Crewe Wistaston Road Platform – Blythe Bridge

N* = not advertised between Crewe and Crewe Wistaston Road Platform

Special shuttle services operated – as advertised locally - from Crewe station to the Wistaston Road platform on the occasion of Crewe Works Open Days (last recorded by *Branch Line News* was 4 July 1987).

From 24 April 1989 staff service withdrawn

Frodsham Junction - Halton Junction [M40/M41] CH

Summer Saturday service only

0850 Liverpool Lime Street – Llandudno

1140 Llandudno – Liverpool Lime Street

¶ SUNDAYS UNTIL 13 NOVEMBER 1988:

Trains between Liverpool Lime Street and Crewe until ca. 1530

Chester North Junction – Chester South Junction [M41/M42] CH

¶ SATURDAY NIGHTS/SUNDAYS UNTIL 12/13 NOVEMBER 1988 (to reverse):

Trains between Liverpool Lime Street / Warrington Bank Quay and Crewe until ca. 1530

Warrington Bank Quay South Junction – Walton Old Junction – Acton

Grange Junction [M45] *{from 20 May 1988 limited service resumed}* CG

Summer Saturday service only – from 20 May 1988:

D 0950 SO Llandudno – Manchester Victoria

Northwich West Junction – Middlewich – Sandbach North Junction

[M46a/M47] CM

¶ SUNDAYS 20 NOVEMBER UNTIL 18 DECEMBER 1988 AND FROM 19 FEBRUARY 1989:

0836/08045 Birmingham New Street – Llandudno Junction

0850 Euston – Holyhead

0045 Holyhead - Euston

Denton Junction – Ashton Moss North Junction [M51] CM

0918 Stockport – Blackpool North

D 1205 Stockport – Heysham Sea Terminal

1432 Blackpool North – Stockport

D 1300 Heysham Sea Terminal – Stockport

D 0856 SO Bolton – Paignton

SUN services between Sheffield/Stockport and Manchester Victoria (see Tables 49/50) *except* 0730/0740 Harwich Parkeston Quay – Manchester Victoria

Dinting West Junction – Dinting East Junction [M55] CM

Trains between Manchester Piccadilly and Hadfield which do not call at Glossop (trains which shown *only* an arrival *or* a departure time at Glossop in Table 91)

Philips Park No. 1 (West Curve) Junction – Ashburys West Junction [M58] CM

Sunday service only:

0730/0740 Harwich Parkeston Quay – Manchester Victoria

Golborne Junction – Newton le Willows Junction [M65] CP

2305 SUN Blackpool North – Liverpool Lime Street

Wigan Station Junction: connection between L&NW (North Western station platform 1) and L&Y lines [M67]

¶ SUNDAYS FROM 20 NOVEMBER 1988 UNTIL 12 FEBRUARY 1989:

Trains between Preston and Wigan North Western (diverted via Lostock Junction) until ca. 1500

¶ SUNDAYS FROM 19 FEBRUARY 1989:

Trains between Manchester and Preston until ca. 1200

Earlestown West Junction – Earlestown South Junction [M69] CP *{new entry – for engineering diversions}*

¶ SUNDAYS FROM 20 NOVEMBER 1988 UNTIL 12 FEBRUARY 1989:

Trains between Crewe and Liverpool Lime Street until ca. 1530

Daisyfield Junction - Hellifield Junction [M75] CG

Summer service only

Dalesrail services: first Saturday of month, May to October; and first Sunday of month, July to September

0901 SO Preston – Carlisle

0835 SUN Manchester Victoria – Carlisle

1700 SO Carlisle – Preston

1740 SUN Carlisle – Manchester Victoria

Bare Lane Junction – Hest Bank Junction [M77] CG

D 0828 Barrow in Furness – Preston

1405 Morecambe - Leeds

From 15 May 1989 became summer only

Morecambe Junction – Heysham Sea Terminal [M78] CG

Summer service only

D 1205 Stockport – Heysham Sea Terminal

D 1300 Heysham Sea Terminal – Stockport

SCOTTISH REGION

Barrassie Junction – Kilmarnock GA *{new entry – existing service}*

Until 1 October 1988:

1035 Euston – Stranraer Harbour

1105 Stranraer Harbour – Euston

From 3 October 1988:

0700 Girvan – Newcastle

1105 Stranraer Harbour – Newcastle

1309 SX, 1315 SO Newcastle – Stranraer Harbour

1715 Newcastle – Girvan

This line had reopened for passengers 5 May 1975 and did not reappear in the editions 1978 – 1987, being regarded as a recognised route; included here to confirm its continued use – albeit with change of pattern from October 1988; from 1989 edition again regarded as a recognised passenger route

