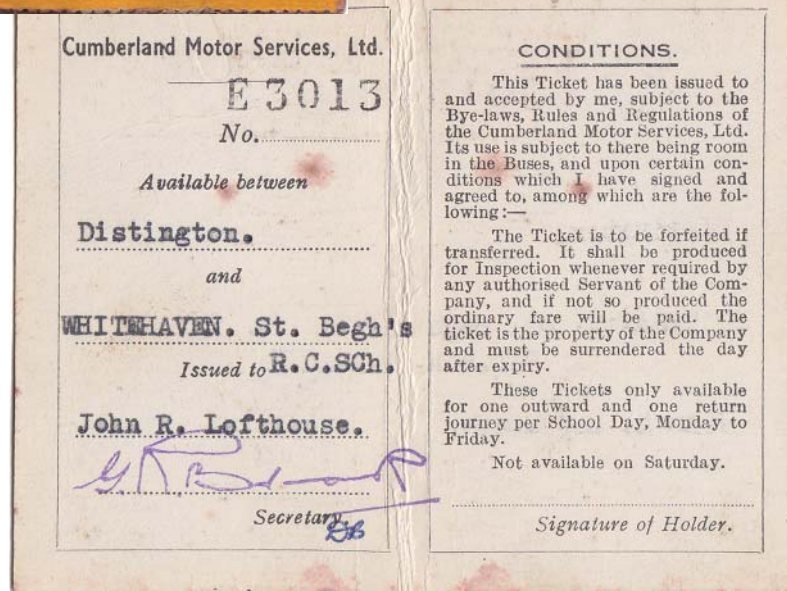
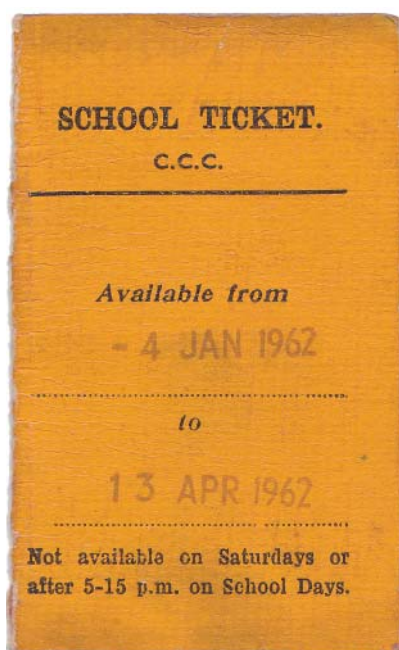


# The Journal

of THE TRANSPORT TICKET SOCIETY



## The County of Cumberland

Historically Cumberland had an administrative function dating back to the 12th century. In 1889, *Cumberland County Council* was formed (coat of arms, right).

From 1 April 1974, Cumberland CC was subsumed within the new *Cumbria County Council*, a larger administrative area which also embraced Westmorland and parts of Yorkshire and Lancashire (logo, centre).

From 1 April 2023, *Cumbria CC* ceased to function, being replaced by two unitary authorities, one of which, *Cumberland Council* encompasses most of the historic county (logo, lower-right), with the exception



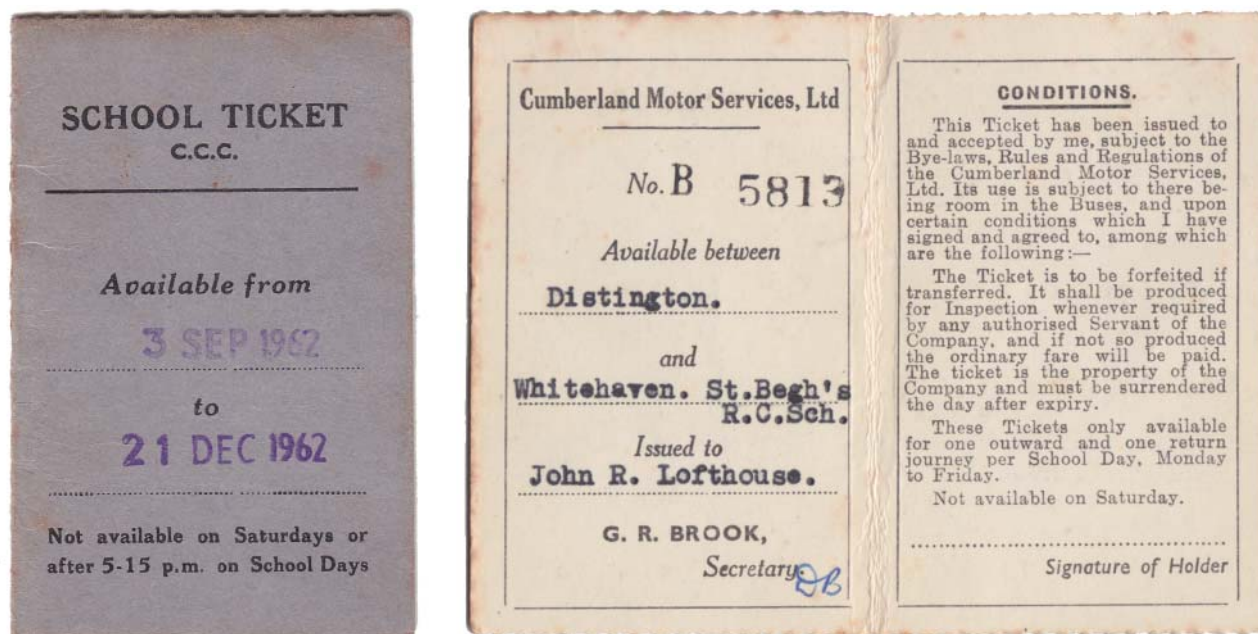
of Penrith and environs. These fall within the second new unitary authority, *Westmorland and Furness Council*. The local authorities of Allerdale, Carlisle and Copeland also disappear from 1 April.

But back to the pre-1974 local government reorganisation ...

... here and on the following page are two school tickets issued by C.C.C. (Cumberland County Council).

*continued overleaf ...*





The inside title and conditions are preprinted for *Cumberland Motor Services Ltd.* perhaps because CMS provided the vast majority of bus services in Cumberland and many such tickets were issued. There may have been a separate ticket form for travel on the buses of the then relatively few independents in the county.

Both examples were issued to the same pupil at St. Begh's Roman Catholic School in Whitehaven. One has the rubber-stamped facsimile signature of G.R.

Brook, Secretary to C.M.S.; the other has his name preprinted. Mr Brook may have moved between other BTC subsidiaries during his career but for the moment I cannot find another ticket of any sort bearing his name.

David Harman

Source: *Fulton Packshaw's Guide to Local Government Reorganisation*, Fulton Packshaw Ltd, London, 1974

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08:38	Helensburgh Ctl via	2
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09:00	Glasgow Queen St	10
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### PRESS DATES

All material should be with the appropriate section editor by the following date ;

<b>June Journal</b>	<b>Saturday 29 April</b>
<b>July Journal</b>	<b>Saturday 27 May</b>
<b>August Journal</b>	<b>Saturday 1 July</b>

### MISSING OR DEFECTIVE JOURNALS, BACK NUMBERS ETC.

A member has reported receiving a defective copy of August *Journal* with certain pages duplicated and others, missing.

Members are reminded that in the event of receiving a defective *Journal*, one damaged in the post or not having received on at all, that spare copies can be supplied by:

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John Hagger also holds spares of earlier years of *Journal* and full details of which issues of which years are available, and cost, can be supplied on request.

### 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Just a reminder that the 60th Annual General Meeting of the Transport Ticket Society will be held on Saturday, 22 April 2023 at 14.00 at The Friends' Meeting House, 2, Church Street, Reading RG1 2SB.

Full directions from Reading Railway Station to the venue will be provided in the Annual Report. Map and directions are available on the Society Diary page of the website.

I would urge as many members as possible to attend this meeting.

*Alan Peachey General Secretary*

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2023

The principal matters addressed at this meeting were as follows:

1. The Treasurer reported that he would not be able to produce the 2022 accounts in time for inclusion in the Annual Report, following delay in receipt of data from his predecessor's computer and his own family

circumstances. It was agreed that the accounts should be completed by mid-September and circulated to members subsequently.

2. The 2023 AGM would, nonetheless, be held as planned on 22 April in Reading. The Chairman will assemble the report and arrange for the paper copies to be printed and distributed.
3. A few members had paid 2023 subscriptions, despite the free membership extension, and the Treasurer will follow this up with the members concerned. The arrangements for dealing with orders, etc submitted on the renewal form had worked satisfactorily but, design of the renewal form will be reviewed for 2024.
4. It was agreed that all expenses claims would in future be authorised by either the Chairman or General Secretary.
5. Introduction of a process for use of Society credit cards which did not involve physical transmission of the card was agreed.
6. The Webmaster had arranged for regular transfer to the bank of monies in the TTS PayPal business account. The Treasurer would be given responsibility of this as soon as practicable, thereby obviating the immediate need for a new PayPal business account. The other PayPal account would continue in use for auctions and any publication sales, etc handled through the Auctions Manager.
7. The next auction would be held in April 2023 and another one in the autumn, as planned. In addition, themed auctions were under consideration.
8. One of our Danish members had submitted a draft article on Danish tickets, and it was considered that this would be worthy of a future presidential address by the member concerned.
9. Arrangements for acquisition of tickets from two recently deceased members were in hand.
10. It was agreed that rental of commercial storage accommodation for the Society's stock of Overseas Rail tickets should be undertaken. Such facilities might be needed for other tickets in future if members are unable to accommodate such stocks themselves.
11. The next sale of the late John Slater's overseas rail tickets (from beyond Europe) will be advertised in May.
12. The Society now has its own Zoom account,



administered by Ian Coe.

13. 14. Robert Forsythe was nominated as President for 2023/24.
15. Geoff Budd's agreement to succeed David Sawyer as Distribution Secretary following the 2023 AGM was welcomed.

*Alan Peachey General Secretary*

## THIS MONTHS DISTRIBUTIONS

Please refer to the procedure on page 4/2023 before ordering Distributions. The Distribution Secretary to whom all orders should be sent is:

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## DISTRIBUTION SECRETARY'S RETIREMENT

David Sawyer, your Distribution Secretary for over 20 years, is to retire/step down from this position at the end of April this year. Our member Geoff Budd, already deeply involved with distributions, has kindly agreed to take over from David, and he will make an excellent successor. Geoff's appointment will be on the AGM Agenda in April. So, please continue to send your distribution orders to David during March and April – it will be May *Journal* before Geoff's name and address will appear in the announcements column.

## BRITISH ISLES RAIL – Distribution BIR23/4

BTC/BRB: A random selection of 16 Ultimatrics from stations L-R covering the 1960's through to the 1980's. These tickets are from all parts of BR, although the London area is particularly well represented. There is considerable variation between sets.

Price **£3.00** including postage. There is no purchase limit.

## BRITISH ISLES ROAD – Distribution Z23/4

Ireland: This is a miscellaneous selection of CIE and Bus Eireann titled tickets, most of which date from around 1987 when the operator's name changed. Sets comprise approximately 35 tickets with only minor variation between sets.

Price **£2.50** including postage. There is no purchase limit.

## OVERSEAS RAIL – Distribution O23/2

United States of America: 10 tickets from some of the many companies that served Chicago and Illinois.

Price **£3.00** including postage.

**Restricted to one set only per member.**

**SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION** – the distribution described below is not covered by the advance order system, and must be ordered separately.

**SplZ23/1.** Provincial trams (part 3): Previous special distributions of Provincial tram tickets proved very popular, and we are pleased to offer a further selection this year. It comprises 10 punch tickets either with a tramway title or known to have been issued on tram services (occasionally trolleybus services). They are drawn from a wide selection of different tickets acquired by the Society from various sources in recent years. There are tickets from municipal operators both large and small, some dating from pre-war, but luckier purchasers may find a very early ticket or one from a more obscure small operator.

Price **£3.50** including postage.

**Restricted to one set only per member.**

# Managing Editor's Report ~ 2022

Thanks go to all the Section Editors and to all members for their contributions in 2022. We also thank the Index Compilers, Brian Boddy and Ken Pudsey and Membership Secretary, Steve Skeavington for the monthly *Journal* mailing list. Thanks also go to our printers, Ludo Press for handling the printing and mailing so reliably.

In 2022, John Symons decided to stand down as Overseas Editor. John has managed overseas news in its various *Journal* guises for a great many years and particular thanks are due to him for his editorial expertise. Although I haven't kept count, over those years, *Journal* has visited and reported on transport tickets in virtually every country in the world – no mean feat.

One reason for John's decision was the lack of overseas material submitted. In line with virtually all the other *Journal* sections, there has been a decline in contributions. Generally, the membership is getting older; modern, usually thermal-printed tickets hold less interest and the sharp increase in the use of contactless payment cards, smartcards, e-tickets and m-tickets has eroded the issue of traditional card or paper tickets. Despite this, the 2022-3 President, Mike Sparrow set himself the task of writing to all the overseas members who

were not regular contributors or who had never contributed to find out why and to encourage them to contribute.

Thus, we have had articles from Marco Moerland, Leonardo Micheletti and a series of articles from Malcolm Simister. These are very welcome and demonstrate the breadth of interest in transport tickets.

