

GWR Reporting Numbers Summer 1939

This is the list of GWR trains that were planned to run with Reporting Numbers assigned on Saturday 5 August 1939. Many other trains ran as well, but without Reporting Numbers.

I understand that more trains were arranged to run on 5 August than any other day in 1939. Many of these trains will be SO (Saturday Only) and as few trains were numbered on other days of the week, any pictures of WR trains carrying a Reporting Number are likely to have been taken on a Saturday. The start times of some Relief trains are not known, and these are shown as A/R (As Required) or as a hyphen (-). Also note the trains are listed in numerical order and not in departure time order.

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100	7.30 a.m.	Paddington	Kingswear, 2nd part
101	-	Swindon	Paignton, Relief to 100, 1st part
105	8.33 a.m.	Paddington	Weymouth Quay, 2nd part
106	8.30 a.m.	Paddington	Weymouth Quay, Relief to 105, 1st part
110	8.50 a.m.	Paddington	Paignton
115	9.00 a.m.	Paddington	Paignton, 3rd part
116	-	Paddington	Paignton, Relief to 115, 1st part
117	A/R	Reading	Paignton, Relief to 116, 'to follow closely' 2nd part
120	9.15 a.m.	Paddington	Durston
125	9.30 a.m.	Paddington	Perranporth
130	9.35 a.m.	Paddington	Minehead & Ilfracombe
135	9.40 a.m.	Paddington	Weymouth
136	10.20 a.m.	Stapleton Rd	Weymouth, Relief to 135 to precede or follow Main As required
140	10.25 a.m.	Paddington	Newquay
141	10.30 a.m.	Paddington	Penzance
142	10.35 a.m.	Paddington	Penzance
143	10.40 a.m.	Paddington	Falmouth
145	10.55 a.m.	Paddington	Paignton
146	11.00 a.m.	Paddington	Penzance
150	11.10 a.m.	Paddington	Penzance
151	A/R	Exeter	Plymouth or Penzance, As required, Relief to 150
155	11.15 a.m.	Paddington	Weston-Super-Mare, 2nd part
156	11.12 a.m.	Paddington	Bristol, Relief to 155, 1st part
160	12.00 noon.	Paddington	Kingswear
161	12.03 p.m.	Paddington	Paignton
165	12.06 p.m.	Paddington	Minehead & Ilfracombe
170	12.10 p.m.	Paddington	Plymouth
175	12.30 p.m.	Paddington	Weymouth, 2nd part
176	12.25 p.m.	Paddington	Weymouth, 1st part
180	1.15 p.m.	Paddington	Bridgwater
185	1.40 p.m.	Paddington	Penzance
186	1.30 p.m.	Paddington	Kingswear
187	1.00 p.m.	Oxford	Penzance, Relief to 185
190	2.15 p.m.	Paddington	Minehead & Ilfracombe, 1st part
191	A/R	Paddington	Westbury & Weymouth, 2nd part
195	3.30 p.m.	Paddington	Penzance, 1st part
196	3.25 p.m.	Paddington	Kingswear
197	A/R	Paddington	Minehead & Ilfracombe, Relief to 195, 2nd part
200	11.35 pm. (Fri)	Shrewsbury	Truro
205	11.55 pm. (Fri)	Shrewsbury	Paignton
215	8.05 a.m.	Manchester (LR)	Penzance
220	9.10 a.m.	Manchester (LR)	Paignton

225	9.10 a.m.	Liverpool	Penzance
230	10.20 a.m.	Manchester (LR)	Truro
235	10.20 a.m.	Liverpool	Paignton
240	11.43 a.m.	Crewe	Plymouth
245	1.10 p.m.	Crewe	Plymouth
250	10.00 a.m.	Aberystwyth	Paddington
260	11.55 a.m.	Birkenhead	Paddington, 2nd part
261	9.35 a.m.	Pwllheli	Paddington, Relief to 260, 1st part
285	2.40 p.m.	Birkenhead	Paddington, 2nd part
286	A/R	Aberystwyth	Paddington, Relief to 285, 1st part

