BEDWYN TRAINS PASSENGER GROUP'S ROUTE UTILISATION RESPONSE

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Introduction

This work, including a proposed timetable, has been produced by the Bedwyn Trains Passenger Group (BTPG) in connection with a submission to the consultation stage of the Route Utilisation Strategy for the Great Western area.

Ideal Solution

The perfect solution for the users of Bedwyn trains would be for a Monday to Saturday hourly service east, and an hourly service west, from 0600 to midnight with peak time, departing and arriving, eastbound Monday to Friday trains being half hourly. The eastbound trains would, having originated from the west, in addition to calling at Bedwyn, call at Hungerford, Kintbury, Newbury, Thatcham, Theale, Reading and Paddington. The westbound trains would originate from Paddington and call at Reading, Theale, Thatcham, Newbury, Kintbury, Hungerford, Bedwyn, Pewsey and Westbury with about half the trains running on to Exeter, calling at suitable intermediate stations on route. The Monday to Friday service would include a Bedwyn departure at around 0800 to provide the 'school run' to Newbury with an appropriately timed late afternoon train back from Newbury. Additionally services would be timed to allow a 0900 start to a working day at Newbury, Thatcham, Theale and Reading to the east with Westbury, Bath, Bristol, Taunton and Exeter to the west. The Sunday service would be similar to a Saturday service though two hourly not hourly.

We understand that this would likely necessitate a rolling stock refresh and is therefore likely to be economically unviable.

An alternative approach, to the westbound connectivity issue, is to, instead of regarding Bedwyn and its turn back siding as out of place, embrace it by making Bedwyn an interchange station for off peak westbound connections for Kintbury and Hungerford. This would involve timing the semi-fast services (starting or ending their journey at Frome, Westbury, Taunton or Exeter) such that they call at Bedwyn (and not Hungerford or Kintbury) and to align them with the services starting or terminating at Bedwyn. Therefore passengers from Kintbury and Hungerford, heading west, would change at Bedwyn to pick up the semi-fast westbound service and Hungerford and Kintbury passengers, returning from the west, would change at Bedwyn onto the locally connecting service.

This scheme could be extended to include Theale and Thatcham such that the semi-fast off peak services would only stop at Newbury, Bedwyn and Pewsey on the run between Reading and Westbury.

However we realise these ideas could cause conflicts with the needs of other passengers, stations and routes. Therefore for the rest of this report we have adopted a pragmatic approach to improve the service on the Bedwyn line which is less radical and does not conflict with services running currently east of Reading and west of Westbury.

About Bedwyn Trains Passenger Group

The Bedwyn Trains Passenger Group was set up in 2006 to fight the proposed cuts to our service. Before the proposed cuts we had 20 eastbound trains and 19 back and nothing to or from the west. The proposal was to reduce us to 14 eastbound trains and 14 back.

Our successes are:

- Through campaigning we have increased the service to 22 out and 22 back including services to and from the west
- Resolving the poor weekday evening connecting service from Paddington
- A September to May Saturday westbound service
- Improving the Monday to Friday westbound service
- Resolving the two hour Saturday evening gap
- Resolving the two hour Monday to Friday lunchtime gap back to Bedwyn
- Resolving of the two hour Saturday lunchtime gap for trains from the east
- Including Pewsey on our timetable book. Previously Pewsey was omitted even though some of our services call there
- Getting Bedwyn station back on a mini timetable booklet (this is the timetable D6)
- Re-establishment of the Marlborough buses on the train timetable
- Improved seating on the westbound platform.
- Being supplied with timetables to distribute to local residents
- Fare easement for the 0840
- Station was repainted and repairs carried out.
- Station Adoption
- Getting notice boards, on both platforms, so we can advertise the service and provide useful information
- Negotiated better alignment of the Marlborough bus with the rail timetable
- Along with other campaign groups we contributed to the argument that successfully got the 1706 and 1806 weekday Paddingon departures reclassified for off peak fares

Aside from topics covered elsewhere in this document we continue to campaign for:

- Promotion of our service in and around the Bedwyn and Marlborough area
- Improved punctuality, reliability and seating capacity
- Improved holding of trains at Newbury, or additional services from Newbury, if the incoming London connection is delayed
- Through ticketing to Marlborough
- Improved bus link with Marlborough
- Ticket sellers on more trains
- Proper passenger counting so we appear in our correct position in the station league table
- Improved station waiting areas
- Improved station screen, helpline and PA announcements. Plus the same to be installed on the westbound platform

Rationale

Reading is a very important junction but Westbury also has an importance which we feel is not being fully utilised particularly with regards to stations to the east on the 'Berks and Hants' line.

