

Great Western Railway marks Platinum Jubilee with special addition to Queen Elizabeth II train

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Great Western Railway (GWR) has marked Her Majesty's 70 years on the throne by including the official Platinum Jubilee Emblem on its Queen Elizabeth II train.

The emblem sits proudly on the side of Intercity Express Train 800003, joining the original design displaying Her Majesty's name.

800003 was named by Her Majesty on 13 June 2017 as she marked 175 years since Queen Victoria made the first rail journey by a monarch in 1842. The design now includes the striking silver and purple crown emblem, marking yet another historic Royal milestone.

GWR Head of External Communications, Dan Panes, said: "We were delighted to name 800003 after Her Majesty back in June 2017 and we know it is one of our most popular Intercity Express Trains on the network.

“Adding the special Platinum Jubilee emblem is a fitting tribute and the perfect way for Great Western Railway to celebrate Her Majesty’s 70 years on the throne.”

If you’re out and about on the network tomorrow (Thursday), look out for 800003 on the following services: 04.54 Cheltenham-London Paddington; 12.18 London Paddington-Cardiff Central; 14.54 Cardiff Central-London Paddington; and 17.18 London Paddington-Swansea.

800003 was the first of the new GWR Hitachi IETs to be named, with more than 50 Great Westerners since being recognised.

Alan Turing OBE became the most recent of **GWR’s** celebrated heroes last week. His name, as well as the updated Trainbow flag design, was added to 800008 to mark the delayed VE75 commemorations as well as Pride Month in June.

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