

## STAGE COACH ROUTES IN 1836

(from 'Directory of Stage Coach Services 1836' by Alan Bates)

### **LONDON - BEDFORD. 'THE TIMES'**

Holborn (George & Boar), Barnet, Hatfield, Hitchin, Shefford, Bedford

- Distance 52 miles. Journey time 5 hours
- Depart London at 2.00pm, Bedford at 4.00pm
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator Benjamin Worthy Horne & Co. Number 3510

### **LONDON – BIRMINGHAM. 'THE ECONOMIST'**

London (Golden Cross, Charing Cross), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Towcester, Daventry, Coventry, Birmingham

- Distance 109 miles. Journey time 14 hours
- Depart London at 5.30pm, Birmingham at 5.30pm
- 4 seats inside, 8 outside

### **LONDON – BIRMINGHAM. 'THE GREYHOUND'**

London (Swan with Two Necks, Lad Lane), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Towcester, Daventry, Coventry, Birmingham

- Distance 109 miles. Journey time 12 hours
- Depart London at 6.30pm, Birmingham at 9.00am
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator William Chaplin & Co. Number 3462

### **LONDON – BIRMINGHAM. 'THE INDEPENDENT TALLY HO'**

London (Golden Cross, Charing Cross), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Towcester, Daventry, Coventry, Birmingham

- Distance 109 miles. Journey time 11 hours
- Depart London at 7.45am, Birmingham at 8.00am
- 4 seats inside, 8 outside
- Operator William Chaplin & Co. Number 3466

### **LONDON – BIRMINGHAM. 'THE INDEPENDENT TALLY HO'**

London (Golden Cross, Charing Cross), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Towcester, Daventry, Coventry, Birmingham

- Distance 111 miles. Journey time 11.75 hours
- Depart London at 7.00am, Birmingham at 8.00am
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator Benjamin Worthy Horne & Co. Number 3554, 3555

### **LONDON – BIRMINGHAM. ‘THE TALLY HO’**

London (Saracens Head, Snow Hill), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Towcester, Daventry, Coventry, Birmingham

- Distance 109 miles. Journey time 11 hours
- Depart London at 7.45am, Birmingham at 8.00am
- 4 seats inside, 8 outside
- Operator S A Mountain & Co. Number 3466

### **LONDON – BOSTON. ‘THE PERSEVERENCE’**

London (King’s Arms, snow Hill), Barnet, Hatfield, Stevenage, Baldock, Biggleswade, Eaton Socon, St Neots, Huntingdon, Norman Cross, Peterborough, Market Deeping, Spalding, Boston

- Distance 117 miles. Journey time 13.25 hours
- Depart London 6.45 am (Tue- Sat), 6.00 am (Mon – Fri). Boston 10.00 am
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator J Hearn & co numbers 3422, 3513

### **LONDON – DAVENTRY. ‘THE DAVENTRY ACCOMMODATION COACH’**

London (Three Cups, Aldersgate Street), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Towcester, Daventry

- Distance 72 miles. Journey time 12 hours
- Depart London 7.30 am (Tue, Thu, Sat). Daventry 7.00 am (Mon, Wed, Fri)
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator W Smith Number 3436

### **LONDON – HALIFAX. ‘THE HOPE’**

London (Bull & Mouth, St Martins-le-Grand), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Woburn, Newport Pagnell, Northampton, Market Harbotrough, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham, Mansfield, Chesterfield, Sheffield, Huddersfield, Halifax

- Distance 196 miles. Journey time 23.50 hours
- Depart London 5.45 pm Halifax 8.00 am
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator E Sherman & Co Numbers 3457, 3459, 3517

### **LONDON – HATFIELD. ‘THE SOVEREIGN’**

London (Boar & Castle, Oxford Street), Barnet, Hatfield

- Distance 20.50 miles. Journey time 3 hours
- Depart London 3.30 pm, Hatfield 8.00 am
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator J Scarborough Number 3447

### **LONDON – HERTFORD. ‘THE ECLIPSE’**

London (Boar & Castle, Oxford Street), Barnet, Essendon, Hertford

- Distance 25 miles. Journey time 3.50 hours
- Depart London 3.00 pm, Hatfield 8.00 pm
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator A Glenny & Co Number 3405

