December 2008 Timetable

Whooooooooooosh!



New Timetable

- A commercially driven timetable
- Timetable being developed with the DfT & NR
- 217 trains a day now, Dec 08, 329 (SO 280, SU 246*)
- Increases train mileage substantially



New Timetable

- Services greatly accelerated
- 3 trains an hour to Manchester
- 3 trains an hour to Birmingham
- Hourly service to Chester
- 5 Through services to Holyhead
- 2 Services to Bangor
- Hourly service to Glasgow*
- Transfer of Birmingham Scotland services to VWC*

New Timetable

- No more diesel hauling of 390's to Holyhead sx* (weekend will require 57+390 operation)
- Better peak Liverpool services
- Hourly service via Wilmslow
- A Wrexham service a possibility



Network Rail

- Entire West Coast Maintenance regime under review (SSSG - now EEA, more on this later)
- Period blocks for diversions (uses 221 operation)
- May be able to cease 390 hauling in a number of circumstances

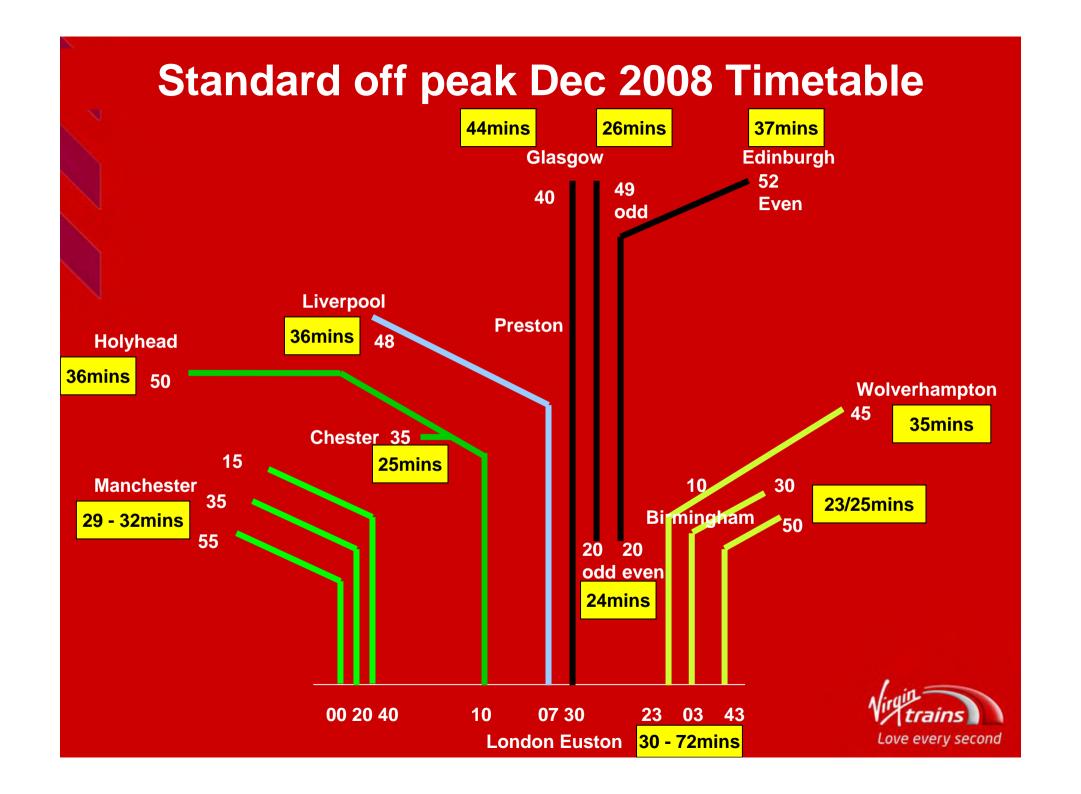


Even Quicker!

Journey time acceleration December 2008

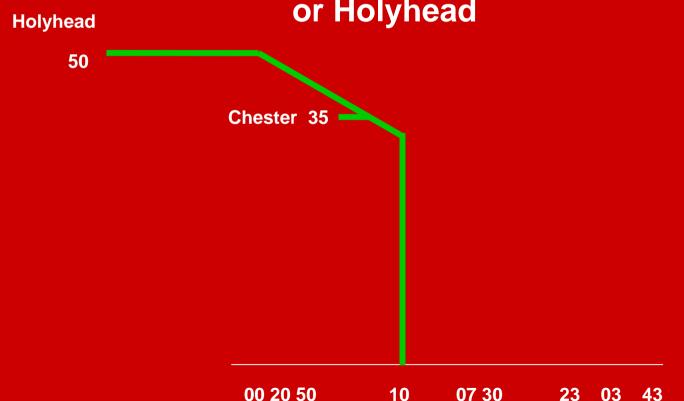
London to:	27/09/04	Flagship	14/12/08	Flagship
Birmingham NS	1hr 30	1hr 22	1hr 24	1hr 16
Manchester	2hr 20	2hr 06	2hr 05	2hr 03
Liverpool	2hr 30	2hr 20	2hr 05	2hr 04
Glasgow	5hr 20	4hr 39	4hr 30	4hr 08
Chester	2hr 14		2hr 00	2hr 00
Holyhead	3hr 52*		3hr 42	





Chester calling pattern





London Euston
Viruins
Love every second

Back to EEA / SSG

- There is still a large amount of outstanding work to be done on the WCML, post Dec 2008
- This will require us to still use diversionary routes, especially on Sundays, north of Crewe
- A study has been undertaken to use the Voyager fleet to provide through services at decent frequencies, akin to the SX TT



Back to EEA / SSG

- The basic plan is to deploy the Voyager fleet on diversionary routes that are not electrified and would otherwise require 57 + 390 operation
- This will have an affect on the Holyhead /
 Chester service at weekends, these would
 have to revert back to 57+390 operation (HHD)



What questions do you have



