

TODAY'S JOURNEY SCHEDULE

Location	Arrive	Depart	Actual	Location	Arrive	Depart	Actual
Glasgow Central High Level		12:37		Acton Grange Jct		14:55½	
Eglington Street Jct		12:39½		Weaver Jct Signalbox		14:58½	
Rutherglen East Jct		12:43		Winsford Signalbox		15:02½	
Newton		12:45		Crewe Coal Yard		15:07½	
Uddingston Jct		12:46½		Crewe		15:08	
Motherwell		12:49½		Crewe Basford Hall Jct		15:09	
Law Jct		12:53½		Madeley		15:12½	
Lanark Jct		12:58½		Norton Bridge		15:18	
Carstairs		13:00		Stafford		15:21	
Carstairs South Jct		13:00½		Colwich		15:25½	
Abington		13:08½		Armitage		15:28½	
Beattock Summit		13:14		Lichfield Trent Valley		15:31	
Beattock		13:19½		Tamworth Low Level		15:34½	
Lockerbie		13:26½		Nuneaton		15:41	
Kirkpatrick		13:33		Rugby Trent Valley Jct		15:48½	
Gretna Jct		13:36		Rugby		15:50	
Carlisle		13:42		Hilmorton Jct		15:51½	
Penrith North Lakes		13:54		Weedon		15:58	
Tebay		14:06		Hanslope Jct		16:04½	
Oxenholme Lake District		14:14½		Milton Keynes Central		16:07½	
Carnforth North Jct		14:21½		Bletchley		16:09½	
Morecambe South Jct		14:23½		Ledburn Jct		16:14	
Lancaster		14:24½		Tring		16:16½	
Preston		14:37½		Bourne End Jct		16:19½	
Euxton Jct		14:41½		Watford Junction		16:23½	
Balshaw Lane		14:42½		Harrow & Wealdstone		16:26½	
Wigan North Western		14:47		Wembley Central		16:28½	
Wigan South Jct		14:47½		Willesden West Londn Jct		16:30	
Springs Branch Jct		14:48		Camden Jct		16:33	
Winwick Jct		14:52½		Camden South Jct		16:33½	
Dallam Jct		14:54		London Euston	16:36		
Warrington Bank Quay		14:54½					

PHOTOGRAPHS OF TODAY'S TRAIN

We appreciate that by showing your support and travelling on today's train, you will not have a proper lineside photograph of our Pendolino set on what we hope will be a historic and momentous day.

The Railway Magazine has therefore

asked a number of its regular photographers to be at selected locations along the route to capture the train.

The images will be uploaded to a specialist photographic site, allowing you to view the images on line and order them for delivery to your home.

All photographs ordered will be produced on genuine photographic paper and full details of where to find the photos and how to order them will be mailed to you after the run.

All proceeds from the sale of prints will be donated to Heaven's Angels.



The **RAILWAY**
MAGAZINE



The Virgin Trains / *Railway Magazine* Charity Special

WEST COAST RECORD -BREAKING BID

1Z90 12.37 Glasgow Central to London Euston
Friday, September 22, 2006

Souvenir Programme

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS TRAIN WILL BE DONATED TO THE VIRGIN CHARITY HEAVEN'S ANGELS



Charles

CHARLES BELCHER
Managing Director,
VT West Coast

Welcome on board this very special train for Virgin Trains. I know all of you are as passionate about railways as myself and everyone at Virgin Trains and there has been a real air of excitement around the business over the last month or so.

It's not just the anticipation of a new Glasgow to London speed record, but also the realisation that through your generosity we have already raised over £30,000 for the Heaven's Angels campaign. I'm sure that we can also encourage you to part with even more of your cash during our (very quick) journey to London!

We are attempting a speed record, so the driving techniques will be slightly different to those normally used. Driving techniques are normally based on passenger comfort, but for this trip they will be based on achieving a record journey time.

All of the Virgin Trains people working the train today have

volunteered to do so and, like myself and all of you, the Virgin Trains managers on board have all bought tickets. We will be walking through the train during the journey – feel free to stop us and have a chat.

On arrival in London, could I ask you to remain seated. We intend to confirm our journey time and average speed to you before we release the train doors.

I would also like to publicly thank all of the editorial, marketing, publishing and PR staff at *The Railway Magazine*, who have offered their services, without charge, to promote the train, have handled all the ticket sales (and have all bought their tickets too!)

Special thanks also go to our colleagues at Network Rail, Alstom and many of the passenger and freight train companies without whose support today would not have been possible.

Finally, relax, Love Every Second of the journey and remember you are all part of history in the making.



Nick

NICK PIGOTT
Editor,
The Railway Magazine

Congratulations on being one of the privileged passengers aboard this most special of trains!

You are about to make railway history by participating in a bold attempt to rewrite the record books – and in welcoming you aboard this newly-named Pendolino *Heaven's Angels*, I'd like to thank you for the generous donation your ticket purchase has made to the charity of that name.

Although I have been fortunate in my job as *Railway Magazine* editor to ride trains in many parts of the world, I can think of no journey that has filled me with quite so much excitement, anticipation and 'raw nervous tension' as this one.

For me, it is the element of the unexpected that makes today's adventure so different – the nail-biting fact that nothing at all must go wrong at any point in our 401-mile journey.

Attempting to enter uncharted territory in this manner will keep me on the edge of my seat and I won't be able to fully relax until we draw to a halt at Euston and timekeeper John Heaton announces that we've become record-breakers!

Mind you, I don't expect to have a lot of time to sit on the edge of my seat as I'll be busy helping steward

the train, selling raffle tickets, assisting with the on-board auction and meeting you, our readers. Many of you, I know, will want to be glued to the windows for the entire journey – stopwatch in hand and fingers firmly crossed! – but if you do want to chat or ask questions, please don't hesitate. If I can't answer them, I'm sure there'll be somebody on the train who can.

