



EMU Class 313 215 sitting in Platform 1 at Barnham and basking in the late spring sun on the 16th May 2023. With only a week to go before the expected withdrawal of these units, this is one of the last operational images featuring these workhorses! © Ian McKey



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Rail Strike!!

Travel Advice for Southern Customers

ASLEF has announced that industrial action by their members will take place on:

- Thursday 1 June - An overtime ban
- Saturday 3 June - Strike day - NO trains

RMT have also announced industrial action on:

- Friday 2 June - Limited service

Travel Advice for Thursday 1st June

There is a knock-on disruption from the strike the previous day and we have been notified of a ban on overtime by ASLEF. There will be a late start to services in some locations, first trains are likely to be very busy and you may not be able to board. Throughout the rest of the day to help customers plan with fewer short notice alterations, an amended timetable with fewer services will then run. Services will be busier than usual, especially in peak hours, you may need to queue and may not be able to board your preferred service, so we recommend allowing additional time.

Travel Advice for Friday 2nd June

The railway will operate limited opening hours with services starting later and finishing much earlier than normal. Some routes will finish earlier than others, and some stations will not be served at all. Please check your first and last trains carefully, as there will be no alternative travel outside of these services.

If you need to travel, always check your whole journey immediately before at [National Rail](https://www.nationalrail.co.uk).

Please note, Gatwick Express services will not be running. Gatwick Airport will still be served by Southern and Thameslink.

Epsom Derby – Ladies Day

There will be NO Southern services at Tattenham Corner, Epsom Downs or Epsom. If you are planning on going to ladies' day, you will need to find alternative transport to get to the racecourse.

Travel Advice for Saturday 3 June

- NO Southern, Thameslink, Great Northern or Gatwick Express trains will operate.
- Advice for Epsom Derby and other events - Saturday 3 June
- There will be NO Southern services across the network including at Epsom, Epsom Downs and Tattenham Corner all day.

Sunday 4 June

The disruption from a strike day will have a knock-on effect which means that first services will begin much later than normal, with some routes having no services before 7am. This could be later depending on where you are travelling from, so make sure to check your journey. Please note that journey planners for early morning services will not be updated until the day before travel. We expect first services to be extremely crowded and you may not be able to board your chosen service. You are advised to start your journey later on in the morning.

Cancellation of strike action

If strike action is cancelled or suspended at short notice we will not be able to immediately restore our normal timetable. Rail services are created and depend on complex and integrated systems. It therefore takes some time to get everything back into place. If this is the case, more details will be published here.



Alternative routes during disruption

Journeys via alternative routes may take longer than your normal journey or run only at certain times

On some alternative routes, you may need to purchase a ticket and apply for a refund

Full details of where your ticket will be accepted and how to apply for a refund can be found on thameslinkrailway.com / southernrailway.com or gatwickexpress.com

Further information can be found at:

National Rail Enquiries

nationalrail.co.uk / 03457 48 49 50

Transport for London

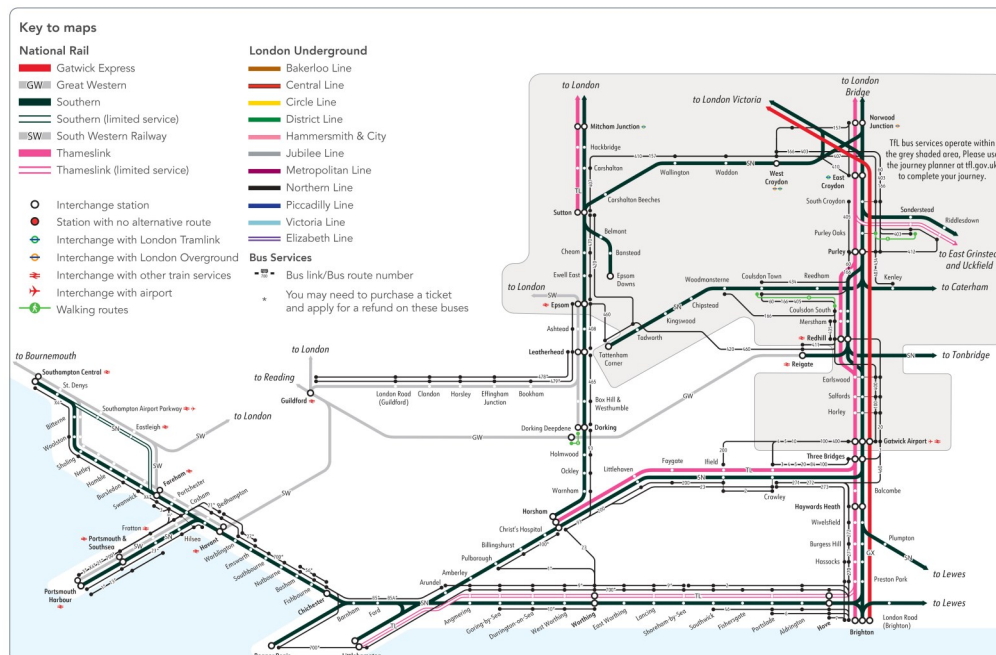
(Tubes & buses in London travel zones)

