

BR WESTERN REGION REPORTING NUMBERS – SUMMER 1959

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This is a list of all Reporting Numbers known to me that applied to trains shown in the published public timetable, which ran on WR territory. Further Reliefs and duplicate trains are shown only in official WR working notices, and are not shown here, except by a few notes at the end. Some of the trains listed ran on other days to those shown, when traffic required, and may or may not have been numbered then.

London Midland Region trains to and from Weston-super-Mare ran via Bristol, for those 19 miles, used a London Midland Region loco and a London Midland Region train number, and those trains are not shown here. On Saturdays, WR and LMR trains terminating and starting at Weston-super-Mare used Locking Road station and not the through station ('General').

These numbers applied from the start of the Summer Timetable 1959, Monday 15 June 1959 and ended one year later on Sunday 12 June 1960. Note that almost all the SO trains ran only in the Summer 1959 holiday period, and then on various dates within that period, and not throughout; they were called 'dated trains'. The Winter 1959 timetable began Monday 14 September and all SO holiday extras then ceased or had ceased before then. Also ceasing were the many Friday Night trains to Devon and Cornwall, which took holidaymakers on long journeys, so that they could be at their resort during Saturday and not miss a day's holiday. Saturday 26 September 1959 was the last day that boat trains ran to and from Paddington to Weymouth; in the future London trains used Waterloo only. That means the Weymouth Quay trains listed here, ceased on that date, while the Weymouth Town ones continued. As from Monday 2 November 1959, some extra trains were run between Paddington and the Midlands. The reason for this was the London Midland Region line to and from Euston began to suffer restrictions due to the work starting on electrifying the West Coast Main Line. Those changes I am aware of, are shown at the end of this listing. In the Spring of 1960, in the approach to the Whitsun weekend (Whit Sunday 1960 was 5 June) a few of the Summer 1959 holiday trains ran again, before the Summer 1960 timetable began. Some others ran with formerly unused numbers, noted at the end of this listing.

As in all previous years, some trains shown as terminating at Plymouth or Penzance, also contained a portion for the Kingswear branch which was detached at Exeter or Newton Abbot, and then taken onwards, often with a few additional carriages, as a semi-fast train. The reverse procedure was used on the return journeys. The existence of those trains with this branch portion is not noted in these lists.

D – Daily (i.e. Mon – Sat and Sun), every day of the year
FN – Friday night, i.e. overnight and reaches destination on Saturday
FO – Friday only
FSO – Friday and Saturday only
FSX – Monday – Thursday only
MFO – Monday and Friday only
MX – Except Monday (i.e. Tue – Sun)
Q – Ran as required
SN – Saturday night i.e. overnight and reached destination on Sunday
SO – Saturday only
SuO – Sunday only (including overnight and reached destination on Monday)
SX – Saturday excepted (i.e. Mon – Fri)
W – Every Weekday (i.e. Mon – Sat)

Unless otherwise noted, 'Birmingham' means Snow Hill, 'Bristol' means Temple Meads, and 'Manchester' means London Road, later Piccadilly.

A few trains started or terminated at Birmingham Moor Street, Bristol Stapleton Road, and the other Manchester stations, Victoria and Exchange, and these are specifically noted.

All trains shown as terminating Swansea, means High St. stn

Note that trains to and from the London Midland Region or beyond into the Eastern or Scottish Regions used the MR's Reporting Numbers, with a London Midland Region loco for the Midland part of their journeys. Only the WR numbers of such trains when on WR territory are therefore shown here.

005 0630 W Worcester – Paddington
006 0555 SO Blaina – Paddington
007 0700 W Weston-super-Mare – Paddington
007 0630 SuO Weymouth Quay – Paddington
008 0645 W Wolverhampton – Paddington
009 0405 SuO Fishguard Hbr – Paddington
009 0725SX Wolverhampton – Paddington
010 0335 SOQ/0435 SuO Fishguard Hbr - Paddington