In fact, there is a reasonable amount of overseas material waiting in the wings, enough for most of the year but needless to say more would be welcome.

Similarly, historical material, road and rail, whether from the UK or beyond is always wanted. Shorter pieces are always useful to fill the half or quarter-pages that otherwise will remain blank.

In January, I reported that John Symons had also stood down from compiling the Overseas Index. In addition, Brian Boddy has indicated he wishes to stand down from compiling the General and rail Indexes. Again, our thanks are due to both for the many years they have so competently served in these roles.

New compilers are needed if the *Journal* Indexes are to

continue. Only two members commented : one who saw no need for the Index; one who did. There were no volunteers to replace John and Brian.

In light of this, regretfully, there will be no Overseas Index for 2022, and from 2023 onwards no Rail or General Index unless someone comes forward to take on their compilation.

The website has benefited from a steady flow of items to the library. If you haven't explored this yet, please do so. Further items are always welcome. There have been several suggestions for improvements to the website. Some may be feasible, others not so, The primary element missing is a full online "shop" and I can only repeat what I wrote in 2021:

Once again, the question has been raised: in order to simplify the renewal process, how can a system be provided on the website for ordering and paying for Society goods and services?

The solution is the same one put forward in the past and one widely used elsewhere: an online "shopping cart" / e-commerce system.

This is relatively straightforward to integrate to the website; and a simple version is already there for new members joining the TTS. Extending it would allow members to order anything the Society sells not just at renewal time but throughout the year, paying by bank card. The process will be familiar to many members who shop online for books, household goods, clothes, groceries etc.

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What needs doing? The software for a more advanced online shop system has been installed for over two years but awaits configuration and resolution of the following issues:

- All online shop systems require a payment processor to handle card payments. The present payment processor, Paypal, is stalled, as the account has not been transferred from the previous Treasurer to the present Treasurer.
- Society systems and processes will need to adjust to handle both online sales **and** traditional postal etc. sales, just as many ordinary businesses have to. This is not quite double the work but it certainly represents an increase in work for various people.
- The day-to-day running of the online shop will require a dedicated person to manage / progress orders, and resolve queries, of which there are likely to be many.
- There is a large inventory of "products" that will need to be listed, the bulk of which are the back distribution sets. This inventory will require regular month-to-month maintenance.

If there is a member who wishes to assist with this, please contact me.

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## The Society Website : [www.transport-ticket.org.uk](http://www.transport-ticket.org.uk)

The **Members' Area** on the website is available to all current members of the Society. Before accessing the Members' Area, you must **Register**.

1. Go to:  
[www.transport-ticket.org.uk/register/](http://www.transport-ticket.org.uk/register/)

and complete the online registration form.

2. Your **Username** is your TTS membership number.
3. Please allow up to a week for your registration to be verified against the membership records. Once verified, you will receive an email containing a system-generated **Password**.

You only need to Register **ONCE**. You cannot Register more than once.

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Log in on the **Members' Area** page with your **Username** and **Password** each time you wish to access the Members' Area.

*Copy & paste* the Password to avoid mistakes. Passwords are case-sensitive.

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If you wish to:

1. Edit your personal details or

2. Change your email address or
3. Change the system-generated **Password** to one of your own choosing you can do so by going to the **Member Profile** page.

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If you forget your **Password**, there is a link: *Forgot Password?* Click *here to Reset* on the **Members' Area** log-in page.

Click and then enter your **Username** and **email address**.

A new system-generated Password will be sent to the email address you have provided. Please allow up to two days for this to arrive. Your previous Password will no longer be usable.

If you forget your **Username** (membership number) consult the Membership List or *Journal* envelope or contact the Membership Secretary, Steve Skeavington ([stephenskeavington@virginmedia.com](mailto:stephenskeavington@virginmedia.com)) for a reminder.

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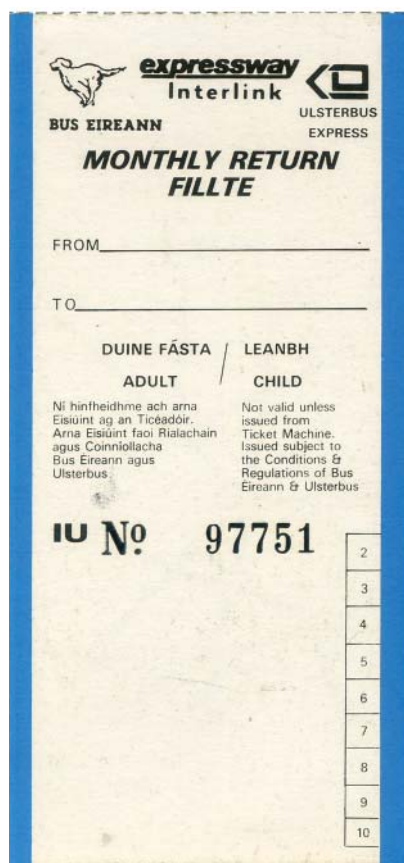
## Distribution Notes

### British Isles Road Z23/4 ~ C.I.E. and Bus Éireann

*Córas Iompair Éireann* was established as a private company by the Transport Act of 1944, incorporating the *Great Southern Railway*, which was the major provider of provincial bus services as well as rail services and *Dublin United Transport*. It was nationalised in 1950. In 1987 the company was reorganised into three operating companies, *Bus Éireann*, *Bus Atha Cliath* and *Iarnród Éireann*, with C.I.E. remaining as a holding company (473/1987).

The distribution is a mixture of tickets with C.I.E. or Bus Éireann titles, embracing the period of the 1987 changes. C.I.E. titled tickets include 12 Journey issues from Shannon Airport, a 14 Journey ticket from Sligo and an 18 Journey, 3 weekly, from Limerick. There are two Bus Rambler issues and a tour ticket to Fota House and Wildlife Park, a destination to which I have many times taken my Irish grandchildren. Note the two Cycle, Pram or Parcel tickets printed in red. Apart from the larger serial numbers on the later issue, the word 'board' has been corrected to 'Board' and careful inspection shows slightly different spacing of the text on the later issue. Also in the distribution is a Bus Éireann-titled version of this ticket but printed in black.

All sets also include a C.I.E. Donegal – Glasgow express ticket, valid via Belfast and Ardrossan via *Burns Laird*. There is a Warrant for travel on the Board's business, a Free Bus Ticket for a journey covered by a rail ticket, a paper emergency and an issued Setright Speed. There is a £2.20 parcel ticket and also the equivalent Bus Éireann issue. Finally, as far as C.I.E. tickets are concerned, there are a couple of issues from



several in short supply which may include a Military Ticket, a Prepaid voucher (again a Bus Éireann version is included) or a voucher for a rail ticket.

Bus Éireann issues include a Family Ticket (2 adults and up to 4



children), a 12 Journey and a Return Almex style cards and a selection of joint *Ulsterbus* issues for cross border journeys. Note the different sizes of the *Ulsterbus* logo on these. Finally we have a Red Card, a Mid-week Return and an edmondson card for use on a Motor Coach Tour.

Enjoy sorting your tickets out.

Geoff Budd

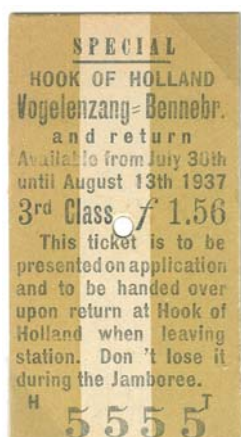




## Matters Arising

**A Memorable Jamboree** (95/2023) Further to the piece about the 1937 Jamboree I would like to point out that this was held at Vogelenzang=Bennebroek and not at Bloemendaal.

Please see the leaflet with a map; Bloemendaal lies to the north of Haarlem.



Also a ticket for a Scout arriving by boat at Hook of Holland; a combined travel & entrance ticket for visitors and an excursion ticket for a participating scout which also includes a boat trip from Enkhuizen to Staveren as this was the shortest and fastest route.

*Gerrit C. van Straaten*



### Wereld-Jamboree 1937

**WAT HET IS:**

- Een groot kamp van de jeugd der wereld.** Duizenden en duizenden padvinders uit alle landen, uit alle werelddeelen verzamelen deze zomer in Vogelenzang, Zweden en Nieuw-Zeelanders, Amerikanen en Polen, Fransen en Britsch-Indiërs, Australiërs en Zwitsers en zooveel meer.....
- Een groot kamp.** Een mengelmoe van talen en rassen maar alle jonge kerels bezield met dezelfde idealen: broederschap voor elkaar, goodwill onder allen.
- Een groot kamp.** Elke natie, elke groep heeft er zijn eigen stukje grond, zal er naar eigen landschap en gewoonte zijn kamp opslaan en inrichten. Een bonte mengeling van karakteristieke bezienwaardigheden temidden van het prachtige natuurschoon van Holland's mooiste landstreek.
- Een groot kamp,** waar dagelijks in de groote arena op drie, vier plaatsen tegelijk de padvinders hun vaardigheden zullen toonen en demonstraties geven in nationale kleederdrachten, ten aanschouwe van meer dan 10.000 toeschouwers die op de tribunes een plaats zullen vinden.
- Een groot kamp** waar in het „Wereldtheater“ eveneens dagelijks een internationaal programma met dans, zang, muziek, film en spel gegeven wordt.
- Een groot kamp** met vanzelfsprekend zooals in elk kamp, als hoogtepunt de kampuren, doch nu kampuren met muziek en zang, dans en spel van padvinders van alle werelddeelen. Gij zult de grootste erva kunnen bijwonen.
- Een groot kamp** doch bovendien berekend om tienduizenden bezoekers uit binnen- en buitenland te ontvangen. Parkeerterreinen, restaurant, bankgebouw, postkantoor, eigen courant, brandweer, hospitaal, politie, niets zult U missen.
- Een groot kamp** zooals slechts eenmaal in een menschenleven in Nederland zal zijn te zien en waar dus iedere Nederlander geweest moet zijn.

Foto: R.K. Foto Persbureau „Het Zelfde“



**WERELD JAMBOREE**  
VOGELENZANG-BENNEBROEK  
31 JULI  
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**NEDERLANDSCHE SPOORWEGEN**  
**STATION:**  
**VOGELENZANG-BENNEBROEK**  
**INGANG TERREIN JAMBOREE**





**A Weighty Subject** (381-4/2022, 36-7/2023)  
A final example, provided by *Martin Rickitt*, is a Spanish card issued from a Báscula “Seitz”. The ticket is of edmondson size, or 1⅜" x 2¼" to be precise.

David Harman



# Points from the Past

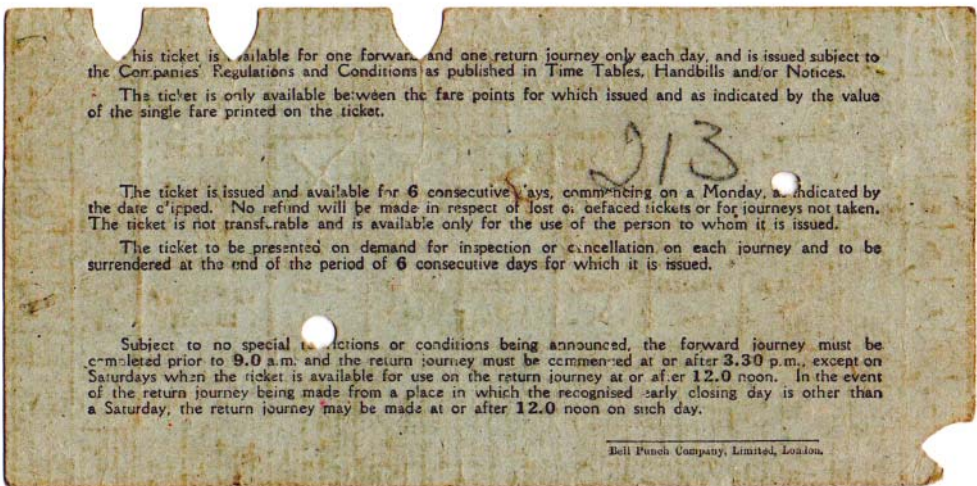
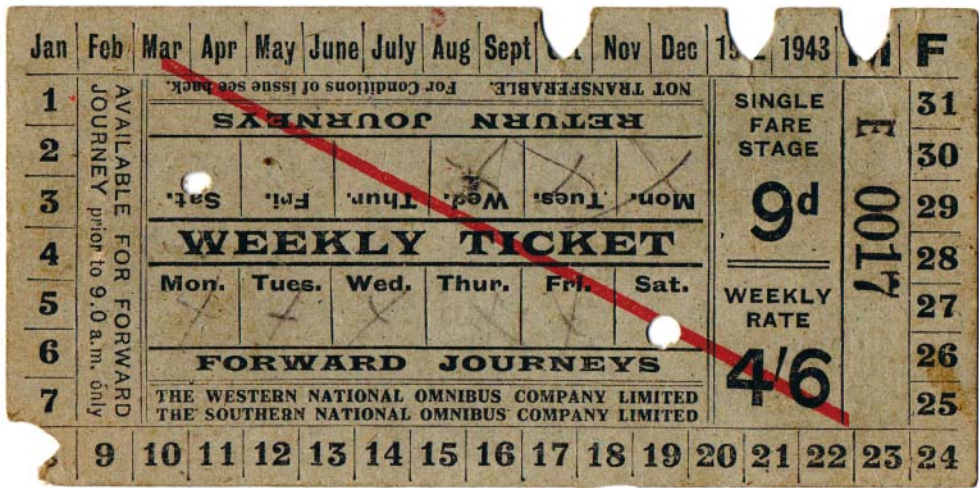
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## Western/Southern National weekly tickets

I recently acquired two examples of these tickets, the other one does not have the red diagonal stripe and is for a single fare stage of 5d, issued 8th August 1942. Obviously geared for journeys to/from work there is no space to indicate a

service number and the points between which the ticket is valid.