Extension of some Paddington to Bedwyn semi-fast services on to Westbury has been put forward before. BTPG would welcome this providing that it does not result in a reduction of service for Bedwyn as proposed in the original draft December 2006 timetable. This would be a big boost for Newbury which, for the size of the town, has a poor service with the West of England.

It is the opinion of BTPG that this RUS gives the perfect opportunity to improve services, connectivity and journey possibilities for most stations on the 'Berks and Hants' line at comparatively little extra cost and with only minor changes to the current timetable.

It is assumed that the current paths particularly between Bedwyn and Paddington would be broadly maintained. It is also assumed that services will continue to be operated by 165/166 'Turbos' and HSTs.

The proposed timetable is very much based on the current one which, with a few exceptions seems to be working well. Whilst BTPG does not have inside knowledge we feel that our proposed timetable is workable and could be run with very little, if any additional stock requirements.

There are several sizeable places on the 'Berks and Hants' line including Newbury, which has a poor off-peak service to the West Country, Thatcham, Hungerford and Marlborough (through a designated bus link to Bedwyn). If a timetable such as this was adopted the feasibility of travel to and from the west country would be established for almost all stations on this line.

The main ideas behind this proposal are:

1) To increase connectivity for 'Kennet Valley' stations to the West Country
2) To have a West Country morning commuter service, using the Reading to Westbury line, for Reading, Theale, Thatcham, Newbury, Kintbury, Hungerford, Bedwyn and Pewsey. This service will open up the possibility to commute to Exeter, Taunton, Westbury, Trowbridge, Bath, Bristol and Salisbury
3) Jacobs Consulting originally proposed extension of two additional Paddington - Bedwyn off-peak semi-fast trains to/from Exeter St. David's, Taunton or Bristol Temple Meads. We would suggest the Taunton option as good onward connections are available. In the original proposal Newbury - Bedwyn connections would run. As SDO now operates we would suggest stops at Bedwyn, Hungerford and Kintbury are included. This would then remove the need for the additional Turbo shuttles.
4) To place Bedwyn and Hungerford on the same peak hour stopping patterns such that Bedwyn is still the railhead for Marlborough
5) To rectify the problem of Bedwyn, Kintbury and Hungerford not having a suitable weekday train for a typical working day in Reading
6) Through popular demand to introduce a weekday service, starting 0735, from Bedwyn to London Paddington
7) Through popular demand to introduce a new 1854 Paddington departure to serve Reading, Thatcham, Theale, Kintbury, Hungerford and Bedwyn
8) Our proposed late trains to and from Westbury could make it possible to provide a unit to operate a local service such as Westbury to Swindon via Melksham.

Timetables

Below are the BTPG proposed timetables. Notes follow each timetable.

The key to colours used is as follows:

Black — Proposed timings
Red — Either/or timings where only one stop of two is possible
Blue — Possible extensions/additional stops of service

Paddington – Exeter. Monday to Friday

	T	T	T	HA	T	T	T	T	H	T	T	H	T	T	H	HB	T
Paddington		0334	0516	0618	0630	0645	0718	0730	0818	0818	0830	0906	0918	0930	1006	1018	1030
Slough																	
Maidenhead																	
Twyford																	
Reading (a)		0429	0550		0655	0710	0748		0845	0845	0857	0931		0957	1031	1047	1057
Reading (d)	0010	0501	0601	0648	0701	0718	0748	0812	0848	0854	0912	0932	0948	1012	1032	1047	1112
Reading W	0013	0504	0604		0704	0721		0815			0915			1015			1115
Theale	0020	0510	0610	0657	0710	0727	0757	0821	0855	0903	0921		0956	1021		1055	1121
Aldermaston	0025	0515	0615		0715	0732	0802	0826		0908	0926			1026			1126
Midgham	0029	0519	0619		0719	0736		0830			0930			1030			1130
Thatcham	0034	0524	0624	0706	0724	0741	0808	0835	0904	0914	0935		1005	1035		1104	1135
Newbury Rc	0038	0528	0628		0728	0745		0839			0939			1039			1139
Newbury	0043	0531	0633	0712	0731	0752	0814	0842	0910	0922	0943		1010	1043		1110	1143
Kintbury		0537		0719	0737		0820	0849					1017			1117	
Hungerford		0542		0725	0742		0825	0853	0920				1022			1123	
Bedwyn		0551		0733	0751		0835	0902	0928				1032			1131	
Pewsey				0743					0938			1003				1141	
Westbury				0801					0957							1202	
Frome				0812												1211	
Castle Cary				0825					1016							1226	
Taunton				0848					1039			1048				1249	
Tiverton Pw				0901					1052			1101					
Exeter S D				0921					1112			1118			1210		
												Ply			Pen		

