



GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY
LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

PRESS INFORMATION

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**HERITAGE SHUNTER CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY AT 'MINI DIESEL GALA'
ON THE GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY**

June 25th and 26th 2011

D4067 - fresh from a repaint into rail blue livery is marking its 50th birthday at the GCR in June. The railway is hosting a mini diesel gala which will also see visiting Class 37 37275 in action as well as another loco, yet to be announced, to work alongside the Class 10.

The 'gronk' will delight fans of shunter haulage by making one full line trip (16 miles) between Loughborough Central and Leicester North each day. It will also make two round trips to Rothley. It's believed to be the oldest class 10 in preservation.

Two steam locomotives are also expected to feature at the event. Subject to availability GWR Hall No. 4593 'Pitchford Hall' will be one of them, lending a mixed traction flavour to the event which will see a busy timetable operating on the Leicestershire line's double track metals.

Full day rover tickets will be available from the booking office and all day breakfasts are served in the griddle car on some trains. See www.gcrailway.co.uk for more details.

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FURTHER INFORMATION:

Details on the above and all forthcoming events can be found on the Great Central Railway's extensive website: www.gcrailway.co.uk
Additional information can also be obtained from the Booking Office, Loughborough Central Station, (Daily 9.00 - 5.30) on 01509 230726

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Voted number 12 on the list of the 50 greatest railway journeys in the world the



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Great Central Railway is the UK's only double track, main line heritage railway.

It's the only place in the world where full size steam engines can be seen passing each other – just as it was when steam ruled the rails. The preserved railway celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2009, and is manned by around 700 volunteers and a small team of permanent staff. Preservation of this section of the Great Central Railway began in 1969. The route was originally part of a main line from Sheffield to London. The 8 mile preserved section between Loughborough and

Leicester is fully operational and the 4 stations reflect a different period of the railway's 111 year history. Around 100,000 visitors a year come to the railway from all over the world. Trains run every weekend of the year, bank holidays and daily in the summer. In addition, First Class Restaurant Car Services provide famous dining experiences course, whilst passengers travel between Loughborough and Leicester. Childhood engine driver dreams can come true with a Drive a Train Experience. We also run a number of family events, including Santa Specials. The railway has won a number of awards including "independent railway of the year", and a gold award for the East Midlands best visitor experience and is a quality assured visitor attraction as designated by Enjoy England.