

## BRITISH RAILWAYS in BEDFORDSHIRE

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### MIDLAND MAIN LINE (BEDFORD to NORTH LONDON including the Bedford area generally)

| <i>Ref number</i> | <i>Description</i>  | <i>Date taken<br/>(where known)</i> |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 4300A             | Four-wheel railbus when new: running No. M79973; in the Bedford area  |                                     |
| 4300B             | Two 4-wheel B.1 Class railbuses at Bedford (one of them is M79973)  |                                     |
| 4335B             | Ex-S.E.C.R. Class D 4-4-0 31577 on Woburn Park Special at St. Albans City   |                                     |
| B29/10            | Midland class 4F 0-6-0 43867 with train of empty mineral wagons at unidentified location on the Midland main line where two slow lines parallel the two main lines; ¾ view of whole train         | 1955                                |
| B82/8             | Stanier class 5 4-6-0 44895 leaving Harpenden Central with a down stopping service (Photographed from the footplate of a locomotive waiting to join the main line from the Hemel Hempsted branch) | 10 March 1956                       |
| B82/9             | Driver Irish with his fireman, standing next to their locomotive (LMS class 4 2-6-0 43119) at St. Albans shed   | 10 March 1956                       |
| B84/10            | Stanier class 5 4-6-0 45420 with a down train approaching Hendon; ¾ view of whole train   | 21 April 1956                       |
| C313              | BR standard class 4 4-6-0 75014 with an up express for St. Pancras (¾ view going away from camera) passing Midland class 3F 0-6-0 43245, head-on view, light engine, at Harpenden                 | 11 May 1957                         |
| J4                | Ex- L&Y 2-4-2T 50646 in a siding at Bedford   | 23 Sept 1956                        |
| J5                | Ex-SECR D class 4-4-0 31577 near the turntable at Bedford; ¾ view of loco carrying the headboard <i>Woburn Park Special</i>   |                                     |
| R2163             | Class 8F 2-8-0 48309 on the triangular junction at Bedford whilst working the LCGB <i>Cross-Countryman</i> rail tour; ¾ view of loco  |                                     |

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| X404 # | Good $\frac{3}{4}$ view of Jubilee class 4-6-0 45620 with a St. Pancras – Nottingham express taken from Station Road bridge, Hendon, looking south; the station is behind the photographer |              |
| X673 # | D class 4-4-0 31577 at Flitwick (Bedfordshire) with George Lockie's ramblers' special train from London Waterloo to Woburn Par; good $\frac{3}{4}$ view of loco with train at the platform | 23 Sept 1956 |

### BEDFORD to BLETCHLEY

| <i>Ref number</i> | <i>Description</i>   | <i>Date taken<br/>(where known)</i> |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 6944              | LNWR open-air frame at Ridgmont (Bletchley-Bedford line)   | 20 April 1968                       |
| 6945              | LNWR open-air lever frame at Ridgmont, showing four Annett's keys from the level crossing gates to release the signals | 20 April 1968                       |
| 6946              | Level crossing gates at Bow Brickhill Halt, showing locks  | 20 April 1968                       |
| X256 #            | The crossing keeper at the level crossing at Lidlington on the line from Bedford to Bletchley                          |                                     |
| X258 #            | The crossing keeper and his cabin at Lidlington on the line from Bedford to Bletchley                                  |                                     |
| X259 #            | The four-lever ground frame for the level crossing at Lidlington on the line from Bedford to Bletchley; close-up view  |                                     |

### HITCHIN (inclusive) to BEDFORD (exclusive)

| <i>Ref number</i> | <i>Description</i>  | <i>Date taken<br/>(where known)</i> |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 4539B             | Ex-LMS class 2 2-6-2T 41329 on single-coach train bound for Bedford Midland Road, $\frac{3}{4}$ head-on standing at the platform at Shefford                      |                                     |
| 4542A             | Freight train pulling away from camera, approaching Southill (station just in sight in distance)  |                                     |
| 4542B             | Southill station and signal box   |                                     |
| 4543A             | Henlow Camp station and signal box  |                                     |
| 4543B             | Hitchin Yard signal box, with single coach steam train from Bedford passing   |                                     |
| 5380              | Class D16 4-4-0 62605, $\frac{3}{4}$ view from tender end, at Hitchin, with the impressive goods shed in the background   |                                     |
| 5381              | Class D16 4-4-0 62605, $\frac{3}{4}$ view from smokebox end, with SLS SMJR rail tour at Hitchin   |                                     |
| 5383              | Class 3F 0-6-0 43222 with SLS special train M500 which had arrived at Hitchin behind D16 4-4-0 62605, prior to taking the train on from Hitchin and over the SMJR |                                     |
| B233/11           | Class A1 4-6-2 60117 with express, $\frac{3}{4}$ view, just north of Hitchin on the East Coast main line  |                                     |
| B233/12           | Class A4 4-6-2 6002x with express on the East Coast main line just north of Hitchin; $\frac{3}{4}$ overall view   |                                     |
| C2021             | Cardington station on the Bedford – Hitchin line  | 7 March 1961                        |
| C2022             | Shefford station on the Bedford – Hitchin line, showing both platforms  | 7 March 1961                        |

## WELWYN GC to LEIGHTON BUZZARD

| <i>Ref number</i> | <i>Description</i>  | <i>Date taken<br/>(where known)</i> |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 8427              | Double-headed <i>Bernard Shaw Special</i> near Harpenden East   |                                     |
| 8428              | 69654 (Class N7) and another locomotive on the <i>Bernard Shaw Special</i> in the station at Harpenden East   |                                     |
| B212/8            | Dunstable North, looking towards Luton, with BR class 2 2-6-2T 84002 in the bay platform with a train for Leighton Buzzard  |                                     |
| B212/9            | Dunstable North with diesel loco-hauled two coach train just arrived from Hatfield (3B99) and BR class 2 2-6-2T 84002 in the bay platform with a train for Leighton Buzzard |                                     |
| B212/10           | Dunstable North with BR class 2 2-6-2T 84002 just leaving with a train for Leighton Buzzard; shows part of goods yard   |                                     |
| B212/11           | Train for Leighton Buzzard leaving Dunstable North, going away from camera; shows level crossing and signal box   |                                     |
| C1528             | Unidentified N2 class 0-6-2T, bunker-first at the platform at Dunstable North; platform and station canopy visible on left  | 18 April 1959                       |

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