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LAST HUNSTANTON TRAIN DRAWS THE CROWDS

AT 10.29 p.m. ON SATURDAY 107 years of service on the Lynn-Hunstanton railway line came to an end when the last train pulled in to Lynn station to a welcome of cheers, waving handkerchiefs and popping flash bulbs.

The welcome came from a large crowd of well-wishers who had gathered on Platform Four to mark the line's closure.

THE LAST TRAIN TO LEAVE HUNSTANTON HAD STARTED AN HOUR AND A HALF EARLIER WHEN THE TRAIN HAD LEFT THE SAME STATION FOR HUNSTANTON.

The 9.5 p.m. to Lynn station was normally a fairly empty two-car train, but this time it was an eight-car train packed with more than 50 railway enthusiasts, well-wishers and a few people who were acting as if it was a normal service.

Once the journey was over the side of the train turned inevitably to the thousands of the line and the history.

Seventy-four-year-old Denis Smith, of Lynn, had been using the line since 1916, and was very proud of its closure. "I can remember when return tickets cost six pence to go to Lynn. And at that time the service was always on time," he said.

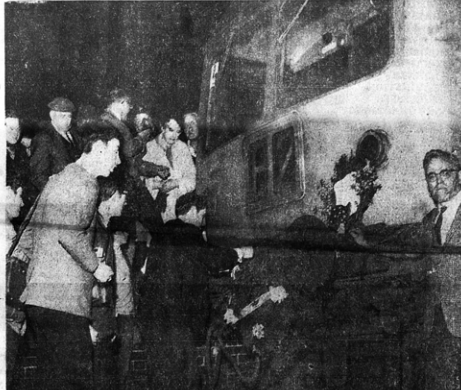
Mr. Smith was not the only one to have used the line. The modern closed train of the 1960s was seen from the open of the line.

FROM LONDON
At the close of the world 200-year-old line...
The last train to Lynn...
The last train to Lynn...
The last train to Lynn...

AT STATIONS
As all the stations on the journey to Hunstanton have been closed...
As Hunstanton was closed, the train was greeted...

by the largest crowd of all. Before it left on the return trip...
The last train to Lynn...
The last train to Lynn...

Mr. G. Tweedie of Cambridge, veteran of 45 line-opening runs, (GC 5492).



TAPE RECORDER
On the way the enthusiasts continued to record the journey with cameras and tape recorders. Two people even recorded the historic moments with a tape recorder.

200 AT HUNSTANTON STATION
Railway enthusiasts pay their last respects to the Lynn-Hunstanton railway line as they sit wreaths to the front of the last train before it leaves Hunstanton. (GC 5479).

RIGHT: The driver, Mr. E. W. Ashton, boards the train as Lynn for the outward journey. (GC 5489).



WITH wreath carried...
About 200 people lined the platform...
Mr. E. W. Ashton, chairman of Hunstanton Urban Council, and...
Mr. Fred...
This is...
SPECIAL WREATH
A wreath specially prepared by Mr. John Kou, a former president of Hunstanton and District Chamber of Trade...
While the atmosphere...
The wreath of the wreath...
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TICKET collector Mr. D. Parter takes one of the last fares. (GC 5481).

