

A Handbill for the old Great Central

Cancels Handbill AD136

Train Service

Nottingham Arkwright Street and Rugby Central.

on and from 1 January 1968 the following service will operate.

				SO		SX		
NOTTINGHAM Arkwright St.	dep.	07 50	08 22	12 27	13 55	16 17	17 34	18 52
EAST LEAKE	dep.	08 03	08 35	12 40	14 08	16 30	17 47	19 05
LOUGHBOROUGH Central	arr.	08 10	08 32	12 47	14 15	16 37	17 54	19 12
	dep.	08 11	08 43	12 48	14 16	16 38	17 55	19 13
LEICESTER Central	arr.	08 24	08 56	13 01	14 29	16 51	18 08	19 25
	dep.	08 25	08 58	13 03	14 31	16 53	18 10	19 28
ASHBY MAGNA	dep.	08 41	09 13	13 18	14 46	17 08	18 25	19 43
LUTTERWORTH	dep.	08 48	09 20	13 25	14 53	17 15	18 32	19 50
RUGBY Central	arr.	08 57	09 29	13 34	15 02	17 24	18 41	19 59
				SO		SX		
RUGBY Central	dep.	07 11	10 30	12 30	15 03	16 20	17 37	18 55
LUTTERWORTH	dep.	07 20	10 39	12 39	15 14	16 31	17 48	19 06
ASHBY MAGNA	dep.	07 28	10 47	12 47	15 22	16 37	17 54	19 12
LEICESTER Central	arr.	07 41	11 00	13 00	15 35	16 50	18 07	19 25
	dep.	07 10	07 43	11 02	13 05	15 37	16 55	18 13
LOUGHBOROUGH Central	arr.	07 21	07 54	11 13	13 16	15 48	17 06	18 23
	dep.	07 22	07 55	11 14	13 17	15 49	17 07	18 24
EAST LEAKE	dep.	07 30	08 03	11 22	13 25	15 57	17 15	18 32
NOTTINGHAM Arkwright St. arr.	07 42	08 15	11 34	13 37	16 09	17 27	18 44	20 02

Notes: SO—Saturday only. SX—Saturdays excepted.

This service will provide **SECOND CLASS** accommodation only.

Passengers will be able to obtain tickets, **between stations served by this Service only**, from the Guard in charge of the train.


Accommodation will be provided for the conveyance of cycles, perambulators, etc., accompanied by passengers, who will be responsible for the removal of these articles from the stations.

Unaccompanied traffic will not be conveyed.

Season tickets, **between stations served by the Service only**, will be issued at Nottingham Midland, Leicester London Road and Rugby Midland Stations.

From:	Nottingham	East Leake	Loughborough Cen.	Leicester Central	Ashby Magna	Lutterworth	Rugby Central
To:	S R	S R	S R	S R	S R	S R	S R
Nottingham	—	2/6 3/9	3/9 5/—	4/3 7/6	8/9 11/—	9/9 12/6	11/9 16/—
East Leake	2/6 3/9	—	1/4 2/6	4/3 5/6	6/6 10/—	7/9 12/—	9/6 14/6
Loughborough Central	3/9 5/—	1/4 2/6	—	2/9 4/6	5/6 9/—	4/3 11/3	8/3 14/3
Leicester Central	4/3 7/6	4/3 5/6	2/9 4/6	—	2/9 4/9	1/2 2/3	3/— 5/6
Ashby Magna	8/9 11/—	6/6 10/—	5/6 9/—	2/9 4/9	—	1/2 2/3	3/— 5/6
Lutterworth	9/9 12/6	7/9 12/—	6/3 11/3	4/— 6/3	1/2 2/3	—	2/— 3/9
Rugby Central	11/9 16/—	9/6 14/6	8/3 14/3	5/6 9/—	3/— 5/6	2/— 3/9	—

The return fare quoted above is that for Cheap Day Return.

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This handbill from 1968 advertises the few remaining passenger trains along the old Great Central London Extension line from Nottingham, through Leicester Central station, to Rugby. The main line route south of Rugby had already been severed in September 1966, following the withdrawal of the through services to London Marylebone and Banbury. This limited local service offered no direct connections at either end of the route. Tickets were purchased from the guard on the train and could only be booked to the few stations on the line. Season tickets were still available for the declining number of commuters, but their purchase required a visit to a different (staffed) station in Nottingham, Leicester, or Rugby. The handbill also states that cycles and perambulators are carried, but that passengers are responsible for their removal from stations. The point was well-made: most of the stations had been characteristically built with island platforms, where access from the road level could now only be gained by negotiating a lengthy staircase. Since all of the stations were now unstaffed, no assistance or lift would be available. Not surprisingly, the service was sparsely patronised. It survived only until May 1969 when the former Great Central route was totally closed.

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esteem which had grown between us'.²⁰ Even so, he decided that he did not like the label of 'Unitarian' any more than he would have liked being called a 'Trinitarian'; he was 'simply going from one free church to another'.²¹ The *Leicester Chronicle* commented that:

The town will lose a very powerful religious, social and political influence, which was all the more powerful because it acted mainly below the surface, as it were, and many of us will miss a real friend.²²

What is certain is that Leicester lost a very remarkable man.

Notes and references:

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10. *Ibid.*, n.d.
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12. *Ibid.*, 31 October 1877.
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15. *Leicester Chronicle*, 14 June 1884.
16. F. B. Lott. *Centenary Book of the Leicester Literary and Philosophical Society*, 75.
17. *Ibid.*, 76.
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20. Wood's letter of resignation in Wycliffe Church records, 11 June 1884.
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