

BRITISH RAILWAYS in BLACK COUNTRY, MIDLANDS

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BIRMINGHAM - WORCESTER AREA

<i>Ref number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date taken (where known)</i>
131C	4154 on two-coach train at Hartlebury, viewed from the footbridge	4 May 1957
134A	4913 on passenger train approaching Hartlebury	4 May 1957
134B	4154 on two-coach train at Hartlebury, with freight train passing on the next line	4 May 1957
134C	4154 on train for Bewdley, at Hartlebury	4 May 1957
1319F	Smethwick (Rolfe Street), looking west along platforms towards overbridge	
1320A	Smethwick West: looking along platforms; station building on right	
1320B	Smethwick West from overbridge: only footbridge and part of platform visible	
1320C	Oldbury & Bromford Lane: looking along platforms from track	
S/4082	Freight train passing Bromsgrove station on the through line	
4308	MR 0-6-0 58283 on special train (Duty W721) at Harborne	30 May 1959
4454	Norton Halt (formerly Norton Junction), Worcester, looking South to junction and signal box	
4458B	Wadborough station looking North towards Birmingham, showing crossing house and station	
4646	Modified Hall 4-6-0 7928 Wolf Hall at speed with up train passing goods depot between Worcester Wyld's Lane Box and Norton Junction	
4774	Midland Class 2F 0-6-0 58271 on SLS Special (head-on) in platform at Halesowen: 58167 of the same class on siding by the signal box	30 May 1959

5752A	Signal controlling road traffic on the A44 in Worcester, where the branch serving the Worcester Sauce factory and engineering works crosses the road	26 April 1958
7225B	West Bromwich: exterior view of main station building, before closure to passenger traffic, circa 1967	
9205	BR Class 5 73001 leaving Birmingham New Street with the 8.22am Derby to Bristol	11 June 1951
9219	Castle Bromwich to Manchester BIF special (W560) leaving Castle Bromwich at 5.10pm behind 44935 Class 5 4-6-0	15 May 1950
9220	BR 49437 (ex-LMS, LNW) 0-8-0 of Class 7F approaching Castle Bromwich on a down slow freight at 6.15pm	15 May 1950
9221	45672 <i>Anson</i> at New Street, Birmingham, after arriving with special train W683 Euston to Castle Bromwich at 11.12am	18 May 1950
9222	45672 <i>Anson</i> (5XP Jubilee class) at New Street, Birmingham, after arriving with W683 special Euston - Castle Bromwich at 11.13am	18 May 1950
9223	46757 with SLS special train W730 at Stechford	3 June 1950
9224	SLS special train W730 behind 46757 at Monument Lane	3 June 1950
9228	No.3 shed, Saltley Motive Power Depot, viewed from the top of the coaling plant	Sept 1950
9242	BR 46110 Class 7P Royal Scot Class 4-6-0 <i>Grenadier Guardsman</i> at Birmingham New Street on the 12.05pm Wolverhampton to Euston	3 April 1951
9303	Unidentified Jubilee 4-6-0 on a British Industries Fair special train at Saltley	
9358	6.15pm Castle Bromwich to Euston BIF special W683, all First Class, leaving Castle Bromwich with 45669 piloting 45064	12 March 1952
9359	44745 4-6-0 Class 5MT outside Saltley MPD	13 March 1952
9360	LMS 2994 (ex-Midland) 0-6-0 Class 2F at Saltley Motive Power Depot (locomotive still bearing LMS number four years after nationalisation)	13 May 1952
9361	LMS 2994 (ex-Midland) 0-6-0 Class 2F at Saltley Motive Power Depot, $\frac{3}{4}$ view, in steam: opposite angle to Ref. 9360. Engine still bearing LMS number four years after nationalisation	13 May 1952
9362	44187 (ex-LMS) 0-6-0 Class 4F at Saltley Motive Power Depot, $\frac{3}{4}$ broadside view	19 May 1952
9363	58230 (ex-LMS,MR) 0-6-0 Class 2F $\frac{3}{4}$ view at Saltley Motive Power Depot	24 May 1952
9364	Former GWR railcar W14W forming the 8.50am Solihull to Buxton special for the Solihull Society of Arts passing Lawley Street Goods Yard (Railcar ran via Bordesley, Burton and Uttoxeter to Buxton)	28 June 1952
C2184	Old Hill station with 0-6-0PT (unidentified) at the platform with train for Dudley; station nameboard reads "Old Hill, change here for Halesowen, Windmill End branch and Dudley"	17 March 1962
C2185	2-6-2T 4111 arriving at Old Hill with a passenger train from Birmingham Snow Hill heading for Stourbridge Junction and beyond; picture taken from the Halesowen branch platform	17 March 1962
C3002	Stanier class 5 4-6-0 45020 at Birmingham Snow Hill with RCTS special train 1Z24; head-on $\frac{3}{4}$ view	16 May 1964
H12/33	Stanier class 5 4-6-0 45444 with breakdown crane at unidentified location in the Birmingham area	July 1965

