#### PHOTOGRAPHING BORING PLACES

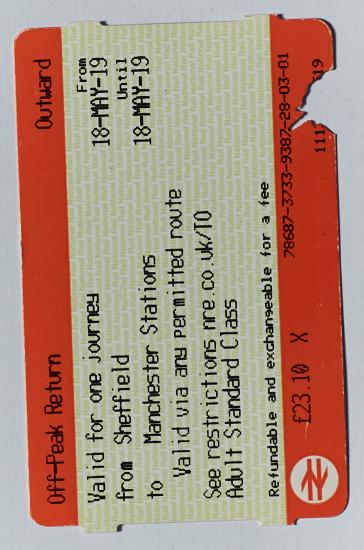
#### OVERPRICED SANDWICHES - A RETROSPECTIVE JASON RUFFELL



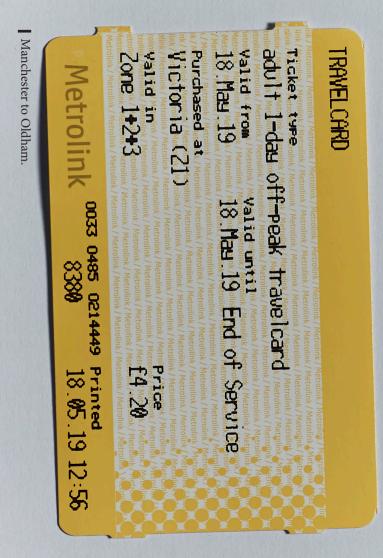
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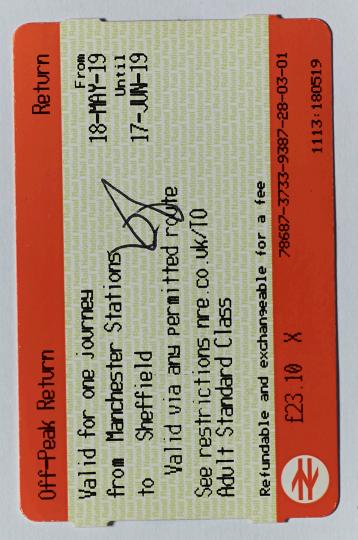
The week after I was due to photograph an event in London. The event was cancelled as a nationwide lockdown loomed. It all seemed unreal. On the Monday afternoon I was due to be in London, I was summoned to an emergency meeting at work. We're going into lockdown, from next week everyone is to work from home. That evening I received the email. Don't come in to work tomorrow, we're all going to be working from home. It's now been a year. A year put on hold. A year where the world has shrunk, physically and mentally.

At the back end of 2019 I started to save my train tickets, a reminder of places I'd been, journeys not illustrated by interesting images but by boring pieces of paper. As Lock-down 3.0 continues I finally got round to photographing them. It's not definitive collection during that time period, boarding passes and bus tickets have long been discarded, but they serve as a reminder of better times, some unenjoyable, but all missed.



A trip to the Thunderdome, Sheffield to Manchester.

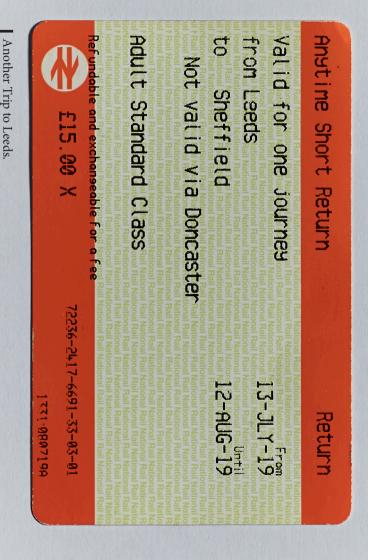


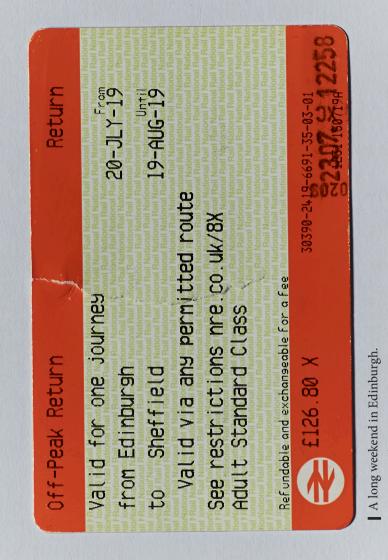


And back home.









