

## **DELTICS and other DIESELS Volume 3**

Kilby Bridge (south of Leicester) – 14<sup>th</sup> April 1989:

- 1 An HST races by on its way to St.Pancras.
- 2 Just before sun-set, 56033 heads by southbound.

Great Central Railway – 1<sup>st</sup> June 1991:

- 3\* 9019 (55019) departs Rothley (northbound) at 1451, but the guard pulls the emergency cord.
- 4\* 9019 restarts its train and stops (prior to the points being locked).
- 5\* 9019 departs Quorn southbound, on the final working of the day, and gets some wheel-slip.

Great Central Railway – 29<sup>th</sup> December 1991:

6 9019's 30th birthday. After dark (at 1625) it is heard heading south near Loughborough. Excited youngsters run across a road bridge as the 2nd engine picks up briefly, sending out a shower of sparks.

Severn Valley Railway – 10<sup>th</sup> May 1992:

7\* Shortly after departing Kidderminster on the first working of the day, D9016 accelerates through Foley Park Tunnel. Class 20s on the Skegness-Leicester service, 31st August 1993:

20087/132 depart Loughborough for Leicester at 2022.

Great Central Railway Diesel Gala - 1994:

- At a drizzly and windy Leicester North, D9019 sets off cautiously at 1800hrs. 27<sup>th</sup> March 1994.
- 10\* D9019 accelerates out of Rothley, the sound bouncing off the wagons of the "Windcutter" train. Then a Deltic 9000 Fund member is seen at the lineside and D9019 is opened up again. 25<sup>th</sup> March '94.
- 11\* D9019 approaches Loughborough, and full power is applied under the A6 road bridge dislodging some rain-water from the bridge onto the sound recordist! 25<sup>th</sup> March 1994.

Great Central Railway – 1<sup>st</sup> May 1994:

- 12\* On a non-stop Loughborough to Rothley run, D9019 passes through Quorn, the driver applying full power within the station confines.
- (1) D9019 takes the ECS out of Rothley station.

Great Central Railway – 31st March 1995:

14 (1) D8098/D9019 depart Quorn towards Rothley at 1009hrs.



- 15 D7659 heads southwards at Quorn on the "Windcutter" train at 1103.
- 16 (1) D9019 departs Quorn southbound at 1409. 17\* Pete Waterman's cl. 25, D7659, splutters its way out of Leic. North.

East Lancs Railway – 25<sup>th</sup> November 1995:

18\* (1) D9019 blasts out of Bury after dark at 1704.

19\* (1) D9019 opens up in Brooksbottom Tunnel on the return leg.

"The Deltic Reunion" railtour – 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1997:

20\* On the return leg of the tour, D9000 gets under way again from Peterborough, after a brief stop, at 2114.

Nuneaton – 8<sup>th</sup> March 1997:

21 The "West Coast Deltic Pioneer" railtour marked the first Deltic hauled train out of Euston since the Prototype, 39 years earlier. D9000 pulls away from Nuneaton's platform 3 at 0927, after picking up passengers, on its way to Manchester.



"The Cross Country Deltic" railtour – 13<sup>th</sup> April 1997:

22\* After an emergency stop, D9000 gets moving again, just south of Cheltenham, the driver opening up when the next signal is sighted.

"Centenary Pullman" (celebrating 100 years of "Railway Magazine") –  $5^{th}$  May 1997:

23 D9000 emerges from under a bridge near Waltham St. Lawrence (at 1034) heading west as an HST passes the other way.

Grantham – 20<sup>th</sup> August 1997:

At 1952hrs, the sound of "singing" rails heralds the approach of D9000 passing through on the "York Races" Pullman returning south.

Wolverhampton – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1998:

25 47429 departs for Birmingham on a Virgin Trains service.

## Stafford:

- As 87033 departs north (fast line) behind the microphone, 47492 sets off on the down-slow on a Virgin Cross-Country working for Edinburgh, at 1244hrs. 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1998.
- 27 37414 departs for Birmingham at 1317. 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1998.
- 28 37401 pulls away swiftly at 1326 for Birmingham. 12<sup>th</sup> September 1998.

Leicester – 21<sup>st</sup> November 1998:

29 37897/419 running light (both running) pull away from a signal on the freight line and cross over to the fast line, heading north at 0912.

Banbury (Virgin's Ramsgate-Birmingham working) – 18<sup>th</sup> September 1999:

30\* D9000 makes a brisk standing start.

## Crewe:

- Having arrived from the north on a service, towing a dead 47 and 90, 47488 (2 tone green) tows away the now uncoupled 47747. In the background, 37426 departs platform 12 for Holyhead. 18<sup>th</sup> March 2000.
- 32 55019 on a Northern Belle ECS, pulls out of platform 6 northbound, at 0929. A Virgin 47 at the far side of the station, gives the Deltic a brief race (recorded from platform 12). 12<sup>th</sup> August 2000.



## Peterborough – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2002:

33 As a sprinter pulls out of platform 3, a gleaming 55019 rolls into platform 4 at the head of a rake of blue/grey mark 1s. This railtour was the "DPS Silver Jubilee" bound for Edinburgh from Kings Cross.





Above, Nigel Hutchison awaits departure in 55019.

34 55019 gets under way, taking the slow line. There is a long gap in the station announcements as signalling staff watch the Deltic pass by!



D9000's Anglia Railways London to Norwich, return – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2002:

- 35\* Departure from Colchester, at 1124hrs, on the outward journey.
- 36\* We set off from Diss, at 1215. Next stop Norwich.
- 37\* Returning south, we depart Ipswich, and driver Nigel Hutchison gives us a great blast inside the tunnel!
- 38\* A hasty departure from Colchester again.
- 39\* After a very lively run, hauling 11 air-con coaches on a working booked for a class 86, D9000 approaches London Liverpool Street. As soon as we come to a halt, the mic. is taken off the train, and the Deltic is shut down. Some of the 'bashers' applaud our driver (I'll second that)!



\* denotes-on train recording.

(1) denotes Deltic running on l engine.

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