	HC	T	T	H	H	T	H	TD	T	H	HE	T	HF	T	T	H	T
Paddington	1106	1118	1130	1206	1218	1230	1306	1318	1330	1406	1418	1430	1506	1518	1530	1606	
Slough					1233												
Maidenhead																	
Twyford																	
Reading (a)	1131		1157	1231	1245	1257	1331	1348	1357	1431	1447	1457	1531		1557	1631	
Reading (d)	1132	1148	1212	1232	1247	1312	1332	1348	1412	1432	1447	1512	1532	1548	1612	1632	
Reading W			1215			1315			1415			1515			1615		
Theale		1156	1221		1255	1321		1356	1421		1455	1521		1557	1621		
Aldermaston			1226			1326			1426			1526		1602	1626		
Midgham			1230			1330			1430			1530			1630		
Thatcham		1205	1235		1304	1335		1404	1435		1504	1535		1608	1635		
Newbury Rc			1239			1339			1439			1539			1639		
Newbury		1210	1243		1310	1343		1411	1443		1510	1543		1614	1643		1708
Kintbury		1217						1417			1517			1620			1715
Hungerford		1222			1320			1422			1523			1625			1720
Bedwyn		1232			1329			1430			1532			1635			1728
Pewsey	1203				1338			1440			1541		1603				
Westbury	1222				1358			1502			1602		1622				
Frome					1407						1611						
Castle Cary	1239				1422						1626		1639				
Taunton	1302				1444		1451			1548	1649		1704			1748	
Tiverton Pw	1315						1503			1601			1717			1801	
Exeter S D	1332			1410	1522					1617			1733			1818	
	Ply			Pen	Ply					Pen			Pen			Pen	

Paddington – Exeter. Monday to Friday (continued)

	T	H	T	T	H	H	H	T	T	H	H	H	T	H	TG	H	T
Paddington	1618	1633		*1633*	1703	1706	1733			1803	1806	1836			1854	1903	
Slough		1648															
Maidenhead																	
Twyford						1728					1828						
Reading (a)	1648	1703		*1703*	1730		1800			1830	1835	1902			1929	1931	
Reading (d)	1648	1704		1712	1732	1737	1802		1812	1832	1836	1903		1912	1935	1932	1942
Reading W				1715					1815					1915			1945
Theale	1656			1721		1745			1821	1845				1921	1943		1951
Aldermaston	1702			1726					1826					1926			1956
Midgham				1730					1830					1930			2000
Thatcham	1708			1735		1754			1835	1854				1935	1951		2005
Newbury Rc				1739					1839					1939			2009
Newbury	1715	1720	1725	1743	1748	1802	1818	1824	1843	1901	1919	1928		1943	1957	1948	2016
Kintbury			1731			1809		1831		1909		1934			2003		
Hungerford		1730	1736			1815		1836		1915		1939			2008		
Bedwyn			1746			1824		1844		1923		1948			2017		
Pewsey		1744				1834	1841				1933		1943		2027		
Westbury		1804				1854	1901				1952		2005		2048		
Frome											2003						
Castle Cary		1822					1919				2022						
Taunton		1844		1852			1941		1947		2045					2055	
Tiverton Pw		1857		1905			1954				2058						
Exeter S D		1917		1923			2010		2013		2116					2120	
				Pen			Pai		Pen							Pen	

	H	T	T	H	T	TI	T	T	H
Paddington	1945		*2000*	2035		2106	*2121*	*2215*	2345
Slough									
Maidenhead									
Twyford									
Reading (a)	2010		*2026*	2100			*2152*	*2248*	
Reading (d)	2011		2044	2102		2133	2200	2300	0037
Reading W			2047				2203	2303	
Theale			2053			2141	2209	2309	
Aldermaston			2058				2214	2314	
Midgham			2102				2218	2318	
Thatcham			2107			2150	2223	2323	
Newbury Rc			2111				2227	2327	
Newbury	2026	2032	2114	2118	2123	2157	2230	2330	
Kintbury		2038			2129	2204	2237	2337	
Hungerford		2043			2135	2210	2242	2342	
Bedwyn		2052			2143	2218	2251	2351	
Pewsey	2047			2138		2228			
Westbury	2106			2157		2248			
Frome									
Castle Cary	2124			2215					
Taunton	2146			2238					0337
Tiverton Pw	2159			2250					
Exeter S D	2216			2307					0430
	Ply			Ply					

Notes:

A   New service Paddington to Exeter St. David's following the standard semi-fast stopping pattern between Paddington and Bedwyn, then as shown to Exeter including a stop at Frome. In addition to providing a much earlier service for Taunton and Exeter this would make commuting possible from Kennet valley stations to towns such as Trowbridge, Bath, Bristol and Salisbury.