Another trip to Leeds

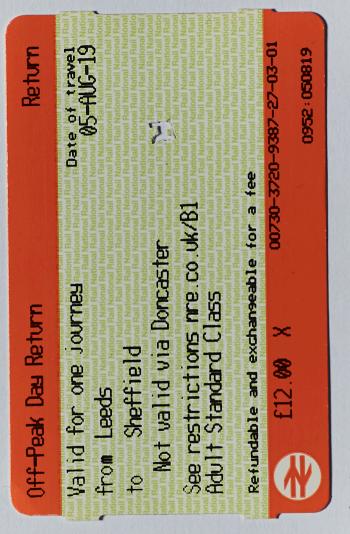
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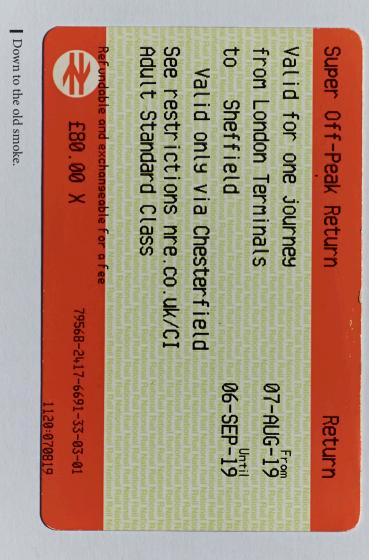
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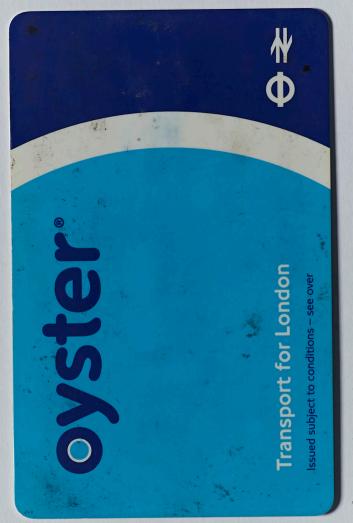
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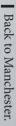


And Leeds again.





Going underground.



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And up to the Thunderdome once more.

And back home

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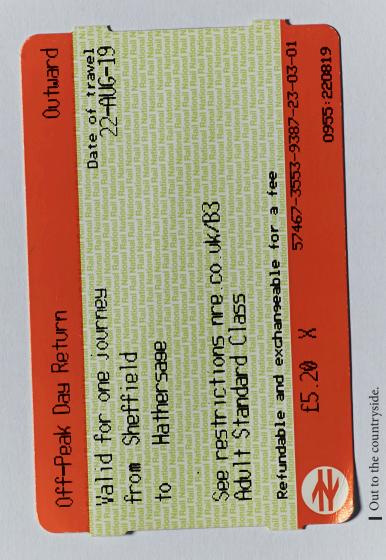
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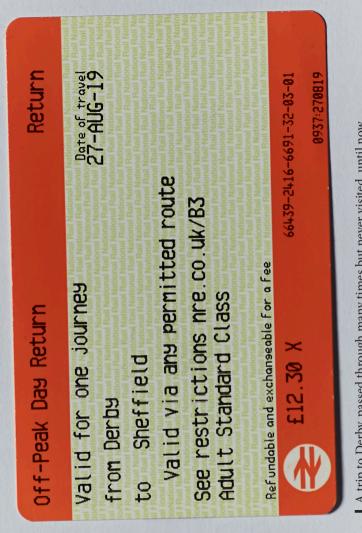
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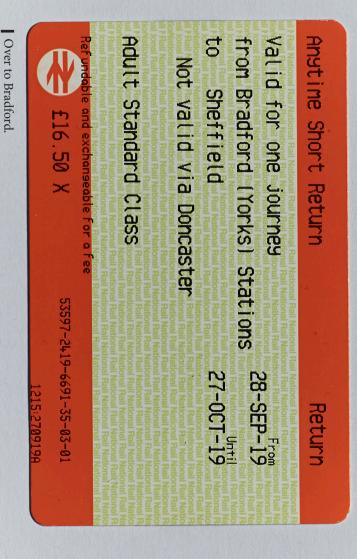
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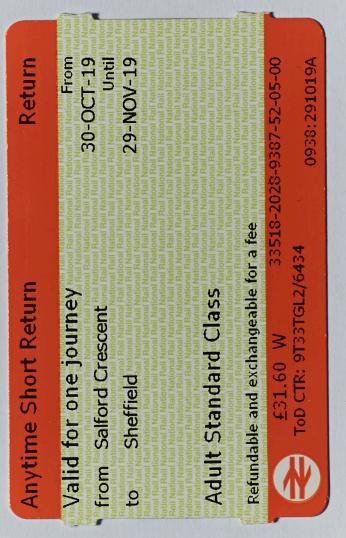


