

# NIGHT TUBE DEVELOPMENTS

## JUBILEE LINE No.14 – 26 September 2016 (deferred from 6 September 2015)

Unlike the Central and Victoria lines, which had new Working Timetables for Night Tube, the Jubilee Line resurrected that which should have been introduced last year from 6 September 2015 and in consequence there is no numbering gap in the Jubilee Line Working Timetable series. This is because the Jubilee Line has had no new service changes or working timetables in the intervening period. Train numbering has been revised Friday to Sunday with the introduction 1xx numbers to identify those trains which remain in service overnight and stable in the small hours. For the transition to the new timetable on Sunday 25 September, Timetable Notice 117/15 applied which provided a traditional Sunday start, normal Sunday service and a normal Sunday finish. The only alteration to the main service in the 'new' timetable is that the hitherto empty trip from North Greenwich (05.29) to Stratford on Mondays to Fridays now runs in passenger service, giving a 13-minute earlier first eastbound train to Stratford.

For Night Tube, a total of 14 trains are required, which provides a 10-minute service between Stratford and Stanmore, with a number of additional trains required for changeover purposes. Reversing time at both Stratford and Stanmore is generous – 14¼ and 13½ minutes respectively, apart from those trains which are changed over to and from depot/sidings.

However, Night Tube itself on the Jubilee Line doesn't actually start until Friday night 7 October, the previous weekend being trial operations using Timetable Notice 144/16 with all-night services running empty.

## A CENTRAL LINE POSTSCRIPT

With Night Tube now in operation on the Central Line, revised arrangements have been made for sleet train working during ice and snow conditions at both ends of the line.

On the West Ruislip branch, trips are available each night to operate between West Ruislip and North Acton.

On the Ealing branch, there is no need for sleet trains on Friday/Saturday and Saturday/Sunday because services are running throughout the night. However, from Monday night/Tuesday morning until Thursday night/Friday morning there are three round trips, as follows:

- White City Sidings – Ealing Broadway – White City Sidings.
- White City Sidings – Ealing Broadway – Queensway (reverse east to west).
- Queensway – Ealing Broadway – White City (forms first westbound train).

At the east end of the line, trips are scheduled as follows:

### SUNDAY NIGHT/MONDAY TO THURSDAY NIGHT/FRIDAY

Hainault – Woodford via Roding Valley.

Woodford – Newbury Park via Roding Valley.

Newbury Park – Hainault Depot.

Hainault Depot – Leytonstone via Newbury Park.

Leytonstone – Woodford via Newbury Park.

Woodford – Hainault (forms first westbound/outer rail train).

Loughton Sidings – Loughton – Bethnal Green.

Bethnal Green – Loughton – Loughton Sidings.

Loughton Sidings – Epping – Loughton Sidings.

Loughton Sidings – Epping – Loughton Sidings.

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### FRIDAY NIGHT/ SATURDAY

Two trips Hainault – Woodford.

Two trips Loughton – Epping.

### SATURDAY NIGHT/SUNDAY

Three trips Hainault – Woodford.

Three trips Loughton – Epping.

## PUTTING THE CLOCKS BACK

With Night Tube now running on three lines, the transition between British Summer Time (BST) and Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) opens up a whole new 'ball game' – an explanation is thus needed!

We are told that many London Underground systems change from one day to the next at 03.00 whereas the change elsewhere from BST to GMT is at 02.00. Therefore, London Underground Railway Time (LURT ?) has been introduced for use in working timetables and timetable notices, which repeats the hour between 02.00 and 03.00. To that end, the times in the first (02.00 to 03.00) hour are shown prefixed 'B' and in the second hour prefixed 'G'.

This applies to the Central Line (TTN 110/16), Victoria Line (TTN 149/16) and Jubilee Line (TTN 153/16).

### **NORTHERN LINE No.56 – 6 November 2016 (deferred from 6 September 2015)**

The Northern Line was the next to introduce Night Tube and by the time you read this, it should be up and running. The Northern Line also resurrected the timetable which should have been introduced last year from 6 September 2015 and in consequence there is no numbering gap in the Northern Line Working Timetable series. In fact, the timetable didn't start until Monday 7 November as Sunday 6 November 2016 was a normal Sunday start, daytime service and Sunday finish, and for this Timetable Notice 114/15 applied.

For the first all-night weekend (11/12 and 12/13 November), trial running took place empty, for which TTN 145/16 was provided. Night Tube on the Northern Line thus began on Friday night 18 November 2016 for the public.

For Night Tube, train numbering has been revised Friday to Sunday with the introduction 2xx set numbers to identify those trains which remain in service overnight and are changed over in the small hours and (a small few) during the day. Neither the City branch nor Mill Hill East have a night service. A total of 19 trains are required for the night service, which runs every 7½ minutes Morden – Camden Town via Charing Cross and every 15 minutes to Edgware and High Barnet. Additional trains are, however, required for changeover purposes. Two trains are changed over on Saturday afternoons and because of the 3-minute interval daytime service working, making additional train paths difficult, the two trains run from Edgware to Golders Green at 13.41 and 16.02 (and thence both to depot), while their replacement trains start from Golders Green depot and run direct to Hampstead to pick up passengers.

Other timetable changes unrelated to Night Tube are summarised thus:

On Monday to Friday mornings and Sunday to Thursday nights, hitherto early morning and late night staff trains between East Finchley and Mill Hill East have been made passenger workings, providing earlier first and later last services. These are –

- Monday to Saturday mornings – 05.12 East Finchley – Mill Hill East (previously 05.40).
- Monday to Saturday nights – 01.13 Mill Hill East – East Finchley (previously 00.54 Mill Hill East – Finchley Central with an onward connection to East Finchley).
- Sunday mornings – 06.44 East Finchley – Mill Hill East (previously 07.09).
- Sunday nights – 00.18 Mill Hill East – East Finchley (previously 24.00 Mill Hill East – Finchley Central with an onward connection to East Finchley).

Similar arrangements apply between Golders Green and Edgware –

- Monday to Friday mornings – 05.13 Golders Green – Edgware (previously 05.34).
- Monday to Saturday nights – 00.52 Edgware – Golders Green (previously 00.45).