### **LONDON – HITCHIN. ‘KERSHAW’S SAFETY COACH’**

London (White Bear, Piccadilly), Barnet, Hatfield, Hitchin

- Distance 36 miles. Journey time 4.50 hours
- Depart London 1.45 pm, Hitchin 6.00 am
- 5 seats inside, 12 outside
- Operator J Kershaw Number 3406

### **LONDON – LEEDS. ‘THE COURIER’**

London (Belle Suavauge, Ludgate Hill), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Woburn, Newport Pagnell, Northampton, Market Harborough, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham, Mansfield, Chesterfield, Sheffield, Barnsley, Wakefield, Leeds

- Distance 197 miles. Journey time 24 hours
- Depart London at 5.00 pm, Leeds 6.00 pm
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator J Francis & Co Number 3454, 3455, 3456, 3506

### **LONDON – LEEDS. ‘THE EXPRESS’**

London (Bull & Mouth, St Martins-le-Grand), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Woburn, Newport Pagnell, Northampton, Market Harborough, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham, Mansfield, Chesterfield, Sheffield, Barnsley, Wakefield, Leeds

- Distance 196 miles. Journey time 25.50 hours
- Depart London at 4.30 pm, Leeds 10.00 am
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator E Sherman & Co Number 3425, 3426, 3427

### **LONDON – LEEDS. ‘THE ROCKINGHAM’**

London (Belle Saracens Head, Snow Hill), Barnet, Hatfield, Stevenage, Baldock, Biggleswade, Eaton Socon, Norman Cross, Stamford, Grantham, Newark, retford, Bawtry, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds

- Distance 190 miles. Journey time 23 hours
- Depart London at 4.30 pm, Leeds 9.00 am
- 4 seats inside, 8 outside
- Operator S A Mountain & Co Number 3469, 3470, 3479

### **LONDON – LEEDS. ‘THE UNION’**

London (Regent circus, Piccadilly), Barnet, Hatfield, Stevenage, Baldock, Biggleswade, Eaton Socon, Norman Cross, Stamford, Grantham, Newark, Retford, Bawtry, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds

- Distance 191 miles. Journey time 24.00 hours
- Depart London at 4.30 pm, Leeds 5.30 pm
- 4 seats inside, 8 outside
- Operator W Smith & Co/B W Horne Number 3443, 3445, 3552, 3553

### **LONDON – LEICESTER. ‘THE UNION’**

London (Bull & Mouth, St Martins-le-Grand), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Woburn, Newport Pagnell, Northampton, Market Harborough, Leicester

- Distance 98 miles. Journey time 12 hours
- Depart London at 6.30 am, Leicester?
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside Numbers
- Operator E Sherman & Co. Numbers 3490, 3519, 3470, 3479

### **LONDON – LIVERPOOL. ‘THE ALBION’**

London (Swan with Two Necks, Lad Lane), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Towcester, Daventry, Coventry, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Newport, Whitchurch, Chester, Woodside Liverpool

- Distance 207 miles, Journey time 24 hours
- Depart London 6.30 pm
- 4 seats inside, 8 outside
- Operator William Chaplin & Co Numbers 3442, 3441

### **LONDON – LIVERPOOL. ‘THE EXPRESS’**

London (Gloster Warehouse, Oxford Street; Saracens Head, Snow Hill at 5.30 pm), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Towcester, Daventry, Southam, Leamington, Warwick, Solihull, Birmingham, Walsall, Cannock, Stafford, Stone, Newcastle under Lyme, Holmes Chapel, Knutsford, Warrington, Liverpool

1. Distance 218 miles, Journey time 26 hours
- Depart London 5.00 pm, Liverpool 5.30 pm
  - 4 seats inside, 8 outside
  - Operator S A Mountain & Co Numbers 3477, 3494, 3539, 3541