B   10.18 Paddington to Bedwyn becomes HST operated and is extended on to Taunton arriving at 12.49. An additional stop could be made at Frome.

C   Consideration could be given to rationalize the stopping pattern on the 11.06 Paddington to Plymouth. In any event this train provides onward connections for the previous service at Taunton.

D   13.18 Paddington to Bedwyn is extended on to Westbury, calling at Pewsey .

E   14.18 Paddington to Bedwyn becomes HST operated and runs as per the 10.18 to Taunton with the same stopping pattern.

F   15.06 Paddington to Penzance as per note C.

G   Additional semi-fast turbo service from Paddington to Bedwyn at 18.54. This train would be overtaken by the 19.03 Paddington to Penzance at Reading.

H   HST

I   Additional semi-fast train from Paddington, dep 21.06 running through to Westbury, arr 22.48.

T   Turbo

Exeter – Paddington. Monday to Friday

	T	T	T	HA	T	H	T	H	TB	T	T	H	H	T	T	H	T
Exeter S D								0546				0638	0655			0752	
Tiverton Pw								0606				0654					
Taunton								0621				0708	0719			0817	
Castle Cary								0643				0730					
Frome						0611											
Westbury				0600		0622			0705			0751					
Pewsey				0618		0640			0723			0809					
Bedwyn		0603		0629		0651	0708		0735		0757					0840	
Hungerford		0609		0636		0658	0714		0741		0803					0846	
Kintbury		0613		0642		0705	0718		0745		0807					0850	
Newbury	0540	0625	0640	0648	0656	0711	0725	0745	0752	0757	0814	0830		0837	0857		0923
Newbury Rc	0542		0642		0658		0727			0759				0839			0926
Thatcham	0546	0630	0646	0657	0703	0720	0732		0757		0803			0843	0902		0930
Midgham	0551		0651		0707		0736				0808			0848			0935
Aldermaston	0555		0655		0711		0740				0812			0852			0939
Theale	0600	0638	0700	0707	0716	0730	0745		0805		0817			0857	0910		0944
Reading Wst	0607	0646	0707		0723	0739	0752				0823			0903			0951
Reading (a)	0611	0649	0711	0717	0728	0742	0756	0807	0814	0827		0851	0833	0907	0920	0933	0955
Reading (d)	*0621*	0650		0721	*0737*		*0803*	0808	0820			0852	0834	*0915*	0922	0935	*1004*
Twyford								0826									
Maidenhead								0834									
Slough																	
Paddington	*0700*	0726		0752	*0807*	0809	*0832*	0839	0859			0922	0900	*0941*	0957	1003	*1036*
												Ply	Ply			Pen	

	T	T	H	T	T	H	HC	T	TD	H	T	T	H	T	H	HE	T
Exeter S D			0849			0957	1003			1140			1154		1300		
Tiverton Pw			0904			1012	1018						1209		1316		
Taunton			0919			1027	1033						1224		1330	1335	
Castle Cary			0940				1055						1245			1356	
Frome							1108									1411	
Westbury			0959			1103	1118		1156				1304			1420	
Pewsey			1016				1136		1217				1322			1438	
Bedwyn	0937			1037			1146		1227		1307		1332			1448	
Hungerford	0943			1043			1153		1233		1313		1339			1455	
Kintbury	0949			1047			1159		1237		1317					1500	
Newbury	0956	1013		1054	1113		1205	1213	1244		1324	1313	1347	1413		1508	1513
Newbury Rc		1015			1115			1215				1315		1415			1515
Thatcham	1001	1019		1059	1119		1214	1219	1249		1329	1319	1356	1419		1516	1519
Midgham		1024			1124			1224				1324		1424			1524
Aldermaston	1006	1028			1128			1228				1328		1428			1528
Theale	1011	1033		1107	1133		1223	1233	1257		1337	1333	1405	1433		1528	1533
Reading Wst		1040			1140			1240				1340		1440			1540
Reading (a)	1020	1045	1051	1117	1145	1151	1235	1245	1306	1317	1348	1345	1417	1445	1451	1538	1545
Reading (d)			1052			1152	1236	*1256*	1307	1318		*1355*	1418		1452	1539	
Twyford																	
Maidenhead																	
Slough																	
Paddington	1054		1123	1154		1223	1310	*1327*	1339	1345	1420	*1429*	1445		1522	1608	
			Pen			Pen				Pen					Pen		

