



GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

PRESS INFORMATION

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FAMOUS FOLK SINGER MAKES TRACKS TO A SPECIAL GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY CONCERT

DAVE GOULDER LIVE ON 30th JANUARY 2010

A BR steam engine fireman turned folk singer is lending vocal support to a special concert staged by the Great Central Railway in January 2010. Dave Goulder, who turned his brief engine footplate career into evocative folk songs is one of the additional attractions during the railway's three day Winter Steam Gala.

Dave will travel from his home in Scotland to play the gig at the Swan in The Rushes pub in Loughborough, on the 30th of January 2010. It starts at 8pm and cost £8 a head (standing only).

The railways Winter Steam Gala takes place on the 29th, 30th and 31st Jan 2010. The gala theme celebrates one of the last great steam sheds, "Lostock Hall". It became a mecca for enthusiasts hunting the last main line steam in the late 1960s.

Kate Tilley from the Great Central Railway said, "**Dave's music captures a range of emotions connected to the end of steam and has a perfect compliment to our Winter Gala. We hope a new range of younger enthusiasts, for railways and folk music will come to the gala and the gig.**"

Dave Goulder grew up in the North Midlands and left school to work on the railways. Teaching himself to play guitar, he combined his experiences with his new passion.

Seeing the decline of steam first hand he wrote a number of collections of songs including Requiem for Steam, Green All The Way and The Men Who Put The Engine in the Chip Shop. He has toured the USA and written music for television.

BRITAIN'S ONLY DOUBLE TRACK, MAIN LINE HERITAGE RAILWAY
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Tickets are available now directly from the Great Central Railway on 01509 230726 or on the door at the Swan In The Rushes pub, on the A6 in Loughborough on the 30th of January.

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