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BURNS NIGHT ON THE LINE

Haggis, 'Neeps' and 'Tattys' just for starters as Scottish Chef and bagpiper combine to make a memorable party

Burns Night is coming to the Great Central Railway. It's as traditional as New Years Eve - and some would argue even better! The Great Central Railway is heading north of the border, for a Burns supper celebration on the 23rd of January. To boot, a Scottish Chef, and a bagpiper will be making this a real highland fling.

If you're mulling over the winter blues after the party season you've still got a chance to let your hair down. The railway will be sending it's first class restaurant car train steam hauled into the bleak midwinter night spreading Scottish cheer. Diners will enjoy six courses as the train rolls through Leicestershire.

Alan Brassey, the railway's commercial manager said, **"Our chef is Scottish and he's pulling out the stops to prove Scots know best when it comes to celebrating. When you add the bagpiper and a welcoming hot toddy for passengers into the mix, well we think lots of people might suddenly discover Scottish roots!"**

The train, pulled by a vintage steam engine, which also 'steam heats' the carriages departs at 7.30pm from Loughborough Central returning around 10.15pm.

'Burns Suppers' are traditionally held on January the 25th to mark the birthday of Robert Burns, the Scottish poet whose work includes Auld Lang Syne, the traditional Hogmanay song. The train menu will reflect some traditional flavours for the time of year.

Advance booking for dining services is essential. There's more information on the Great Central Railway website at www.gcrailway.co.uk

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