

## Transport Trifles Time Line

**1803** The **Surrey Iron Railway** opened, Trevithick's London Steam Carriage demonstrated on Oxford St

**1804** Trevithick's first successful locomotive was **Penydarren**, of which no records exist

**1808** Richard Trevithic Catch Me Who Can in London

**1812** the **Middleton Railway** the **first commercial railway Matthew Murray Salamanca**

**1813 Hedley** built for Blckett's colliery business, Wylam Colliery line prototypes *Puffing Billy & Wylam Dilly*.

**1814** Stephenson designed his first locomotive, named *Blücher* after the Prussian general

**1825** The 26 miles long *Stockton and Darlington Railway* the first steam locomotive **public railway employing Locomotion 1 from Robert Stephenson & Co.**

**1830 Canterbury-Whitstable railway** (Crab & Winkle Way mainly stationary engines with cable traction because of the steep inclines but Stephenson's *Invicta* on level section near Whitstable

**1830 Liverpool Manchester railway** opened 3 months later, Stephenson's *Rocket*, the first modern wholly locomotive driven railway.

**1836** The **London and Greenwich Railway** opened, London's first commuter service

**1837** First main line arrives in London – **London and Birmingham Railway** at Euston Station

**1837** **Paris – St Germain-en-Laye** railway opened

**1840** The forerunners of most main line railways arrived in London

**1842 Railway Clearing House** began operations in Drummond Street

**1844 South Eastern** takes over the **Canterbury and Whitstable**

**1844 London Bridge** swapped stations, **Crab & Winkle** taken over by South Eastern

**1845 South Eastern** leases **London & Greenwich**, changing the name to the Greenwich branch.

**1846 E&WD&BJR** (North London Railway) authorised

**1850** Arrival of the **Great Northern**

**1850/51 E&WID&BJR** opened

**1853 E&WD&BJR** renamed North London Railway

**1856 West End of London and Crystal Palace Railway** opened

**1858** Terminus of the **WEL&CPR** opened, Pimlico on the south bank

**1858** Through running service on North London to Richmond

**1860 Victoria Station and Pimlico Railway** opened including **Brighton's terminus**

**1860** North London 'bypass line' via Gospel Oak opened

**1862** **The Chatham's terminus** opened at **Victoria**

**1863** The first cut and cover, the **Metropolitan** opened

**1864 London Chatham and Dover railway** opened from Herne Hill to the river and on to Metropolitan

**1864** South Eastern extends its line from London Bridge to a new terminal at **Charing Cross**

**1862 Circle** authorised

**1865** North London new terminus at Broad Street

**1866 Widened Lines** opened between St Pancras and Moorgate Street

**1867 Midland** opens St Pancras station and line from Bedford

**1867 Great Northern** takes over and opens suburban service to **Edgware**

**1868** London's first underground tube railway? - Tower Subway opened

**1872** Network virtually complete but no tubes

**1872 The Great Northern** branch line to **Barnet** opened

**1873 The Great Northern** branch line to **Ally Pally** opened, Ally Pally burned down

**1874 Great Northern** linked to **North London** at Highbury

**1884 Circle** completed (most open by 1870)

**1890 City & South London Railway (Stockwell to King William Street)** opened

**1899** The **South Eastern and London, Chatham and Dover** Railway Companies Act was passed, resulting in the formation of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway

**1901** CT Yerkes formed Underground Electric Railways of London (**UERL**).

**1903** Leslie Green hired by UERL to design buildings

**1906** Two tube lines amalgamated to form the Piccadilly, leaving a spur to Aldwych

**1908** The Brighton's new terminus opens at Victoria

**1909/10** The South Eastern & Chatham's new terminus opens at Victoria

**1911** UERL stepped in and took London General over, forming what became known as the **Combine**

**1923** Britain's 120 railway companies formed into 4 by Railways Act 1921

**1923 Charles Holden** commissioned to design a façade for a side entrance at Westminster tube station.

**1922-24 Hampstead tube** connected to a widened **C&SLR**

**1926 Hampstead tube** connected to **C&SLR** a second time

**1933 London Passenger Transport Board** formed, taking over Combine, the Metropolitan, the independent tram companies and bus companies.

**1938 Mallard** gains world speed record for steam locomotives at **126 mph**

**1939 Northern line** connected to **LNER** (former Great Northern suburban services) at East Finchley

**1953 Crab and Winkle** closed

**1979** Formation of the North London Line Richmond – Stratford

**1986 Dalston – Broad Street** closed