Other such weekly tickets I have seen have spaces for





Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	1944	F			
1	NOT TRANSFERABLE. For Conditions of Issue see back.												31			
2	RETURN JOURNEYS												30			
3	Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.												29			
4	WEEKLY TICKET												28			
5	Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.												27			
6	FORWARD JOURNEYS												26			
7	THE WESTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS COMPANY LIMITED THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS COMPANY LIMITED												25			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24

AVAILABLE FOR FORWARD JOURNEY prior to 9.0 a.m. only

SINGLE FARE STAGE 5d

WEEKLY RATE 2/6

8730

completion by hand of such detail. The second sentence of the "conditions" on the back seems to suggest that "fare point" information is included on the ticket, though I can't see where.

The ticket came with a note that it had been for a journey between Taunton and Horton (a village to the east of Taunton) and on the reverse of the ticket you will see a pencil "213" has been inserted - this was the Taunton - Seaton route that would have gone through Horton.)

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AVAILABLE FOR FORWARD JOURNEY prior to 9.0 a.m. only

SINGLE FARE STAGE 7d

WEEKLY RATE 3/6

4348

Presumably there was a whole range of these tickets for different weekly rates. Any further background information would be welcome.

*Peter Snowden*

Western & Southern National had a vast range of weekly tickets and there seem to have been many different designs. Further examples below. TS (Ticket Store?) numbers in brackets:

- (1) 2/6d weekly rate - 5d single fare stage, as per Peter's example but with preprinted years 1944 and 1945. (TS 202).
- (2) 3/6d weekly rate - 7d single fare stage. As (1) but with years omitted and punch spaces for A, B, C added. (TS204).

At some stage, weeklies were replaced by 5 day / 10 journey and 6 day / 12 journey tickets to different designs. From the size of the cancellation punch-holes, this seems to have been after the adoption of Setright Speeds (1953 onwards). These later tickets provide for a service number and the points between which the ticket was valid to be inserted:

5	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4	JAN. FEB. MAR. APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUG. SEPT. NOV. DEC.																	
3	THE WESTERN AND SOUTHERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS COMPANIES																	
2	10 JOURNEY (LIMITED) 5 DAY TICKET																	
1	SINGLE FARE STAGE 5 1/2d																	
A	WEEKLY RATE 3/11																	
B	NOT TRANSFERABLE FOR CONDITIONS OF ISSUE SEE BACK.																	
Ticket available between																		
Ser. No. 120																		
and																		
MORNING JOURNEYS EVENING JOURNEYS																		
MON. TUES. WED. THUR. FRI. SAT. MON. TUES. WED. THUR. FRI. SAT.																		

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1	AND																	
A	12 JOURNEY (LIMITED) 6 DAY TICKET																	
B	NOT TRANSFERABLE. FOR CONDITIONS OF ISSUE SEE BACK.																	
MORNING JOURNEYS EVENING JOURNEYS																		
MON. TUES. WED. THUR. FRI. SAT. MON. TUES. WED. THUR. FRI. SAT.																		

SINGLE FARE STAGE 11d

WEEKLY RATE 8/3

0284

- (3) 3/11d 5 day 10 journey (limited) rate - 5 1/2d single fare stage. (TS 31).
- (4) 8/3d 6 day 12 journey (limited) rate - 11d single fare stage. (TS 261).

Perhaps members can add to this and / or explain the system of stripes / produce other, different examples.

*David Harman*





## UK and Irish Bus & Tram News

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### First

**FIRST BEELINE BUSES LTD.**, Fareham, Hants.

As well as the bus driver advertisement on the reverse, the machine-printed footer contains a similar message.

*Eric Dunkling*



**FIRST POTTERIES LTD**, Leicester (162/2022)

The telephone number and website address below the title have changed since March 2022. *HF*

### Stagecoach

**STAGECOACH MIDLANDS** (Midland Red South Ltd),

Rugby (74/2023) A driver recruitment message now appears below the title instead of the "Missing People" text.

*Eric Dunkling*

### General UK News

**CENTRAL CONNECT**

(Galleon 2009 Ltd), Roydon, Essex (127/2022)

By February 2023 the boxes and tables advertisement at the foot had replaced by a self-advertisement for the *My Trip* app.

*Eric Dunkling*







Central Connect  
01992 890 225

Retain ticket for inspection

Route: 386  
Vehicle: YX720NB  
Driver: 8  
Machine No: 6c8131e  
Trip ID: 1220/8605  
Ticket: 072239  
Cash price: £2.00

## Adult Single

Issued at: Kingshott School  
Boarding stage:  
Hitchin Kingshott School/The Mapl  
es  
Valid to: Lister Hospital

Paid by card: \*\*\*\*\*1818  
Contact customer services  
for journey details and refunds  
Fri, 10 Feb 2023 13:54

Discounts and  
Tracking available on the  
My Trip app  
Download Today

## Beachcomber

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Route: RED  
Vehicle: 0891  
Driver: 318028  
Machine No: 630140f  
Trip ID: 1700/1179  
Ticket: 095891  
Cash price: £3.00

## Open Top Day Concession

Issued at: The Sands  
Boarding stage: The Sands

Expiry:  
Wed, 03 Aug 2022

Paid by card: \*\*\*\*\*1069  
Contact customer services  
for journey details and refunds  
Wed, 03 Aug 2022 16:53



Tickets issued subject to  
published conditions

BusLine 01482 592929

eastyorkshirebuses.co.uk

Tweet us @EYBuses

Travel safe: please make sure  
you stay seated until  
the bus stops.

### CENTREBUS LTD, Leicester (90/2021)

Service 80 (Stevenage - Hitchin) is now branded "FAB 80's"  
and this title appears on Ticketer tickets issued on the  
route. *Eric Dunkling*

### DEWS COACHES (Ron W Dew & Son Ltd), Somersham, Cambs (200/2017)

The design of tickets issued from the "80 series Portable"  
machine(s) has changed, with the title and web address at  
the foot, and complete rearrangement of the data fields.

*Eric Dunkling*

### EAST YORKSHIRE MS LTD., Hull (76-7/2023)

The rows of asterisks appear to be guides for whoever  
programs the header messages, as to (a) how many  
characters they can fit on each line (32) and (b) as an aid to  
centering the text. This is known to be tricky to do.

Further examples, two with a message and one without,  
with *Beachcomber*, *East Yorkshire* and *Scarboroughlocals*  
logos are illustrated.

*Malcolm Chase*

**East Yorkshire**

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\*\*\*\*\*  
See the sights of Scarborough  
in style with our Beachcomber  
open top buses.  
See website for details.  
eastyorkshirebuses.co.uk.  
\*\*\*\*\*  
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Route: 12  
Vehicle: 0791  
Driver: 318507  
Machine No: 6c00d0c  
Trip ID: 1600/1252  
Ticket: 027750  
Cash price: £3.00

**Single Adult**

Issued at: Filey (Bus Station)  
Boarding stage: Filey Bus Station  
Valid to: Hunmanby

Paid by Visa card:  
\*\*\*\*\*8943  
Contact customer services  
for journey details and refunds  
Thu, 04 Aug 2022 16:35

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Tickets issued subject to  
published conditions  
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BusLine 01482 592929  
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eastyorkshirebuses.co.uk  
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Tweet us @EYBuses  
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Travel safe: please make sure  
you stay seated until  
the bus stops.  
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**RED ROSE TRAVEL LTD**, Aylesbury, Bucks  
(179,433/2021, 79/2023) Red Rose tickets are now titled,  
along with five different means of contact named.

*Eric Dunkling*

**HV RICHMOND LTD.**, Barley, Herts. (260/2019)  
The title incorporating a coach has been superseded by a  
stylised logo incorporating the letter "R". A face covering  
message (optional use) also appears and the footer text has  
been rearranged. *Eric Dunkling*

**Scarborough locals**

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*  
See the sights of Scarborough  
in style with our Beachcomber  
open top buses.  
See website for details.  
eastyorkshirebuses.co.uk.  
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\*\*\*\*\*

Route: 8  
Vehicle: 0503  
Driver: 318606  
Machine No: 6302310  
Trip ID: 1700/8240  
Ticket: 177293

**Single Adult**  
**£1.00**

Issued at: Sandside  
Within: Scarborough Town Centre  
Wed, 03 Aug 2022 17:22

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Tickets issued subject to  
published conditions  
-----  
BusLine 01482 592929  
-----  
eastyorkshirebuses.co.uk  
-----  
Tweet us @EYBuses  
-----  
Travel safe: please make sure  
you stay seated until  
the bus stops.  
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**SHORELINE SUNCRUISERS LTD.**, Scarborough  
Issued a few days before the ticket illustrated on  
p.328/2022, this example has a logo promoting the 109  
service which is too wide for the allotted space – another  
Ticketer quirk that is not uncommon.

*Malcolm Chase*

**UNO** (University Bus Ltd), Hatfield, Herts  
(300/2019, 165/2022)

Ticketer tickets are now programmed to print the names  
applied to certain routes:

- *The Alban Way* (601: Luton - Hatfield - Cockfosters)
- *The Comet* (614/644: Hatfield - Barnet - Queensbury)
- *Cranfield Connect* (C-series routes: Bedford - Cranfield College - Milton Keynes)
- *Dragonfly* (610/612: Luton - Hatfield - Cockfosters)

**Red Rose** 01296 747926  
www.redrosetravel.co.uk

Email: Office@redrosetravel.com  
Website: www.redrosetravel.com  
Twitter: Red\_Rose\_Travel

Route: W30  
Vehicle: \*E1 RRT - 50531  
Driver: 221  
Machine No: 6a81308  
Trip ID: 1317/1317  
Ticket: 034416  
Cash price: £2.00

**Adult Single**

Issued at:  
Watford Junction Railway Station  
Boarding stage: Watford Junction  
Valid to: Watford Town Centre

Paid by card: \*\*\*\*\*1818  
Contact customer services  
for journey details and refunds  
Fri, 17 Feb 2023 13:13





## RICHMONDS

You may wish to wear a face-covering to protect yourself and others when services are busy.

Route: 16  
Vehicle: MX09 AON  
Driver: 00024  
Machine No: 630190a  
Trip ID: 1715/1715  
Ticket: 012324  
Cash price: £1.40

## Adult Single

Issued at: Railway Station Stop B  
Boarding stage: BURNS ROAD/TESCO  
Valid to: MORRISONS

Paid by card: \*\*\*\*\*1818  
Contact customer services  
for journey details and refunds  
Mon, 13 Feb 2023 17:29

RETAIN TICKET FOR INSPECTION.  
FOR T&C'S: RICHMONDS-COACHES.CO.UK



Route: 109  
Vehicle: L600 SSB  
Driver: 8  
Machine No: 2129946  
Trip ID: 1548/1548  
Ticket: 030628

## 109 Concessionary Single £2.00

Issued at: Newcastle Packet  
Boarding stage: Spa  
Valid to: North Bay

Wed, 03 Aug 2022 15:53

www.shorelinesuncruisers.co.uk



01707 255 764 | unobus.info

Route: 601  
Vehicle: 261  
Driver: 750 799  
Machine No: 678071f  
Trip ID: 1123/11933  
Ticket: 014887  
Cash price: £1.10

## Adult single

Issued at:  
St Albans City Station (C)  
Boarding stage:  
St Albans City Station  
Valid to: St Peters Street

Paid by card: \*\*\*\*\*1818  
Contact customer services  
for journey details and refunds  
Fri, 17 Feb 2023 12:02

## PLEASE CIRCLE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS

1 2 3 4 5 6

PLEASE PRESENT TICKET  
TO THE BUS DRIVER

UNIVERSITY OF  
HERTFORDSHIRE  
P&R CAR SHARE SCHEME



01707 255 764 | unobus.info

Route: 614  
Vehicle: 252  
Driver: 0029581  
Machine No: 6680611  
Trip ID: 1330/10837  
Ticket: 137950  
Cash price: £1.80

## Adult single

Issued at: Hatfield Station (3)  
Boarding stage:  
Hatfield rail station  
Valid to:  
Hatfield Business Park

Paid by card: \*\*\*\*\*1818  
Contact customer services  
for journey details and refunds  
Thu, 09 Feb 2023 13:32

- *Tigermoth* (653: St Albans - Hatfield - Welwyn Garden City)

There is also a University of Hertfordshire park & ride service, *The Shuttle*, which runs locally in Hatfield. No tickets are issued on the bus. At the South Hatfield ite, there are four *IPS Group* MS1 ticket vending machines which sell tickets for bus travel, costing a minimum of £1. The car registration number has to be input, and this and the date are printed in the reverse of the ticket.