J3024	View from the westbound platform at Old Hill station with the junction for the line going right for Dudley in the foreground; signal box partly visible on left	14 April 1963
J3025	Old Hill station, overall view from footbridge looking west	14 April 1963
J3243	Wednesbury Central station building, viewed from the road side	21 June 1964
J3244	Wednesbury Central station overall view, showing both platforms	21 June 1964
R0964A	Castle class 4-6-0 7011 <i>Banbury Castle</i> on the Middle Siding at the South end of Worcester Shrub Hill station. The crew are on the tender trimming coal to take over the 2.05pm Hereford to Paddington, due at Worcester at 3.10pm	Late Autumn 1963
R0965	4-6-0 6856 <i>Stowe Grange</i> running into Platform 4 at Worcester Shrub Hill with the 2.05pm Hereford to Paddington, due at Worcester at 3.10pm It will be replaced here by 7011 (see Ref. R0964A above)	Late Autumn 1963
R1323	Hall class 4-6-0 6926 <i>Holkham Hall</i> at Birmingham Snow Hill with a short van train on the through line	
X43	Pre-grouping view of passenger train arriving at Harborne, terminus of the branch in Birmingham	
X52	Maxstoke station, between Hampton in Arden and Whitacre, formerly known as Coleshill, renamed on 1 July 1923; closed to passengers 1 May 1939; ¾ view of platform and station building in good order	
X254 #	Aldridge station, east of Wolverhampton, with an SLS special train formed of LMS 2-6-2T 41226 sandwiched between two two-car push-pull sets, which look interesting; from Aldridge the train traversed the Brownhills branch	26 May 1951
X255 #	LNWR class 1P 2-4-2T 46757 with SLS special train W370 at Harborne, terminus of the branch in Birmingham	3 June 1950
X346 #	0-6-0PT 3607 with train of open wagons near Old Hill	
X379 #	SLS special train headed by LNWR class 2F 0-6-2T 58903 at Camp Hill, just south of New Street station in Birmingham; ¾ close-up view of whole train	1 June 1954

WOLVERHAMPTON AREA

<i>Ref number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date taken (where known)</i>
1327A	Ivatt class 2 2-6-0 46519 with the RCTS <i>St. George</i> rail tour (Reporting number 1X75) taking water at Walsall	23 April 1966
4303	Walsall Wood on the occasion of a visit by a 6-car Metro Cammell DMU forming the SLS <i>Golden Jubilee</i> tour	30 May 1959
9061	SLS special train W722 at Aldridge station, with Class 2 2-6-2T 41226 as train engine (sandwiched between two sets)	26 May 1951
9062	Class 2 2-6-2T 41226: ¾ view of locomotive on SLS special train W722 at Aldridge station	26 May 1951
B208/11	4-6-0 6015 <i>King Richard III</i> at Wolverhampton, moving forward to take over a train (duty V04); cab obscured by steam	
B208/12	4-6-0 6015 <i>King Richard III</i> ready to leave Wolverhampton with train, duty V04	
D121	0-6-0PT 8428 passing Dunstall Park station with an up freight	3 March 1961
D122	BR standard class 4 2-6-4T 80053 near broadside view at Wolverhampton Low Level	3 March 1961

D123	4-6-0 6015 <i>King Richard III</i> at Wolverhampton Low Level; ¾ view, but tender not on negative	3 March 1961
D124	The nameplate of Castle class 4-6-0 5089 <i>Westminster Abbey</i> photographed at Wolverhampton Low Level	3 March 1961
D127	4-6-0 7026 <i>Tenby Castle</i> standing at Wolverhampton Low Level with a Paddington train	1961
D129	4-6-0 6000 <i>King George V</i> with bell fitted, standing at the platform at Wolverhampton Low Level on a wet day, with a Paddington train; wispy steam	3 March 1961
D130	4-6-0 5081 <i>Lockheed Hudson</i> standing at the platform at Wolverhampton Low Level with a Paddington train; close-up ¾ view on a wet, hence steamy, day	3 March 1961
H12/18	Railway viaduct over the canal just north of Wolverhampton	July 1965
H12/19	Similar to H12/18, but in this view there is a steam-hauled freight train just visible on the viaduct	July 1965
H12/20	View from a lock (in use) on the canal just north of Wolverhampton, with steam double-headed freight train just visible on the viaduct in the background	July 1965
H12/23	Stanier class 8F 2-8-0 48194 broadside in steam viewed from the canal just north of Wolverhampton	July 1965
N9933	GWR No.4018 <i>Knight of the Grand Cross</i> at Wolverhampton (Stafford Road)	1 April 1945
N9934	GWR No.2110 at Wolverhampton (Stafford Road)	1 April 1945
N9935	View of Stafford Road shed, Wolverhampton	1 April 1945
N9936	GWR No.5300 at Oxley shed, Wolverhampton	1 April 1945
N9937	LMS 6933 and other locomotives at Bushbury shed	1 April 1945
N9938	LMS 9309 and 5198 at Bushbury shed	1 April 1945