### **LONDON – LIVERPOOL. ‘THE UMPIRE’**

London (Golden Cross, Charing Cross), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Woburn, Newport Pagnell, Northampton, Welford, Lutterworth, Hinckley, Atherstone, Tamworth, Lichfield, Rugeley, Stone, Newcastle under Lyme, Holmes Chapel, Knutsford, Warrington, Liverpool

- Distance 211 miles. Journey time 24 hours
- Depart London 2.00 pm. Liverpool 12.00 noon
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator Benjamin Worthy Horne & Co Numbers 3505, 3560, 3562

### **LONDON – LUTON. ‘THE INDUSTRY’**

London (Saracens head, Friday Street), Barnet, Hatfield, Wheathampstead, Luton

- Distance 33 miles. Journey time 6 hours
- 6 seats inside, 3 outside
- Operator T Finch Number 3523

### **LONDON – LUTON. ‘THE TIMES’**

London (Golden Lion, St John Street), Barnet, St Albans, Luton

- Distance 31 miles. Journey time 4 hours
- 4 seats inside, 8 outside
- Operator A Bryan Numbers 3413

### **LONDON - MANCHESTER. ‘THE BEEHIVE’**

London (Belle Sauvage, Ludgate Hill), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Towcester, Daventry, Coventry, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Stafford, Stone, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Congleton, Macclesfield, Stockport, Manchester

- Distance 196 miles. Journey time 20.50 hours
- Depart London at 8.00pm, Manchester at ?
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator J Clare & Co Numbers 3496, 3497, 3498

### **LONDON - MANCHESTER. ‘THE RED ROVER’**

London (Bull & Mouth, St Martins-le-Grand), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Towcester, Daventry, Coventry, Birmingham, Lichfield, Rugeley, Stafford, Stone, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Congleton, Wilmslow, Manchester

- Distance 187 miles. Journey time 20 hours
- Depart London at 8.30am Manchester at 8.00am
- 4 seats inside, 8 outside
- Operator E Sherman & Co Numbers 3448, 3493

### **LONDON - MANCHESTER. ‘THE ROYAL BRUCE’**

London (Swan with Two Necks, Lad Lane), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Woburn, Newport Pagnell, Northampton, Market Harborough, Leicester, Loughborough, Derby, Ashbourne, Leek, Macclesfield, Stockport, Manchester

- Distance 187 miles. Journey time 22.50 hours
- Depart London at 7.00pm, Manchester at 12.00noon
- 4 seats inside, 8 outside
- Operator William Chaplin & Co Numbers 3472, 3474, 3494

### **LONDON - MANCHESTER. 'THE ROYAL DEFIANCE'**

London (Bull & Mouth, St Martins-le-Grand), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Woburn, Newport Pagnell, Northampton, Market Harborough, Leicester, Loughborough, Derby, Ashbourne, Leek, Macclesfield, Stockport, Manchester

- Distance 187 miles. Journey time 20 hours
- Depart London at 8.30am, Manchester at 8.00am
- 4 seats inside, 8 outside
- Operator William Chaplin & Co Numbers 3467, 3468, 3529

### **LONDON - MANCHESTER. 'THE TELEGRAPH'**

London (Bull & Mouth, St Martins-le-Grand), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Woburn, Newport Pagnell, Northampton, Market Harborough, Leicester, Loughborough, Derby, Ashbourne, Leek, Macclesfield, Stockport, Manchester

- Distance 191 miles. Journey time 18.50 hours
- Depart London at 5.30 am, Manchester at 5.00 am
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator E Sherman & Co Numbers 3451, 3452

### **LONDON - NORTHAMPTON. 'THE NORTHAMPTON'**

London (Bull & Mouth, St Martins-le-Grand), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Woburn, Newport Pagnell, Northampton

- Distance 66 miles. Journey time 7 hours
- Depart London at 12.00 noon, Northampton at 9.30am
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator E Sherman & Co Numbers 3434, 3440

### **LONDON – NOTTINGHAM. 'THE TIMES'**

London (Swam with Two Necks, Lad Lane), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Woburn, Newport Pagnell, Northampton, Market Harborough, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham

- Distance 124 miles. Journey time 14.75 hours
- Depart London at 6.45am, Nottingham at 6.00am
- 4 seats inside, 8 outside
- Operator William Chaplin & Co Numbers 3464, 3465

