

BR Western Region Reporting Numbers – Summer 1955

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This list is my 'best shot' to date. I do not claim it is 100% correct, but much time has been spent on getting to this stage. I want to hear from anyone who spots errors or omissions please. The Summer Timetable ran from Monday 27 June to Sunday 18 September 1955. I do not have a precise record of the numbers that applied EXCEPT I believe they were mostly the same as those that applied in Summer 1954, except (1) those between 280 -399 were greatly changed; (2) some in the 500 – 599 range were changed, and a handful of others, including which days they ran, and destinations.

The ASLEF strike of 28 May – 11 June 1955 caused the start date of the timetable to be delayed till 27 June, and the start date of the South Wales Pullman.

The Summer timetable 1955 ended Saturday 18 September and all, with very few exceptions, Friday Night and Saturday Only trains ceased. Indeed most trains listed here as FO or SO ran only on specified periods within the 27 June – 18 September timeframe, at school and town holidays and Wakes Weeks times; and these were termed 'dated trains'. Some of them have been noted here.

The lists show when the number was to be carried, but this does not mean the train was limited only to run on the day when a number was to be carried.

I have shown the titled trains, both up and down, that ran during this timetable, against their Reporting Number. I have omitted the first word 'The' in such titles. Some titled trains did not run under their name on Saturdays, but a train with the same start time did run, shown when relevant here.

D – Daily (i.e. Mon – Sat and Sun), every day of the week
FO – Friday only (including overnight)
LMR – London Midland Region (destination varied weekly)
MX – Mondays excepted (i.e. Tue – Sat and Sun)
Q – Ran as required
SO – Saturday only
SuO – Sunday only
SX – Saturday excepted (i.e. Mon – Fri)
W – Every Weekday (i.e. Mon – Sat)

010	2150 FO Paddington – Penzance
011	2212 FO Paddington – Penzance
012	2235 FO Paddington – Penzance
013	2250 FO Paddington – Newquay
015	2335 FO Paddington – Penzance
016	2350 FO Paddington – Penzance
018	0030 D Paddington – Penzance (newspapers)
019	0035 SO Paddington – Penzance
038	2250 MO Manchester (London Road) - Cardiff
100	0530 SX Paddington – Penzance (SO Minehead) via Bristol
102	0655 SO Paddington – Penzance
103	0700 SO Paddington – Kingswear
105	0705 SO Paddington (or 0725 SO Ealing Broadway on some dates) – Penzance
107	0730 SX Paddington – Paignton (SO Kingswear) via Bristol
108	0740 SO Paddington – Paignton
110	0810 SO Paddington – Paignton
113	0820 SO Paddington – Weymouth
114	0825 SO Paddington – Penzance
115	0820 SX/0830 SO Paddington – Weymouth
116	0845 SX Paddington – Bristol (down Bristolian)
117	0850 SO Paddington – Paignton
119	0905 W Paddington – Bristol