There is a wide range of rover tickets, including Welwyn Garden City/Hatfield, St Albans and Network, with all fares available on-bus or the Uno app, although cheaper with the latter. Likewise *Intalink Explorer* and *BUSnet* tickets exist for several different areas, but can only be purchased on-bus.





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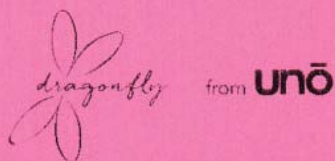
Route: C10  
 Vehicle: 56  
 Driver: 02223  
 Machine No: 6781107  
 Trip ID: 1505/81141  
 Ticket: 087683  
 Cash price: £2.00

## Adult single

Issued at: The Point G3  
 Boarding stage: Milton Keynes Centre  
 Valid to: Fox Milne Roundabout

Paid by Visa card: \*\*\*\*\*8106

Contact customer services  
 for journey details and refunds  
 Wed, 01 Mar 2023 15:12



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Route: 610  
 Vehicle: 363  
 Driver: 763423  
 Machine No: 6780c06  
 Trip ID: 1038/1038  
 Ticket: 210261  
 Cash price: £2.00

## Adult single

Issued at: Potters Bar Station (B)  
 Boarding stage: Potters Bar rail station  
 Valid to: Hatfield deHavilland/The Galleria

Paid by card: \*\*\*\*\*1818  
 Contact customer services  
 for journey details and refunds  
 Fri, 17 Feb 2023 10:49



01707 255 764 | unobus.info

Route: 653  
 Vehicle: 372  
 Driver: 741 775  
 Machine No: 6781519  
 Trip ID: 1400/11154  
 Ticket: 125401  
 Cash price: £2.00

## Adult single

Issued at: St Peter's Street (11)  
 Boarding stage: St Albans City Centre  
 Valid to: St Albans City Hospital

Paid by card: \*\*\*\*\*1818  
 Contact customer services  
 for journey details and refunds  
 Mon, 06 Feb 2023 15:21



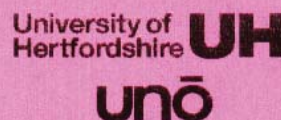
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Route: 602  
 Vehicle: 312  
 Driver: 752 316  
 Machine No: 6680e04  
 Trip ID: 1122/10533  
 Ticket: 227815  
 Cash price: £2.00

## Adult single

Issued at: Alban City School  
 Boarding stage: Alma Road  
 Valid to: Hatfield town centre/Asda

Paid by card: \*\*\*\*\*1818  
 Contact customer services  
 for journey details and refunds  
 Thu, 09 Feb 2023 12:31



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Route: 602  
 Vehicle: 314  
 Driver: 29602  
 Machine No: 6801d08  
 Trip ID: 0804/10520  
 Ticket: 186637  
 Cash price: £1.40

## UH Hatfield local single

Paid by card: \*\*\*\*\*2263  
 Contact customer services  
 for journey details and refunds  
 Mon, 06 Feb 2023 08:11

Thanks for travelling with Uno.  
 Please keep your ticket for  
 inspection. Tickets are  
 not transferable.



Students and staff of the University can obtain discounted tickets on presentation of their UH ID card. Tickets issued carry the University of Hertfordshire title, irrespective of the route. For travel further afield, there are two fare zones covering the whole Hertfordshire network (ie: not Northampton or the Cranfield College services).

The blue-faced ticket rolls referred to in the 2019 report have now been virtually superseded by pink-faced rolls, but a further colour has appeared, green. There does not appear to be any significance in the roll colour in terms of service, validity, etc.

*Eric Dunkling, Hugh Fisher*

## Irish News

### TRANSLINK METRO

(Citybus Ltd.), Belfast  
(15/2023) Two tickets from the updated *Flowbird Wayfarer6* ticket machine.. Use is at present restricted to Translink Metro with no sign of any in service with *Ulsterbus* or *Northern Ireland Railways*.

All Translink companies are now using rolls with the illustrated reverse.

*Ivor Graham*



**Considering a career with Translink?**

Find out about current opportunities at [www.translink.co.uk/workwithus](http://www.translink.co.uk/workwithus)



This ticket is not transferable and is subject to Translink Conditions of Carriage.

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## London News

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### WEST CROYDON BUS STATION (195/2022)

The Cubic T/L TVM at the bus station now issues paper Bus & Tram passes.

### UNDERGROUND TICKET MACHINES

A new entrance to Bank station opened on 27 Feb 2023. Located on Cannon Street between Cannon Street

and Monument stations, it has three Cubic T/L TVM's numbered 37, 38 and 39.

Most Oyster top-up machines have been removed but the two at the Wallbrook entrance to Bank station remain.

At Cannon Street LU station AFM 28 has been removed leaving AFM 29 and MFM 30.



# Luton DART

... but until 31 March, introductory fares applied:

Adult one-way	£2.40
Child (5-15) one-way	£1.20
Child (under 5) one-way	free

National Rail tickets to or from LUTON AIRPORT are valid for travel on DART, exactly as such tickets were valid on the shuttle bus in the past. A 2016 ticket is illustrated.

Worldline / Evoke Creative (405/2022) ticket vending machines are installed on the DART concourse at Luton Parkway station (3) and at the Airport (2). These card payment-only “kiosks” issue National Rail tickets and also DART-only tickets on plain paper roll, as below.

Tickets can also be bought and loaded on a smartphone app by clicking on the QR barcode on a large poster next to the TVM’s. Perhaps this is a sign of things to come more generally on the rail network.

Holders of an “Older Person Bus Pass or a valid Disability Badge” can travel at ‘concession’ (free) rate

(90/2021) After a two-year delay and construction budget overspend of £75m, the *Luton DART* (Direct Air-Rail Train) finally opened on 10 March.

DART is an “automated people-carrier” (or driverless cable-way) linking Luton Parkway station and Luton Airport. The installers, Austrian firm, *Doppelmayr Cable Car GmbH*, (suppliers of the *Emirates*, now *IFS Cloud Cable Car* in London) will also operate the system for five years under contract to the owners, *London Luton Airport Ltd.*, in turn, owned by *Luton Council*.

10 March was the “soft launch” day. The existing shuttle bus service operated by *London General Transport Services Ltd.*, continued in parallel in case of teething problems with DART but was retired on 26 March.

Contrary to expectations, fares are charged:

Adult one-way	£4.90
Child (5-15) one-way	£2.45
Child (under 5) one-way	free





but have to register first by uploading evidence of their status. It is not clear whether Scottish, Welsh, etc. "Older Persons" etc. are similarly eligible.

Luton residents can purchase up to four single adult concession tickets per day at a 50% discount. They too must register first by providing proof of residency.

Concession tickets have to be booked online for a specific day of travel and downloaded as an *e*-ticket or *m*-ticket. The *e*-ticket, if printed on an A4 sheet, folds into four as illustrated. Ticket gates validate the 2D (Aztec) barcode

and also accept normal NR magstripe tickets, other barcoded *e*- and *m*-tickets and ITSO smartcards.

David Harman  
[www.lutondart.com/](http://www.lutondart.com/)

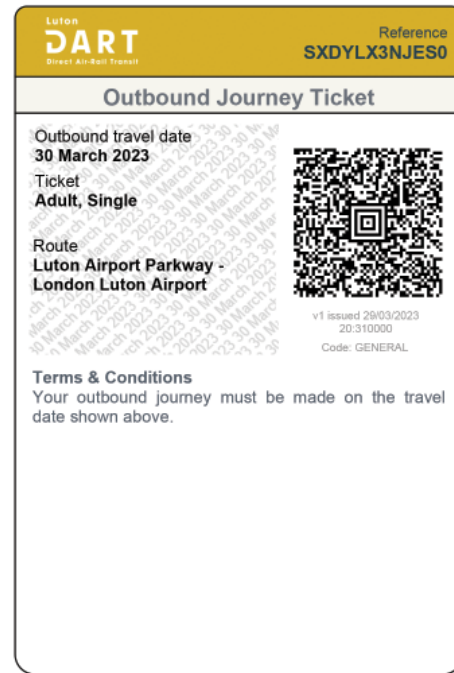
- *Worldline SA*, Paris (<https://worldline.com/>) is a major card payment processor.

*Evoke Creative Ltd.* of Bromborough, is a supplier of retail self-service "kiosks" and kiosk software, used for example in McDonalds burger outlets.

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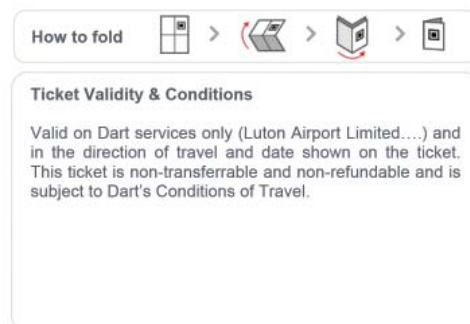
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## National Rail News

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trainticketmatt@hotmail.com

### A NEW LOOK FOR TICKETS

#### Concession markers

The illustrated Scheidt & Bachmann ticket from Hillfoot to Edinburgh has the concession marker with Key Workers Discount. It was issued during the Covid-19 pandemic, so the discount was presumably made available to people with "key worker" status who had to continue travelling by rail at that time. It is believed to have been a *ScotRail*-specific concession. The saving on the full Off-Peak Day Return fare appears to be around 15%. *MD*

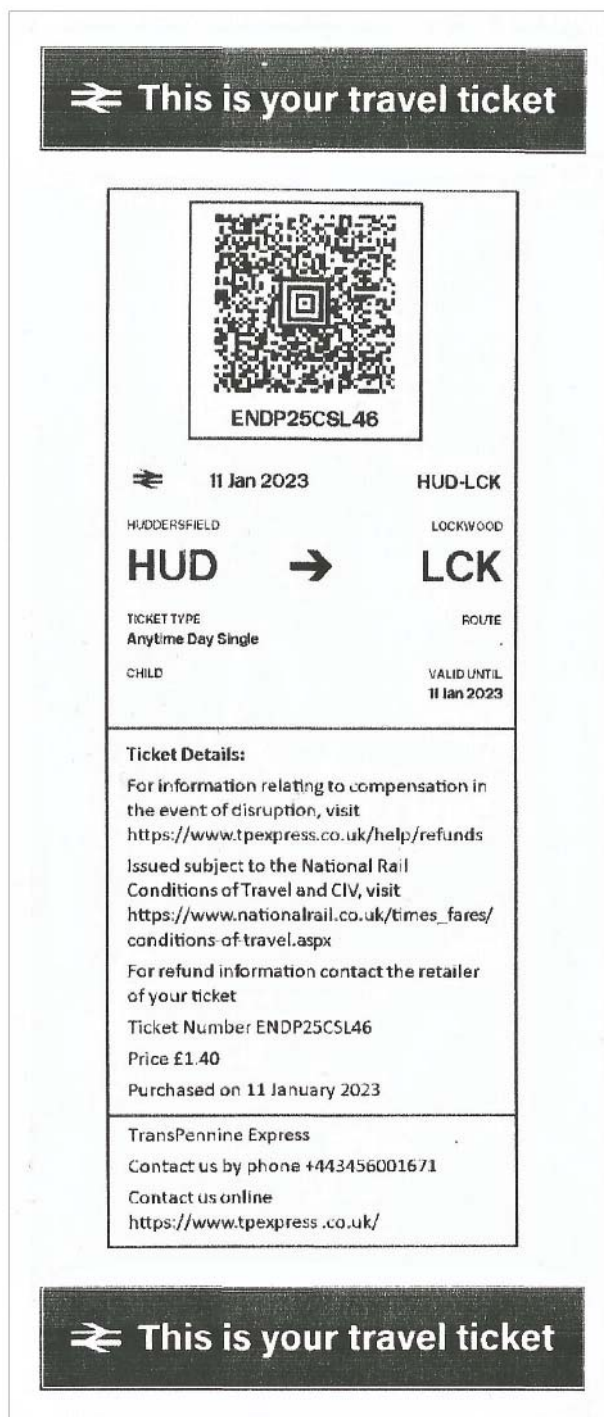


### WORLDLINE/EVOKE CREATIVE TICKET KIOSKS

(332, 398–399/2021, 405/2022) A terminal has now been installed at Huddersfield, in addition to Dewsbury and Stalybridge which are also managed by *TransPennine Express*. It was noted at 405/2022 that the code EVK23759 appeared on the screen of the Dewsbury terminal; the corresponding codes for Stalybridge and Huddersfield are EVK24986 and EVK25472 respectively. It is unclear whether this is a "machine number" as such. As shown here, the design of travel tickets has changed since the previous report: prominent white-on-black text now appears top and bottom, presumably to distinguish the ticket more clearly from the receipt. There is also a small change to the layout of text in the "Ticket Details" section. Some minor changes have been made to the receipt as well: most notably, the *TransPennine Express* logo now appears at the top, and there is a new section inviting feedback about the "new ticket vending machine". It might make more sense to put this on the travel ticket: receipts are not produced automatically, and in fact will only be printed if a button is pressed on the screen after the ticket itself has been printed. *Eddie Hewison*

### CAMMAX ON EAST MIDLANDS RAILWAY

(153/2021, 331–332/2022) A terminal was installed at Alsager in early November 2022, and out-and-return tickets to Nottingham are illustrated. The ticket number (00109) and transaction reference (SRDJT2R9L23) are the same, but the Aztec code (2D barcode) is different. Note the machine number at the bottom: CA110800-GBASG. This is in a different format to those reported previously: instead of an NLC, the second part of the code is "GBASG", where ASG = Alsager and GB presumably refers to Great Britain.



