

## **Stratford DMU formations 1984**

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The Stratford DMU fleet although having fixed formations on paper were always swapped around from day to day to meet service demands, the period from 1977 until the end of DMU's at Stratford in 1986 was always very fluid and produced some very unusual formations at times, especially 1978 onward.

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

53359/54122

53366/54420

Both on Woolwich - Camden Road service

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Reading units on Stratford DRS

117 L411 51346/59498/51388

119 L578 51064/59423/51092

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Reading units on Stratford DRS

117 L422 51360/59512/51402

117 part of L424 51362 (single vehicle)

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

53360/54423 & 53897/53844 (power twin) 4 car

53865/59353/53921

Both on Southminster branch

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

53867/59372/53920

53365/56xxx & 53865/59353/53921 (5 car)

Both on Stratford depot

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

53369/54133 on overnight engineering replacement on Southend Victoria line.  
Attach to 53361/54416 at Southend Victoria for return

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Norwich 105 unit 51289/54136 route conduct Norwich driver Stratford station to Stratford DRS

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Reading units on Stratford DRS

Part of 117 L417 51354 with 121 L287 54287. DT is now preserved by Pressed Steel Heritage based on Colne Valley Railway but on hire to Epping & Ongar Railway

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Class 31 31186 light engine to Stratford Low Level and assist failed 53367/54421 to Stratford depot

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March

53867/59372/53920 ECS to Wickford and change over with 53844/59335/53897 on Southminster branch, ECS back to Stratford depot with defective unit

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March

53369/54133

53366/54449

Both on Woolwich Camden Road service

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

53362/54420 on Woolwich - Camden Road service

Reading 121 L284 54284 on Stratford DRS

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

53365/54133 on Woolwich - Camden Road service

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

53362/54133 on overnight engineering replacement on Southend Victoria line

Change units at Southend Victoria and return with 53360/54143 & 53366/54455

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

53366/54455

53369/54122

53845/59375/53898

All on Stratford depot

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Reading 117 unit L418 51355/59507/51397 on Stratford DRS

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Work 53845/59375/53898 off Southminster branch from Wickford to Stratford depot for repairs

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Turn single vehicle 53898 Stratford depot to Stratford depot via Stratford station and Channelsea to Temple Mill East

Make up 116 53853 with 105 54122 as a unit

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July

Whilst acting running foreman 53921 derailed one bogie at Temple Mills East coming onto Stratford depot ECS from Wickford off Southminster branch, driver failed to check hand points, other vehicles of unit detached to clear running lines.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August

Reading 117 unit L401 51333/59485/51375 on Stratford DRS

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Reading 117 51343/59485/51385 (power cars from set L408 and centre car from set L401 on Stratford DRS. Note centre car was on DRS 1<sup>st</sup> August in set L401

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Norwich 101 part of NR95 53182/59095 & part of NR94 53183 on Stratford DRS

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Reading units on Stratford DRS

117 L410 51345/59497/51387

119/120 L571 51052/59292/51080

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Reading 119 L573 51055/59417/51083 on Stratford DRS

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October

53867/59372/53920 & 53844/59335/53921(6 car) on Stratford depot

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Reading 119 51054 (L572) & 59415/51084 (L574) on Stratford DRS

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Reading 117 L404 51337/59489/51379 on Stratford DRS

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Reading 117 L403 51336/59488/51378 & 51404 part of L424

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Reading 119 L575 51060/59419/51088