011 0630 W Hereford – Paddington
011 0705 SuO Weymouth Quay - Paddington
012 0800 W Cheltenham Spa – Paddington
012 0800 SuO Weston-super-Mare – Paddington
013 0355 MX/0505 SuOQ Fishguard Hbr– Paddington
014 0705 W (0850 SuO) Cheltenham Spa – Paddington
015 0425 Q Fishguard Hbr – Paddington
015 0745 SXQ Cardiff – Paddington
016 0615 SO Swansea – Paddington
017 0630 W Swansea – Paddington
018 0730 W (0810 SuO) Shrewsbury – Paddington
019 0830 W Bristol – Paddington
020 0815 W Frome – Paddington
021 0820 W Weston-super-Mare – Paddington
022 0745 W Hereford – Paddington
022 0917 SuO Great Malvern - Paddington
023 0455 MX Fishguard Hbr - Paddington
023 0815 MO Cardiff – Paddington
023 0830 SuO Swansea – Paddington
024 0700 SO Kingswear and 0700 SO Plymouth combine at Newton Abbot – Paddington
024 0715 SX Plymouth – Paddington
025 0630 W/0805 SuO Birkenhead – Paddington
026 0815 SO Abertillery – Paddington
026 1045 SuOQ Cardiff – Paddington
027 0750 W Taunton and 0850 W Cheltenham Spa combine at Swindon – Paddington
028 0820 SO Swansea – Paddington
028 0945 SXQ Cardiff – Paddington
028 0645 SuO Fishguard Hbr – Paddington
029 0800 SO Kingswear – Paddington
030 0955 SOQ Cardiff – Paddington
030 1035 SuO Hereford – Paddington
031 0730 W Carmarthen – Paddington
032 0900 W Weymouth Town – Paddington
033 0735 SO (1020 SuO) Plymouth – Paddington
034 0920 SO Ebbw Vale – Paddington
035 0830 W/0720 SuO Plymouth – Paddington
036 1145 W Bristol – Paddington
037 0920 SO, SXQ Chester – Paddington
038 0945 SO Churston – Paddington
039 0855 W Birkenhead – Paddington
040 1042 SO Weston-super-Mare - Paddington
040 1125 SuO Kingswear – Paddington
041 1105 SO Weston-super-Mare – Paddington
041 1020 SX Taunton – Paddington via Bristol
041 1335 SuO Bristol – Paddington
042 1040 SO Minehead – Paddington
043 1035 SO Torquay – Paddington
043 0930 SuO Falmouth – Paddington
044 0730 SO Pembroke Dock – Paddington
045 0625 SX (0945 SuO) Penzance – Paddington
046 1145 W Cheltenham Spa - Paddington
047 0920 SOQ Carmarthen – Paddington
048 0800 W Neyland – Paddington
048 0935 SuO Pembroke Dock – Paddington
049 0740 W Pwllheli – Paddington
050 1112 SO Weymouth Town – Paddington
051 1110 SO/1115 SX Hereford – Paddington
051 1145 SuO Birkenhead – Paddington
052 0830 SX Pembroke Dock – Paddington
053 1130 SO Torquay – Paddington
054 0815 SO Perranporth – Paddington
055 0835 SO (0930 SX) Falmouth – Paddington
056 1120 W (1308 SuO) Kingswear – Paddington
057 0925 SO Aberystwyth – Paddington
057 1520 SuO Wolverhampton – Paddington

058 1100 SuO Penzance – Paddington
058 1115 SO Plymouth – Paddington
059 1218 SO Newton Abbot – Paddington
060 1155 SuO Pembroke Dock – Paddington
060 1350 W Bristol – Paddington
061 0920 SO St. Ives – Paddington
062 1255 W Hereford – Paddington
063 1000 SO Newquay – Paddington
063 1520 SuO Weymouth Town – Paddington
064 1128 SOQ Birkenhead – Paddington
065 1145 W Birkenhead – Paddington
065 1630 SuO Wolverhampton – Paddington
066 0820 SO Penzance - Paddington
067 1000 W Penzance – Paddington
068 1358 SO/1415 SX Weston-super-Mare – Paddington
069 1155 SO Minehead – Paddington
069 1715 SuO Bristol – Paddington
070 1020 SO Pembroke Dock – Paddington
070 1645 SuO Cardiff – Paddington
071 1145 SX Aberystwyth – Paddington
072 1330 SO Paignton – Paddington
073 1105 W/1230 SuO Milford Haven – Paddington
074 1345 SO Paignton, 1355 Torquay – Paddington
075 1630 SX Bristol – Paddington
075 1710 SuO Taunton – Paddington
076 0945 SO Pwllheli – Paddington
077 1415 SO Minehead – Paddington
077 1550 SuO Taunton – Paddington
078 1415 W Wolverhampton – Paddington
078 1525 SuO Chester – Paddington
079 1615 SX Bristol – Paddington
080 1600 W/0840 SuO Cheltenham Spa – Paddington
081 1350 FO Kingswear – Paddington
081 1445 SO Paignton – Paddington
082 1635 SX Wolverhampton – Paddington
082 1740 SuO Worcester – Paddington
083 1205 D Milford Haven – Paddington
084 1340 SO Kingswear – Paddington
085 1610 SuO Paignton – Paddington
085 1230 SO Newquay – Paddington
086 1545 W Weymouth Quay – Paddington
087 1435 SO Shrewsbury – Paddington
087 1455 SuO Birkenhead – Paddington
087 1608 SX Birmingham – Paddington
088 1100 SX/1150 SO/1310 SuO Penzance – Paddington
089 1205 SO/1335 SuO Pembroke Dock – Paddington
090 1635 SX/1641 SO Weston-super-Mare – Paddington
090 1855 SuO Bristol – Paddington
091 1425 FSXQ Birkenhead – Paddington
981 1720 FO Wolverhampton- Paddington
091 1735 SuO Hereford-Paddington
092 1305 W Pembroke Dock – Paddington
092 1835 SuO Cheltenham Spa – Paddington
093 1614 W Weymouth Town– Paddington
094 1435 W Birkenhead– Paddington
095 1631 SX/1720 SuO Swansea– Paddington
096 1615 SO Paignton– Paddington
097 1435 SO Newquay– Paddington
098 1320 W Penzance– Paddington
099 1715 W Hereford – Paddington
099 1840 SuO Wolverhampton– Paddington
100 1635 SO Kingswear– Paddington
101 1840 SuO Weston-super-Mare– Paddington
101 1630 W Taunton– Paddington
102 1420 W Newland – Paddington