Rutherglen East Junction – Langloan Junction – Coatbridge Junction [H6]

GA {*new entry – for engineering diversions*}

Rutherglen East Junction – Langloan Junction common with next entry

¶ SUNDAYS FROM 9 OCTOBER 1988:

2105 SO Euston – Inverness

1935 SO Inverness – Euston

Rutherglen East Junction – Langloan Junction – Whifflet North Junction

[H7] GA {*new entry – for engineering diversions from 22 May until 2 October 1988 and for sleeper services from 23 January until night of 14 May 1989*}

Rutherglen East Junction – Langloan Junction common with previous entry

From 23 January until night of 14 May 1989 only:

2100 SX, 2100 SUN Euston – Fort William

Train detached from Inverness portion at Mossend Yard (instead of Stirling) and reversed at Glasgow Central high level (instead of Glasgow Queen Street high level) (southbound train reversed at Glasgow Central high level and ran via Uddingston to join Inverness portion at Carstairs (instead of Stirling))

¶ SUNDAYS UNTIL 2 OCTOBER 1988:

1700 SO Penzance – Glasgow Central

2115 SO, 2225 SO Euston – Glasgow Central

Rutherglen West Junction – Rutherglen North Junction [H7] GA {*new entry*

from 23 January 1989 – trains diverted from Glasgow Queen Street}

2100 SX, 2100 SUN Euston – Fort William

2020 SX, 2020 SUN Fort William – Euston

Trains reversed at Glasgow Central high level, non-stop via Central low level

Muirhouse South Junction - Larkfield Junction [H8] GA

¶ SUNDAYS FROM 9 OCTOBER 1988:

2105 SO Euston – Inverness

1935 SO Inverness - Euston

Mossend East Junction – Mossend South Junction GA {*new entry – previously regarded as recognised route, although with only minimal service from 5 November 1979*}

1718 Edinburgh – Hamilton West

0602 Hamilton West – Edinburgh

Coatbridge Central – Gartsherrie South Junction - Garnqueen North Junction and Cumbernauld – Greenhill Lower Junction GA

Until 1 October 1988:

Euston – Inverness sleeper services

Euston – Fort William sleeper service (reverse at Stirling and Glasgow Queen St)

Euston – Stirling Motorail service (thrice-weekly)

From 3 October 1988:

Euston – Inverness sleeper services

Euston – Fort William sleeper service (reverse at Stirling and Glasgow Queen St)

From 23 January 1989:

Euston – Inverness sleeper services (*Fort William portion detached Mossend Yard (northbound) / attached Carstairs (southbound), and reversed at Glasgow Central*)

Springburn Junction – Cowlairs West Junction [H14] GC

Trains on Table 226 advertised through between Glasgow Queen Street High Level and Cumbernauld (reversing in Eastfield loop), Monday to Saturday evening as from 1900, and Saturday mornings before 0930

¶ SUNDAYS 3 JULY UNTIL 2 OCTOBER 1988:

Trains between Falkirk and Glasgow Queen Street, diverted via Cumbernauld and reversing in Eastfield loop

From 14 May 1989 regarded as recognised route (used until diversion of service via the new Cowlairs south curve from 4 October 1993)

Cowlairs West Junction – Knightswood North Junction [H15] GC

Trains between Glasgow Queen Street and the West Highland line

*From 23 January 1989 the **sleeper** service between Euston and Fort William ceased to use this route, being diverted via Glasgow Central high level and low level (see under Rutherglen West Junction – Rutherglen North Junction entry)*

Slateford Junction – Craiglockhart Junction – Portobello Junction [H20] GC

{new entry}

¶ UNTIL 1 OCTOBER 1988:

2325 SX, 2325 SUN Euston – Edinburgh

Rosyth Dockyard – Inverkeithing South Junction [H25]

N* 1538 FO, N* 1638 FSX Rosyth Dockyard – Kirkcaldy

N* 0640 SX Kirkcaldy – Rosyth Dockyard

(N* = unadvertised between Inverkeithing and Rosyth Dockyard)

Special trains for annual Dockyard Open Days: 13/14 June 1988

Thornton North Junction – Thornton West Junction – Cardenden [H28] GC

0647 Markinch - Edinburgh

*From 15 May 1989 section **Thornton West Junction – Cardenden** gained regular (Fife Circle) passenger service*

