

Stratford DMU formations 1986

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The Stratford DMU fleet although having fixed formations on paper were always swapped around from day to day to meet service demands, the period from 1977 until the end of DMU's at Stratford in 1986 was always very fluid and produced some very unusual formations at times, especially 1978 onward.

Thursday 23rd January

Norwich 105 power car 51265 recently withdrawn on Stratford DRS

Tuesday 11th February

Norwich 105 driving trailer 54433 recently withdrawn on Stratford DRS

Saturday 15th February

Reading 117 51359/59511/51401 L421 & 121 driving trailer 54287 L287 both on Stratford DRS

Friday 18th April

Bristol Bath Road 118 51306/59473/51321 B464 set on Stratford DRS

Saturday 19th April

Reading 117 trailer 59513 from L423 set on Stratford DRS

Friday 25th April

Reading 121's 55023 L123 & 55027 L127 with 117 51341/59493/51383 L406 all on Stratford DRS

Saturday 10th May

Reading 121 driving trailer 54280 L280 & 117 51361/59513/51399 L423 both on Stratford DRS

On this day Stratford's 30 year association with DMU's ended the final services on the Romford - Upminster and Wickford - Southminster branches having been electrified.

Monday 12th May

Lincoln 105 driving trailer 54440 on Stratford DRS

Thursday 15th May

101 driving trailer 54403 with an E prefix and recently withdrawn from Ayr on Stratford DRS

Tuesday 27th May

Reading 119 trailer 59414 from L589 on Stratford DRS

Friday 27th June

Norwich 101's 51200/54359 NR73 & 53206/54058 NR74 with M prefixes and recently transferred from Chester on Stratford DRS

Thursday 10th July

Cambridge 101 51442/54073 on Stratford DRS

Sunday 10th August

Heaton 101 driving trailer 54406 on Stratford DRS

Friday 15th August

Reading 117 51356/59508/51398 L419 on Stratford DRS

Friday 22nd August

Reading 117 51385 power car from L408 & 121 driving trailer 54283 L283 on Stratford DRS

Monday 27th October

Norwich 101 53228/54055 N86 on Stratford DRS

Wednesday 29th October

Cambridge Parcels sector 101 power twin 51293/51441 on Stratford DRS

Friday 14th November

Reading 119 51106 power car from L587 & 121 driving trailer 54283 L283 with 117 51347/59499/51389 L412 all on Stratford DRS

Saturday 15th November

Reading 119 51079/59437/51107 L588 & 117 trailer 59494 from L407 & 119 power car 51054 from L72 all on Stratford DRS

Note: the 5 Reading vehicles listed on Stratford DRS on Friday 14th would have been collected when the 5 Reading vehicles listed on Stratford DRS Saturday 15th November arrived.