102 1910 SuO Cardiff– Paddington
103 1630 W Birkenhead– Paddington
103 1830 SuO Shrewsbury– Paddington
104 1855 W Weston-super-Mare - Paddington
104 1915 SuO Weston-super-Mare– Paddington
105 2355 FOQ Wolverhampton– Paddington
105 1630 SO Fishguard Hbr– Paddington
106 2000 SuO Wolverhampton - Paddington
106 2010 W Birmingham– Paddington
107 2045 SuO Swansea– Paddington
108 1645 SuO Penzance– Paddington
109 2110 Q Swansea– Paddington
110 1900 W Penzance– Paddington
110 2130 SuO Plymouth– Paddington
111 2015 FSO/2025 SuO Penzance– Paddington
112 1820 SuO Neyland– Paddington
112 1850 W Neyland– Paddington
113 2055 D Birkenhead– Paddington
114 2200 W Milford Haven– Paddington
115 2300 FN Holyhead– Paddington
116 2130 W Penzance– Paddington
117 2045 D Penzance– Paddington
118 2120 SOQ Penzance– Paddington
119 2220 SO Penzance– Paddington

122 2200 FN Sheffield – Portsmouth Hbr
123 2330 FO Nottingham – Portsmouth Hbr
124 0030 SO Birmingham – Portsmouth Hbr
125 2140 FN Newcastle – Bournemouth Ctl
126 0605 SO Birmingham - Bournemouth Ctl
127 0748 SO Wolverhampton – Portsmouth & Southsea
128 0840 SO Birmingham – Portsmouth & Southsea
129 0905 SO Birmingham - Bournemouth Ctl
130 0843 SO Wolverhampton – Portsmouth & Southsea
131 1020 SO Birmingham – Margate
132 1040 SO Birmingham – Hastings
133 0735 W Birkenhead – Ramsgate
134 1210 SO Birmingham – Bournemouth Ctl
135 0920 SO Birkenhead – Bournemouth Ctl
136 0920 SX Birkenhead – Bournemouth West
137 1015 SO Bradford – Poole
138 0835 W Newcastle - Bournemouth West
139 1210 SO Sheffield – Bournemouth Ctl
145 0728 SO Wolverhampton – Hastings
146 1010 SO Birmingham - Margate

200 0025 SuO/0225 W Paddington – Bristol
201 1022 D York – Swindon
202 0730 SO Blaina – Weston-super-Mare
204 0830 SO Birmingham – Weston-super-Mare
204 0845 SX Paddington – Bristol
205 0905 SX Paddington - Bristol
205 0905 Su0, SO Paddington – Weston-super-Mare
207 0830 W Portsmouth & Southsea – Bristol
208 1005 SX Paddington – Bristol
209 1105 SX/1115 SO Paddington – Weston-super-Mare
210 0950 SO Carmarthen – Weston-super-Mare
210 1034 SX Portsmouth & Southsea – Bristol
211 1315 W Paddington – Weston-super-Mare
212 1230 SuO (1318 W) Paddington – Weston-super-Mare
213 1435 W Paddington – Weston–super-Mare via Newbury & Devizes
214 1445 W Portsmouth & Southsea – Bristol
215 1700 W Paddington – Weston–super–Mare
215 1510 SuO Manchester – Bristol
216 1706 W Paddington – Weston-super-Mare