tfl.gov.uk / 0345 222 1234

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(Buses outside London)

traveline.info / 0871 200 22 33





ThamesLink/

A stylized illustration of a red e-scooter with blue wheels and handlebars, positioned on a yellow path that leads towards the right. The background is a light teal color.

New rules for e-scooters

From 1 June 2023, due to known safety risks with the batteries, e-scooters, e-skateboards, e-unicycles and hoverboards are not permitted anywhere in our trains or on our stations.

From **1 June 2023** all e-scooters, e-unicycles, e-skateboards and hoverboards will not be permitted on our trains or in our stations. This decision has been taken following advice from the Rail Delivery Group (RDG) and following recommendations by the Rail Safety Standards Board (RSSB) and London Fire Brigade.

For more information on the ban of e-scooters and related items, please visit our [website](#)

Regards,

The Southern Railway Team

What's on for the Railway Enthusiast in June

Railway	Start Date	Event
Watercress Railway	1 June 2023 - 4 June 2023	Day Out with Thomas
Bluebell Railway	3 June 2023	Members Day
Isle of Wight Railway	3 June 2023 - 4 June 2023	Somewhen Storytelling Festival
Watercress Railway	9 June 2023 - 11 June 2023	Vintage Vehicles
Bluebell Railway	10 June 2023 - 11 June 2023	Bluebell on Parade Weekend
Watercress Railway	17 June 2023 - 18 June 2023	A New Era - 30s & 40s Weekend
Watercress Railway	17 June 2023	Fine Dining Train
Bluebell Railway	18 June 2023	Land Rover Day
Kent & East Sussex Railway	18 June 2023	Fathers Day!
Isle of Wight Railway	23 June 2023 - 25 June 2023	Spring Gala
Bluebell Railway	24 June 2023	Reptile Day at the Bluebell Railway
Kent & East Sussex Railway	24 June 2023	1970's & 1980's Saturday

Contact Details: -

Railway	Website	E-Mail	Telephone
Bluebell Railway	The Bluebell Railway in Sussex A heritage steam railway (bluebell-railway.com)	The Bluebell Railway in Sussex A heritage steam railway (bluebell-railway.com)	01825 720800
Isle of Wight Railway	Isle of Wight Steam Railway – The 10 Mile Museum (iwsteamrailway.co.uk)	info@iwsteamrailway.co.uk	01983 882204
Kent & East Sussex Railway	Kent & East Sussex Railway – Tenterden – Northiam – Bodiam (kesr.org.uk)	enquiries@kesr.org.uk	01580 765155
Watercress Railway	Watercress Line - Heritage Steam Railway	info@watercressline.co.uk	01962 733810
Littlehampton Miniature Railway	Home (littlehamptonminiaturerailway.com)		01903 719876

Accident at Grantshouse Station 8/8/1961 - Images by Paul Myatt ©



Paul Myatt has provided two images taken on 9th August 1961 of a mishap that happened the previous day at Grantshouse Station. The station is situated about 1½ miles south of Penmanshiel Tunnel. The Penmanshiel summit of the line was approximately 1 mile from Grantshouse Station and the line descended from the summit on a gradient of 1 in 500. The actual cause of the accident is not clear, but one suggestion was that rainfall had made the rails slippery and the train was unable to stop. The train passed through the goods shed and crashed into the station buildings causing considerable damage. No formal accident report has been found.