Other features of the ticket are the same as previously documented. *Roy Mills*

### SPLIT TICKETING

Split ticketing is the practice of buying multiple tickets to cover a single journey in order to reduce the overall fare. The complexity of the fare structure on the National Rail network means that paying for two or more shorter



  
**TRANSPENNINE EXPRESS**  
 TransPennine Express  
 58-60 WHITWORTH STREET MANCHESTER  
 M1 6LT

AUTHORISED SALE  
 CARDHOLDER'S COPY  
 Date: 11/01/2023  
 Time: 10:43  
 SALE

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**Ticket Summary:**  
 Origin: Huddersfield  
 Destination: Lockwood  
 Anytime Day Single  
 1 x Child £1.40  
 Total: £1.40

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Card Number (PAN): xxxxxxxxxxxx7523  
 AID: A0000000041010  
 Expiry: 2306  
 Issue Number:  
 Amount asked: £1.40  
 Amount paid: £1.40  
 Merchant ID: \*\*\*10221  
 Auth Code: X89481  
 Issuing Office: Huddersfield SST  
 Issuing NLC: 2372  
 Terminal ID: \*\*\*\*0102  
 Window Number: 02  
 Transaction Ref: 6210910157414815044864  
 VAT Number: 230505846

\*\*\*\*\* NOT VALID FOR TRAVEL \*\*\*\*\*  
 Please retain for your records

We'd love to hear your thoughts about our new ticket vending machine; take our quick survey! <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NewTicketMachine>

  
 SRDJT2R9L23

➡ 19 Nov 2022 OUT: ASG-NOT

ALSAGER **ASG** → **NOT** NOTTINGHAM  


TICKET TYPE: Off-Peak Day Return  
 ADULT: Senior Railcard  
 ROUTE: ANY PERMITTED  
 VALID UNTIL: 19 Nov 2022

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**Itinerary - Suggested 19 November:**

07:20 East Midlands Railway  
 From Alsager  
 To Nottingham  
 No specific seat

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**Ticket Details:**

This ticket can only be used at certain times, for details ask staff or go to [nre.co.uk/B5](http://nre.co.uk/B5)  
 For information relating to compensation in the event of disruption, visit <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/moneyback>  
 Issued subject to the National Rail Conditions of Travel and CIV <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/NRCOT>  
 For refund information contact the retailer of your ticket

Ticket Number SRDJT2R9L23  
 Price £11.90  
 Purchased on 19 November 2022

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Ticket No: 00109  
 Printed: 07:10  
 Machine: CA110800-GBASG

journeys can work out cheaper (sometimes substantially so) than paying the full fare for the overall journey. The

Advance Single

From Birmingham International  
 To Carlisle  
 Valid on 10-MAY-22 Adult Standard Class

Avanti West Coast only  
 15:55 Avanti West Coast  
 Coach E, Seat 68  
 From Birmingham International  
 To Carlisle

Not refundable. Exchangeable for a fee before travel  
 £20.50 X 78850-78851-2514-9311-30-03-01  
 ToD CTR: 8636N8MT/4879 123020322A

train(s) must stop at the intermediate station(s) where the split is made, as per National Rail Conditions of Travel section 19 clause (b). A number of websites have been set up to interrogate the entire fares database and automatically generate valid "split" itineraries, for both walk-up fares and Advance tickets; split ticketing can also be done "manually" by the passenger simply buying the appropriate combinations from a ticket office, self-service machine or online, although this is easier to do for walk-up tickets than for Advances, where booking the same seat for multiple journey legs can be difficult.

The tickets illustrated here are an example of an online Advance booking with a single split. The overall





SRDJT2R9L23

19 Nov 2022 RTN: NOT-ASG

NOTTINGHAM → ALSAGER

**NOT** → **ASG**

TICKET TYPE: Off-Peak Day Return  
ADULT: Senior Railcard  
ROUTE: ANY PERMITTED  
VALID UNTIL: 19 Nov 2022

Itinerary - Suggested 19 November:

13:16 East Midlands Railway  
From Nottingham  
To Alsager  
No specific seat

**Ticket Details:**

This ticket can only be used at certain times, for details ask staff or go to [nre.co.uk/B5](http://nre.co.uk/B5)

For information relating to compensation in the event of disruption, visit <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/moneyback>

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For refund information contact the retailer of your ticket

Ticket Number SRDJT2R9L23  
Price £11.90  
Purchased on 19 November 2022

Ticket No.: 00109  
Printed: 07:10  
Machine: CA110900-GBASG

Birmingham International to Edinburgh journey, on the 1555 *Avanti West Coast* service ex-Birmingham International, has been split at Carlisle to bring down the overall cost to £30.00 (£20.50 for the Birmingham International–Carlisle ticket and £9.50 for Carlisle–Edinburgh). Note how the same coach and seat have been booked, so the passenger was able to stay put for the whole journey. The second ticket shows that the 1555 from Birmingham International leaves Carlisle at 1904 en route to Edinburgh. These tickets were booked online and were collected from the ticket office at Bathgate (Fujitsu STAR machine 2514). *Murdoch Currie*

Advance Single

From Carlisle  
To Edinburgh

Valid on 10-MAY-22 Adult Standard Class

**Avanti West Coast only**

19:04 Avanti West Coast  
Coach E, Seat 68  
From Carlisle  
To Edinburgh

Not refundable. Exchangeable for a fee before travel

£9.50 X 78854-78855-2514-9311-30-03-01

ToD CTR: 8636N8WT/4879 1239 020322A

### SLEEPER TICKETS

Holders of ordinary (non-sleeper) tickets valid between London and Scotland can buy supplements allowing them to be used on the *Caledonian Sleeper*. Holders of free passes, All Line Rail Rovers and similar may also require these. Fujitsu STAR ticket 59776 issued at *ScotRail's* internal office (NLC 9832) is in standard Supplement format and has the description 1ST SCOTTISH SLEEPER. It may have been issued to upgrade an existing Standard Class sleeper ticket to First Class. Shere SMART Terminal Sleeper Reservation 53583 has the ticket type BERTH SUPP and, given the £100.00 price, was probably issued to a passenger holding an ordinary ticket who wished to go on the sleeper instead.

Vouchers with a face value of £2.50 are also available, presumably for use on the sleeper train for refreshments or similar. The ticket type field always shows \$2.50 VOUCHR with a dollar sign, and the description CAL SLPR VOUCHER and the journey details appear below this. Ticket

VALID ONLY WITH TRAVEL TICKET

Class	Ticket type	Start Date	Price
1ST	SLEEPER	24-AUG-12	£45.50X
Type	Number		
1ST SCOTTISH SLEEPER	59776	2231983211	
From			
EDINBURGH *			
To			
LONDON EUSTON *			

**SUPPLEMENT**

LT363689 F32944H9 Mr. A Daniels  
Printed 10:32 on 10-JULY-12

VALID ONLY WITH TRAVEL TICKET

Class	Ticket type	Date of issue	Price
1ST	BERTH SUPP	13-AUG-18	£100.00Y
From	Passenger's Number		
LONDON EUSTON *	ONE 53583	5147527192	
To	Valid at		
GLASGOW CENTRAL	23:50 HOURS ON 25-SEP-18		
Coach	Berths		
K	03L		

**SLEEPER RESERVATION**

09552266 CARTER  
Printed 10:10 on 13-AUG-18



14217 for a journey on the Fort William–London Euston sleeper, starting at the intermediate station Arrochar & Tarbet, shows what these Supplements looked like in 2012. By 2015, as shown on the Edinburgh–London example (which, like the 2012 example, was issued at a

Shere SMART Terminal) extra fields had been added: “For use on direction” and “Validity”. Neither ticket shows a Class of travel, and both have a zero price. The Mandatory Reservation Coupon accompanying the Arrochar & Tarbet to London Supplement is also illustrated because it has a printing error: the double-width characters SL appear before the text MANDATORY RESERVATION COUPON in the lower orange band.

Supplement tickets are also available on the “Night Riviera” sleeper between London Paddington and Cornwall. Number 98107 was issued at Fujitsu STAR machine 2227 at what was then (in 2010) the *First Great Western* Telesales office (NLC 3258) to upgrade a journey between London Paddington and Plymouth. This is a Standard Class supplement, so the accompanying ticket may well have been an ordinary travel ticket which was not valid in sleeper accommodation. Note the description FGW SLEEPER SINGLE. *Peter Nichols, MD*

### SEASON TICKETS

A Replacement Annual Season Ticket was illustrated last month. Here are three more with various features of interest, all issued from Fujitsu STAR machines. First, number 68355 is a Replacement Annual Gold Card Travelcard similar to that issued last month. It was issued on 15 December 2007 to replace a ticket valid between 1 January and 31 December 2007. There are two differences: it has been issued as a “Duplicate” rather than a Replacement, as indicated by the unusual ticket type DUPL TRAVEL; and it still shows a 12-month validity (12M00D in the “Valid” field) even though the remaining validity is just 16 days. The zero fare is correct. Next is a ticket for a journey outside the Annual Gold Card area, correctly issued on blue-banded “Longer Period Season” stock and issued as a Replacement (ticket type REPL SEASON and the small text REPLACEMENT in the lower blue band signify this). It has again been issued for an incorrect 12-month

**VALID ONLY WITH TRAVEL TICKET**

Ticket type	Start Date	Price
\$2.50 VOUCHR	13-AUG-12	£0.00M

Type: CAL SLPR VOUCHER      Number: 14217      5458911114

From: ARROCHAR + TAR \*

To: LONDON TERMINALS

**SUPPLEMENT**

Printed 14:23 on 20-JUN-12

**VALID ONLY WITH TICKET 83219**

Ticket type	Start Date	Price
\$2.50 VOUCHR	15-JUN-15	£0.00X

Type: CAL SLPR VOUCHER      Number: 83221      5461911117

From: EDINBURGH \*

To: LONDON TERMINALS

For use on direction: EITHER

Validity: BOOKDTRAINONLY

**SUPPLEMENT**

Printed 15:46 on 24-APR-15

**VALID ONLY WITH TICKET 14215**      **RETAIN FOR INSPECTION**

Class	Ticket type	Start Date	Price
1ST	SLEEPER	13-AUG-12	£0.00M

From: ARROCHAR + TAR \*

To: LONDON EUSTON \*

Coach: G      Berths: 07L

Valid at: 2244 HOURS ON 13-AUG-12

Number: 14216      5458911114

**MANDATORY RESERVATION COUPON 1 OF 1**

LP796785      SCOTT

**SUPPLEMENT**

Printed 14:23 on 20-JUN-12

**Travelcard**      Valid only when shown with photocard no. CFR6868C

Class	Ticket type	Price
STD	DUPL TRAVEL	£0.00X 01JNR07 1484

Status: 31-DMR-07      6835505229S31

Between: TONBRIDGE \*      Zones: & R1256 ZONES 12M00D

Route/also available at: ANY PERMITTED

Valid within zone(s) indicated

**Gold Card**

Printed 15:13 on 15-DMR-07

**VALID ONLY WITH TRAVEL TICKET**

Class	Ticket type	Start Date	Price
STD	SLEEPER	20-APR-14	£45.00X

Type: FGW SLEEPER SINGLE      Number: 98107      2227325801

From: LONDON PADDINGTON

To: PLYMOUTH \*

**SUPPLEMENT**

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01MAL4105

Ticket type	Price
STD REPL SEASON	£0.00 1729995032

10-APR-14      91918

GLASGOW CEN/QST & HYNDLAND \*      12M00D

ANY PERMITTED

**SEASON**

REPLACEMENT

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validity period, though. In this instance the zero fare lacks the method of payment marker. Finally, another REPL SEASON for another Annual Season Ticket within Scotland, also issued with a 12-month validity period and a (correct) zero fare, this time with a method of payment marker (W for Rail Warrant) after the zero fare; but the ticket has been incorrectly issued on Annual Gold Card stock. Quite why Burntisland station should hold Annual Gold Card stock is unclear! MD