217 1819 FO (1915 SuO) Paddington – Bristol
218 1830 W Paddington – Weston–super–Mare
219 1930 SuO Paddington – Weston–super–Mare
220 2005 SX Paddington – Bristol
221 2140 FOQ Paddington – Bristol (2100 SuO – Swindon)
223 2340 SuO/2350 SNQ Paddington – Bristol
224 1840 W York – Swindon
224 2345 SN Paddington – Weston–super–Mare
246 0808 SXQ Paddington – Weymouth Quay
247 0820 D Paddington – Weymouth Quay
248 0830 SO Paddington – Weymouth Quay
249 0750 SO Birmingham – Weymouth Town
250 0800 SO/0750 SuO Birmingham – Weymouth Town
251 1230 W Paddington – Weymouth Town
252 1105 FSO Wolverhampton – Weymouth Town
253 1800 W Paddington – Weymouth Town
254 2100 SO Paddington – Weymouth Quay
258 0749 SO Bristol – Brighton
259 0749 W Bedminster – Portsmouth Hbr
260 0900 SO Cardiff – Portsmouth & Southsea
261 1050 SO Bristol – Portsmouth Hbr
261 1055 SX Bristol – Portsmouth & Southsea
262 0650 SO Paignton – Bristol
262 0928 SO Cardiff – Pokesdown
263 1008 SO Cardiff – Portsmouth & Southsea
264 1030 W/1010 SuO Cardiff – Portsmouth & Southsea
264 0755 MFO Camborne/0825 SO Ilfracombe – Bristol
265 0730 SO Penzance – Bristol
265 1740 SuO Bristol – Portsmouth & Southsea
265 1535 FO Plymouth – Bristol, Stapleton Road
266 1730 SX Plymouth – Bristol
266 1253 SO Cardiff – Portsmouth Hbr
267 1640 SO Penzance – Bristol
267 1955 SuOQ Plymouth – Bristol
267 1250 SX/1300 SO Cardiff – Brighton
267 1710 SuO Cardiff – Portsmouth & Southsea
268 1705 W/1945 SuO Bristol – Portsmouth & Southsea
269 1625 W/1710 SuO Cardiff – Portsmouth & Southsea
270 1925 W Bristol – Portsmouth & Southsea

300 2210 FN Leicester - Paignton
301 2240 FN Wolverhampton – Paignton
302 2200 FN Nottingham – Paignton
303 2220 FN Sheffield – Paignton
304 2110 FN Manchester (Vic) – Paignton
305 2045 FN Bradford – Paignton
306 2215 FN Manchester – Paignton
307 2230 FN Manchester (Vic)/2350 SO Paddington – Paignton
308 0830 W Cardiff/2200 SuO Paignton – Newcastle
308 2210 FN Hull– Paignton
309 2315 FN Manchester (Vic)/2220 SO Bradford – Paignton
310 2105 FN Newcastle – Paignton
311 0605 SO Cardiff – Paignton
312 0700 SO Paddington – Kingswear
313 0740 SO Paddington – Paignton
314 0810 SO Newport – Paignton
315 0530 SO Paddington – Minehead via Bristol
316 0805 SO Cardiff – Kingswear
317 0810 SO Paddington – Paignton
318 0730 SO Birmingham – Paignton
319 0635 SO Walsall – Kingswear
320 0655 SO Wolverhampton – Paignton
321 0850 SO Paddington – Paignton
322 0730 SX Paddington – Paignton/0730 SO – Kingswear via Bristol
323 0640 SO Leicester - Paignton

324 0940 SO Paddington – Paignton
325 0935 SO Paddington – Minehead via Westbury
325 2220 SO Bradford/2105 FN Newcastle – Paignton
326 1015 SO Paddington – Kingswear
327 1040 SO/1050 SuO Paddington – Paignton
328 0905 SO Swansea – Kingswear
329 0910 SX/0925 SO Wolverhampton - Kingswear
330 1130 SO Paddington – Minehead via Bristol
331 0915 SO Paddington – Durston/1115 SuO – Taunton via Bristol
331 1930 SO Rotherham - Penzance
332 1200 D Paddington – Kingswear
333 0800 SO Sheffield – Kingswear
334 1035 SO Wolverhampton – Paignton
335 1050 SO Wolverhampton – Minehead
336 0900 SO Manchester – Paignton
337 1325 SO Paddington – Kingswear
338 0730 SO Newcastle – Paignton
339 0905 SO/1015 SX Bradford – Paignton
340 1515 SO Paddington – Kingswear/1925 FO – Paignton/1730 SuO – Exeter
341 0925 SO Bradford – Paignton

