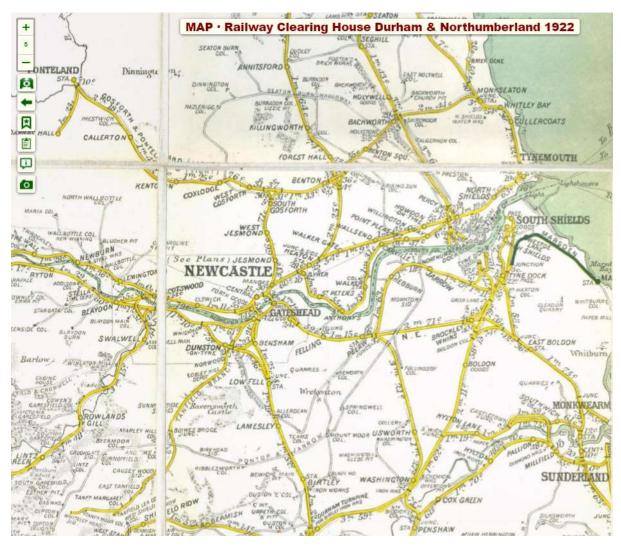


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Our first newsletter has sections about:

- Recent additions of timetables and maps to the collection
- The new website layout
- The *Timetable World* shop.



A growing collection

Timetable World was relaunched 18 months ago (October 2020). The collection continues to grow but there has been a gap of four months since the previous release of new content. There was a visual revamp of the website undertaken more recently in January, but we held back from adding new timetables and maps at the same time.

The published collection has now reached 1,200 items, with 178 new items being added in March.

	Public Timetables		Employee Timetables		Maps Total		Ephemera		
	Total	New	Total	New	Total	New	Total	New	Total
Railways of Great Britain & Ireland	137	22	24	11	18	2	10	1	189
Buses and Trams of Great Britain	310	82			47		1		358
Europe (excluding GB & Ireland)	213	21	3		99				315
Asia	14	2			6				20
North America	112				153	36			265
Africa & Middle East	13				1				14
International	25				2				27
Australasia	3	1							3
Air (Worldwide)	9								9
Total	836	128	27	11	326	38	11	1	1200

These 1,200 items comprise 356,000 individual scans. *Timetable World* volunteers are responsible for most of the scanning, but not all. We also work with other websites and public domain sources to republish ready-scanned material.

The pipeline of incoming new material remains very healthy. As a reminder, the aim is to have representative coverage, and that has been achieved for the US and several European countries. For these countries, we will continue to add timetables as they become available but, given limited scanning capacity, will give priority to other countries where wide gaps still exist.

Separate leaflets are mostly avoided unless they cover a newsworthy event. For instance, we publish a unique British Railways *Special Traffic Notice* for May 1980 covering the cavalcade of locomotives celebrating "Rocket 150" – the anniversary of the Rainhill Trails on the Liverpool and Manchester Railway.

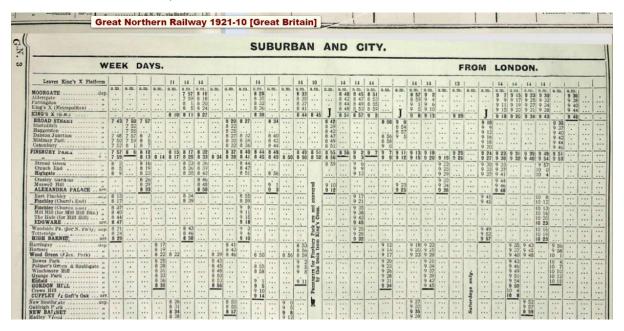




Railway timetables added

Just two examples from the 57 railway timetables just added.

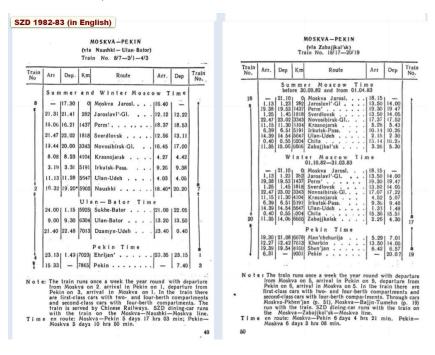
Great Northern Railway 1921



Shortly before the grouping of Britain's railways into the Big Four, the GNR controlled the London-Yorkshire section of East Coast Mainline. Its suburban services are much changed since, with the Edgware and High Barnet branches transformed into the Northern Line of the London Underground, and the "Ally Pally" branch lost.

