



DIESEL TRACTION IN ACTION Volume 2

East Lancs Railway 8th June 1996:

- 1 D1041 makes a rapid standing start from Bury at 1805.

Severn Valley Railway 14th October 1989:

- 2 D100 (45060) picks up speed after leaving Bewdley and enters Foley Park Tunnel.

Great Central Railway 1st May 1994:

- 3 Class 27 D5401 departs Leicester North with D8098 at the rear.

Mid Hants Railway 4th March 1995:

- 4 Class 27 D5353 runs onto its train at Alton.
- 5 D5353 sets off from Alton, as 212 (40012) stands nearby.

Great Central Railway:

- 6 Class 25 D7659/D4 (44004) emerge from under the road bridge at Leicester North. 1st April 1995.
- 7 D4 (+D9019 at the rear) depart Quorn northbound. 21st May 1995.
- 8* Warship 832 storms out of Loughborough at 1355. 30th March 1996.
- 9 832 sets off from Leicester North. 30th March 1996.



- 10* Hymek/Warship double-header D7076/832 accelerate rapidly away from Loughborough at 1646 (the loco crews sporting Thunderbirds hats!). 30th March 1996.
- 11 D7076/6990 “Witherslack Hall” pull out of Leicester North. 31st March 1996.



Battlefield Line 7th June 1998:

- 12* 25067 passes over a cross-over and continues towards Shenton.
- 13 D5300 (26007) departs Shackerstone at 1303.

East Lancs Railway 11th July 1998:

- 14 D200 (40122) pulls out of Summerseat towards Ramsbottom at 1213.
- 15 D345 (40145) departs Summerseat with another northbound service.
- 16 The only two surviving Warships 832/821 (disguised as D808) pull away from Summerseat heading north.
- 17 D1041 (disguised as D1013) runs light at the end of the tunnel at Bury.
- 18 D1023 departs Bury at 1644, as D1041 stands in the background.

Severn Valley Railway 10th October 1998:

- 19* 444 (50044) opens up shortly after leaving Bridgnorth.
- 20* 444 opens up again after a 5mph restriction near Eardington.
- 21* Clayton D8568 picks up speed after setting off from Kidderminster.
- 22 D8568 pulls out of Bewdley at 1457 on a service for Bridgnorth.
- 23 D1013 makes a brisk start from Highley at 1631 heading north.

Kilby Bridge (south of Leicester):

- 24 As 56060 stands in the loop, a southbound HST passes by. 56060 then makes a vigorous start at 1931, and gets some wheel-slip. 31st March 1989.

Class 20s return to the Leicester-Skegness service, 1993:

- 25 20132/087 run round the stock at Leicester. 31st August 1993.
- 26 20131/128 are taken off after arrival at Leicester. 3rd September 1993.
- 27 20128/131 depart Leicester's platform 1 at 2121 with the ECS watched by a crowd of enthusiasts (the final 'Skeggy' ever?). 3rd September 1993.

1st preserved diesel-hauled railtour:

- 28 D172 (46035) eases away from Leicester at 1304 on its way from Derby to St.Pancras. 1st October 1994.



D9000 on the "Deltic Reunion" railtour 2nd January 1997:

29* D9000 accelerates through a snowy Retford, southbound at 2024.

Pilmoor (north of York) 29th March 1997:

30 43061/057 rush passed southbound at 1852.

Stafford 14th November 1997:

31 37705 gets a train of nuclear flasks under way northwards at 0748.

Birmingham International 30th May 1998:

32 47805 (having replaced 37611 at New Street) departs for Brighton.

Oxford 20th June 1998:

33 Virgin Trains 1406 ex-Birmingham NS to Bournemouth produced railfreight/red-stripe liveried 56019 heard here leaving Oxford at 1542.

In the driving cab of D9000:

34* On our way back to Birmingham from Ramsgate, D9000 accelerates through Kings Sutton after a signal check and is then checked again.

Wolverhampton 8th August 1998:

35 47375 parked in a siding, is fired up.

50031 in the Welsh Valleys 16th August 1998:

36* 50031 departs Caerphilly heading south at 1029.

37* During a photo-stop at Pontypridd, 50031 is started up.

Stafford 22nd August 1998:

38 60046 accelerates through northwards (Roadstone/Tiphookrail working).

Leicester 29th August 1998:

39 58029 passes through on a railtour to Toton open weekend at 1148 as a St.Pancras bound HST pulls away in the background.

Stafford 12th September 1998:

40 37415 departs for Birmingham on an NWT service from Holyhead.

41 37415 makes a brisk start on its way back to Holyhead at 1242.

Class 31s running on Bedford-Bletchley services 12th October 1998:

42* 31452 departs Kempston Hardwick for Bletchley (31468 dead at rear).

43 31452 departs Millbrook as the crossing-gates are opened by hand.

Leicester 21st November 1998:

44 (ed) 33103 arrives and then departs at 1844 on a railtour returning from Cambridgeshire to Crewe.

* denotes on-train recording.

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