400 1510 W Manchester – Plymouth
401 1905 FN Sheffield – Penzance
402 2212 FN Paddington – Penzance
403 1915 FN Sheffield – Newquay
404 2235 FN Paddington – Penzance
405 2250 FN Paddington – Newquay/2145 SuO - Plymouth)
406 2210 SX Paddington – Penzance/2210 SO - Plymouth)
407 0105 SO Bristol – Penzance
408 2150 D Paddington – Penzance
409 0030 W/2315 SO Paddington – Penzance
410 2150 FN/2330 SN Wolverhampton – Penzance
411 0015 SuO Paddington – Penzance
411 0035 SO Paddington - Penzance
412 1930 SO Rotherham – Penzance
412 2335 FN Paddington – Penzance
413 0900 SO Manchester (Vic.) – Penzance
413 2115 FN Manchester – Newquay
414 2350 D Paddington – Penzance
415 2310 FN Manchester – Penzance
415 2030 SO Newcastle – Plymouth
416 1858 FN Glasgow (Cen.) – Plymouth
417 2330 FN Liverpool/0055 SuOQ Paddington – Penzance
417 0625 SX Bristol – Plymouth
418 0140 SuO Crewe – Plymouth
418 0025 SX Manchester – Penzance (SO – Plymouth)
419 0650 SO Paddington – Penzance
419 0740 SX Bristol – Plymouth
420 0700 SO Bristol – Penzance
421 0530 SX Paddington – Penzance via Bristol
422 0700 SO Birmingham – Penzance
423 0705 SO Paddington – Penzance; in peak period, train starts 0725 SO Ealing Broadway
424 0825 SO Paddington – Penzance
425 0930 W Paddington – Falmouth (SO – Newquay)
426 1030 D Paddington – Penzance
427 1035 SO Paddington – Penzance (1040 SuO – Falmouth)
428 0855 SO (0900 SX) Wolverhampton – Penzance
429 1100 SO Paddington – Penzance (SuO – Plymouth)
430 1105 SO/1130 SX Paddington – Penzance
430 1315 SuOQ Bristol – Plymouth
431 1010 SuO Wolverhampton – Penzance
431 0743 SO Nottingham - Plymouth
432 0817 SO Carmarthen – Penzance
433 1110 SX Swansea/1221 SO Cardiff – Penzance
434 1205 SO Paddington – Plymouth

435 0800 SO Manchester – Penzance
436 0905 SX Liverpool – Plymouth/0835 SO – Penzance
437 1330 D Paddington – Penzance
438 1205 FO Paddington – Truro, empty diner cars for Sat. up Cornish expresses
438 0905 SO Birkenhead/1455 SuO Cardiff – Plymouth
439 1045 SX Manchester/0915 SO Liverpool – Plymouth
440 1530 W Paddington – Penzance (1530 SuO – Plymouth)
441 1140 W Manchester/1035 SuO Liverpool – Plymouth
442 1700 SuO/1730 W Paddington – Plymouth
443 1615 D Paddington – Plymouth via Bristol
444 2215 FN Glasgow (Cen) – Plymouth

500 1045 SO/1115 SX Paddington – Cheltenham Spa
501 1415 W/1320 SuO Paddington – Cheltenham Spa
502 1655 W Paddington – Cheltenham Spa
503 1835 D Paddington – Cheltenham Spa

600 0125 D Crewe – Cardiff
604 0855 SO Taunton – Cardiff
605 0830 SO Bournemouth - Cardiff
607 0900 SO Bournemouth – Cardiff
608 0905 SO Birkenhead – Cardiff
609 0900 SO Portsmouth Hbr – Cardiff
610 0933 D Portsmouth & Southsea – Cardiff
611 1010 SO Paignton – Cardiff
612 0915 SO Blackpool North – Cardiff
613 1034 SO Portsmouth & Southsea – Cardiff
615 0925 SO Ilfracombe – Cardiff
616 1000 SO Brighton – Cardiff
617 1350 SO Weston-super-Mare – Cardiff
619 1137 SO Portsmouth Hbr – Cardiff
620 1205 SO Paignton – Cardiff
621 0800 SO/0815 SX Newcastle – Cardiff
622 1100 SO Brighton – Cardiff
624 1152 FO/1035 SuO Manchester – Cardiff
626 1242 SO Newquay – Cardiff
627 1455 W Liverpool – Cardiff
628 1415 SuO Portsmouth & Southsea/1618 W Weymouth Town – Cardiff
629 1520 SO Kingswear/1415 SuO Plymouth/1535 MOQ Plymouth, - Cardiff
629 1928 Tu,We,Th,F Q Bristol Stapleton Road - Cardiff
630 1557 SO Portsmouth Hbr/1735 SX Salisbury– Cardiff
632 1733 SuO/1745 SO Portsmouth & Southsea – Cardiff
635 1905 Q Manchester – Cardiff
636 2125 SX/0120 SuO Manchester – Cardiff

701 0045 D Paddington – Carmarthen
701 0050 SuO Paddington - Swansea
702 0100 D Paddington – Swansea
705 0755 SX Paddington – Pembroke Dock/SO – Carmarthen
706 0840 SO Paddington – Pembroke Dock
707 0850 SX Paddington – Swansea
709 0855 W Paddington – Pembroke Dock
710 0910 SO Birmingham – Pembroke Dock
711 0740 SO Newton Abbot – Swansea
712 0955 SO Paddington – Neyland/SuO – Swansea
713 0930 SO Paignton – Swansea
714 1055 W Paddington – Pembroke Dock
716 0848 SO New Milton – Swansea
717 0915 W Manchester – Swansea
718 1135 SO Paddington – Neyland
719 1155 D Paddington – Pembroke Dock
720 1350 SO Weston-super-Mare – Swansea
721 0755 SX Penzance – Swansea
723 1255 SO Paddington – Swansea/SuO – Carmarthen
724 1250 W Paddington – Carmarthen