Exeter – Paddington. Monday to Friday (continued)

	H	TF	T	HG	H	T	T	H	T	T	H	HI	T	H	T	H	T
Exeter S D	1357				1500			1600			1700			1800			
Tiverton Pw					1516			1616			1716			1816			
Taunton	1423			1519	1530			1630			1730	1735		1830			
Castle Cary	1444			1540								1756		1853			
Frome				1555								1811					
Westbury	1503	1512		1607								1820		1911		1917	
Pewsey		1532		1626					1716			1838				1934	
Bedwyn		1542		1637			1644		1736	1756		1848	1903			1945	1956
Hungerford		1548		1640			1650		1742	1802		1855	1909			1952	2002
Kintbury		1552					1654		1746	1806		1901	1913			1958	2006
Newbury		1559	1613	1650		1701	1716		1753	1813		1909	1921	1945	1951	2004	2013
Newbury R/c			1615				1718			1815					1953		2015
Thatcham		1604	1619	1656			1722		1758	1819		1918			1957	2012	2019
Midgham			1624				1727			1824					2002		2024
Aldermaston			1628				1731		1803	1828					2006		2028
Theale		1612	1633	1705			1736		1808	1833		1927			2011	2021	2033
Reading W			1640				1742			1840					2018		2040
Reading (a)	1551	1622	1645	1717	1651		1745	1751	1821	1845	1851	1937		2007	2022	2033	2045
Reading (d)	1552	1623	*1651*	1718	1652			1752			1852	1938		2010		2035	
Twyford																	
Maidenhead																	
Slough				1731													
Paddington	1622	1657	*1724*	1753	1722			1823	1854		1924	2008		2039		2102	
	Pen				Pai			Ply			Pen			Ply			

	H	TJ	T	HG	TK	T	TL
Exeter S D	1904			1954			
Tiverton Pw	1919			2009			
Taunton	1934			2024			
Castle Cary				2045			
Frome							
Westbury				2104	2127		2258
Pewsey				2122	2138		2318
Bedwyn		2037	2106	2133	2148	2256	2328
Hungerford		2043	2112	2136	2152	2302	2334
Kintbury		2047	2116		2158	2306	2338
Newbury		2054	2123	2146	2205	2313	2345
Newbury R/c			2125		2207	2315	2347
Thatcham		2059	2129		2211	2319	2351
Midgham			2134		2216	2324	2356
Aldermaston			2138		2220	2328	0000
Theale		2107	2143		2225	2333	0005
Reading W			2150		2232	2340	0012
Reading (a)	2051	2118	2154	2204	2237	2345	0016
Reading (d)	2052	*2126*			*2255*	*2356*	*0039*
Twyford							
Maidenhead							
Slough				2219			
Paddington	2123	*2159*		2241	*2336*	*0032*	*0110*
	Pen						

Notes:

A   Bedwyn and Kintbury stops inserted in current 6.08 Westbury to Paddington HST, retimed as 06.00 from Westbury. 06.23 Bedwyn to Reading cut back to Newbury, dep 06.40.

B   New 07.35 turbo service from Bedwyn to Paddington running semi-fast to Reading. Then joins up with the 07.22 Oxford to Paddington at Reading arriving Paddington at 08.59.

C   Westbound 06.18 from Paddington returns as 10.03 from Exeter St. David's with the same stopping pattern. This would form a useful connection to the Penzance to Paddington train arriving Exeter St. David's at 09.57.

D   Possible additional service from Westbury to Paddington at 11.56, turbo operated.

E   10.18 Paddington to Taunton HST returns from Taunton, dep 13.35 arriving at Paddington at 16.08. This provides a connection to the Penzance to Paddington train arriving Taunton at 13.30.

F   Extended 13.18 Paddington to Westbury train returns from Westbury at 15.12 with usual semi-fast stopping pattern. Connects with Penzance to Paddington train arriving at Westbury at 15.03.