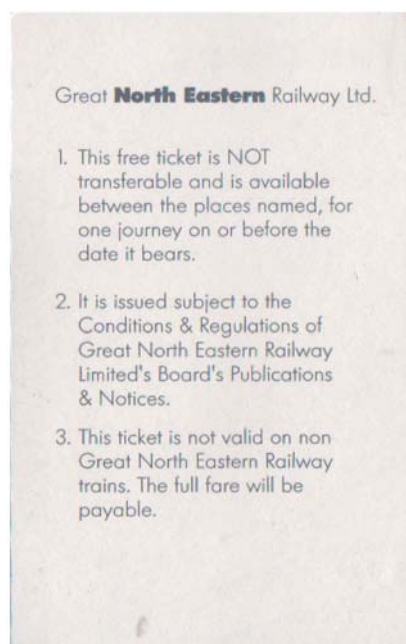
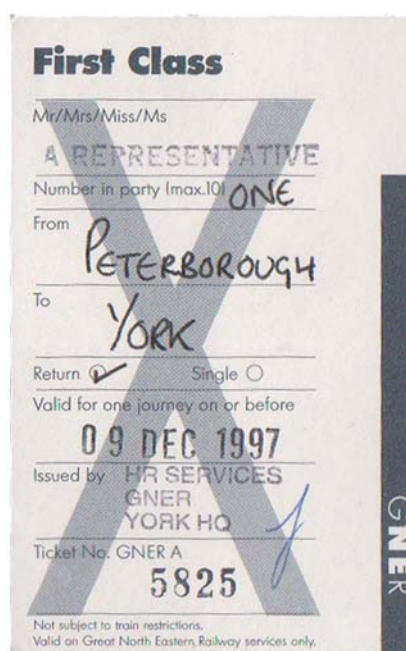
#### MANDATORY RESERVATION COUPONS

The TRUMPS (*thetrainline.com*) system was mentioned last month in connection with Mandatory Reservation Coupons. As well as interesting ticket types, it can sometimes throw up location name oddities. Two TRUMPS Coupons are illustrated here, both with oddly abbreviated station names: LONDON CHARING C instead of LONDON CHARING X and LONDON PADDINGTON instead of LONDON PADDINGTON. (Location name inconsistencies are also common on TRUMPS travel tickets, and several examples will be illustrated in future columns.) MD



#### COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

Illustrated here front and back is a complimentary ticket from very early in the post-privatisation era. It is printed in vertical format in various shades of grey and was issued at the Great North Eastern Railway (GNER) HR Services department at York for "a representative" – an unnamed person travelling on company business, perhaps for a job interview. It is valid in First Class and, according to the text at the bottom, is "not subject to train restrictions" (presumably this relates to trains normally subject to peak-time fares). Three conditions are listed on the reverse. MD



#### ROUTES

Another set of newly introduced specific routings are illustrated this month, all for journeys which would previously have been routed "Any Permitted".

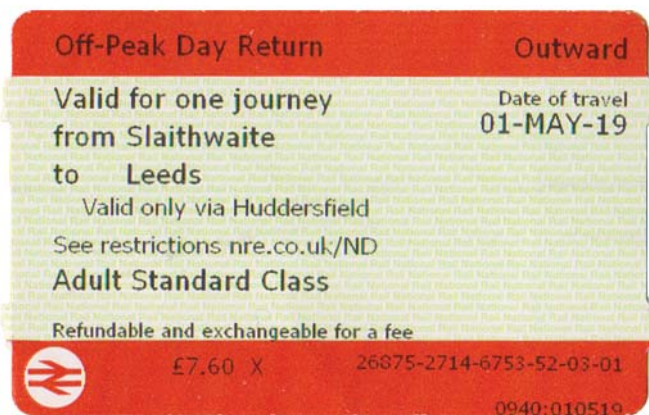
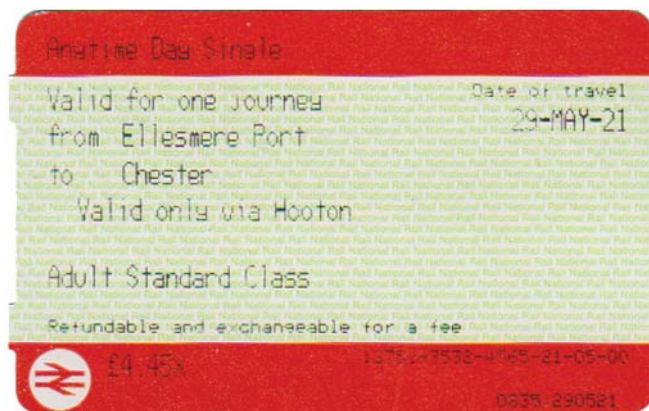
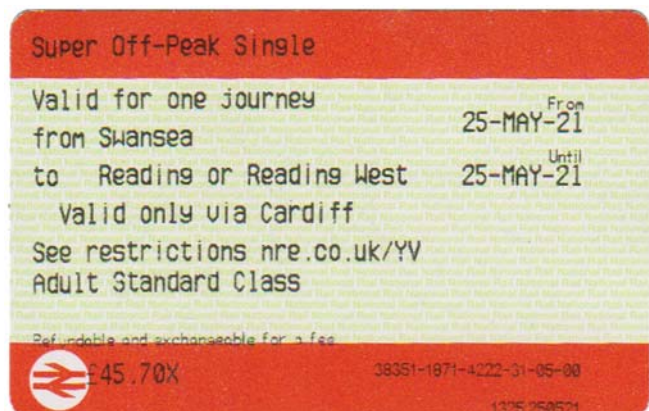
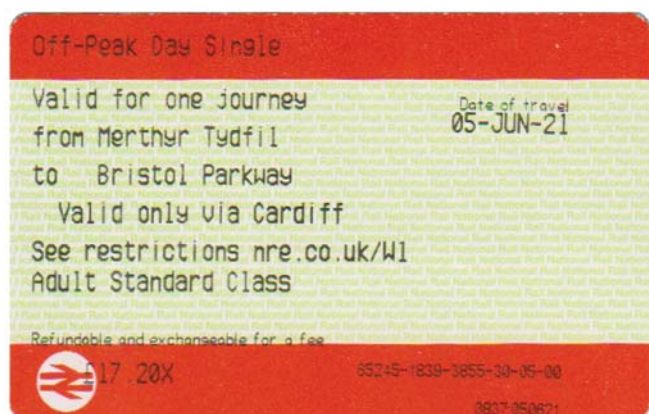
Valid only via Cardiff is now used for journeys



between the Merthyr Tydfil area and Bristol Parkway, which cannot really be done any other way, and for Swansea–Reading tickets (examples of both from 2021 are illustrated, both from the Fujitsu STAR system). At least there is a plausible, if indirect, alternative route for

Swansea–Reading: via Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton and Oxford.

Valid only via Hooton has been introduced for journeys from Little Sutton, Overpool and Ellesmere Port to Chester, for which the only alternatives would be a circular trip via Liverpool Lime Street and Runcorn or a journey on the extremely infrequent Ellesmere Port–Helsby service (three trains per day) and a connection from Helsby. In this instance, the Valid only via Hooton route ensures all revenue for these tickets goes to *Merseyrail*; otherwise, a proportion would be due to *Northern* (who operate between Ellesmere Port and Helsby) and *Transport for Wales* (Helsby–Chester). Scheidt & Bachmann tickets from machines 3532 at Ellesmere Port and 3533 at Little Sutton are illustrated.



Travelling from Slaithwaite, just west of Huddersfield, to Leeds is only realistically possible via Huddersfield, unless a lengthy double-back via Manchester, Rochdale and Halifax is attempted. Nevertheless, tickets for this journey are now issued with the route Valid only via Huddersfield, as shown on Parkeon ticket 26875 dated 1 May 2019. The other ticket with this routeing illustrated here, from Mossley (Manchester) to Knaresborough, is a little different because it is a much longer journey for which the correct routeing is not obvious; but the wording Valid only via Huddersfield enforces the most direct itinerary, which involves changing at one or more of Huddersfield, Leeds and York for Knaresborough. While it would be possible to double-back via Manchester and use the route via Halifax to go to Leeds, this route is much longer and does not have a fare set. *Peter Nichols*



**ROVERS AND RANGERS****– ISLAND LINE DAY RANGER****Type:** Day Ranger**Boundaries:** Ryde Pier Head; Shanklin**Additional validity:** None**Time restrictions:** After 0830 on weekdays; valid at any time at weekends**Price:** £6.70 (A)/£3.10 (C)/£17.40 (Family: up to 2 adults and 3 children)**NLC:** 1898**Previous reference:** 336/2016

This Day Ranger offers unlimited travel on the Island Line but does not include Isle of Wight Steam Railway services; for those, the more expensive Island Liner Rover is required. Tickets can be bought at ticket offices and on the train but are apparently not available for purchase at self-service machines. There has been a Scheidt & Bachmann Ticket XPress machine at Ryde Esplanade since 2010; much more recently machines have also been installed at Ryde St Johns Road, Sandown and Shanklin. Will these perhaps be programmed to issue the Ranger, especially given that Ryde St Johns Road and Sandown are unstaffed?

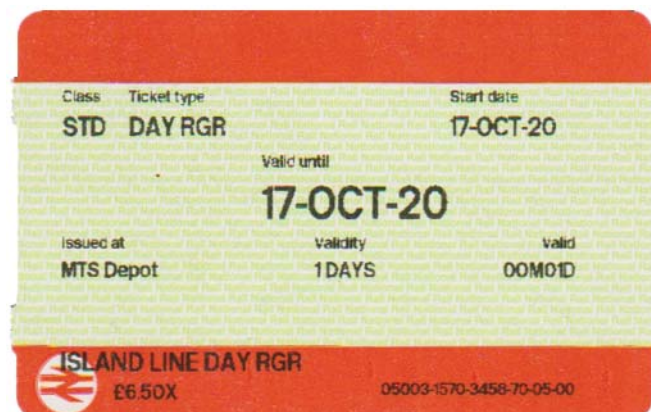
The two illustrated tickets show the “new layout” version of Rail Rovers referred to in previous columns. Both have the heavily abbreviated ticket type DAY RGR and a description of ISLAND LINE DAY RGR. The 7 October 2020 ticket was issued from Avantix Worldline @Station device 5213 at Ryde Esplanade station and shows the location name in mixed case, as is normal for that system. Note the 1 DAYS (sic) validity period in the “Validity” field. New layout Rovers and Rangers have both a “Validity” field and a “Valid” field, both of which show the same information in different ways. The 17 October 2020 ticket is identical apart from the ticket stock and the print style; it came from Avantix Worldline device 1570 used on board a train. This device, and all such devices used on the Island Line, is assigned to NLC 3458, the Ryde conductors’

depot. For many years this simply had the location name RYDE ESPLANADE, but it has now changed to MTS Depot. The meaning of “MTS” is not clear, but it may relate to the legal name of *South Western Railway*, which runs the Island Line: *First MTR South Western Trains Ltd.* (The TOC is owned by *FirstGroup* (70%) and *MTR Corporation* of Hong Kong (30%).)

**ROVERS AND RANGERS – ISLAND LINER ROVER****Type:** Day Ranger**Boundaries:** Ryde Pier Head; Shanklin**Additional validity:** One return journey in Third Class accommodation on the Isle of Wight Steam Railway between Smallbrook Junction and Wootton**Time restrictions:** After 0845 on weekdays; valid at any time at weekends; only available for purchase of Isle of Wight Steam Railway operating days**Price:** £22.00 (A)/£11.00 (C)**NLC:** K048**Previous references:** 471/1991, 283/1992, 336–337, 426/2016, 208/2017

This ticket was introduced when the *Isle of Wight Steam Railway* was extended to Smallbrook Junction station in July 1991, providing an interchange with British Rail (now National Rail – Island Line) services between Ryde Pier Head and Shanklin. At that time the adult and child prices were £5.00 and £3.00 respectively, and it was noted that British Rail and the steam railway jointly marketed the tickets. At first, tickets were also available at Isle of Wight Steam Railway stations, apparently in the form of pre-printed undated APTIS, but the website gives no indication that this is still the case.

Two recent tickets are illustrated. Number 20302, an Avantix Mobile issued in 2016, indicates that the Rover can be bought on board Island Line trains as well as at ticket offices and online (as with the Island Line Day Ranger, the





Island Liner Rover is not available from self-service ticket machines). Ticket type ISLAND LINER and description ISLAND LINER ROVER are used. Note the strange issuing location 3458 – this is the NLC of the Ryde conductors' depot. It is very unusual to see an NLC in the "Issued at" field of an Avantix Mobile: normally the depot or base location would be shown, or the field would be left blank. As noted above, when this ticket was issued the 16-character location name of the depot assigned NLC 3458 was simply RYDE ESPLANADE; the ticket in the section above shows that it had changed to MTS Depot by 2020. Ticket 74652 is a Fujitsu STAR issued in 2018 at machine 2183 at Ryde Esplanade, one of two machines in the ticket office there (as shown above, Avantix Worldline @Station devices have since replaced these machines, as at all other stations on the Island Line and elsewhere on *South Western Railway*). The ticket type ISLAND LINER and description ISLAND LINER ROVER are used again, but there are two differences from the Avantix Mobile example: the validity is given as AS ADVERTISED instead of the more explicit 01 DAYS; and the Avantix Mobile is issued as a RAIL ROVER (lower orange band) while the Fujitsu STAR is a RAIL RANGER.

### PLATFORM TICKETS

It has been mentioned before that Platform Tickets from the Atos Worldline @Station system, especially on the *Southern* network, are generally issued in "Sundries Debit Coupon" format rather than the standard Platform Ticket format (a couple of recent issues from *Southern* stations are illustrated: note particularly NLC 5989 Gatwick Business Centre, for which the location name is given as Gatwick Business). Platform Tickets can in fact be issued in the conventional format on this system via the manual fares option, by entering a spurious destination, then the ticket description "Platform", route "Any Permitted" and a fare of £0.10. A Fujitsu STAR Platform Ticket from Morpeth is also illustrated as a reminder of the conventional format.