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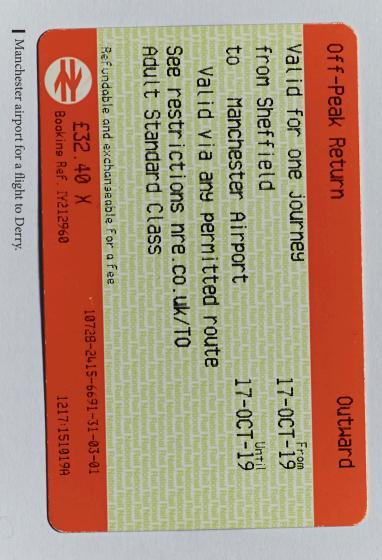


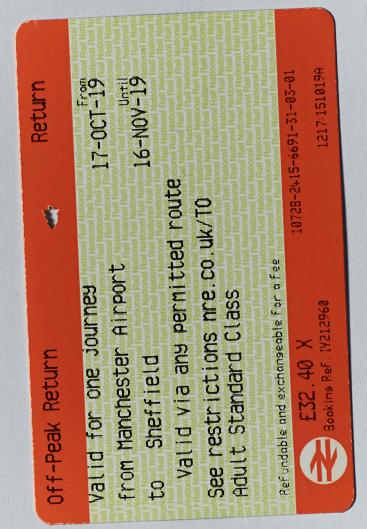
A trip to Derby, passed through many times but never visited, until now.



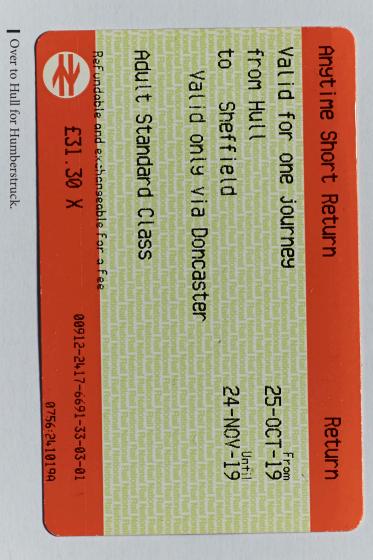


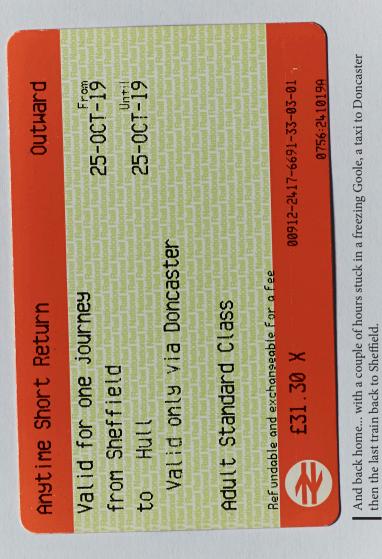
To Salford for work.