The engine involved, D249, was subsequently returned to service. It was reported that D249 bore the scars of the incident for many years including a differently coloured front end. Later D249 was renumbered as Class 40 049 and continued in service until it was withdrawn in 1983 when it was then scrapped.



Hunslet Engine Company - No. 1215



Paul Myatt also sent this image as it was taken on the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway which was the subject of our season finale on the 24th May. It shows a typical preserved railway scene with a train about to depart, happy visitors watching the proceeding and a narrow gauge locomotive providing motive power! The driver looking out of the engine at Woody Bay is the L & B chief engineer, John Uphill - (Identified by John Barrowdale!). What interested your editor was the locomotive and the number plate!

The engine is Hunslet No. 1215 (HE1215). It was built in Leeds for the War Department Light Railways (WDLR) and left the works on 12th August 1916. "303" is HE1215's original War Office Number. During the war HE1215 was noted at Boisieux-au-Mont in the Pas-de-Calais with troops from the American Expeditionary Force. HE1225 was the third of her class to be built but apparently the second to be delivered to the WDLR. .

Following the war, Hunslet re-acquired the locomotive, rebuilt it, and then sold it to the Engineering Supply Company of Brisbane, Australia. They in turn sold it onto Gibson & Howes Ltd at Bingera Sugar Mill, Bundaberg, for use on the vast network of sugar cane railways in Queensland. Named 'Hunslet', it was reboiled in 1942, and worked until 1956 when it was sold to the Invicta Sugar Mill. Invicta's own loco (HE1226) needed a new boiler, and so the cab and tanks from HE1226 were fitted to HE1215, which then worked for a further 8 years.

After storage, the loco was presented to the Rowes Bay Children's Home in 1967. It stayed there until 1994, when an enthusiast bought the loco and started restoration. After some years of discussion, the War Office Locomotive Society managed to acquire the locomotive, and it was repatriated to the UK, arriving on the 16/9/2005.

The loco has spent some time on display at the NRM's Shildon annex and also visited Leighton Buzzard and Hollycombe before it's arrival at Apedale on 13/7/2008.

In 2012, an off-site restoration commenced which proved to be a complex and costly undertaking. A new boiler was provided, and funding obtained from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The loco made its public debut at the July 2018 "Tracks to the Trenches" event at Apedale. It's immaculate condition is a credit to the restoration team and to the War Office Locomotive Trust. ©

Information from Moseley Railway Trust - [Moseley Railway Trust](https://www.moseleyrailwaytrust.org.uk/) | [Apedale Valley Light Railway \(avlr.org.uk\)](https://www.apedalevalleylight railway.org.uk/) ©

The Editor Regrets...

Last month an image from Paul Myatt of Terrier A1X (BR No.32646 as it was in the image) was incorrectly captioned, by the editor, as being “No.46 Freshwater”. Thankfully reader Alan Brindley has written to correct the error and advised me that, when it was built, No. 46 carried the name “Newington”. The table below shows the names and numbers that No. 46 had during it’s working life.

Sourced from The web-site of the “Brighton Circle” [LB&SCR \(lbscr.org\)](http://lb&scr.org)

Company	Number	Name	Date From	Date To
London Brighton & South Coast Railway	46	<i>Newington</i>	1877-01	1902-04
London Brighton & South Coast Railway	646	<i>Newington</i>	1902-04	1903-03
London, South Western Railway	734		1903-03	1917-02
Freshwater, Yarmouth & Newport Railway	2		1917-02	1924-03
Southern Railway	W2		1924-03	1928-10
Southern Railway	W2	<i>Freshwater</i>	1928-10	1932-04
Southern Railway	W8	<i>Freshwater</i>	1932-04	1948/9
British Railways	32646	1949	1948/1963	1963-11

Stroudley Class A1X/Terrier “Freshwater” runs round the train at Wootton on the Isle of Wight Steam Railway on 26 April 2014.

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