

D-TRAIN IN SERVICE

The first passenger workings on the Marston Vale Line between Bletchley and Bedford by a converted two-car unit of D Stock took place on Tuesday 23 April 2019, using unit 230.004. A full list of known conversions, present and future, will be found on page 332 of this issue.



Above: Unit 230.004 at Bletchley on the first day of passenger service.

Below: Side view of part of one of the driving motor cars. The rainstrips on the roof indicate where single leaf doors used to be – just two single doors at the car ends are provided, with a roomy interior centre section.

Both photos: Michael Brough on 23 April 2019





Above: Various views of the first D-Train in service (Above, Left, at Apsley Guise) . Note the mix of longitudinal and transverse high seat backs, the brickworks mural on the toilet cabinet, synonymous with the area it serves, and door push buttons reinstated. Passenger comments are reported to be more than favourable, even though the D-Trains are older than the class 150s they replace!

Photos: John Parkin (Above, Left and 'car cards') 24 April, others Bradley Phillips on 23 April