G   The alternate of stopping at Bedwyn (c.f. Hungerford) would be appropriate if the next Bedwyn Turbo departure were regarded as a connecting service for Hungerford and Kintbury.

H   HST

I   14.18 Paddington to Taunton HST returns from Taunton, dep 17.35 arriving at Paddington at 20.08. This provides a connection with the Penzance to Paddington train arriving at Taunton at 17.30.

J   Additional Bedwyn to Reading semi-fast dep Bedwyn at 20.37. This is return working of 18.54 Paddington to Bedwyn. Note the 20.37 Bedwyn departure will only run if the 18.54 Paddington departure terminates at Bedwyn.

K   This will only call Westbury and Pewsey if the 18.54 Paddington service runs through to Westbury.

L   Additional 22.58 Westbury to Reading all stations service. This is the return working of the 21.06 Paddington to Westbury.

T   Turbo

Paddington – Exeter. Saturday

	T	T	T	HA	T	T	T	T	H	T	H	TB	T	H	HC	T	HD	T
Paddington	0334		0512	0618	0630	0700	0730		0818	0830	0906	0918	0930	1006	1018	1030	1106	1118
Reading (a)	0428		0546	0649	0655	0726	0755		0845	0855	0932	0948	0955	1032	1047	1055	1131	1147
Reading (d)	0511	0541	0611	0649	0711	0748	0811		0848	0911	0932	0948	1011	1032	1048	1111	1132	1148
Reading W	0514	0544	0614		0714		0814			0914			1014			1114		
Theale	0520	0550	0620	0657	0720	0756	0820		0858	0920		0956	1020		1056	1120		1156
Aldermaston	0525	0555	0625		0725		0825			0925			1025			1125		
Midgham	0529	0559	0629		0729		0829			0929			1029			1129		
Thatcham	0534	0604	0634	0705	0734	0804	0834		0907	0934		1004	1034		1104	1134		1204
Newbury R/c	0538	0608	0638		0738		0838			0938			1038			1138		
Newbury	0541	0611	0642	0712	0742	0810	0842	0858	0913	0943		1011	1043		1111	1142		1211
Kintbury	0547	0617		0719		0816		0904				1017			1118			1217
Hungerford	0552	0622		0725		0821		0909	0923			1022			1124			1222
Bedwyn	0601	0631		0733		0830		0918	0929			1030			1131			1230
Pewsey				0743					0938			1040			1141		1203	
Westbury				0802					0959			1102			1202		1222	
Frome				0812											1211			
Castle Cary				0825					1016						1226		1239	
Taunton				0848					1039		1048				1249		1302	
Tiverton Pw				0901					1052		1101						1315	
Exeter S D				0921					1111		1117			1210			1332	
											Ply				Pen		Ply	

	T	H	H	T	H	TE	T	H	HF	T	HG	T	T	H	T	T	H	T
Paddington	1130	1206	1218	1230	1306	1318	1330	1406	1418	1430	1506	1518	1530	1606	1618	1630	1706	1718
Reading (a)	1155	1231	1248	1255	1331	1347	1355	1431	1447	1455	1531	1547	1555	1631	1647	1655	1731	1747
Reading (d)	1211	1232	1249	1311	1332	1348	1411	1432	1448	1511	1532	1548	1611	1632	1648	1711	1732	1748
Reading W	1214			1314			1414			1514			1614			1714		
Theale	1220		1258	1320		1356	1420		1456	1520		1556	1620		1656	1720		1756
Aldermaston	1225			1325			1425			1525			1625			1725		
Midgham	1229			1329			1429			1529			1629			1729		
Thatcham	1234		1306	1334		1404	1434		1504	1534		1604	1634		1704	1734		1804
Newbury R/c	1238			1338			1438			1538			1638			1738		
Newbury	1243		1313	1343		1411	1443		1511	1543		1611	1643		1711	1743		1811
Kintbury						1417			1517			1617			1717			1817
Hungerford			1322			1422			1523			1622			1722			1822
Bedwyn			1330			1430			1531			1630			1730			1830
Pewsey			1339			1440			1541		1604			1703			1803	
Westbury			1359			1502			1602		1622			1722			1822	
Frome			1409						1611									
Castle Cary			1422						1626		1641			1740			1840	
Taunton			1445		1452				1649		1704			1802			1902	
Tiverton Pw					1505			1603			1718			1815			1915	
Exeter S D		1410			1522			1620			1734			1832			1932	
		Pen			Ply			Pen			Pen			Pen			Pen	

