

A day in the life of Bentham & Wennington Stations in 1938

Extracted by Richard Wilson from an original timetable kindly loaned by Jack Warbrick

Passenger services on a typical weekday: there was a great deal of variability depending on the day of the week, and in some cases on a particular date or dates. There would also have been a considerable amount of goods traffic. Note that all Lancaster and Morecambe trains would have travelled via Hornby to Lancaster Green Ayre (LGA) station, Barrow trains via Carnforth.

Down

	Bentham	Wenn- ington	Destination	Details
1	07.47	07.53	Lancaster	Local from Bentham to LGA a. 08.17
2	08.13	08.24	Heysham or Barrow	Stopping, Leeds 06.10. Split at Wennington to (a) LGA 08.48, Heysham 09.22 and (b) Barrow 10.32
3	-	-		Isle of Man Boat Express. Leeds 07.35, Hellifield 08.52, then non-stop to Heysham 09.41
4	-	09.40	Morecambe	Express Leeds 07.50 and Bradford 08.10 to Morecambe 10.02
5	10.28	10.33	Morecambe	Stopping, Leeds 08.03 to LGA 10.57, Morecambe 11.07
6	11.58	12.03	Morecambe	Stopping, Leeds 10.20 to LGA 12.28, Morecambe 12.38
7	-	12.26	Morecambe or Barrow	Semi-fast, Leeds 10.35. Split at Wennington to (a) Morecambe 13.02 and (b) Barrow 14.26
8	13.28	13.33	Morecambe	Stopping, Hellifield 12.58 to LGA 13.58, Morecambe 14.06
9	-	15.43	Barrow	Express from Leeds 14.00 to Barrow 17.28
10	-	-		Express Leeds 14.13 to Morecambe 16.30
11	16.20	16.25	Morecambe	Stopping, Hellifield 15.49 to LGA 16.49, Morecambe 16.59
12	17.13	17.20	Morecambe	Stopping, Leeds 15.12 to LGA 17.43, Morecambe 17.53
13	-	17.27	Barrow	Express, Leeds 16.02 to Barrow 19.00
14	-	-		Express Leeds 16.55 to LGA 18.32 Morecambe 18.40
15	18.45	18.50	Morecambe	Stopping, Hellifield 18.14 to LGA 19.08 Morecambe 19.16
16	19.00	19.05	Lancaster	Local from Bentham to LGA a. 19.32
17	19.47	19.55	Heysham or Barrow	Stopping, Leeds 17.45. Split at Wennington to (a) Heysham 20.50 and (b) Barrow 21.41
18	22.09	-	Morecambe	Semi-fast, Leeds 20.07 to LGA 22.05, Morecambe 22.34
19	-	-		Belfast Boat Express, St. Pancras to Heysham. London 16.55, Leeds 21.30, LGA 23.06, Heysham 23.21

Up

	Wenn- ington	Bentham	Destination	Details
1	-	-		Belfast Boat Express, Heysham to St. Pancras Heysham 05.35, Leeds 07.41. London 12.00
2	07.11	07.20	Leeds	Stopping, Heysham 06.10 and Carnforth 06.34 trains join at Wennington, to Leeds 09.26
3	-	-		“Residential” Express, Morecambe 07.42, LGA 07.50 to Bradford 09.15 or Leeds 09.26
4	08.28	08.40	Leeds	Stopping LGA 08.00 to Hellifield then fast to Leeds 10.38
5	-	-		Express Barrow 07.10 to Leeds 10.38
6	10.16	10.24	Leeds	Stopping, Morecambe 09.40 and Carnforth 09.36 trains join at Wennington, to Leeds 12.02
7	-	10.59	Leeds	Express Barrow 09.12 to Leeds 12.23
8	11.47	11.55	Hellifield	Stopping, Morecambe 11.15 to Hellifield 12.28
9	13.22	13.30	Leeds	Stopping, Morecambe 12.50, LGA 12.58 to Leeds 15.08
10	15.08	-	Leeds	Semi-fast, Morecambe 14.37 and Barrow 13.10 trains join at Wennington, to Leeds 16.45
11	16.00	16.09	Leeds	Stopping, Morecambe 15.28, LGA 15.36 to Leeds 18.23
12	16.57	17.07	Leeds	Stopping, Morecambe 16.20 to Hellifield 17.45 then fast to Leeds 19.04
13	-	17.34	Leeds	Express Barrow 15.51 to Leeds 19.04
14	18.20	18.27	Bentham	Local Morecambe 17.46, LGA 17.54 to Bentham
15	19.22	19.30	Hellifield	Stopping, Morecambe 18.44 to Hellifield 20.00
16	19.40	19.50	Bradford	Stopping, Barrow 17.30 to Bradford 21.47
17	-	-		Isle of Man Boat Express, Heysham 20.00 to Leeds 22.12
18	21.48	21.56	Leeds	Stopping, Morecambe 21.15 to Leeds 23.36

Summary of passenger trains

	Down		Up			Down		Up		
Wennington	Lancaster	2	Leeds	8		Bentham	Lancaster	2	Leeds	9
	Morecambe	8	Hellifield	2			Morecambe	7	Hellifield	2
	Heysham	2	Bradford	1			Heysham	2	Bradford	1
	Barrow	5	Bentham	1			Barrow	2		
TOTALS		17		12				13		12