725 1355 W Paddington – Pembroke Dock
726 1455 SO Paddington – Fishguard Hbr/SuO – Pembroke Dock
727 1020 SO Penzance – Swansea
728 1545 SO Birmingham – Fishguard Hbr
729 1545 W Paddington – Fishguard Hbr
730 1555 W Paddington – Neyland/1655 SuO – Carmarthen
732 1005 SO Newcastle /1226 FO York - Swansea
733 1750 FO Paddington – Swansea
734 1755 W Paddington – Carmarthen/SuO – Swansea
735 1855 W Paddington – Fishguard Hbr
736 1905 FO Paddington – Fishguard Hbr
737 2055 SX Paddington – Neyland
738 2125 SO, SuO Paddington – Neyland
739 2130 FO Paddington – Carmarthen

800 2130 FN Paignton – Nottingham
800 1800 SO Penzance – Rotherham
801 2320 SN Paignton – Newcastle
801 2325 SuO Paddington – Worcester
803 2350 FN Paignton – Wolverhampton
803 2350 SN Paignton – Bradford
804 2145 FN Newquay – Wolverhampton
805 2115 FN/2110 SN Penzance - Wolverhampton
806 0705 SX (0710 SO) Paddington – Wolverhampton
806 2250 FN Newquay – Sheffield
808 0900 SX Paddington – Wolverhampton
810 0800 SX Paddington – Banbury
810 0900 SO Paddington – Wolverhampton
811 0830 W Cardiff – Newcastle
812 0805 SO Bournemouth Ctl – Newcastle
813 0620 SOQ Paignton – Sheffield
815 1000 SO Paddington – Wolverhampton/1010 SuOQ – Birmingham
815 0650 SO Paignton - Bradford
816 0700 SOQ Paignton – Nottingham
817 0911 SO Portsmouth Hbr – Wolverhampton
819 0952 SO Weston-super-Mare – Birmingham
820 0810 SO Swansea – York/0815 FO – Newcastle
821 0745 SO Paignton – Newcastle
821 0925 SO Weymouth Town – Wolverhampton
822 0935 SO Swansea – Birmingham
823 0850 SO Margate – Birmingham
824 0932 SO Bournemouth Ctl – Wolverhampton
824 0840 SO Paignton – Nottingham
825 0848 SO Hastings – Wolverhampton
825 0852 SO Paignton – Leeds
825 0905 FSO Paignton – Sheffield
827 1000 SO Weymouth Town – Birmingham
828 0902 SO Margate – Bradford
828 0915 SX Paignton – Bradford
828 0845 SO Kingswear – Bradford
830 0830 SO Pembroke Dock – Birmingham
830 1025 SO Poole – Bradford
831 0930 SO Kingswear – Birmingham
832 1033 FO/1020 SO Weymouth Town – Wolverhampton
832 1310 SuO Paddington – Wolverhampton
834 1000 SuO Paignton – Newcastle
834 1104 SO Bournemouth Ctl – Sheffield
834 1015 SO Teignmouth – Bradford
836 0740 SO St. Austell – Birmingham
836 1116 W Bournemouth West – Newcastle
837 1035 SO Paignton – Wolverhampton
839 0805 SO Newquay – Newcastle
839 1150 SO Bournemouth Ctl – Birmingham
840 1358 Q Paddington – Wolverhampton
842 0720 SO Penzance – Wolverhampton

843 1311 SO Portsmouth Hbr – Birmingham
844 1058 SO Paignton – Nottingham
845 1405 SO Weston-super-Mare - Birmingham
846 1012 SO Ilfracombe - Wolverhampton
847 1328 SO Portsmouth Hbr – Birmingham
848 1055 SO Ilfracombe – Wolverhampton
849 1030 SX Penzance – Wolverhampton
849 1214 SO Hastings – Birmingham
851 1145 SO Swansea – Birmingham
851 1215 W Kingswear – Wolverhampton
851 1645 SuO Paddington – Wolverhampton
852 1502 SO Portsmouth Hbr – Wolverhampton
853 1355 SO Paignton – Wolverhampton
855 1115 SO Newquay – Wolverhampton
855 1710 SX Paddington – Wolverhampton
856 1053 SuO Truro – Bradford
856 1100 SO Newquay – York
857 1425 SO Paignton – Sheffield
858 1030 SuO Penzance – Wolverhampton
858 1110 SO Penzance – Wolverhampton
861 1045 SO Penzance – Sheffield
861 1540 SO Portsmouth Hbr – Wolverhampton
862 1455 SO Paignton – Birmingham
862 1808 W Paddington – Wolverhampton
863 1505 SO Paignton – Wolverhampton
863 1657 SO Portsmouth Hbr – Sheffield
864 1819 SO Westbury – Sheffield
865 1933 W Swindon – Sheffield
866 1715 SO Paignton – Nottingham
868 2010 SuO Paddington – Wolverhampton
868 2015 SO Paignton – Sheffield
868 1930 W Paddington – Wolverhampton
869 2025 SuO Paddington – Wolverhampton
869 2140 SX/2200 SO Swindon – York