Ladybank Junction – Hilton Junction

1742 Edinburgh – Perth

2020 Perth – Kirkcaldy

D 2340 SO Inverness – Edinburgh

Inverness Rose Street Junction - Welsh's Bridge Junction (Inverness avoiding line) [H30] GC

1812 Wick – Inverness

[although not specifically timetabled to do so, train normally used this route – see *Branch Line News* 595, p. 288/88-21]

Ceased from 6 February 1989

Keith Junction – Dufftown *{new entry – Northern Belle first ran 6 June 1984 – not previously recorded}*

Highlander, Highland Prince and Northern Belle regular excursions:

ND 0658 MO Inverness – Dufftown - Edinburgh (*Highlander*)

ND 1015 ThO Aberdeen – Dufftown – Inverness (*Highland Prince*)

ND 10xx SUN Aberdeen – Dufftown and return (*Northern Belle*)

SOUTHERN REGION

Slade Green Junction - Perry Street Fork Junction {*new entry – existing limited service not previously recorded*}

Trains between Barnehurst and Slade Green

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

Northam Junction - Southampton Eastern Docks (Queen Elizabeth II Ocean Liner Terminal – berths 38/9) [S3]

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

Farlington Junction – Cosham Junction [S5] WE/WG

0820, 1105 SO, 1305, 2050, 1010 SUN, 1610 SUN, 1710 SUN, 2210 SUN

Brighton – Southampton Central or beyond

0605 SO, 0610 SX, 0748 SUN Southampton Central – Brighton

0547 MX Milford Haven/0272 MO Swansea – Brighton

1618, 1724 SUN Cardiff Central – Brighton

1115 SUN Cardiff Central/1345 SUN Southampton Central – Brighton

0547 SO Exeter St Davids – Hove

0933 SO Plymouth – Brighton

D 2325 FO Manchester Piccadilly – Weymouth via Gatwick

VSOE return excursion Chichester – Victoria, SO

¶ SUNDAYS 8 UNTIL 29 JANUARY 1989:

1053 Southampton Central – Glasgow Central

1418 Southampton Central – Newcastle

0746 Manchester Piccadilly – Southampton Central

0919 Liverpool Lime Street – Southampton Central

Romsey Junction – Eastleigh East Junction [S4]

N* 0750 SX Eastleigh – Salisbury (staff, not advertised Eastleigh – Romsey)

Service withdrawn from (or by) 15 May 1989

Portsmouth & Southsea Low Level – Blackfriars Junction [S6] WE

The majority of trains terminating or starting at Portsmouth & Southsea

Newhaven Harbour Junction - Newhaven Harbour platform 3 [= Marine platform] [S7]

Boat trains between Victoria and Newhaven Harbour

Folkestone Harbour – Folkestone East WA {*new entry – existing route not previously recorded*}

Boat trains between Victoria and Folkestone Harbour

Dover Marine Junction – Archcliffe Junction [S8] WA

N 0540 SUN Folkestone East – Dover Western Docks (staff)

N 0330 Dover Western Docks – Ashford (staff)

0555 SX Charing Cross – Margate

0600 SO, 0700 Charing Cross – Ramsgate

0545 SO Dover Western Docks – Charing Cross

Boat trains between Victoria and Dover

[**note:** all boat trains ran to/from Western Docks, even when connecting with Eastern Docks sailings]

Sittingbourne Western Junction – Sittingbourne Middle Junction {*new entry – existing limited service*}

N 0502 SX Gillingham – Sheerness (staff)

N 0100 Swanley – Sheerness (staff)

N 0241 Slade Green - Sheerness (staff)

1728 SX Holborn Viaduct - Sheerness

N 0345, N 0345 SUN Sheerness – Strood/Gillingham (staff)

0800 SX Sheerness – Victoria

WESTERN REGION

Reading New Junction – Reading Spur Junction [W1] PA

0457, 0539 SO, 0554 SX, 0639 SO, 0655 SX, 0739 SO, 0609 SUN §, 0639 SUN §, 0709 SUN §, 0739 SUN, 0839 SUN†, 1339 SUN, 1839 SUN, 2129 SUN Reading – Gatwick Airport (§ = until 2 October 1988)

0512 SX, 2009 SO, 2334 SX, 0714 SUN Reading – Guildford

0612 SO, 0630/0632 SX, 0709 SO Reading – Redhill

0559 SX Reading – Tonbridge

D 0640 SO Manchester Piccadilly – Portsmouth Harbour

0626 SO†, 0656 SO, 1226 SX (until 25 November 1988), 1426 SO†, 1826 SO, 2126, 2226 SO, 0728 SUN†, 0856 SUN §, 2228 SUN Gatwick Airport – Reading