300	9.00 a.m.	Weymouth	Paddington
305	10.07 a.m.	Weymouth	Paddington
310	10.30 a.m.	Weymouth	Paddington
315	11.45 a.m.	Weymouth	Paddington, 2nd part
316	A/R	Warminster	Paddington, Relief to 315, 1st part
330	3.40 p.m.	Weymouth Quay	Paddington, 2nd part
331	A/R	Weymouth Quay	Paddington, Relief to 330, 1st part
335	4.15 p.m.	Weymouth	Paddington
345	4.45 p.m.	Weymouth	Birmingham
350	9.33 a.m.	Portsmouth	Cardiff, 2nd part
351	-	Southampton Central	Cardiff, Relief to 350, 1st part
352	A/R	Bath	Cardiff, Relief to 351, As required
380	4.45 p.m.	Portsmouth	Cardiff
385	5.35 p.m.	Portsmouth	Cardiff, 2nd part
386	A/R	Salisbury	Cardiff, Relief to 385, 1st part

400	8.25 p.m. (Fri)	Bradford LMS	Plymouth, 4th part
401	-	Derby LMS	Paignton, Relief to 400, 1st part
402	-	Nottingham LMS	Paignton, Relief to 400, 2nd part
403	-	Sheffield LMS	Paignton, Relief to 400, 3rd part
405	8.30 a.m.	Weston-Super-Mare	Weymouth, 2nd part
406	A/R	Bristol	Weymouth, Relief to 405, 1st part
410	9.40 a.m.	Bristol	Penzance
415	8.00 a.m.	Sheffield LMS	Plymouth, 2nd part
416	A/R	Bristol	Paignton, Relief to 415, 1st part
420	1.40 p.m.	Bristol	Penzance
425	11.10 a.m.	Nottingham LMS	Paignton
430	10.00 a.m.	Bradford LMS	Paignton
450	1.50 p.m.	Burnham	Paddington
455	4.35 p.m.	Weston-Super-Mare	Paddington

500	8.12 a.m.	Kingswear	Paddington
502	9.40 a.m.	Paignton	Paddington
505	11.00 a.m.	Minehead	Paddington
510	11.50 p.m.	Torquay	Paddington
511	11.25 a.m.	Kingswear	Paddington
515	12.15 p.m.	Minehead	Paddington, 2nd part
516	A/R	Taunton	Paddington, Relief to 515, 1st part
520	12.00 noon	Ilfracombe	Paddington
523	2.20 p.m.	Minehead	Paddington
525	1.20 p.m.	Kingswear	Paddington
530	2.45 p.m.	Paignton	Paddington
535	4.20 p.m.	Paignton	Paddington
540	4.10 p.m.	Taunton	Paddington
543	10.00 a.m.	Paignton	Bristol
545	9.32 a.m.	Torquay	Bradford LMS
548	9.05 a.m.	Kingswear	Bradford LMS
550	2.20 p.m.	Paignton	Leeds LMS

