

SEARCH ENGINE Resource Pack

Moveable Feast

This guide details documents and objects relating to the history of railway catering. These resources are currently available through Search Engine. Our list of resources is growing, please fill in a comment form with comments or recommendations.

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More titles and information available on our library catalogue:

www.railwaymuseum.org.uk/librarycatalogue

Sounds

Oral history recordings:

Myra Tuddenham **NAROH2001-100**

Waitress, manageress, railway station restaurants, railway hotel restaurant; railway catering train crew, senior stewardess, acting bursar; Miss Rail Catering (ER); uniforms; superannuation; privatisation; GNER; d.o.b. 1939, railway work: -1973, Newcastle; King's Cross; Leeds; York

Stanley Glenton **NAROH2001-177**

Station catering; refreshment room clerk; restaurants; cafeterias; nationalisation; work conditions; on-train catering; licensed premises; cigarettes; newspapers; ethnic minority staff; female staff; legal requirements; district manager; administration manager; staff allowances; management experiences; staff discipline; fast food outlets; complaints; railway work 1940-1987

Marjorie Cawthray (nee Stead) **NAROH2002-66**

Railway station catering; Selby station tea room, waitress, cleaner; duties; children's holiday trains; conditions, working hours; travel to work; Selby station, living in; Second World War; d.o.b. 1910-11-01, railway work: c. 1930-1945 (?)

Photographs

LNER Carriages: Buffet Cars; Restaurant Cars; Sleeping Cars. Photo reference binder no. **370**

Further images can be viewed and purchased on www.ssplprints.com.

Engineering Drawings

Buffet and restaurant carriage drawings are listed online under the relevant carriages and wagons list for the railway works or company.

<https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk/research-and-archive/research-help/catalogues>

Copies of these drawings can be ordered in Search Engine or online:

<https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk/research-and-archive/research-help/copying-and-copyright>

Archive Material

For a list of menus, leaflets and miscellaneous documents relating to railway catering please see the Hotels & Catering list on our website here:

<https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk/sites/default/files/2018-03/Hotels%20and%20Catering%20Collection%20List.pdf>



Menu folder, London Midland & Scottish Railway, LMS Restaurant Car, Third Class, Breakfast and Luncheon menus, 12 July 1935. Cover illustration of a carved mural decoration by Eric Gill of a scene from Homer's Odyssey depicting Odysseus being welcomed from the sea by Nausicaa.

1997-7413



Menu folder. London Midland & Scottish Railway. LMS Restaurant Car. Third Class. Luncheon menu. 9 June 1939. 4pp. With very stylised 'Art Deco' impression of streamlining on the cover.

1997-7419



Menu, London Midland & **2008-8291**
Scottish Railway, blank,
'The Coronation Scot'.



Menu, card, Irish Mail, **2008-7762**
London Midland
Scottish Railway,
Luncheon 3/6, with
picture of a ship at sea
with a lighthouse in the
background on the front
cover.



The Royal Scot menu by **2008-7772**
London Midland &
Scottish Railway hotels
for luncheon 3/6. With
map on the reverse.
Front has the outline of
a man in a kilt. Euston,
Glasgow and Edinburgh.



London & North Eastern **2004-8160**
Railway menu card from
"The Coronation - The
First Streamline Train
King's Cross for
Scotland", 9 March
1939. Back cover
features an illustration
of streamlined A4
Pacific no. 4489
"Dominion of Canada."



Menu, card, Food & Drink - First Class Menu, Grand Central A5 menu with route map and artwork featuring Grand Central train and King's Cross station. Menu on reverse also describes the at-seat complimentary offer in 1st class.

2012-7205

Objects

Below is a selection of objects we have in the collection related to railway catering.



Luncheon basket, Glasgow & South Western Railway

1990-7654



Table fork, silver plated, by Elkington & Co, Midland Railway, plain, marked "Midland Restaurant Cars" with a Wyvern

1993-7932



Hot water jug, 2 pint, silver plated, Great Eastern Railway - Dining Cars, made by Elkington & Co, Birmingham, 1904; curved shape, "GER DC" in script letters surmounted by dragon's wing

1975-8216



Toast rack, silver plated, Great Eastern Railway - Dining Car, made by Elkington & Co, Birmingham, 1910 (possibly 1884); oval, seven bars, "GER" surmounted by dragon's wing engraved on

1976-9211

handle.



Pepper pot, silver plated, Great Western Railway - Restaurant Cars, made by George Butler & Co, Sheffield; curved sides, foot, screw on lid, garter on side "GWR RESTAURANT CARS"

1975-8157



Coaster used by British Rail catering. Circular tissue paper drinks mat with British Rail double arrow logo around the edge, with a central motif for Harp Lagers printed in red.

2004-7925



Litter bin, British Railways. "Tidy Egg", yellow plastic egg-shaped litter bin marked "Travellers Fare" from BR Buffet Car

1988-7107



Beefburger package, polystyrene, Great North Eastern Railway, labelled 'GNER Pure Beef Cheeseburger', 'Packaging for the last microwaved burger served on Great North Eastern Railway, 31 May 1999

1999-7906



Railway uniform jacket, **1977-5260**
London & North Eastern
Railway, Restaurant Car
Conductor.