0608 SO, 0701 SX†, 1844 SX, 1944 SX, 2153 SX Tonbridge – Reading

0656 SX (until 25 November 1988), 1245 SX† (until 25 November 1988), 1545

SO†, 1645 SO†, 1802 SX, 2145 SO Redhill – Reading

2029 SO, 2244 SX, 2128 SUN Guildford – Reading

D 1325 SO Portsmouth Harbour – Manchester Piccadilly

† = additional services applied from 3 October 1988

¶ SUNDAYS 8 UNTIL 29 JANUARY 1989:

1053 Southampton Central – Glasgow Central

1418 Southampton Central – Newcastle

0746 Manchester Piccadilly – Southampton Central

0919 Liverpool Lime Street – Southampton Central

Reading West Junction – Oxford Road Junction [W2] PA

Summer Saturday service only:

0608 Sheffield – Poole; 0739 Nottingham - Poole

0808 Manchester Piccadilly – Poole; 0847 Leeds - Poole

0910 Weymouth – Newcastle; 1508 Poole – Liverpool Lime Street

1241 Poole – Leeds; 1110 Poole – York

1400 Poole – Nottingham

Didcot East Junction – Didcot North Junction (via station avoiding line) [W3]

PA

Trains between Reading and Oxford not booked to call at Didcot

Didcot West Curve Junction – Foxhall Junction [W4] PA

Service resumed 16 May 1988:

2147 SX Oxford – Bristol Temple Meads

¶ ON SUNDAYS FROM 8 JANUARY 1989:

0925 Bristol Temple Meads – Newcastle

0837 Plymouth - Liverpool Lime Street

1058 Plymouth – Edinburgh

2200 SO Glasgow Central– Plymouth

0940 York – Exeter St Davids

Westbury East Loop Junction – Hawkeridge Junction [W7] PA

VSOE excursion Victoria – Bristol Temple Meads, WO

¶ SUNDAY FROM 9 OCTOBER 1988 UNTIL 1 JANUARY 1989:

Trains between Paddington and Bristol Temple Meads/Cardiff Central until ca. 1500

Heywood Road Junction – Fairwood Junction (Westbury avoiding line) [W8]

PA

Weekday trains between Reading and Taunton, not booked to call at Westbury or Bristol

Clink Road Junction – Blatchbridge Junction (Frome avoiding line) [W9] PA

Trains between Reading and Taunton, not booked to call at Frome or Bristol

Yeovil Pen Mill Junction – Yeovil Junction [W10] PC

¶ SATURDAYS/SUNDAYS:

1937 SO Paddington – Exeter St Davids (7 January until 25 March 1989)

2110 SO Paddington – Exeter St Davids (8 October 1988 until 25 March 1989)

0830 SUN, 1025 SUN Exeter St Davids – Paddington (both: 9 October 1988 until 1 January 1989)

Bristol Feeder Bridge Junction – Dr.Days Junction [W13] PC

¶ SUNDAYS 9 OCTOBER 1988 UNTIL 1 JANUARY 1989:

Trains between Paddington and Cardiff Central until ca. 1500

Aberdare High Level – Abercynon Junction [W29] PB

Until 2 October 1988:

Excursions advertised locally

From 3 October 1988 opened for regular passenger service and so regarded as a “normal” route

Carmarthen Junction – Carmarthen Bridge Junction [W36] PB

Trains to and from West Wales, not booked to call at Carmarthen (see Table 128)

Swansea Loop West Junction – Landore Junction [W35] PB

D 0930, D 2240 MX Paddington – Fishguard Harbour

D 0741 SO Leeds – Tenby

D 1340/1400 Fishguard Harbour - Paddington

D 1618 SO Tenby – York

D 0820 SO Tenby – York

D 1120 SO Liverpool Lime Street – Pembroke Dock

D 1037 SO Pembroke Dock – Liverpool Lime Street

D 2312 FO York – Tenby

Aylesbury – Claydon LNE Junction – Denbigh Hall South Junction [W37]

Christmas shopping excursions: Saturdays 20 October until 19 November 1988:

0820 Marylebone – Milton Keynes Central

1615 Milton Keynes Central - Marylebone

[**note:** part of route is in London Midland Region and common with next entry]