### **LONDON – POTTERS BAR. NO NAME**

London (Boar & Castle, Oxford Street), Barnet, Potters Bar

- Depart London at 3.00 pm
- 4 seats inside, 5 outside
- Operator J Horsley & Co Numbers 3439

### **LONDON – SHREWSBURY. ‘THE NIMROD’**

London (Bull & Mouth, St Martins-le-Grand), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Towcester, Daventry, Southam, Leamington, Warwick, Solihull, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shifnal, Wellington, Shrewsbury (Talbot Hotel)

- Distance 155 miles. Journey time 16 hours
- Depart London at 6.30am, Shrewsbury at 5.30am
- 4 seats inside, 8 outside
- Operator Benjamin Worthy Horne & Co Numbers 3246, 3247

### **LONDON – SHREWSBURY. ‘THE STAG’**

London (Bull & Mouth, St Martins-le-Grand), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Towcester, Daventry, Coventry, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shifnal, Wellington, Shrewsbury (The Lion)

- Distance 153 miles. Journey time 16 hours
- Depart London at 6.00am, Shrewsbury at 4.45am
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator E Sherman & Co Numbers 3475, 3476

### **LONDON – SHREWSBURY. ‘THE WONDER’**

London (Bull & Mouth, St Martins-le-Grand), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Towcester, Daventry, Coventry, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shifnal, Wellington, Shrewsbury (The Lion)

- Distance 153 miles. Journey time 15.75 hours
- Depart London at 7.00am, Shrewsbury at 5.45am
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator E Sherman & Co Numbers 3428, 3429

### **LONDON – STAMFORD. ‘THE REGENT’**

London (George & Blue Boar, Holborn), Barnet, Hatfield, Stevenage, Baldock, Biggleswade, Eaton Socon, St Neots, Huntingdon, Norman Cross, Stamford

- Distance 87 miles. Journey time 12 hours
- Depart London at 8.00am, Mon, Wed, Fri, Stamford at 7.00am Tue, Thu, Sat
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator Benjamin Worthy Horne & Co Numbers 3550

### **LONDON – UPPINGHAM. NO NAME**

London (George & Blue Boar, Holborn), Barnet, Hatfield, Hitchin, Shefford, Bedford, Rushden, Kettering, Rockingham, Uppingham

- Distance 89 miles. Journey time 11 hours
- Depart London at 8.00am, Tue, Thu, Sat, Uppingham at 8.00am Mon, Wed, Fri
- 4 seats inside, 11 outside
- Operator Benjamin Worthy Horne & Co Numbers 3546

### **LONDON – WELLINGBOROUGH. NO NAME**

London (George & Blue Boar, Holborn), Barnet, St Albans, Dunstable, Woburn, Newport Pagnell, Olney, Wellingborough

- Distance 70 miles. Journey time 9 hours
- Depart London at 8.00am, Mon, Wed, Fri, Wellingborough at 8.00am mon, Wed, Fri
- 4 seats inside, 8 outside
- Operator Benjamin Worthy Horne & Co Numbers 3549

### **LONDON – WELWYN. 'KERSHAW'S COACH'**

London (Three Cups, Aldersgate Street), Barnet, Hatfield, Welwyn,

Distance 25 miles. Journey time 3.50 hours

- Depart London at 7.00am Mon- Fri, Welwyn at 10.00am Tue, Wed, Thus, sat
- 4 seats inside, 8 outside
- Operator J Kershaw Number 3525

### **LONDON – YORK. 'THE ROYAL EXPRESS'**

London (Saracens Head, Snow Hill), Barnet, Hatfield, Stevenage, Baldock, Biggleswade, Eaton Socon, Norman Cross, Stamford, Grantham, Retford, Bawtry, Doncaster, Selby, York

- Distance 200 miles. Journey time 24 hours
- Depart London at 7.30am, York at 9.00am
- 4 seats inside, 5 outside
- Operator S A Mountain & Co Numbers 3533, 3534, 3536, 3527





Whetstone Turnpike ticket c 1761