

## Mikes 1980 Rail Sounds Audio CD's

The recordings are designed to be played in conjunction with model railway operations to add a real sound dimension, most of the action is left for the listener to interpret. However below is a guide to contents. Track times are approximate:

Recorded 09/04/1980 disc 1 and part of disc 2. Locations, Havant, Fratton, Fareham, Eastleigh (main focus)

Reading sounds on disc 2 recorded on a dull wet 31<sup>st</sup> May 1980.

Disc 1:

Starts off with early morning bird song on our walk to the station.

In the distance a 400 class EMU accelerates away.

The ringing warning bell announces Fratton station on the Portsmouth Line.

You changed here for Eastleigh, Southampton and the Western Region.

3H DEMUs throb out of the station as the announcer does his best to be heard!

Another 3H pulls away from Fareham and now we are at Eastleigh.

A class 33 is approaching on a long freight.

We take up position on the northern end of the down island platforms.

More 33 hauled freight arrives in a constant stream and makes its way to the Town Yard to be shunted by one of three 08's on duty that day.

5.50 we hear the first 08 making its way to work.

8.08 A 4 REP with 8TC storms past heading to Southampton.

8.50 a 33 brings a very noisy rake of ballast wagons past.

10.00 a 47 blasts through with a long train.

13.00 one of the 08s is busy with a rake of wagons as another class 33 powers away with freight.

16.09 A long rake of wagons has been drawn into the station and is being propelled back into the yard!

Buffers clang and wheels complain as the 08 breaks the train up with some fly shunting.

18.00 the wind is up and we hear a Waterloo train being announced. Overhead a prop driven plane heads for the nearby airport and at 18.23 a class 33 lets the yard shunter know it's ready to go.

19.01 a 47 arrives on a Freight Liner train.

21.25 another REP/TC combination sounds its horns.

23.25 the 08 sounds its whistle and sets about fly shunting another rake of wagons into the sidings; you get a good chance to hear the 350hp engine working hard and its loco air brake in use!

Much time is given over to shunting in the yard!

27.12 A class 73 Electro Diesel working on its diesel engine blasts its horn on seeing my microphone, at the same time a class 47 pulls a long stone train through the yard on its way to Botley. (very loud)

31.42 Class 33 horns.

32.34 Under the station canopy drivers change over on a class 33 loco, then we are treated to a full on horn blasting as the loco heads down the line towards Southampton.

39.00 In the background a 33 and 47 idles while another 33 draws a long train of van fits slowly past us.

41.20 A 3D DEMU toots its horn and heads back towards Fareham.

43.14 yet another 33 sets off on its journey.

49.00 Shunting continues and in the distance a two tone emergency vehicle can be heard yet another thing long in the past!

52.14 The 08 driver sounds a greeting.

59.44 the vocal class 73 has returned and seems determined to feature in my recordings as you will hear!  
1.08.52 **A classic railway** moment now! My friend had spotted a class 33 on the horizon so the tape was left running, this produced a double headed class 33 at good speed on a special passenger train heading towards Southampton. Just listen to the fine warning horn as it speeds past us!  
We end this disc with another class 33 and further shunting duties plus a DEMU and station announcements.

Disc 2.

Still at Eastleigh the freight continues to arrive depart.

0.49 The vocal 73 has now been given a train and still on its diesel engine it heads off.  
2.28 The class 08 is still whistling while it works.  
3.08 Another class 73 on diesel arrives.  
7.05 The 73's distinctive compressors can be heard.  
8.09 A 47 has arrived.  
9.41 The Liverpool races through.  
12.00 The 08's are still hard at it, buffers clang as they press on with the endless stream of wagons arriving.  
15.35 Another EMU set speeds past.  
16.30 A surprise visit by a class 46 hauling a long rake of hoppers.  
20.50 After some discussion the fly shunting continues.  
26.20 The 08 gives us a good whistle.  
46.15 The announcer gives directions to our next destination!  
46.51 Now at Basingstoke where a Exeter train is due.  
48.10 The doors close and the train hauled by a 47 heads away.  
49.02 Reading and a HST steams past followed by a class 50.

We are positioned at the Western End of the Down platforms.

52.00 A mechanical DMU pulls out heading for Newbury.  
52.50 HST heading for the west country.  
53.25 Atmospheric announcements and then a class 33 passes on freight.  
55.10 A 33 springs into life as another train arrives on a up service.  
56.16 A mechanical DMU leaves sounding a tentative horn.  
56.44 In the distance a HST sounds a warning then rushes past.  
57.27 now ready to go the 33 we heard start up draws its train through the station.  
58.00 A class 47 light loco.  
59.00 Mrs Boadic, come on down!  
59.40 The announcer is drowned out by a 47 passing by.  
1.00 A 33 powers past.  
1.01.20 A 47 sounds a short horn then powers away towards the west.  
1.02.00 The Penzance train is announced while a 3H DEMU idles in the background. 1.03.0 it pulls away.  
1.03.45 Class 47 sounds its horn and pulls away.  
1.04.37 A jet passes overhead as the announcer continues her busy day, another freight arrives.  
1.05.53 An HST powers towards us (watch your speakers)  
1.07.00 A very nice example of a well tuned class 47 horn.  
1.07.46 A class 50 passes by.  
1.08.30 A class 33 heads towards us with a long train of vans.  
1.10.27 A very vocal class 50 attempts to blow us away **J**  
1.11.37 HST sounds its horn and draws past.  
1.12.25 A 3H DEMU heads away for Portsmouth and sounds a short horn.

1.12.51 The 16:20 to Birmingham New Street is announced.

1.13.56 A class 31 mixed with a DMU pulls away.

Announcements and atmospheric sounds then we arrive back at Eastleigh to end this disc.

Now the technical bit.

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Recordings were made on a Sony mono cassette recorder using Winfield Alpha Plus C60 cassettes (69p from Woolworths)

And were transferred to WAV files and extensively edited, smoothed and cleaned to produce the best possible sounds for your CD.

The CD tracks are joint mono.

You should not over enhance the base response of your system to gain the best reproduction.

A new project covering Bristol in 1987 in stereo is under way, watch my web site for details.

I hope you enjoy these recordings as much as I do.

Mike March 2006.



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