Paddington – Exeter. Saturday (continued)

	T	H	TI	H	T	H	T	TJ	T	T
Paddington	*1730*	1806	1818	1906	*1915*	2006	*2015*	2106	*2121*	*2230*
Reading (a)	*1755*	1831	1847	1932	*1940*	2031	*2040*	2136	*2152*	*2255*
Reading (d)	1811	1832	1848	1932	1949	2031	2049	2136	2200	2311
Reading W	1814				1952		2052		2203	2314
Theale	1820		1856		1958		2058	2144	2209	2320
Aldermaston	1825				2003		2103		2214	2325
Midgham	1829				2007		2107		2218	2329
Thatcham	1834		1904		2012		2112	2152	2223	2334
Newbury R/c	1838				2016		2116		2227	2338
Newbury	1843		1911	1949	2019	2046	2133	2159	2230	2341
Kintbury			1917		2025		2139	2205	2237	2347
Hungerford			1922		2030		2144	2210	2242	2352
Bedwyn			1930		2039		2153	2218	2251	0002
Pewsey			1940	2009		2105		2228		
Westbury			2003	2028		2124		2248		
Frome										
Castle Cary				2045		2143				
Taunton		1947		2107		2205				
Tiverton Pw				2120		2218				
Exeter S D		2014		2138		2235				
		Pen		Ply		Ply				

Notes:

A   06.18 Paddington to Exeter St. David's as per Monday to Friday. Replaces 06.48 Reading to Bedwyn.

B   09.18 Paddington to Bedwyn extended on to Westbury also calling at Pewsey.

C   10.18 Paddington to Bedwyn operated by HST and is extended to Taunton with same stopping pattern as corresponding Monday to Friday service.

D   Consideration could also be given to rationalize the stopping pattern as per the corresponding Monday to Friday service.

E   13.18 Paddington to Bedwyn extended on to Westbury.

F   14.18 Paddington to Bedwyn operated by HST and extended to Taunton with same stopping pattern as corresponding Monday to Friday service.

G   15.06 Paddington to Penzance as per note D

H   HST

I   18.18 Paddington to Bedwyn extended on to Westbury. This will give an onward connection at Westbury into the 20.28 departure to Plymouth.

J   Additional 21.06 semi-fast train from Paddington to Westbury as per Monday to Friday.

T   Turbo

Exeter - Paddington. Saturday

	T	T	T	T	T	H	T	H	T	TA	T	H	T	T	H	HB	T	H
Exeter S D						0641		0753				0849			0954	1000		1106
Tiverton Pw						0656						0904			1009	1015		1121
Taunton						0711		0819				0919			1024	1030		1136
Castle Cary						0733						0940				1051		
Frome										0900						1106		
Westbury						0756				0910		0959			1100	1116		
Pewsey						0813				0930		1016				1134		
Bedwyn	0607	0640		0740			0840			0940			1040			1144		
Hungerford	0613	0646		0746			0846			0946			1046			1151		
Kintbury	0617	0650		0750			0850			0950			1050			1157		
Newbury	0624	0657	0713	0757	0813	0833	0857		0923	0957	1013		1057	1113		1204	1213	
Newbury R/c	0626		0715		0815				0926		1015			1115			1215	
Thatcham	0630	0702	0719	0802	0819		0902		0930	1002	1019		1102	1119		1212	1219	
Midgham	0635		0724		0824				0935		1024			1124			1224	
Aldermaston	0639		0728		0828				0939		1028			1128			1228	
Theale	0644	0710	0733	0810	0833		0910		0944	1010	1033		1110	1133		1219	1233	
Reading W			0740		0840				0951		1040			1140			1240	
Reading (a)	0652	0720	0744	0818	0844	0852	0920	0934	0955	1018	1045	1051	1121	1145	1150	1229	1245	1252
Reading (d)	0652	0721	*0803*	0819		0852	0921	0937	*1003*	1018		1052	1121		1151	1230		1253
Paddington	0725	0753	*0830*	0853		0922	0953	1006	*1032*	1052		1124	1153		1221	1302		1321
						Ply		Ply				Ply			Pen			Pen

