



An Electric Awayday

Watford Junction - 8th January 1981

- 1 - Watford Junction at 12.29pm, class 87 no. 87025 passes heading north with an express, then at 12.30pm 85022 hoots as it passes with a parcels train bound for Euston.
- 2 - 47064 trundles past four minutes later with a north bound cement train.
- 3 - Next, class 86 no. 86250 "The Glasgow Herald" passes going south at 12.41pm.
- 4 - Three minutes later, 87021 "Robert the Bruce" passes heading for London. Shortly after, class 25 no. 25311 passes north bound light engine.
- 5 - At 12.48pm, 86220 "Goliath", 85024 and another locomotive pass with an express for London.
- 6 - At 12.51pm 87008 "City of Liverpool" passes going to Euston.
- 7 - The station announcer announces the arrival of the 12.39pm to Euston. The unit is 310087. Once again the announcer can be heard announcing the arrival of a train, this time, however, the unit 310048 is going to Bletchley. As it leaves, 86205 passes going to London. The time is 1254.
- 8 - The time is 12.58pm. 83015 passes with a north bound oil train.

- 9 - At 1.06pm 86260 passes. Unit 310060 arrives on platform
- 9. Both trains were bound for London. Just before the unit leaves, 87034 "William Shakespeare" passes going north. Some workmen can be heard on an adjacent platform.
- 10 - At 1.19pm, 87010 "King Arthur" passes going north.
- 11 - 87026 "Redgauntlet" passes in the opposite direction. 310065 arrives with the Birmingham service, as it arrives 82004 passes northbound with a short flat wagon train.
- 12 - As 310065 leaves a different announcer broadcasts that the 13.31 is running late.
- 13 - 87011 "The Black Prince" speeds past towards London at 1.26.
- 14 - Then 86226 "Mail" rushes past north bound and passes class 86 no. 86103 which is on its way to London.
- 15 - The time is 1.58 and 87001 "Royal Scot" passes northbound.
- 16 - Class 310 no.059 arrives with the Euston service. A class 25 no. 25036 hoots in the distance. As the unit leaves, 87023 "Highland Chieftain" speeds past northbound.
- 17 - Then 86016 passes light engine and 25036 approaches Watford's yard with an engineer's train, as it does so, it hoots. An aircraft can be heard overhead.

Finsbury Park

- 18 - At 3.39pm, HST power-car 43083 passes with 43112 at the rear.
- 19 - Then at 3.41 another HST passes with power-cars 43096 and 43102 going to Kings Cross. A class 313 no. 313004 enters the station. Finally class 31 no. 31218 saunters through the station with empty stock.
- 20 - At 3.45 313047 enters Finsbury Park as Deltic 55002 "The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry" passes heading for the terminus.
- 21 - An HST set passes north bound with power-cars 43116 and 43086. Then a south bound HST passes with 43069 and 43084 in charge. 313009 is heard leaving.
- 22 - A class 312 enters the station as an HST set with power-cars 43087 and 43061 head north bound.
- 23 - Deltic 55008 passes going north at 4.11pm. A class 313 no. 313044 leaves the station shortly followed by 313047.
- 24 - An HST set with power-cars 43070 and 43101 stops for a second on a disused platform before making for Kings Cross. During the HST's arrival, a Moorgate train arrives with units 313054 and 313003. The time is 4.16pm.
- 25 - An HST power-car no. 43058 hoots as the set enters the station. Bringing up the rear of the train is 43095. After the HST passes, 313050 leaves.
- 26 - Next another empty stock train passes but with 31408 in charge this time. A class 313 no. 313048 leaves going north and 313061 arrives going south.

- 27 - An HST set passes making for Kings Cross. Power-cars 43067 and 43107 are in charge.
- 28 - At 4.56pm, 43079 and 43106 power the next London HST, as a class 312 leaves. 313028 and 313031 are heard arriving.
- 29 - 31218 passes north bound at 5.24pm. 313050 and 313051 arrive going to Welwyn Garden City.
- 30 - Then another HST with power-cars 43060 and 43068 pass heading north, as 313013 and 313044 arrive. Another 313 leaves. Class 31 no. 31403 passes with a parcels train.
- 31 - A little later 312701 passes at speed. Another 312 is heard leaving.
- 32 - A class 312 no. 312705 passes north bound as a class 47 no. 47569 passes light engine in the opposite direction.

Haymarket - 28th March 1981

- 33 - Haymarket at 3.42pm. An Edinburgh - Glasgow push-pull train leaves bound for Waverley. The locomotive is 47702 "St. Cuthbert".
- 34 - At 4.38, a DMU bound for Carstairs skids to a halt, and as it leaves, a Deltic no. 55018 "Ballymoss" passes light engine, and after a short pause in the tunnel, continues to Waverley.

Honeybourne

- 35 - DMU set 412 stops, and after a short wait, leaves for Reading. The cars are 51389, 59499, 51347. The time is 3.00.