555	10.20 a.m.	Kingswear	Birmingham (Snow Hill)
560	1.00 p.m.	Paignton	Wolverhampton
565	3.30 p.m.	Paignton	Wolverhampton
570	9.00 a.m.	Paignton	Manchester (LR)
575	9.50 a.m.	Ilfracombe	Manchester (LR)
580	10.30 a.m.	Paignton	Liverpool
585	12.05 p.m.	Kingswear	Manchester (LR), 2nd part
586	A/R	Exeter	Bristol, Relief to 585, 1st part
590	11.10 a.m.	Paignton	Swansea
595	1.25 p.m.	Paignton	Sheffield LNE (via Banbury)
600	8.35 a.m.	Plymouth	Paddington
605	9.00 a.m.	Perranporth	Paddington
610	9.30 a.m.	Newquay	Paddington
611	9.00 a.m.	Penzance	Paddington, Relief to 611, 2nd part
612	A/R	Exeter	Paddington, 1st part
615	9.45 a.m.	St. Ives	Paddington
620	10.00 a.m.	Penzance	Paddington
625	10.10 a.m.	Falmouth	Paddington
630	12.10 p.m.	Newquay	Paddington
635	11.40 a.m.	Penzance	Paddington
640	1.30 p.m.	Penzance	Paddington, 2nd part
641	A/R	Newquay	Paddington, Relief to 640, 1st part
645	10.30 a.m.	Penzance	Cardiff
650	8.45 a.m.	Plymouth	Crewe
655	9.55 a.m.	Plymouth	Manchester (LR)
660	10.15 a.m.	Penzance	Crewe
665	12.30 p.m.	Penzance	Crewe, 2nd part
666	A/R	Newton Abbot	Bristol, Relief to 665, 1st part
670	7.45 a.m.	Penzance	Wolverhampton
675	11.00 a.m.	Penzance	Wolverhampton
695	11.05 a.m.	St. Erth	York LNE (via Banbury)
700	6.25 p.m. (Fri)	York LNE	Penzance, 2nd part
701	A/R	Swindon	Penzance, Relief to 700, 1st part
702	7.28 p.m. (Fri)	Sheffield LNE	Paignton
705	7.10 a.m.	Wolverhampton	Highbridge, 2nd part
706	7.42 a.m.	Birmingham	Weston Super Mare, 1st part
710	8.10 a.m.	Birmingham	Paignton, 3rd part
711	A/R	Birmingham	Paignton, Relief to 710, 1st part
712	A/R	Birmingham	Paignton, Relief to 710, 2nd part
725	9.30 a.m.	Birmingham Moor St.	Weymouth, 2nd part
726	9.20 a.m.	Birmingham Moor St.	Weymouth, 1st part
730	9.05 a.m.	Wolverhampton	Penzance
735	10.10 a.m.	Birmingham	Kingswear
745	10.40 a.m.	Wolverhampton	Ilfracombe
750	10.50 a.m.	Wolverhampton	Paignton
755	11.15 a.m.	Wolverhampton	Weymouth, 2nd part
756	11.35 a.m.	Birmingham	Weymouth, Relief to 755, 1st part
760	12.15 p.m.	Birmingham	Weston Super Mare
765	2.25 p.m.	Birmingham	Weston Super Mare
776	9.25 a.m.	Birmingham	Bournemouth
780	9.45 a.m.	Wolverhampton	Hastings, 2nd part
781	10.15 a.m.	Birmingham	Brighton, Relief to 780, 1st part
785	8.00 a.m.	Birkenhead	Deal
786	10.20 a.m.	Wolverhampton	Margate
790	9.43 a.m.	Birkenhead	Bournemouth West
791	12.35 p.m.	Birmingham	Poole & Portsmouth
792	10.10 a.m.	Manchester	Bournemouth, Relief to 790, (via Wellington)

795	8.20 a.m.	Newcastle LNE	Bournemouth, 2nd part
796	11.23 a.m.	Sheffield	Poole, Relief to 795, 1st part
800	8.05 a.m.	Cardiff	Paignton
805	9.45 a.m.	Swansea	Goodrington
806	10.55 a.m.	Cardiff	Paignton
810	7.35 a.m.	Carmarthen	Paddington, 2nd part
811	A/R	Swansea	Paddington, Relief to 810, 1st part
815	8.25 a.m.	Fishguard Hbr	Paddington, 3rd part
816	A/R	Cardiff	Paddington, Relief to 815, 1st part
817	7.55 a.m.	Pembroke Dock	Paddington, Relief to 815, 2nd part
820	12.55 p.m.	Cardiff	Paignton
830	10.20 a.m.	Pembroke Dock	Paddington
835	11.20 a.m.	Milford Haven	Paddington, 2nd part
836	A/R	Cardiff	Paddington, 1st part
840	1.10 p.m.	Neyland	Paddington, 2nd part
841	A/R	Cardiff	Paddington, Relief to 840, 1st part
845	5.30 p.m.	Swansea	Paddington
880	12.20 p.m.	Cardiff	Brighton
900	9.13 a.m.	Bournemouth	Manchester
901	9.58 a.m.	Portsmouth Hbr	Manchester
905	9.30 a.m.	Bournemouth	Birkenhead
910	10.00 a.m.	Bournemouth	Sheffield LNE
916	9.20 a.m.	Margate	Wolverhampton
920	9.20 a.m.	Deal	Birkenhead
925	11.16 a.m.	Bournemouth	Newcastle LNE
926	10.58 a.m.	Poole	Sheffield LNE
930	12.56 p.m.	Bournemouth	Wolverhampton
935	1.39 p.m.	Portsmouth Hbr	Wolverhampton
937	2.03 p.m.,	Portsmouth Hbr	Birmingham
940	12.18 p.m.	Hastings	Wolverhampton
950	2.45 p.m.	Portsmouth	Wolverhampton

On a final note, some of the PDFs accompanying the webpage might, despite considerable effort, contain errors and missing details. My purpose has always been to compile the lists of WR Train Reporting Numbers for myself, however I am willing to share my best shot so far with others, and welcome corrections to get the thing right.

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