120 0915 SO Paddington – Durston
122 0930 SX Paddington – Falmouth (SO + Newquay)
123 0935 SO Paddington – Minehead
125 0940 SO Paddington - Paignton
128 1020 SO Paddington – Kingswear
130 1030 D Paddington – Penzance
131 1035 QSX Paddington – Penzance
133 1035 SO Paddington – Penzance
135 1040 SO Paddington – Paignton
136 1105 SO Swindon - Sheffield
138 1100 SO Paddington – Penzance
140 1105 SO Paddington – Penzance
142 1115 D Paddington – Weston-super-Mare (down Merchant Venturer)
144 1130 SX Paddington –Penzance (SO Minehead)
146 1200 D Paddington – Kingswear (down Torbay Express)
147 1205 SO Paddington – Plymouth
149 1325SO Paddington – Kingswear
150 1335 SO Paddington - Penzance
152 1520 SO Paddington – Paignton
153 1530 W Paddington - Penzance
154 1615 W Paddington – Plymouth via Bristol
155 1705 W Paddington – Weston-super-Mare
156 1104 SO Bournemouth - Sheffield
157 1730 W Paddington – Plymouth (down Mayflower)
158 1815 FO Paddington – Bristol
159 1830 W Paddington – Weston-super-Mare
161 0755 SO Paddington – Carmarthen
162 0840 SO/0850 SX Paddington – Pembroke Dock
163 0855 SX Paddington – Pembroke Dock
164 0955 SO Paddington – Neyland (SX Swansea, down South Wales Pullman)
165 1055 W Paddington – Pembroke Dock (down Pembroke Coast Express)
166 1135 SO Paddington – Neyland
167 1155 D Paddington – Pembroke Dock
168 1350 SO Paddington – Carmarthen
169 1355 W Paddington – Pembroke Dock
170 1545 W Paddington – Fishguard Harbour
171 1555 W Paddington – Neyland
172 1655 W Paddington – Cheltenham
173 1755 W Paddington – Carmarthen (dn Red Dragon)
174 1750 W Paddington – Swansea
176 1835 W Paddington – Cheltenham
178 1855 W Paddington – Fishguard Harbour
179 1915 FO Paddington – Fishguard Harbour
180 0910 W Paddington – Birkenhead
181 0900 SX Paddington – Wolverhampton (down Inter-City) (SO Pwllheli)
183 1010 SX/1050 SO Paddington – Aberystwyth (down Cambrian Coast Express)
185 1145 W Paddington – Hereford
186 1345 W Paddington – Hereford
187 1610 W Paddington – Birkenhead
189 1645 W Paddington – Hereford
192 1710 SX Paddington – Wolverhampton
195 1810 D Paddington – Birkenhead
198 1845 D Paddington – Hereford

201 2222 FO York – Swindon
202 2335 FO Liverpool – Penzance
204 0810 SO Manchester (London Road) – Penzance; also
204 1116 SO Bournemouth - Newcastle
205 1200 W Penzance – Crewe
206 0805 SO Bournemouth – Newcastle

208 0910 SX/0915 SO Liverpool – Plymouth
 208 2240 SuO Liverpool – Plymouth; also
 208 2140 FO Swindon - York

 210 2125 SX Manchester (London Road) – Swansea
 212 0910 SX Manchester (London Road) – Plymouth (SO Paignton)
 214 1730 FO Glasgow (St. Enoch) – Plymouth
 215 0005 D Cardiff - Liverpool
 216 0905 SO Birkenhead – Plymouth
 217 0010 MO Bristol - Manchester (London Road); also
 217 1645 W Penzance - Manchester (London Road)
 221 1905 SO Penzance - Manchester (Victoria)
 223 1004 SO Exeter - Manchester (London Road)
 227 0820 SO Cardiff – Manchester (Mayfield)
 228 1155 SX Manchester (London Road) – Plymouth
 230 0015 SO Manchester (London Road) – Paignton
 232 1240 SO Cardiff - Manchester (Exchange)
 234 1500 SX/1505 SO + SuO Liverpool – Cardiff
 239 1015 SO Bradford - Poole
 240 1510 FSO/1515 SuO Manchester (London Road) – Plymouth (SuO – Bristol)
 241 0855 W Cardiff - Manchester (London Road)
 243 2225 FO Derby – Bournemouth
 244 0825 SO Ilfracombe – Manchester (Exchange)
 246 2033 W Crewe - Cardiff
 248 2020 W Crewe – Bristol
 252 2125 FO Manchester (London Road) – Newquay
 257 1640 SO Cardiff – Manchester (London Road)
 258 2235 FO Manchester (Victoria) – Paignton
 262 0035 W (Manchester (London Road)/ 0140 SuO Crewe – Plymouth
 263 0800 SX (0845 SO + SuO) Plymouth - Crewe
 265 0040 SuO Cardiff – Manchester (London Road); also
 265 1115 SO/1150 W Swansea – Manchester (London Road)
 268 2315 FO Manchester (Victoria) – Paignton
 273 0730 SX Penzance – Crewe also
 273 0750 SO Newquay – Manchester (London Road)
 280 0125 D Crewe – Cardiff
 283 0815 FO/Bristol - Manchester (London Road) also
 283 0815 SO Bristol – Liverpool
 284 0845 SO Liverpool – Penzance
 285 1005 W Penzance – Liverpool
 289 1805 SuO Cardiff – Crewe
 292 2315 FO Manchester (London Road) – Penzance
 300 0915 SO Blackpool – Cardiff
 301 1740 SuO Bristol – Crewe
 305 2000 SO Penzance – (Manchester (Victoria)
 314 1200 SO noon Manchester (London Road) – Cardiff
 329 1640 SO Penzance - Manchester (London Road)
 334 2110 FO Manchester (Victoria) – Paignton also
 334 2108 SO Manchester (Victoria) – Penzance
 341 1640 FO Penzance - Manchester (London Road)