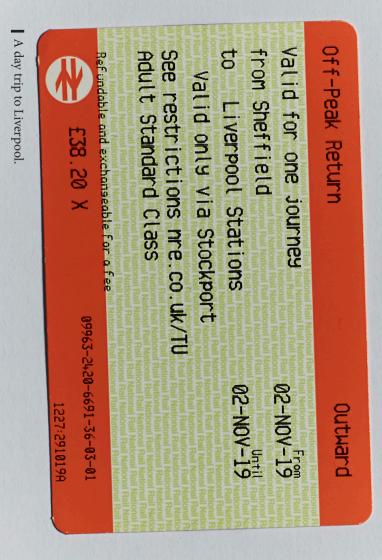


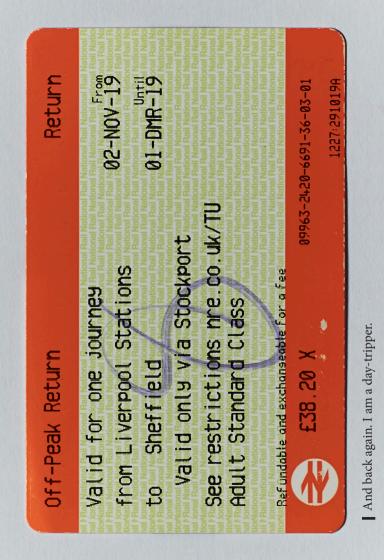


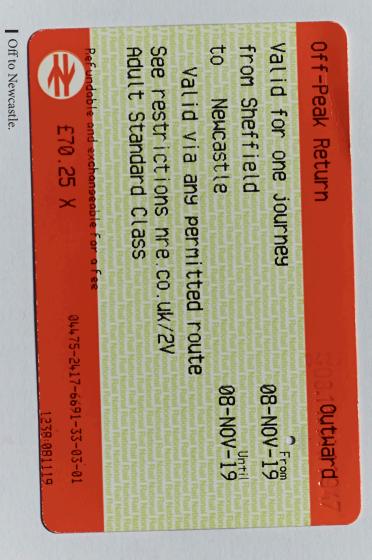
And back from Derry, with a trip to Belfast in-between.

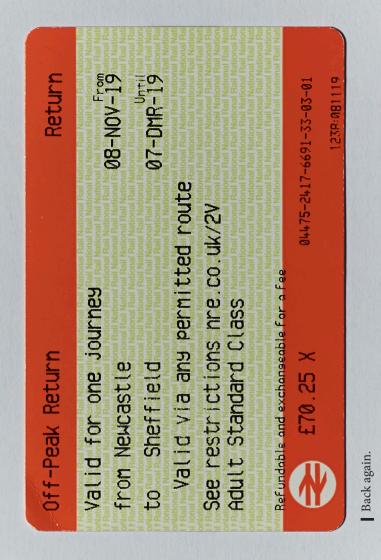


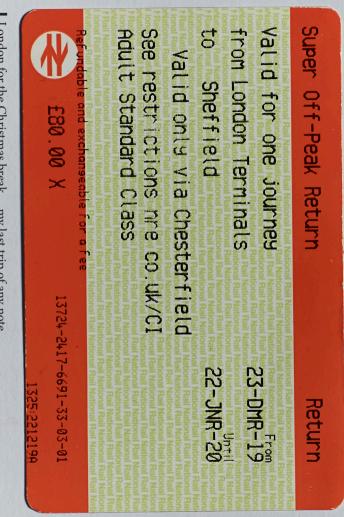












London for the Christmas break.... my last trip of any note



This was edition 8.5. Not really an edition just a load of boring train tickets. Even more boring than train spotting. However, it is a reminder of what we used to be able to do and may be able to do once more. Travelling on overcrowded trains used to be a chore but I don't think I will moan about the bad experiences I had ever again. Even sat in a piss wet deck chair staring at oblivion is more fun than living through a pandemic, or maybe about the same.

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