I'd like to thank Virgin Trains and its staff for making this bid for the record and for providing their services on today's train free of charge, Network Rail for promising to do all they can to make the record attempt possible, our readers for responding so marvellously to the challenge and VT's head of campaigns, Steven Knight, for having the vision to choose *The Railway Magazine* as Virgin's partner in this project.

Finally, don't forget that in the unlikely event that today's bid does go 'pear-shaped', we are still all winners – for we have raised a magnificent £30,000-plus to enable Heaven's Angels to save an incredible 120,000 lives a year, so any disappointment we suffer today will pale into insignificance compared with that.

So sit back, enjoy the scenery, enjoy the ride, enjoy Virgin's hospitality – and most of all, think positively! We CAN do it!

SEALED BID AUCTION AND ON-TRAIN RAFFLE

In addition to the three high-value prizes offered by Virgin Trains through sealed bids (a cab ride on today's train, a *Red Revolution* nameplate, a Philip Hawkins print signed by the artist and Sir Richard Branson) – for which your envelopes will be collected soon after leaving Glasgow – there will also be an on-train raffle, with a number of outstanding prizes donated by our supporters and industry colleagues. Money simply cannot buy some of these prizes and we believe this is probably the best on-train raffle ever staged!

Stewards will pass through each carriage selling raffle tickets, and all proceeds will be added to the total already raised for Heaven's Angels. **Raffle tickets cost just £1 each, or £5 for a strip of five.** The chances of winning are almost 1-in-12, so the more tickets you buy the better your odds. To ensure winners can collect their prizes or letters of authorisation before arriving in London, the raffle will be drawn as we pass Lichfield and the winning tickets announced over the PA. Prizes – to be collected from Coach C – include:

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| 1. A Standard Class Pass for holder and guest valid for 12 months on Virgin Trains West Coast and CrossCountry services | 7. A VIP family visit to the Statfold Barn Railway, Tamworth, with cab ride, guided tour and T-shirts. | 14. A two-year subscription to <i>The Railway Magazine</i> (post-dated if necessary) |
| 2. Family ticket for up to four between any two destinations served by Virgin Trains | 8. Footplate ride on Mid-Hants Railway | 15. One-year subscription to <i>The Railway Magazine</i> (post-dated if necessary) |
| 3. A pair of first class tickets between any two Midland Mainline destinations | 9. A cab ride with Silverlink Trains | 16. Bachmann model of a five-car Class 221 'Voyager' |
| 4. Two first class tickets for the steam-hauled 'Jacobite' (Fort William to Mallaig) for 2006/07 | 10. Bachmann Class 220 'Virgin Voyager' train set and controller | 17. A <i>Railway Magazine</i> -branded mug |
| 5. A Footplate 'Taster' day on the North Yorks Moors line plus four seats for Sunday lunch | 11. Choice of three books from the Ian Allan publishing catalogue | 18. Three railway DVDs |
| 6. A VIP day out with Gatwick Express, including a visit to Stewart's Lane depot | 12. Bachmann Class 57/3 Virgin 'Thunderbird' model of No. 57301 | 19. And, last but not least, <i>another</i> Standard Class Pass for all Virgin services (the same as Prize No. 1) |
| | 13. A three-year subscription to <i>The Railway Magazine</i> (post-dated for existing subscribers) | PLUS: 15 prizes of items of Virgin-branded merchandise and some special items from railway artist Professor Dugald Cameron |

Our grateful thanks go to the Statfold Barn Railway, Bachmann Models, the Ian Allan Group, West Coast Railway Company, Mid Hants Railway, Virgin Trains, IPC Media, Midland Mainline, Gatwick Express, Silverlink Trains and North Yorkshire Moors Railway for the provision of the prizes.

PREVIOUS SPEED RECORDS

Verified record runs and speeds between London Euston and Glasgow Central (or v.v)

- 8hr 22min 10000/10001, northbound, June 1, 1949 (the most recent non-stop run!)
- 5hr 44 min No. 6201 *Princess Elizabeth*, southbound, November 17, 1936
- 4hr 24 min Fastest timetabled Virgin Pendolino service in 2006
- 4hr 15 min Projected Pendolino scheduled timing from 2009
- 4hr 14 min Advanced Passenger Train (APT-P), southbound, December 7, 1981
- 3hr 52min 45sec . . Fastest ever validated journey between Euston and Glasgow. APT-P, northbound, Dec 12, 1984. The train contained no fare-paying passengers.



The last non-stop run between London and Glasgow . . . on June 1, 1949! LMS-designed diesel-electrics Nos. 10000 and 10001 with the 'Royal Scot' near Shap Fell. (The APT non-stop bid of December 1984 was thwarted by signals at Stafford.) J. HARDMAN



Heaven's Angels, the chosen charity of Virgin Trains for 2006, provides specially-adapted motorbikes used by health workers to deliver vital medical aid to remote areas of Africa.

These areas feature small villages, sometimes hundreds of miles from the nearest passable road, and the motorbikes are used to take health workers where cars and 4x4s are unable to go.

Each motorbike and health worker costs £5,000 and has the potential to save 20,000 lives a year – meaning that the £30,000-plus we have all raised between us as a result of today's train will save around 120,000 lives over the course of the next year alone.

At the moment, some 16,000 people die in the sub-Saharan region each day from preventable diseases such as TB, Malaria, HIV and Aids, and the Virgin Group is aiming to save two million lives by raising £500,000 through the Virgin Unite charity, of which Heaven's Angels is a part.

The Railway Magazine and Virgin Trains thanks each of you for your generosity.