



GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

PRESS INFORMATION

Date: 9th April 2010

CLASS 26 JOINS GCR DIESEL FLEET FOR THE SUMMER

**26007 arrives in time to take part in diesel gala
17th and 18th April**

The Great Central Railway welcomes a visiting diesel locomotive for Summer 2010 in the shape of Class 26 26007. It is the first time a member of the class has hauled passenger trains at the railway.

It is expected to arrive in time for the April diesel gala on the 17th and 18th where it will top the bill. It will appear at other special events during the Summer including the September diesel gala.

The full line up for the April event should be Class 03 D2158, Class 20 D8098, Class 25 D5185, Class 26 007 Class 27 D5401, Class 31 D5830, Class 33 D6535 (working push pull with the 4 BIG unit), long term visitor Class 37 37314, Class 45 D123, Class 47 D1705 and long term visitor Class 50 50007 and the DMU. The two day event will feature intensive timetables, some double heading, and a Saturday night real ale train.

The Class 33 needs to pass a fitness to run exam before being confirmed as part of the line up.

GCR President Bill Ford said, **“We are very pleased to welcome the class 26 to the line. We’ll have a brace of type 2s operational in 2010 and may look at staging an extra special event to celebrate.”**

The arrival of the locomotive completes a trip of Birmingham Railway Carriage and Wagon designs operational at the Leicestershire line. The Class 26, Class 27 and Class 33 were all designed by the Smethwick based company.

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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