

Destination Glasgow

Glasgow Central-Central to Glasgow

The Caledonian Railway Company opened Glasgow Central Station on 1st August 1879. The station was not only the terminus for West Coast Main Line (WCML)



services from the south but also an important local transport hub. The original station became extremely busy and soon outgrew its buildings; accordingly it was rebuilt in 1904. On 1st July 1923 the Caledonian Railway was 'grouped' into the London Midland & Scottish Railway (LMS).

Caledonian Railway 4-6-0 No 917 at Central with a Gourock train circa 1910.

On November 16/17 1936 LMS Princess Coronation locomotive No 6201 Princess Elizabeth completed record runs between Euston and Central. In July 1937 the LMS introduced its famous streamlined Coronation Scot trains between London and Glasgow. The station came under the control of British Railways on 1st January 1948. The first diesel hauled Royal Scot train arrived at Glasgow Central in June 1949 (locos 10000 and 10001 double headed) and the last scheduled steam hauled service left the station on 26th April 1967. On 6th May 1974 the electrification of the WCML between London Euston and Glasgow Central north of Crewe was inaugurated.

The LNER, and later BR worked Peppercorn A1 Pacific locomotives on services to and from Scotland. Doncaster built loco No 60161 North British is pictured outside Haymarket locomotive depot in this 1960s image. This loco entered service in December 1949 and was scrapped in February 1964.



The book **GLASGOW CENTRAL CENTRAL TO GLASGOW** compiled by Dugald Cameron published by Strathwood Ltd chronicles the history of the famous station, and is in aid of The Railway Children charity. info@strathwood.com

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