**Not Valid for Travel**

Account name	Code	Amount	Desis.
PLATFORM TICKETS	90221	£0.10M	DEBIT
McNo	NLC	Win	TNo
7113	5329	03	22419
SNr	Date	Items	
07753	02-SEP-22	0001	
Issuing office			
Lewes			
Operator initials		Supervisor initials	

**SUNDRIES DR**  
Retail Sundry 1801-0209224

**Not Valid for Travel**

Account name	Code	Amount	Desis.
PLATFORM TICKETS	90221	£0.10M	DEBIT
McNo	NLC	Win	TNo
7002	5989	02	42175
SNr	Date	Items	
13105	02-SEP-22	0001	
Issuing office			
Gatwick Business			
Operator initials		Supervisor initials	

**SUNDRIES DR**  
Retail Sundry 1523-020922

**PLATFORM TICKET**

Station	Amount
MORPETH	£0.10X
Date	Time
06-SEP-22	09:16

Valid for 60 minutes from time & day shown  
NOT VALID IN TRAINS

04556-2760-7690-30-05-20  
Printed 0916 060522

### MACHINE DATA PRINTOUTS

The two coupons illustrated here look completely different but are from the same system – the Atos Worldline devices used on trains and at gatelines in various places, notably on the *Southern* and *Thameslink* networks. The first is a print test coupon which gives information about the software version and the "Characteristics" (sic) of the ticket: data is encoded on the magnetic strip at 75 BPI (bytes per inch – a measurement of the data density of magnetic media) and the print quality is 200 DPI (dots per inch). The second ticket is printed vertically and is a diagnostic report on the printer. Note the heading Steatite Mobile Ticket Printer: Worldline devices have separate printers, very small blue plastic machines made by *Steatite Ltd*. The date, 5 October

**IMS**  
Version:

ISO London 2.0.34854-trunk

Characteristics:  
Magnetic density : 75 BPI  
Printing density : 200 DPI

**Steatite Mobile Ticket Printer**

Date 17/10/5 19:39:52  
Firmware Version 1.045  
Battery 1 = 8184mV  
Battery 2 = 8182mV  
3V3 = 3306mV  
Adapter = 70mV  
SV = 5162mV  
Strobe = 1480us  
AmT = 21.0C  
PhT = 22.4C  
Serial Number = 1882  
Tickets Printed = 7529

NOT VALID FOR TRAVEL

2017, is in an odd format: YY/MM/D. Various parameters are measured: the battery charge, the ambient and physical temperatures (AmT and PhT), the number of tickets printed, the firmware version (firmware = basic software which controls specific functions of a piece of hardware – in this case the printer) and so on. Unlike most of the coupons illustrated in this recent series, this one specifies that it is NOT VALID FOR TRAVEL! MD



# TALKING TICKETS

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## Workmen - B. & M.R.

The entry for the Brecon & Merthyr Railway in *Command Paper Cd. - 187 of 1900* is very brief, stating that no workmen's trains are run by the company. It adds, however, that two colliers' trains are run morning and evening, one from Machen to White Rose and back and the other from Maesycwmmmer to Rhymney and back. The railway company provides only the engines, the rolling stock belongs to the colliery proprietors who pay varying sums per man, from 6d. to 1s. per week, according to distance. No tickets are issued by the company and the public are excluded from travelling by the trains. The reference to White Rose is anachronistic, the station had been renamed New Tredegar & White Rose on 1 July 1885. Stops will have been made at colliery platforms as well as stations.

D.S. Barrie's *The Brecon & Merthyr Railway* (Oakwood Press 1957) identifies the main proprietors as Powell Duffryn and the Tredegar Coal & Iron Company. He also states that the employers provided each of their colliers with a brass check (in lieu of a ticket) which the B&M staff were supposed to examine at stations – and points out the difficulties when 'a hundred or more colliers bale out of a still-moving train as it draws into a small valley station lit only by oil-lamps'!

Sometime into the twentieth century the company did start issuing tickets for workmen travelling by some of its own trains but whether these were regular services, untimetabled workings or a mixture of the two is not known. *Bradshaws* of the period do not show any of the

early morning trains that would usually be associated with the carriage of workmen.

The known ticket examples are all confined to the section of the system over which the private colliers' trains were operated; 309 and 1243 are weekly tickets, the former being dated OCR 24 20 and the latter being undated but printed to show the Revised Fare in force from 1 September 1920. Use of these was straightforward and both carry standard reduced fare conditions limiting the company's liability to £100.



The circumstances of issue of the two singles 2814 and 144 both dated DC 2 11 are more obscure. Both have conditions reading 'This ticket is issued subject to the regulations and conditions stated in the Company's Time Tables Bills & Notices & Workmen using same must be in working clothes & travel in the workmen's Coach provided.' This clearly suggests use of a specific coach attached to an ordinary service train. The southbound journey from Pengam to Maesycwmmmer was 1m 66ch, that northbound to Cwmsyfiog (only opened on 1 February 1908) was 2m 71ch; standard single fares will have been 2d and 3d respectively so each ticket was issued at half price. Quite why 2814 gives the class as 'Third Class Parly' while 144 states simply 'In Workmen's Coach' cannot be explained.

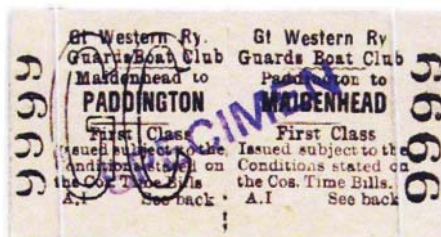
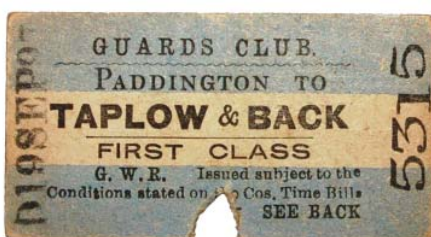
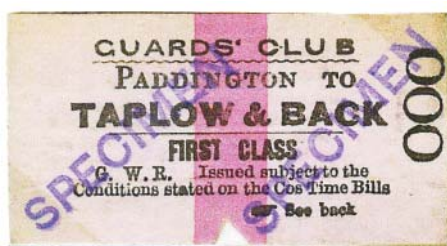
## Guards Boat Club

Keith Romig provided a reminder of this subject by submitting ticket 5315. By the middle of the 19th century boating had become a popular leisure activity and in 1865 officers of the Brigade of Guards based in Pall Mall decided that they should have their own boat club on the Thames. The Maidenhead area was chosen, which had the advantage of being easily accessible from London by train and from Windsor by boat. The first premises were in Mill Lane, Taplow, where a doorway of the former (infamous) Skindles Hotel still bears the inscription BGBC 1883. Taplow station lay closer than Maidenhead and thus became the rail destination of choice.

The Great Western Railway provided the Club with a supply of tickets, the first recorded example of which is single coupon return 000, found on the 1880 pages of a GW specimen book. The conditions on the back read: 'NOTICE. This ticket must be taken to the Booking Office at Paddington to be stamped on the day it is used, and is



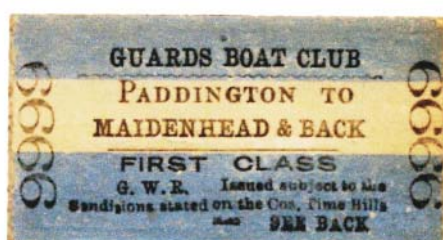




only available for that day and for One Journey to Taplow and back.' The specimen book also records that a new series of tickets was supplied on 1 May 1884, for these the print work remained the same but the card colours were changed to blue and white.

This card remained in use until the late 1900s; ticket 5315 is dated 19SEP97 by which date the conditions had been changed to read: 'NOTICE. This ticket must be taken to the Booking Office at Paddington to be stamped on the day it is used, and is only available on the date of issue unless taken on Saturday or Sunday when it will be available to return up to Monday.' The GW added the serial number at the left hand side of single coupon tickets in 1898/99, as shown on 6362 dated 3JUNE00; the conditions remained unchanged.

In 1904 the Club moved across the river to a larger site between the road bridge and Brunel's railway bridge. The new site comprised two houses, Riverside (formerly the Riverside Club founded in 1889) and Eskdale together with their grounds. There was also an island (Bucks Ait) connected to the bank by a footbridge and on which the boathouse was located. The most convenient station then became Maidenhead; new tickets had to be provided of which 9999 is a specimen copy. Other changes prior to the grouping are also illustrated by specimens, two-coupon returns were adopted following the decision to print return tickets on plain coloured cards that was announced in Audit Circular No 731 dated 26 August 1907. These



have the skeleton letter overprint 'GC' on the return half, included in the list that was given in that circular (see the extensive article at 376/2017). From June 1910 new prints omitted the words 'RETURN TICKET' to leave space at the foot of the ticket for possible impression by route nippers. It is likely that the Club continued to be provided with similar tickets after the grouping, although no examples have been seen.

Despite dwindling finances the Club remained in existence until closure in 1965. In the 1970s its river frontage and island were dedicated to public use and in 1976 the Maidenhead Civic Society began work on an ambitious project to complete a riverside park in time for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. The footbridge was repaired and extensive landscaping was carried out, the resulting area being named Guards Club Park.

*[With acknowledgment to an article by Brian Boulter, curator of Maidenhead Heritage Centre, published in the Maidenhead Gazette, September 2008. Specimen ticket 000 is shown by courtesy of the Great Western Railway Trust (Ogden collection).]*

## The Oldest Ticket



Well, not really. But surely the compositor who set this fully pre-printed season ticket must have kicked himself. The real question is did it ever get into the hands of a passenger – and if so how were excess fares treated? Thanks to *Keith Romig* for sending this in.

## The Last Edmondsons

MALCOLM SIMISTER

(356, 423/2022, 31-2, 62, xxx-xxx/2023)

Members will recall that the purpose of these articles is to find out where edmondson card tickets are still issued by 'real' railways. In his January *Journal* article, Mike Sparrow gently takes me to task over what is a 'real' railway and suggests that a railway that operates a public service for 365 days a year is very definitely a 'real' railway.

In saying this, Mike nods silently to the *Puffing Billy Railway*, a 2' 6" gauge steam railway near Melbourne, that operates every day of the year except Christmas Day. However, very few people use it as a public service, the parallel bus service being much quicker, more frequent and far cheaper (and it operates on Christmas Day as do most public transport services in Australia). I suggest a real railway is one that operates a service for the general public even if many tourists use it as well and even if it does not operate for the whole year.

Graham Croucher was recently the Tour Manager on a trip to Burma/Myanmar and writes, 'At whatever stations we stopped at I asked our Burmese-speaking guide if he could explain my desire to collect some *Burmese Railway* tickets but invariably very few were issued (but some were). So, I can confirm that edmondsons are still available, although it seems to me as backup stock, if at all, and very rarely issued. Most of the tickets that were issued were written out from a small pad present at all stations. The edmondsons were stored in rather dated cabinets which were always locked. Upon opening, many tickets were covered in cobwebs or dust, but I managed to get a few '0000' tickets, such was their rarity.'



Non-member *Souroshankha Maji* has an update on edmondson availability on the Indian *Eastern Railway* near Kolkata. 'The stations where such tickets are issued for sure even now are Taki Road, Bhyabla and Nimdnari (often spelt Nimdanri) on the Barasat - Hasnabad branch of Sealdah division's suburban network and at Goghat station on the Sheoraphuli - Goghat branch of Howrah division's suburban network. Goghat station only has edmondsons available for four different destinations which are likely to be exhausted within the next few days (as of late January 2023).

However, Nimdnari has mixed tickets (edmondson as well as pre-printed computerised tickets) and Bhyabla has possibly exhausted their stocks by now as they had only about 50 edmondson tickets left for one single destination.'

In neighbouring Pakistan, *David Bathurst* relates what happens to withdrawn tickets. 'I visited both the Ticket Printing Shop and the Withdrawn Tickets Examination Shop at Mughalpura, Lahore as recently as November 2022 in the company of the District Controller of Stores (Main Depots) who manages ticketing operations for PR. A team



*Sacks of withdrawn PR tickets awaiting examination*

of about a half dozen are employed solely to check through the stocks (now rather ancient) of old withdrawn, unused edmondson card tickets. In addition to those at the front of the queue, many large sacks of tickets are stored in the old ticket printing shops.

The ticket stocks are checked entirely manually and dutifully recorded. I asked what would happen in the event of a discrepancy, that is tickets missing, and was informed that this would be referred back to the relevant Station Master for comment/explanation. I then reminded those present that (a) these tickets had been withdrawn some years back; (b) some stations had long since closed, (c) most station masters would by now have moved on; and (d) some would have died. An explanation was provided for (d) that any 'debt' attributable to the former SM would have 'died' with the death of the SM! No meaningful comment was made for the other scenarios. (Where's Sir Humphrey when you need him?).