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Soviet Railways 1982



This is an English-language timetable of international routes. Moscow trains are followed by those from Leningrad (St Petersburg) and Kiev to display an extensive network that operated during the (first) Cold War.

Moscow to Beijing ("Pekin") took about six days by two alternative routes. Moscow to London also had two routes, taking two days.

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Bus timetables added

Timetable World has been fortunate to have several private collectors who have made substantial contributions, either by donating or lending tables, or even buying timetables and scanning them for us (thanks Ken).

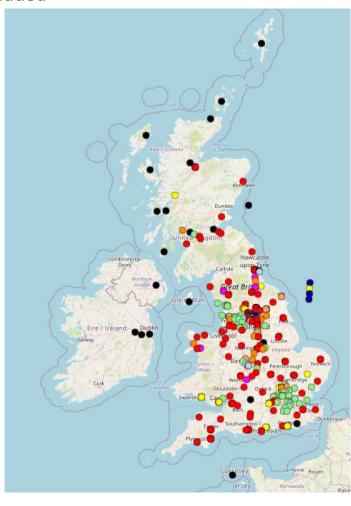
To offer UK bus timetables is a huge undertaking, but we've certainly made a dent. There is an interactive index map available to enable you to search geographically. It is located as one of the tabs in the Timetables grid.

Bradford 1955

The Yorkshire city of Bradford had an extensive trolleybus network in 1955. Here we see the terminus of one route at the fascinating model industrial settlement of Saltaire.







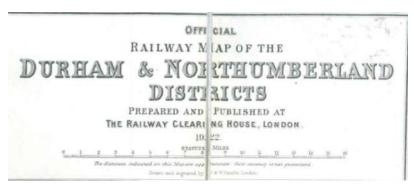
SALTAIRE via Thackley Trolleybus Route No. 40

Mins.	(Bolton Road)	Mins.	FROM SALTAIRE		
Service		Service	(Saltaire Road)		
12 6 12 8 12 6 12	5.30, 5.48 a.m. 6.6 a.m. to 6.54 ,, 6.54 ,, ,, 8.36 ,, 8.36 ,, ,, 11.48 ,, 11.54 ,, ,, 2.2 p.m. 2.12 p.m. ,, 4.24 ,, 4.24 ,, ,, 6.12 ,, 6.12 ,, ,, 10.48 ,, t11.0 ,,	6 12 8 12 6 12	5.23* 5.43 6.8 6.10* 6.20 a.m. 6.32 a.m. to 8.44 ,, 8.44 ,, ,, 11.56 ,, 12.2 p.m. ,, 2.10 p.m. 2.20 ,, ,, 4.20 ,, 4.20 ,, ,, 6.8 ,, 6.8 ,, ,, 10.44 ,, 10.56b 11.8b 11.20b ,,		



Maps just added

Despite our name, *Timetable World* considers historical transport maps to be just as important a part of the website as timetables are. Using maps and timetables together helps the enjoyment of both, and our zoomable technology was originally developed for displaying huge online maps.



The UK's Railway Clearing
House published numerous
route maps. We have recently
added a detailed map of northeast England (Northumberland
and Durham) from 1922 – as
shown on the front page. It
was a region of heavy industry
– coal, steel, ship building,

quarrying, brick-making – and was criss-crossed by public railways, industrial lines and waggonways. The North Eastern Railway dominated the region but the industrial lines were sometimes quite lengthy networks and fiercely separate.

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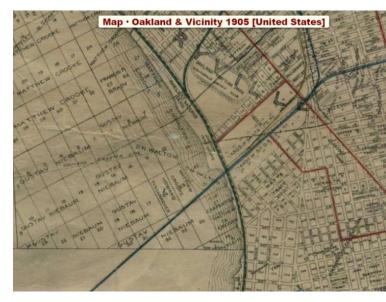
California

One of our contributors in the US (Tim Zukas) has scanned some interesting maps of the San Francisco Bay Area, and elsewhere.

One example shows the various streetcar networks of Oakland. It records ownership of various offshore parcels which go on to be reclaimed from the seabed to become the new foreshore of a great port city.

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Other maps collected by Tim Zukas include some early US road maps. Maybe off-topic for *Timetable World*, but they are included all the same for the impact they had on mobility in the US.

This example shows the Los Angeles freeway system in 1959. Already transforming the city but far from complete.