Denbigh Hall South Junction – Claydon LNE Junction – Bicester Town *{new entry}*

¶ ON SATURDAY NIGHTS FROM 29 JANUARY 1989:

2200 SO Glasgow Central - Plymouth

[**note:** part of route is in London Midland Region and common with previous entry]

LONDON UNDERGROUND

Northumberland Park Staff Platform – Seven Sisters

Staff train services at approximately 20-30 minute intervals except during SX rush hours

Watford North Junction – Watford East Junction

0600 Amersham – Watford

N 0033 MO, N 0043 MX, N 0043 SUN Watford – Rickmansworth (staff)

St. Mary's Junction – Whitechapel Junction (St.Mary's curve) *{new entry from 3 September 1988}*

On occasions of Millwall home football matches, return trains direct to Aldgate East or Liverpool Street were available to leave Surrey Quays from approx. 2hr 15min after K.O. Although standby trains were regularly made available, after the initial workings in winter 1988/9 they only rarely operated in public service via the curve [see *Branch Line News* 595, p. 297/88-69 and 602, p. 30/89-59]

DOCKLANDS LIGHT RAILWAY

North Quay Junction West – North Quay Junction East

0521 SX, 0533 SX, 0721 SUN, 0733 SUN Poplar – Tower Gateway

2133 SX, 2147 SX Tower Gateway – Poplar *(during period of evening closure of system from 7 May 1988)*

¶ SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS 14 MAY UNTIL 12 JUNE AND 5 NOVEMBER 1988 UNTIL 5 FEBRUARY 1989:

Trains between Tower Gateway and Poplar when Island Gardens line blocked.

NORTHERN IRELAND RAILWAYS

Antrim – Bleach Green Junction

Summer service only:

Outward and return RPSI *Portrush Flyer* excursion Belfast York Road - Portrush, fortnightly Saturdays 9 July until 20 August 1988

Whitehead – Whitehead Excursion Platform (RPSI)

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

IARNRÓD ÉIREANN

Timetable from 16 May 1988

Dublin Connolly – Newcomen Junction – Glasnevin Junction

Local trains between Dublin Connolly and Maynooth when platformed to use platform 7 at Connolly (although booked via Newcomen Junction, trains *may* have travelled via Drumcondra):

Until 8 January 1989:

0550, 0705, 0815, 0905, 1620, 1755 Dublin Connolly – Maynooth

0705, 0825, 0905, 1030, 1708, 1900 Maynooth – Dublin Connolly

From 9 January 1989:

0545*, 0700, 0825, 0907, 1620*, 1755 Dublin Connolly – Maynooth

0705, 0815, 0912, 1030*, 1708, 1900* Maynooth – Dublin Connolly

* = these journeys in particular were susceptible to operating via Drumcondra instead

Dublin: Glasnevin Junction – Islandbridge Junction

0723 SUN Dun Laoghaire – Dublin Heuston

Service ceased from July 1989

Limerick Junction North: Kyle crossing 739 points – Milltown crossing 738 points

0700, 0830, 1750 SUN Limerick – Dublin Heuston

1740, 1840 SUN Dublin Heuston – Limerick

Limerick Junction: Keane's points - Waterford bay (platform no. 4) {new entry – existing route not previously recorded}

Trains *from* Limerick Junction *to* the Waterford line:

D 0920 SO, D 0935 SX Limerick – Waterford (summer only)

1535 Limerick – Rosslare Harbour Pier

Ennis – Athenry West Junction and Athenry East Junction – Tuam – Claremorris

Knock pilgrimage specials for Claremorris from stations in Munster used this route during pilgrimage season (May to October) if there was no capacity via Portarlinton.

Limerick Check, Ennis Junction – Ennis

Locally advertised shopping excursions for Dublin, usually TThO, with connections at Limerick:

ND 0735 TThO Ennis - Limerick

ND 1908 TThO Ballybrophy – Limerick extended to Ennis

[**note:** these locally advertised excursions *may not* have run every Tuesday and Thursday]

Athlone East Junction – Mullingar

Used by excursions between Mullingar and Athlone or west, including Knock pilgrimage specials for Claremorris during pilgrimage season (May until October).

A frequent pathway was 0855 Dublin Pearse – Claremorris, returning at 1800.

MARCHWOOD MILITARY RAILWAY**Mulberry Halt - Jetty Halt**

Unadvertised SX service, two round trips between Mulberry Halt and Jetty Halt for MoD staff. Ministry of Defence site, not normally accessible to general public.