	H	TC	T	T	H	T	H	HD	T	H	TE	T	H	T	H	H	T	T
Exeter S D	1144				1154		1302			1356			1457		1606			
Tiverton Pw					1209		1317						1512		1621			
Taunton					1224		1332	1336		1423			1527		1534	1636		
Castle Cary					1245			1357		1444					1600			
Frome								1412							1614			
Westbury		1212			1305			1421		1503	1512				1625			
Pewsey		1232			1322			1439			1532				1642			
Bedwyn		1242		1307	1333			1449			1542			1640	1653		1740	
Hungerford		1248		1313	1340			1456			1548			1646	1700		1746	
Kintbury		1252		1317				1502			1552			1650			1750	
Newbury		1306	1313	1329	1350	1413		1508	1513		1559	1613	1657		1709		1757	1813
Newbury R/c			1315			1415			1515				1615		1659			1815
Thatcham		1311	1319	1334	1356	1419		1515	1519		1604		1619	1704	1716		1802	1819
Midgham			1324			1424			1524				1624	1709				1824
Aldermaston			1328			1428			1528				1628	1712				1828
Theale		1319	1333	1342	1405	1433		1524	1533		1612		1633	1717	1725		1810	1833
Reading W			1340			1440			1540				1640	1724				1840
Reading (a)	1321	1328	1345	1350	1419	1445	1450	1536	1545	1550	1622	1645	1648	1728	1739	1752	1818	1845
Reading (d)	1323	1330		1351	1419	1451	1451	1537		1551	1623		1649		1740	1754	1819	*1858*
Paddington	1351	1404		1425	1446	1521	1521	1608		1622	1657		1723		1811	1822	1853	*1924*
		Pen					Pen				Pen		Ply		Ply			

Exeter - Paddington. Saturday (continued)

	H	HF	T	H	T	H	TG	T	T	TI
Exeter S D	1701			1753		1856				
Tiverton Pw	1717					1911				
Taunton	1731	1735		1818		1926				
Castle Cary		1756		1839		1947				
Frome		1811								
Westbury		1820		1859		2006	2018			2258
Pewsey		1838		1916		2023	2038			2318
Bedwyn		1848			1940		2048	2200	2300	2328
Hungerford		1855			1946		2054	2206	2306	2334
Kintbury		1901			1950		2058	2210	2310	2338
Newbury		1908	1913	1937	1957		2105	2217	2317	2345
Newbury R/c			1915		1959		2107	2219	2319	2347
Thatcham		1914	1919		2003		2111	2223	2323	2351
Midgham			1924		2008		2116	2228	2328	2356
Aldermaston			1928		2012		2120	2232	2332	0000
Theale		1923	1933		2017		2125	2237	2337	0005
Reading W			1940		2024		2132	2244	2344	0012
Reading (a)	1847	1935	1945	1955	2027	2057	2136	2249	2349	0016
Reading (d)	1848	1936		1955	*2039*	2059	*2150*	*2259*	*0004*	
Paddington	1923	2008		2024	*2109*	2129	*2216*	*2330*	*0102*	
	Pen			Ply		Pen				

Notes:

A   Current 09.37 Bedwyn to Paddington started back from Frome at 09.00. Would probably need to run ECS from Reading.

B   Westbound 06.18 Paddington to Exeter St. David's returns at 10.00 with the same stopping pattern as the corresponding Monday to Friday service.

C   Additional semi-fast train from Westbury to Paddington at 12.12. Would be passed at Newbury by Penzance to Paddington service.

D   Return Taunton to Paddington HST dep 13.36 with same stopping pattern as Monday to Friday service. Also provides connection with corresponding Penzance to Paddington train.

E   15.12 Westbury to Paddington train, return working of 13.18 Paddington service.

F   Return Taunton to Paddington HST dep 17.35 with same stopping pattern as Monday to Friday service. Also provides connection with corresponding Penzance to Paddington train.

G   Current 20.48 Bedwyn to Reading train started back from Westbury at 20.18. Provides a connection with 20.06 Westbury arrival from Penzance.

H   HST

I   Additional service from Westbury at 22.58 calling all stations to Reading. Return working of 21.05 Paddington to Westbury.

T   Turbo

Paddington – Exeter and Exeter – Paddington. Sunday

Due to the complex nature of the Sunday timetable, (numerous variations, long periods of engineering work, replacement buses etc), we have not produced a specific timetable. Currently there is virtually no connectivity for Kennet Valley stations to the west. For instance, returning from the west to Bedwyn, Hungerford or Kintbury requires changing at Newbury followed by a wait of up to two hours. This makes a Sunday journey, to and from the west, for Kintbury, Hungerford and Bedwyn very unattractive. Therefore we'd suggest a mid afternoon westbound train to call at Kintbury, Hungerford and Bedwyn. Additionally a mid evening train to call at these stations from the west.