LICHFIELD AREA

<i>Ref number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date taken (where known)</i>
9201	The 11.00am Bradford to Bristol (Sundays only) crossing to the Lichfield line at Wichnor Junction hauled by Class 5 MT 4-6-0 44857. The train was diverted via Lichfield and Sutton Coldfield due to relaying work blocking the main line at Kettlebrook	3 June 1951
9202	The 10.00am Birmingham New Street to Leeds (Sundays only) at Lichfield High Level hauled by Class 5MT 4-6-0 44852. The train was diverted via Sutton Coldfield and Lichfield due to relaying work blocking the main line at Kettlebrook	3 June 1951
9239	116T "out of gauge" load comprising an electrical stator travelling from Newcastle on Tyne to Nechells Power Station, Birmingham, at Wichnor Sidings at 12 noon (view of load-carrying wagon)	18 Feb 1951
9240	Out of gauge load comprising a 116T electrical stator travelling from Newcastle on Tyne to Nechells Power Station, Birmingham, at Wichnor Sidings at 12 noon (View showing almost all of train)	18 Feb 1951
R1047	Diesel-hauled train approaching the camera, under the overhead wires, near Lichfield	

STAFFORD AREA

<i>Ref number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date taken (where known)</i>
9320	BR 10001 diesel-electric locomotive leaving Stafford with the 4.10pm Liverpool to London Euston	28 Aug 1951

RUGELEY to CANNOCK

<i>Ref number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date taken (where known)</i>
R1025	LMS Class 5 4-6-0 45257 with passenger train near Rugeley: head-on $\frac{3}{4}$ view from above	
R1026	Rugeley to Cannock DMU at Moorsgorse	

COVENTRY AREA

<i>Ref number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date taken (where known)</i>
N301E	Coventry station, overall view from the South end: no trains in view	10 July 1955
N301F	Coventry station: overall view from the North end: no trains in view	10 July 1955
N675A	Coventry station in snowy weather: no trains	1955
N675B	Midland 2P 4-4-0 40678 arriving at Coventry with three-coach passenger train: $\frac{3}{4}$ view from opposite platform	1955
N675C	Midland 2P 4-4-0 40678 standing in Coventry station with passenger train: $\frac{3}{4}$ broadside view from opposite platform, showing locomotive only	1955
N675D	Midland 2P 4-4-0 40678 pulling away from Coventry: $\frac{3}{4}$ view going away from camera	1955
N676A	LMS Class 5 4-6-0 45000, $\frac{3}{4}$ view from front end at Coventry: light engine in steam	1955
N676B	Patriot 4-6-0 45534 <i>E. Tootal Broadhurst</i> arriving at Coventry with an up train: $\frac{1}{4}$ head-on view from platform end	1955
N676C	BR 4-6-2 70033 <i>Charles Dickens</i> arriving at Coventry with an up train: snowy weather; head-on $\frac{3}{4}$ view	1955
N676D	Unidentified Black Five with engineers' train passing through Coventry station	1955
R0993	Jubilee class 4-6-0 45599 <i>Bechuanaland</i> : $\frac{3}{4}$ view standing just outside Coventry shed. This had closed as a running depot in 1958, but 45599 was one of a number of Jubilees stored there. It was towed away for scrap on 24 August 1964 after 12 months in store. The nameplates were removed from the stored locomotives at Coventry on 5th and 6th November 1963 to foil so-called souvenir hunters	Winter 1963/94
R0994	Very similar to R0993	Winter 1963/94
R0995	Jubilee class 4-6-0 45599 <i>Bechuanaland</i> : $\frac{1}{4}$ view tender end (not all of tender in picture) at Coventry shed (See note against R0993)	Winter 1963/94
R0996	View alongside of Jubilee class 4-6-0 45599 <i>Bechuanaland</i> from tender end: Coventry shed (see note against R0993)	Winter 1963/94

STAFFORD (exclusive) to UTTOXETER (exclusive) (former GNR)

Ref number Description

*Date taken
(where known)*

7338A Abandoned station at Chartley and Stowe, on the former GNR Stafford-Uttoxeter line (closed successively to passengers in 1939, to freight in 1951 and to SLS specials in 1957): wooden station building with herringbone pattern boards in private use on the grassy platform

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE

(Note: For views on the majority of the former North Staffordshire system please see List SEM)

Ref number Description

*Date taken
(where known)*

7338B Ornate Jacobean-style station building at Sandon, viewed through leafless trees from the adjacent road, after closure, but in private occupation and before electrification of the adjacent Colwich-Stone main line

UNIDENTIFIED LOCATIONS

Ref number Description

*Date taken
(where known)*

3485 LMS class 5 4-6-0 45493 with passenger train arriving at unidentified major station

4808 Ex-Midland First Class bogie clerestory coach M1177M standing in an unidentified yard (¾ broadside)

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