 350 0645 W Wolverhampton – Paddington
 355 0730 W Shrewsbury – Paddington
 358 0635 W Hereford – Paddington
 360 0819 W Kidderminster – Paddington via Worcester
 363 0725 SX Wolverhampton - Paddington
 365 1115 SX Aberystwyth – Paddington (up Cambrian Coast Express) – see Note at end
 370 1635 SX Wolverhampton – Paddington (up Inter-City)
 375 1440 W Birkenhead - Paddington
 380 0925 SO Weymouth Town – Wolverhampton

383 1000 SO Weymouth Town – Birmingham
 384 1020 SO Weymouth Town – Wolverhampton
 385 1112 SO Weymouth Town – Paddington
 387 1540 W Weymouth Quay – Paddington
 388 1610 SO Weymouth Town – Paddington
 389 1618 SO Weymouth Town – Cardiff
 390 0900 SO Bournemouth Central – Cardiff
 391 0850 SO New Milton – Swansea
 392 0937 SO Portsmouth & Southsea – Cardiff
 395 0933 SO Portsmouth & Southsea – Cardiff
 396 1034 SO Portsmouth & Southsea – Cardiff
 397 1137 SO Portsmouth & Southsea – Cardiff
 399 1100 SO Brighton – Cardiff

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400 1557 FO Newcastle - Penzance
 403 1914 FO Sheffield – Newquay
 405 0105 FO Bristol – Penzance
 408 2112 FO Nottingham – Paignton
 410 2200 FO Nottingham – Paignton
 413 2220 FO Sheffield – Paignton
 415 2050 FO Bradford – Paignton
 417 2210 FO Hull - Paignton
 418 2105 FO Newcastle – Paignton
 419 0625 SX Bristol - Plymouth
 420 0700 SO Swindon – Penzance
 423 0830 SO Weston - Super - Mare – Weymouth Town
 425 0935 SO Bristol – Penzance
 430 0635 SO Walsall – Kingswear
 433 0640 SO Leicester – Paignton

435 0743 SO Nottingham – Plymouth
438 0806 SO Sheffield – Kingswear
440 1345 SO Bristol – Penzance
442 0730 SO Newcastle – Paignton
444 0930 SO Leeds – Paignton
446 0925 SO Bradford – Paignton

450 0700 W Weston - Super - Mare – Paddington
455 0820 W Weston - Super - Mare – Paddington
457 1042 SO Weston – Super – Mare - Paddington
460 1145 SO Bristol – Paddington
462 1105 SO Weston - Super - Mare – Paddington
463 1350 SO Bristol - Paddington
465 1358 SO Weston - Super - Mare (Locking Road) – Paddington
470 1615 SX Bristol – Paddington via Bath
473 1630 SX Bristol – Paddington via Badminton (up Bristolian)
475 1635 SX /1641 SO Weston - Super - Mare – Paddington (up Merchant Venturer)
480 1405 SO Weston - Super - Mare (Locking Road) – Birmingham
490 1350 SO Weston - Super – Mare (Locking Road) – Swansea
493 1930 FO Swindon - Sheffield

