

## SEARCH ENGINE Resource Pack

# Football

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This guide provides information, documents and objects relating to football and the railways.

### Overview

The growing railway network allowed amateur football to develop and teams to play further afield. Supporter numbers were so huge that the railway companies put on special trains. Many of the largest football clubs deliberately built their grounds next to railway lines and stations.

Many of the railway companies encouraged the formation of football teams as a way of keeping the workforce healthy and disciplined.

British individuals were key to establishing football clubs with railway links as far afield as South America and India. Several teams started by railway companies grew to become highly successful professional teams. The hooliganism of the 1970s and 1980s led to the Football Special being phased out. However, the link is being revived with new football specials and improved transport links to football and other sporting arenas.

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## Sounds

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Station master during time of special football trains. Railway work 1939-1982. Woking; Ipswich; Liverpool St; Tinsley Yard; London North Eastern Railway (LNER)
- Tyrer, Frank Henry **NAROH2000-43**  
Worked as part of the train crew and talks about the railway football team. Railway work 1936-1986 at Liverpool Lime Street; Edge Hill. Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway

- Kirton, Peter **NAROH2000-76**  
Worked as a trains inspector during the Football Specials. Railway work 1951-1993, Normanton; Wakefield; Woodlesford; Clifton; York; Kings Cross.
- Wrottesley, David **NAROH2001-65**  
Worked as a timetables manager and was involved in planning the Football Specials. Railway work 1958-1998, Norwich; Sheffield; Leeds; York.

## Photographs

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2857	1657	Doncaster Rovers		348, 364 (2)	DON 39/122, LNER 44, LNER 43
2858	1658	Newcastle United	The Essex Regiment (6/1936)		
2859	1659	Norwich City	East Anglian (9/1937)	348	DON 37/134
2860	1660	Hull City		364	LNER 45
2861	1661	Sheffield Wednesday		364	LNER 46

2862	1662	Manchester United		348	DAR 521
2863	1663	Everton			
2864	1664	Liverpool			
2865	1665	Leicester City			
2866	1666	Nottingham Forest			
2867	1667	Bradford			
2868	1668	Bradford City			
2869	1669	Barnsley		348, 364	England, LNER 47
2870	1670	Manchester City	City of London (9/1937)	348, 364	DON 37/138, LNER 48
2870		Tottenham Hotspur			DAR 846
2871	1671	Manchester City			
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## Archive documents

- British Railways Board leaflet "World Cup 1966 Rail Travel Information" giving times of matches, train and London Underground information, route maps, etc. in English, German, French, and Spanish. 19pp. Object no. **2005-7491**

## Posters and handbills

- NER Handbills showing Special Train notices from the Forsythe Collection. Access available through Search Engine, please contact: [search.engine@railwaymuseum.org.uk](mailto:search.engine@railwaymuseum.org.uk)

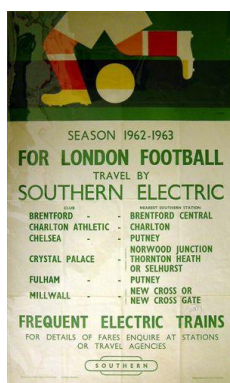




Poster, British Rail (Southern) poster,(Football at Selhurst Park), Top Half - Yellow with black sketch of footballer in flying header, Bottom half - black with yellow printing, Text - Title and "Save yourself time. Buy a 5/2 Return Ticket to Selhurst or Norwood Junction, Pre 1971.



Timetable & fares. League Football match: Sheffield United V Manchester City. Great Central Railway. 1903  
Object no. **1998-11566**



Poster, British Railways (Southern Region), 'Season 1962-1963 For London Football Travel by Southern Electric' by Tom Eckersley, 1962. Header with footballer's legs and football, timetable below with details of the nearest stations to football clubs Brentford, Charlton Athletic, Chelsea, Crystal Palace, Fulham and Millwall; main text reads: 'Frequent Electric Trains.' Object no. **1978-11198**



Poster, London & North Western Railway, Football Association Cup Final, 29 April 1922 Excursions to London, red text with football and FA Cup on white background, printed by Thos Cook & Son, Ludgate Circus, London, EC4. Format: double royal. Dimensions: 40 x 25 inches, 1016 x 635mm.