

**Branch line News, abbreviations:** For the benefit of our many recent new members and others:

- 1M = One Million (etc)
- AGM = Annual General Meeting
- BLN = Branch Line News
- BLS = Branch Line Society
- BR = British Rail(ways)
- CA = Closed to All traffic
- CG = Closed to Goods (freight) traffic
- ch = chain (22yd, there are 80 in a mile)
- CIS = Customer Information System
- Co = Company
- CP = Closed to Passenger traffic
- CPA = Card Payment Authority (Debit/Credit)
- DART = Dublin Area Rapid Transit
- DfT = Department for Transport
- DLR = Docklands Light Railway
- DMU = Diesel Multiple Unit
- e-BLN/E-BLN = Electronic Branch Line News
- ECS = Empty Coaching Stock
- EMU = Electric Multiple Unit
- GF = Ground Frame
- HS1 = High Speed Line 1 (etc)
- HST = High Speed Train (class 43)
- IÉ = Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail)
- IECC = Integrated Electronic Control Centre
- Jn = Junction
- k = thousand
- km = kilometre
- LC = Level Crossing
- LED = Light Emitting Diode (display/signal)
- LU(L) = London Underground (Ltd.)
- m = metre **or** mile (according to context)
- MK1 = Mark 1 (coaches etc)
- MP = Milepost
- MR = Minor Railway
- N<sup>o</sup> = Number
- NR = Network Rail
- NRU = Not Regularly Used (it is!)
- OG = Opened to Goods (freight) traffic
- OHL = OverHead Line
- OLE = Overhead Line Equipment
- OP = Opened to Passenger traffic
- OOU = Out Of Use (but it is used!)
- p1 = Page 1 (etc)
- P1 = Platform 1 (etc)
- pa = Per Annum (i.e. annually)
- P&P = Postage & Packing
- PIS = Passenger Information System
- PSB = Power Signal Box
- PSUL = *Passenger Service over Unusual Lines*
- ROA = Reopened to all traffic
- ROC = Rail Operating Centre
- ROG = Reopened to Goods (freight) traffic
- ROP = Reopened to Passenger traffic
- RTT = Real Train Times
- S&C = Switches and Crossings
- S&T = Signalling and Telecommunications
- SB = Signal Box, SP = Signal Post (on maps)
- SCC = Signalling Control Centre
- SLW = Single Line Working
- TCA = Temporarily Closed, All traffic
- TCG = Temporarily Closed to Goods traffic
- TCP = Temporarily Closed to Passengers
- TfL = Transport For London
- TOC = Train Operating Company
- TOOU = Temporarily Out of Use
- tph = trains/trams per hour (i.e. frequency)
- UK = United Kingdom
- VDU = Visual Display Unit (screen)
- X/0 = Crossover
- yd = Yard/s (the 3 foot or 36 inch type)

Standard abbreviations will be used for the main pre-Grouping and pre-Nationalisation railway companies as well as current TOCs where used in context. Days of the week in reference to train times:

**M=Monday, T=Tuesday, W=Wednesday, Th=Thursday F=Friday, S=Saturday, Su=Sunday. O=Only and X=Excepted.** A train shown as SO runs Saturdays only; SSuX is Saturdays and Sundays excepted so the train runs Mondays to Fridays only; '**weekdays**' is ambiguous and may or may not include Saturdays so is avoided. As an example TThX is Tuesdays and Thursdays excepted means the train/s runs on other 5 days of the week; define in the shortest way possible (rather than using MWFSSuO in that case.)