500 0700 SO Kingswear – Paddington
503 2230 FO Paignton - Nottingham
503 2230 FO Paignton - Nottingham
505 0800 SO Kingswear – Paddington
508 0905 SO Minehead – Paddington
510 0945 SO Churston – Paddington
512 1040 SO Minehead – Paddington
513 0605 SO Paignton - LMR
515 1035 SO Torquay – Paddington
517 2350 FO Paignton – Wolverhampton
518 0630 SO Paignton - LMR
520 1120 SO/1125 SX Kingswear – Paddington (up Torbay Express)
522 1155 SO Minehead – Paddington via Bristol
523 0655 SO Paignton - Bradford
525 1130 SO Torquay – Paddington
527 1000 SO Torquay – Birmingham (Moor St.) via Oxford
528 0710 SO Paignton - LMR
529 1218 SO Newton Abbot - Paddington
530 1330 SO Paignton – Paddington
533 0745 SO Paignton - Newcastle
535 1340 SO Kingswear – Paddington
537 1035 SO Paignton - Wolverhampton
540 1345 SO Paignton – Paddington *
542 1415 SO Minehead - Paddington
543 0840 SO Paignton - Nottingham
545 1445 SO Paignton – Paddington
550 1615 SO Paignton – Paddington
552 1015 SO Teignmouth – Bradford
553 0852 SO Paignton - Sheffield
555 1635 SO Kingswear – Paddington via Bristol
557 1215 SO Kingswear – Wolverhampton
560 1055 SO Ilfracombe – Birmingham
563 0845 SO Kingswear – Bradford
565 2310 FO Paignton – Manchester (London Road)
567 1355 SO Paignton – Wolverhampton
568 0640 SO Paignton - Stockport
570 0745 SO Newton Abbot – Swansea
573 1058 SO Paignton – Nottingham
574 0825 SO Ilfracombe – Manchester (Exchange)

575 1004 SO Exeter – Manchester (London Road)
577 1455 SO Paignton - Wolverhampton
578 0805 SO Paignton – Manchester (Victoria)
579 0905 SO Paignton - Manchester (London Road)
580 0905 SO Kingswear Swansea
583 1425 SO Paignton - Derby
585 1010 SO Paignton – Cardiff
587 1510 SO Paignton - Wolverhampton
588 1020 SO Kingswear - Crewe
590 1205 SO Paignton - Cardiff
593 1715 SO Paignton - Nottingham
594 1230 SO Paignton – Manchester (London Road)
595 1520 SO Kingswear – Cardiff
597 2230 SO Paignton - Manchester

600 0700 SO/0715 SX Plymouth – Paddington
603 0725 SO Plymouth – Paddington
605 0830 W Plymouth – Paddington (up Mayflower)
608 0730 W Truro - Paddington
610 0815 SO Perranporth – Paddington
615 0835 SO Falmouth – Paddington
620 1115 SO Plymouth – Paddington
623 0940 W Falmouth - Paddington
625 0820 SO Penzance – Paddington
630 0920 SO St. Ives – Paddington
635 1000 W Penzance – Paddington (up Cornish Riviera)
636 1215 Q Plymouth – Paddington (or un-numbered from a Cornish start point such as Falmouth or Penzance, as far as Plymouth when it was numbered)
638 1000 SO Newquay – Paddington
640 1230 SO Newquay – Paddington
645 1150 SO Penzance – Paddington
647 1350 SO Newquay – Paddington
649 1320 SO Penzance - Paddington
663 1020 SO Penzance – Cardiff
666 1535 FO Plymouth – Bristol Stapleton Road
670 0740 SO St. Austell - Birmingham
672 0730 SO Penzance – Wolverhampton
675 1035 SX (northbound Cornishman)/1110 SO Penzance – Wolverhampton
678 1115 SO Newquay – Wolverhampton
683 0805 SO Newquay – Newcastle
685 1100 SO Newquay – York
688 1045 SO Penzance – Sheffield

700 0615 SO Cardiff – Paignton
703 0810 SO Newport – Paignton
704 0805 SO Cardiff – Kingswear
705 0905 SO Swansea – Kingswear
708 0817 SO Carmarthen – Penzance
710 0335 SO/0405 SuO Fishguard Hbr - Paddington
711 0355 MX/0435 SuO Fishguard Hbr - Paddington
712 0425 MX/0505 SuO Fishguard Hbr - Paddington
715 0630 W Swansea – Paddington
716 0743 SO/0750 SX Cardiff – Paddington
718 0455 MX Fishguard Hbr/0815 MO Cardiff – Paddington
719 0820 SO Swansea/0945 SX Cardiff – Paddington
720 0730 W Carmarthen – Paddington (up Red Dragon)
722 0955 SO Cardiff – Paddington
724 0705 W Cheltenham – Paddington
725 0800 W Cheltenham – Paddington
730 1145 SO Cheltenham - Paddington