900 0005 D Paddington – Birkenhead
906 0900 So Paddington – Pwllheli
908 0910 W Paddington – Birkenhead
911 0847 SO Pokesdown – Birkenhead
911 1010 SX/1050 SO Paddington – Aberystwyth
912 1110 D Paddington – Birkenhead
913 0930 SO/0933 SX Bournemouth West – Birkenhead
914 0855 W Ramsgate – Birkenhead
915 1310 SO Paddington – Chester
916 1410 D Paddington – Birkenhead
918 1610 D Paddington – Birkenhead
919 1810 W Paddington – Birkenhead/1800 SuO – Shrewsbury
920 1810 SuO Paddington – Gobowen
920 2010 W Paddington – Shrewsbury
925 1000 SuO Paddington – Hereford
926 1145 W Paddington – Hereford
927 1345 W Paddington – Hereford
930 1645 W/1820 SuO Paddington – Hereford
931 1845 W Paddington – Hereford
931 2000 SuO Paddington – Hereford
934 1640 FOQ, SO Penzance – Manchester
935 0005 W Cardiff – Liverpool
936 0010 MO Bristol – Manchester
936 1650 W Penzance – Manchester
937 1945 FO Newquay – Manchester (Vic)
938 2220 SO Paignton – Manchester
938 2310 FN Paignton - Manchester (Mayfield)
939 1905 SO Penzance – Manchester (Vic)
940 0735 SO Cardiff – Blackpool North
940 2000 SO Penzance – Manchester (Vic)

942 2023 SOQ Cardiff – Manchester (Mayfield)
944 0815 FSO Bristol – Crewe
945 0855 W Cardiff – Manchester
946 0635 SOQ Paignton – Manchester (Vic)
949 0800 SX Plymouth – Crewe
949 0800 SO Paignton – Manchester (Vic)
951 0800 FO Kingswear - Crewe
951 0905 SO Paignton – Manchester
952 1240 SO Cardiff – Manchester (Exch)
952 1240 SuO Cardiff – Manchester
953 1115 SO /150 SX Swansea – Manchester
954 1004 SO Exeter St. David's – Manchester
955 0600 SO (0840 SuO) Penzance – Liverpool
955 0730 SX Penzance – Manchester
956 0825 SO Ilfracombe – Manchester (Exch)
957 1020 SO Kingswear – Manchester
958 0750 SO Newquay – Manchester
959 1005 W Penzance – Manchester
960 1640 W Cardiff – Liverpool
961 1230 SO Paignton – Manchester
961 1847 SuO Bristol – Crewe
962 1200 W Penzance – Manchester
963 1920 Q Cardiff - Crewe

Changes as from Monday 2 November 1959

As from Monday 2 November 1959, certain MR services to and from Euston ceased, due to the start of work to electrify the West Coast Main Line. To compensate for this, extra trains were run between Paddington and the Midlands. Those known to me, I am sure there were more, are listed now. In addition, the timings for both up and down Cathedrals Express trains between Hereford and Paddington were altered, until this Timetable was replaced by the Summer 1960 Timetable. For those 7½ months, that enabled the loco on the up train to be used also for the down train, with the titled train nameplate left fitted. One result was that the 033 on the smokebox door was left unchanged, or if chalked, as was often the case, an attempt was made to rub it out with dire visual results. See 4088 in The Book of the Castles: I got Irwell Press to amend the caption for its 2nd edition, recently published.