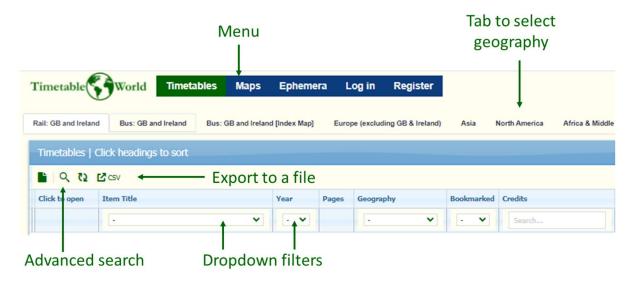
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Website revamp

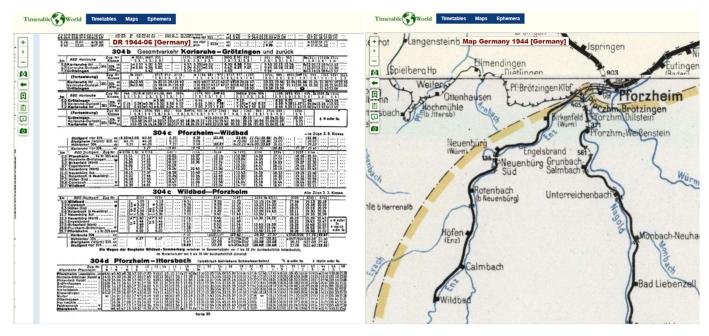
We hope you think the visual appeal of the website has improved. The original website was handcrafted and worked well enough but, by switching to using Wordpress, it has become easier and quicker to lay out good-looking pages. Wordpress is, like most of the programming on the site, open-source software, developed by volunteers and made freely available.

A new grid-like search tool has been adopted. Using a hierarchical menu was getting unwieldy as the collection grows, being tricky to maintain and frustrating for users as more and more levels had to be added. Items appear now in a random order, and we recommend using the dropdown filters or advanced search tool to find what you want.



You can download a listing if you prefer. A CSV file means "comma separated values". It is a common format that can be opened by most software and is inherently safe to download.

Each timetable or map opens in a new tab. You can toggle between tabs to compare them or, on larger screens, display multiple tabs side-by-side.







Shop

Timetable World now sells stuff.

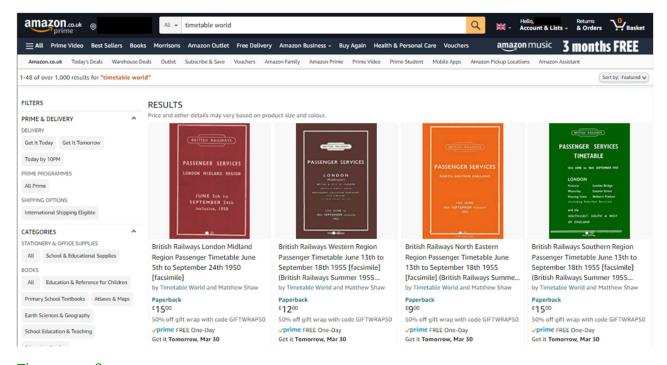
We have always been committed to making timetables and maps freely available, and that remains the philosophy of the digital archive. The shop enables people to download PDF files for personal use. Some are free, others on a paid-for basis, depending on who did the scanning and any copyright releases we hold for the originals.

50 books have been published so far, including 27 editions of Network Rail's electronic timetables from 2007 – the latter are all free to download. The other books are early British Railways timetables and ten from Germany.

Initial sales have been promising. More PDFs will be added, using the same scans as the online versions, as time allows.

Amazon

Many people want to handle a real book. Amazon now stocks a small number of our timetable facsimiles, which you can find by searching for "Timetable World". It is an impressive service from Amazon – books are printed to order in your region and typically delivered within 24 hours.



The money?

The running costs for the archive are currently quite low and are sponsored by the administrator. As we grow, the income from commercial activities is intended for two things:

- To purchase timetable collections
- To use paid resources to intensify the scanning effort.





The archive

Timetable World is a fully digital historical archive. The online archive covers transport modes with regular schedules, meaning railways, urban transit, bus services, and airlines. It includes timetables and maps.

https://timetableworld.com/

The aim is to have representative examples at different times, not comprehensive coverage of every time. The focus is on transport networks in timetable books rather than loose leaflets.

Volunteering

Timetable World is run entirely by volunteers. The archive is non-commercial, free to use, and privately funded by the administrator. If you find it useful, please consider what you can give back:

- Sign up for indexing tasks online
- Contribute timetables for digitisation as a loan or donation.

The Timetable World Shop

All timetables and maps can be accessed online free-of-charge.

There is a charge made for downloading PDF files of timetables for customers to "own". The proceeds help to defray the costs of running the website.

Amazon

Selected timetable books are available for customers wishing to purchase a printed book. Orders are handled Amazon, where available, and fulfilled locally. The proceeds help to defray the costs of running the website.



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