

Tuesday 7 June

RAILWAY 40

Derby		0705
Leicester	0730	0750
Birmingham New Street	0845	0849
Derby	0932	

£21.90 day return Derby to Coleshill Parkway

Hannah was travelling up to London on the 0705 for a protest march against the Met Police, so the Patriarchy had to give her a lift to the station. I travelled south with her to Leicester, then did the line across through to Brum - surprisingly rural. I had been to Coleshill Parkway when lines were shut and I had a bus from Brum, so now I have done the lot. A very quick change and back to Derby. I thought I had a school assembly at 1015, but it turned out to be an inset day and I hadn't been told. Some people could not organize a piss up in a brewery.



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RAILWAY 41

Derby		1710
Birmingham New Street	1755	1815
Redditch	1854	1902
Birmingham New Street	1942	2012
via Soho S to E, Perry Barr W to N		
Rugeley Trent Valley	2106	2114
Tamworth	2127	2129
Derby	2150	

£21.90 day return Derby to Redditch
 £2.60 evening return BNS to Rugeley
 £6.40 single Rugeley to Tamworth



The Patriarchy collected Hannah, then decided to leave them to it and have an evening out. A day return to Redditch is not much more expensive than a trip to BNS, so we'll start with that branch. Easy journey south, too long at the diesel-filled hole that is New Street, and south to Redditch. A nice run south beside the canal, then into open country. We last came to Redditch to see Lucy Worsley, this time I went no further than the platform - it sums Redditch up that the undertakers advertise on the information board.





Back into Brum and I let the first Rugeley train depart in order to have a pasty for supper. There is an excellent £2.60 evening return ticket available in the West Midlands so I got one of those. We curved round via Soho South to East junctions, and Perry Barr West to North - a game of cricket being played in the V of the triangle. Some freight in Bescot Yard, then nice countryside as you head north. There was a train south to Tamworth, so I was a good boy and purchased a ticket - it was quicker to come home this way, assuming I made a 2 minute connection, I did. I had enjoyed myself tweeting the journey, and caught up with some reading. A good jaunt. They were watching rubbish when I got home, so I went to bed.