733 0730 SO Pembroke Dock – Paddington
735 0800 SO Neyland – Paddington
736 0925 SO Carmarthen – Paddington
739 1020 SO Pembroke Dock – Paddington
740 1110 W Milford Haven – Paddington
745 1200 W Milford Haven – Paddington
750 1205 SO Pembroke – Dock – Paddington
753 1310 W Pembroke Dock – Paddington (up Pembroke Coast Express)
755 1435 W Neyland – Paddington
758 1635 SX Swansea – Paddington (up South Wales Pullman
760 0900 SO Cardiff – Portsmouth & Southsea
765 0928 SO Cardiff – New Milton
770 1008 SO Cardiff – Portsmouth & Southsea
775 1030 SO Cardiff – Portsmouth & Southsea
780 0920 SO Swansea - Bournemouth
783 1253 SO Cardiff – Portsmouth & Southsea
785 1300 SO Cardiff – Brighton
790 0810 SO Swansea - York
793 1115 W Swansea – Manchester
795 1250 W Cardiff - Manchester

805 2150 FO Wolverhampton – Penzance
808 2240 FO Wolverhampton – Paignton
810 0700 SO Birmingham – Penzance
812 0730 SO Birmingham – Paignton
815 0655 SO Wolverhampton – Paignton
818 0830 SO Birmingham – Weston - Super - Mare
820 0855 SO Wolverhampton – Penzance
823 1055 SO Birmingham – Paignton
825 0900 SX (southbound Cornishman) Wolverhampton – Penzance
826 0910 QSX Wolverhampton - Kingswear
827 1035 SO Wolverhampton – Paignton
830 1050 SO Wolverhampton – Minehead
848 0750 SO Birmingham – Weymouth
850 0800 SO Birmingham – Weymouth
855 0910 SO Wolverhampton – Paignton
865 1105 SO Wolverhampton – Weymouth
873 0910 SO Birmingham – Pembroke Dock
875 1830 FO York – Swindon
877 1545 W Birmingham – Swansea
881 2142 FO Newcastle – Bournemouth
887 0837 SO Newcastle – Bournemouth
891 1336 SO Sheffield – Cardiff
893 1015 SO Newcastle - Swansea

900 0030 SO Birmingham – Bournemouth
903 0605 SO Birmingham – Bournemouth West
905 0728 SO Wolverhampton – Hastings
908 0840 SO Birmingham – Portsmouth & Southsea
910 0905 SO Birmingham – Portsmouth & Southsea
913 0840 SO Wolverhampton – Portsmouth Harbour
915 1010 SO Birmingham – Margate
918 1020 SO Birmingham – Margate
920 1040 SO Birmingham – Hastings
923 0735 SO Birkenhead – Ramsgate
925 1215 SO Birmingham – Bournemouth
927 0920 SO Birkenhead – Bournemouth West
929 0920 SO Birkenhead – Bournemouth West
953 0850 SO Portsmouth – Birmingham
955 0911 SO Portsmouth Harbour – Wolverhampton

958	0855 SO Margate – Birmingham
960	0932 SO Bournemouth Central – Wolverhampton
963	0848 SO Hastings – Wolverhampton
965	0930 SO Bournemouth West – Birkenhead
968	0910 SO Margate – Wolverhampton
970	0856 W Ramsgate – Birkenhead
973	1150 SO Bournemouth Central – Birmingham
975	1311 SO Portsmouth Harbour – Birmingham
978	1330 SO Portsmouth Harbour – Birmingham
980	1218 SO Hastings – Birmingham via Reading
983	1438 SO Portsmouth Harbour – Wolverhampton
985	1530 SO Portsmouth Harbour – Wolverhampton
993	1025 SO Poole – Bradford (Exchange)

NOTE re up Cambrian Coast Express. The same loco was used for both trains, as time allowed for this at Shrewsbury, so long as the down train was not too late. The loco for the up train never seemed to change the Reporting Number to the up train number, hence caption errors in published photos.

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