

Elstree & Borehamwood RAILWAY TIMELINE



DATE	EVENT
1857	Midland Railway - Leicester to Hitchin Line was opened (Congestion and freight from GNR made sharing its line south of Hitchin untenable - a new line extension was sought.
22 June 1863	Midland Railways 'Extension To London Act' given 'Royal Assent'
1864	Line leaves main route at St. Paul's Road and proceeds in tunnel to junction west of Kings Cross Midland Railways ' St. Pancras Act' (later known as City Branch).
9th Sept. 1867	Goods traffic started using line to St. Pancras Goods Station
13th July 1868	Passenger Services commenced on new extension - to Moorgate St. until St. Pancras opened. 1st non- stop to St. Albans
1st October 1868	St. Pancras Mainline Station opens.
1875	Midland Railway dispense with third class altogether.
1883	Trains regular enough to show signs of 'commuter' services.
1889	Tracks widened to allow freight and passenger trains.

1894	Photographer J.B.B. Wellington and H.H. Ward established a photographic paper business.
23rd June 1895	Elstree Tunnel opens completing the 'quadrupling of the track' in the area.
1896	Charles C. Braithwaite's Engine Works was opened in Drayton Road.
1913	4 trains arrived in St. Pancras before 9am. No frequent suburban service though due to heavy occupation by mineral freight.
1914	The first film studios, Neptune Film Company, opened in Clarendon Road.
1916	Demolition of the chimney stack at Elstree Brick Works.
1922	Last year of 'Midland Railway' St. Albans train takes 55 mins into London.
1948	Railway network nationalised creating British Railways (BR).
1959	Last year of STEAM working. Trains just 8 mins quicker.
Jan-60	DMUs (Diesel Multiple Units) introduced (Class 127) Overhaul of timetable
1976	Parliament decides to electrify the St. Albans line.
1982	Lines electrified (Awaited dispute over 'driver only operation. Diesel soldiers on).
1983	Fully electric line with Class 317 EMUs (Driver Only Operation) Now 'Kings Cross Thameslink Station'. Elstree has 4 trains an hour.
Jun-86	Route becomes part of 'Network South East'
1994	Infrastructure given to Railtrack and services to Train Operators (Thameslink) with long distance to

2006
14th Sept. 2014
2014

Midland Mainline.
The franchise was taken over by First Capital Connect.
Govia Thameslink Railway takes over operation.
New lifts and connecting footbridge installed.