There is no uncertainty that Mughalpura no longer prints edmondson card tickets. The Japanese printing presses are still available, but I am not aware of any appetite to depart from the current printing arrangements. The printing plate for the final print run by PR, a run of 3,000 tickets for the *Chasewater Railway Museum*, is proudly produced whenever I visit the Print Shop. (David was previously Chairman of the Chasewater Railway).

Moreover, my visits to minor stations suggest a complete conversion to the current iteration of tickets, although the increasing number of privately-operated main-line trains has given rise to a variety of paper tickets on offer.



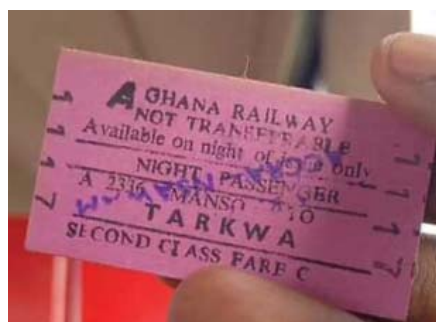
Passengers wishing to protest against the price of tickets regularly vent their thoughts on Facebook, often with a photograph of the ticket concerned. No edmondson card ticket has appeared within my recollection in this context.

Incidentally, I have just provided the Curator at PR Railway Museum Rawalpindi, Golra Sharif, with a number of traditional PR card tickets for display with their German ticket dating device, to replace the wholly inappropriate selection of modern flimsy card tickets currently on display. The young but very enthusiastic Mr. Sharif admitted little knowledge on the subject but has since been furnished with my articles regarding PR tickets previously published in *Journal*.

Still on the sub-continent, *Malcolm Chase* emailed me about Sri Lanka, 'I can confirm that edmondsons were very much in use in February 2020 when we were last in Colombo but I quote from my report in *Buses Worldwide* 227, Autumn 2022, "The railways may not be able to issue tickets soon as the supply of edmondson cards is running out, partly because more people are travelling by train and partly because of the lack of the imported card. An electronic issuing system is expected for 2023 (Sri Lanka Daily Mirror 20-7-22)". I sometimes ask for used tickets; there are mountains of standard cards but the interesting ones are rare.'

And edmondsons are likely still being issued in Bangladesh as *David Phillips* says, 'I did see scans of edmondsons still in use but totally unreadable!'

Changing continent to Africa, David says, 'Amazingly edmondsons have made a comeback in Ghana though just overprinting the real journey on top, in the photo Accra to Nsawam.'



*Ghana Railway edmondson with overprinted journey*

*Michael Farr* introduced me via email to ticket and printing enthusiast *Nicolas Regamey* who prints edmondsons at his 'artisan' printing works *Atelier Typo de la Cité* in Payot Lausanne, Switzerland (<https://editions-limitees.ch/>). On his three pet-named Goebel presses ('Charlotte' an FD single from 1890-1900, 'Berth' an MFDD for big edmondsons from 1930/35, and 'Adelaide' an FDD normal format from 1958), Nicolas prints for a number of Swiss tourist railways, boat operators and museums, including the *Brien Rothorn Bahn*, *CGN* (steamer operator on Lake Geneva), *CFF/SBB Historic* (the Swiss national railway), *Geneva Tram Museum* (AGMT) and the *MiniTrain de Pully* (miniature railway). He estimates that he will print some 200,000 tickets in 2023. So, although he prints edmondsons for the national rail operator it is, alas, only for historic journeys.

Updating the table published in December's *Journal*:

Country/region	Situation
<b>Bangladesh</b>	Edmondsons are probably still issued, at least at some stations.
<b>Czech Republic</b>	<i>JHMD</i> print edmondsons for their own and private use.
<b>Germany</b>	Edmondson-like tickets are issued by at least the Harz, Mollibahn and Bad Doberan narrow gauge lines (and probably by the other narrow gauge in the former east Germany too) and some of the Harz operations are public transport tram/train services. <i>Vulkan Druckerie</i> prints edmondson tickets.
<b>Ghana</b>	Old, unused Edmondsons are being reused by overprinting the new journey on them.
<b>Hungary</b>	MAV no longer issues edmondsons.
<b>India</b>	<i>Eastern Railway</i> issues edmondsons at a few stations: Taki Road, Bhyabla and Nimdnari (often spelt Nimdanri) on the Barasat - Hasnabad branch of Sealdah division's suburban network and at Goghat station on the Sheoraphuli - Goghat branch of Howrah division. However, stocks are being depleted quickly and edmondsons are no longer printed.
<b>Kosovo</b>	Highly unlikely that <i>Kosovo Railways</i> issue edmondsons anymore.
<b>Montenegro</b>	It seems unlikely that edmondsons are issued here.
<b>North Macedonia</b>	Highly unlikely that <i>ZRSM</i> issue edmondsons anymore.
<b>Myanmar</b>	Is thought to still issue edmondsons at some stations. Can anyone confirm or deny?
<b>New Zealand</b>	The use of edmondsons has almost certainly ceased.
<b>Pakistan</b>	Almost certainly, edmondsons are no longer issued and their printing has ceased.
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<i>Sri Lankan Railways</i> issue edmondsons widely, both their own and those of the former Ceylon Government Railways, and presumably also print them. However, there are plans to introduce more modern ticketing in 2023.
<b>Switzerland</b>	<i>Aeschbacher AG</i> prints tickets for tourist and commercial transport operators. <i>Atelier Typo de la Cité</i> in Payot Lausanne prints edmondsons for a range of transport operators, all tourist operators.
<b>Taiwan</b>	Some stations may still issue edmondsons. Can anyone confirm or deny?
<b>Tanzania and some other African countries</b>	Edmondsons may still be issued. Can anyone confirm or deny?

My thanks to those people who have contacted me. They are credited in the text above.

If you have more or updated information, please email me at [msimister@netspace.net.au](mailto:msimister@netspace.net.au) and I will compile further articles for the *Journal*, as appropriate.

Tanzania  
MARTIN RICKITT



**Edmondsons still (just about) alive and well!**  
A recent visit to Tanzania confirms that edmondsons are still used on Tazara (Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority, [www.tazarasite.com/](http://www.tazarasite.com/)) an example is illustrated together

with a rather well-used “special auxiliary ticket”. The current timetable extends to just two trains per week, so not a prolific issuer!

Form C/R 1

**TANZANIA ZAMBIA RAILWAY AUTHORITY**

No. A **4020738**

Reason: **SPECIAL AUXILLIARY TICKET**

Date: **25. 01. 2023**

From **CIT** to **MBK**

Details of Ticket Exceeded	Type	Date	Ticket No.	
		Form	Class	
		To	Fare	

Fare exceeded from to **180 km**

Valid for **14** days Fare **9900**

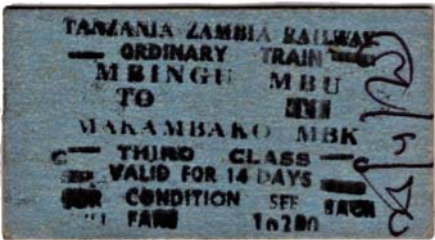
Class	No. of Passengers	Fare exceeded Express
<b>11</b>	<b>ONE</b>	
Full Fare	<b>ONE</b>	Booking fee
Half Fare		
	<b>81</b>	<b>TOTAL 9900</b>

Remarks:

Train No. **4043** Conductor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Station **CIT** Booking Clerk's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

ORIGINAL: CUSTOMER 1st COPY: AUDIT 2nd COPY: COUNTER FOIL



**Tanzania Buses**  
Dar Es Salaam has for some years been in process of building an extensive BRT (bus rapid transit, *mwendo kasi* in Kiswahili) system with the help of various foreign donors. Currently

\*\*\* Mwanzo wa Tiketi Halali \*\*\*

Tarehe : 2023-01-28 14:17:41  
Kituo : POSTA YA ZAMANI  
Huduma : TRUNK

**Tshs. 750 /=-**

QR Code

Namba : TPST2-230281417000378  
Ingia Kabla : 2023-01-28 14:47:41  
Toka Kabla : 2023-01-28 16:17:41  
5 kati ya 6

GERESHO LA UHAKIKI TRA : 84961A57609195

QR Code

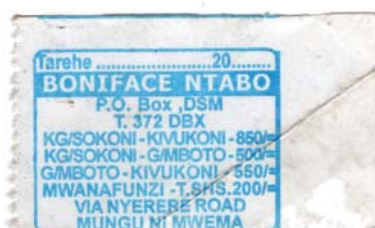
\*\*\* Mwisho wa Tiketi Halali \*\*\*



some 350 Chinese Golden Dragon buses are in use. *DART* (Dar Rapid Transit) ([www.dart.go.tz/](http://www.dart.go.tz/)) is managed by *UDA-RT*, a partnership between *Usafiri Dar es Salaam* (UDA) and the government. Fares are a flat 750 Tanzania shillings [TZS] (27p) for adults, with a student fare of TZS200. Tickets with a QR code are sold at a booking office at the “stations” and in theory are read at a turnstile but in practice are just given a tear by the booking clerk on issue. Bins overflow with used examples just after passing through the turnstiles suggesting no further inspections take place.



There are also hundreds of well-loaded Toyota Coaster type shared taxi-buses (*dala-dala*) under private ownership plying the streets of Dar Es Salaam. All issue a similar design of multi-value ticket. The tickets are mostly printed on recycled paper, with various irrelevant matter appearing on the reverse side. Other than proving a passenger has paid a fare, the ticket seems not to serve any form of audit on the conductor as they are not serially numbered and cover a multitude of possible fares.



*Dar dala-dala*





Japanese Kids		Seat No.
<b>Japanese Kids</b> Prop. Christinna D. Hatanaka, P.O. Box 35003 Makambako TIN: 140 - 775 - 851 +255 756 071971, 0717 071971, Email:japanesehatanaka@gmail.com		10856
<b>BOOKING OFFICE</b>		
Passenger Name <b>SISTAR DWANILE</b> Jina la Abiria		
From Kutoka <b>Iko</b> To Kwenda <b>Arkanika</b>	Passenger Phone Namba ya simu ya Abiria Bus No. <b>J</b> Namba ya Gar Issued by Imetolewa na	Fare Nauli Cargo Fare Mzigo TOTAL JUMLA
Date of Issue Tarehe iliyotolewa Reporting time Muda wa kufika	Date of travel Tarehe ya safari Departure time Muda wa kuondoka	Date of Issue Tarehe iliyotolewa Reporting time Muda wa kufika
<b>Makete Booking</b> 0759 378 929	<b>Ikonda Booking</b> 0768 728 905	<b>Njombe Booking</b> 0762 291 015
<b>Makambako Booking</b> 0757 925 340	<b>Mafinga Booking</b> 0764 707 878	<b>Iringa Booking</b> 0757 092 403

I managed to gather a few examples of tickets for longer distance services, and these are illustrated.

Just to finish my brief visit to Tanzania, here is the outer cover and coupon of a Zanzibar ferry ticket issued by Azam Marine & Kilimanjaro Fast Ferries (<https://azammarine.com/>).

See previous Tanzania report on p.148/2007.

BARAKA SAFARI'S	
P.O.Box 108, IRINGA Prop: D. KESSI, Mob: 0754-419149, 0628931654, 0755-506058 TIN: 161 - 975 - 412	
Jina la abiria <b>2. UTOZWA M</b> Kutoka <b>Iko</b> Kwenda <b>Arkanika</b> Nauli <b>0689</b> Muda wa kuondoka <b>10:30</b> Kufika <b>11:30</b> Mzigo <b>10:30</b> Gar No. <b>571 BTA</b> KITI NA.	
1. Tiketi hii itunike tarehe na muda uliopangwa 2. Mizigo ya ndani si thamana yetu 3. Fedha iliyotolewa hairudishwi 4. Tunza tiketi mpaka mwisho wa safari Tunakutakia safari njema	

azam MARINE CO. LTD.	
<input type="checkbox"/> TICKET <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLIMENTARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	Zanzibar Booking Office: P.O. Box 774 Tel: (24) 2231655 Fax: (24) 2233045 info@azammarine.com
Dar es Salaam Booking Office: P.O. Box 2517, Tel: +255 (22) 2123324/5 Tel: +255 774 707172 Email: bakhresa@raha.com	
So come aboard and travel with the best KILIMANJARO V KILIMANJARO IV KILIMANJARO III AZAM SEALINK I	
KILIMANJARO Fast Ferries Ltd www.bakhresa.com	

KILIMANJARO FAST FERRIES	
Name of Passanger <b>MOHAMMED ALI</b> Jina la Abiria	
Date of Issue: <b>27/01</b> Tarehe iliyotolewa:	Date of Journey: <b>27/01</b> Tarehe ya Safari
From: <b>ZANZIBAR</b> Kutoka:	To: <b>DAR</b> Kwenda:
Departure Time: <b>10:30</b> Muda wa kuondoka:	<input type="checkbox"/> CASH/COMPLIMENTARY/OTHERS
Gender: <b>M</b> Jinsia:	Serial No. <b>40798</b>
Reporting Time: <b>10:30</b> Muda wa kuripoti:	Check in Time: <b>10:30</b> Muda wa kuingia:
Fare: <b>10:30</b> Nauli:	Class: <b>5</b> Daraja:
APPROVED BY: <b>Slamika</b> IMETHIBITISHWA NA:	