For the up Worcester & Hereford trains:

022 0745 W Hereford – Paddington continued but was not titled the Cathedrals Express
033 0950 W Hereford – Paddington; existing train now named the up Cathedrals Express, due PDN 1330

The down Hereford departures from Paddington were retimed to give a better interval service thus:

925 retimed from 0945 to 0915
926 retimed from 1145 to 1045
927 retimed from 1345 to 1245
New down train 928 1445 W Paddington – Hereford, became the down Cathedrals Express
930 remained unchanged @ 1645 W Paddington – Hereford but was not titled the Cathedrals Express

931 remained unchanged @ 1845 W Paddington – Hereford
New down train number (if any) unknown 2145 W Paddington – Hereford

For trains between Paddington and Wolverhampton and beyond:

034 0735 SX Birkenhead – Paddington, new up train
049 0740 SX Pwllheli (0945 Aberystwyth) – Paddington became the up Cambrian Coast Express
071 1145 SX Aberystwyth (0945 Pwllheli) – Paddington ran but was not titled the Cambrian Coast Express
077 1620 SX Wolverhampton – Paddington, new up train
800 1634 SX Paddington – Wolverhampton, existing down semi-fast train now numbered
844 1510 SX Paddington – Wolverhampton, new down train

I am sure there were more changes or new trains than listed by me, but I don't know of them.

Relief trains with Reporting Numbers

Relief trains with the numbers given below were seen in the last month of this timetable, and run at peak periods during it. They were, most likely, one-offs for that day. I am aware of these from photographs and books in my collection. I do not know the numbers of the reliefs run at Christmas 1959 and New Year 59/60.

These Reporting numbers are not shown in the public nor working timetable, but were run to meet demand. I have no more details than below, and the loco that hauled each train is shown in brackets last on each line. This list is in date order. This list is only a starter, and there were many more than these. Most of these are unique in that they only ran on the one occasion noted. I'd welcome any more that visitors to this site know.

Derek Frost informs me: 'In Summer 1959, regular time-tabled trains to the Exeter district were numbered 300 to 341 in the order of arrival. Relief trains were numbered 350 up in no particular order. Those to the Plymouth district were numbered 400 to 443, with reliefs numbered 460 onwards, again in no particular order. This continued in to the Winter 1959/60 period. On Sat. 4.6.60, reliefs were numbered 350 to 365, and 460 to 467. On Sat. 11.6.60, reliefs were numbered 350 to 370, and 460 to 468. A relief train running on both Saturdays did not necessarily carry the same number on the two days.' Further trains were run on both Fridays 3 and 10.6.60, also on Mondays 6 and 13.6.60.

(470x loco data from Steam Days, July 2013 issue), other data from photos, and notes by fans/photographers. Listed in date order)

354, a morning down Swindon/Bristol – Paignton relief, seen in south Devon, 27.6.59 (5986)
395, 2208 dn Nottingham – Paignton relief, Fri night 24.7.59 (4706)
385, 1050 dn Birmingham – Paignton relief, Sat 25.7.59 (4705)
189, 1723 up Bristol – Paddington relief, August Bank Holiday Monday, 3.8.59 (4701)
162, 0945 up Newquay – Paddington relief, Sat 19.9.59 (1st Sat in Winter TT) (4703)
167, "up relief to Cornish Riviera", seen at Castle Cary, Sat 19.9.59 (1st Sat in Winter TT) (7006)
166, up relief to Paddington, seen at Teignmouth, Sat 26.9.59 (2nd Sat in Winter TT) (4098)
354, 0927 B'ham (SH) – Paignton relief, Sat before Whitsun (28.5.60) (4950)
357, 1227 Cardiff – Paignton, Sat before Whitsun (28.5.60) (loco unknown)
357, 0845 Manchester – Paignton relief, seen at Craven Arms and at Bristol, Whit Saturday (4.6.60) (5970)
973, 0755 Camborne – Bristol (train 264) renumbered and extended to Manchester (4.6.60) (5097)
168, 1400 up Paignton – Paddington relief, Whit Monday, 6.6.60 (5054)
721, (about 1830) Weston-super-Mare – South Wales (Newport?) relief, seen at Bristol, 6.6.60 (4283)
178, 1928 up Bristol – Paddington relief, Whit Monday, 6.6.60 (4703)
162, up relief to 1625 Paignton – Paddington; Whit Tuesday, 7.6.60 (6021)
352, down relief through Exeter for the Kingswear line, Sat after Whitsun, 11.6.60 (6938)
353, down relief through Exeter for the Kingswear line, Sat after Whitsun, 11.6.60 (4935)
354, 0805 Newcastle – Paignton, Sat after Whitsun, 11.6.60 (unknown loco)
460, down relief through Exeter for the Plymouth line, Sat after Whitsun, 11.6.60 (4942)
461, 0927 B'ham (SH) – Penzance, Sat after Whitsun, 11.6.60 (unknown loco)
466, down relief through Exeter for the Plymouth line, Sat after Whitsun, 11.6.60 (6874)
886, 1235 up Paignton – Birmingham (SH) relief, seen at Exeter, Sat after Whitsun, 11.6.60 (92204)
468, 0935 Bristol – Penzance relief, seen both at Bristol and Newton Abbot, Sat after Whitsun, 11.6.60 (6919), 4905 was added at NA as pilot loco ahead of 6919

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