



GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

PRESS INFORMATION

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DELTIC AT THE DOUBLE! D9009 DOES 75mph FOR GCR TESTING CONTRACT

Summer season visitor at the Great Central Railway, Deltic D9009 “Alycidon” was no sooner on the Leicestershire line’s metals when it was pressed into service. The type 5 was required to operate a testing contract at speeds of up to 75mph.

GCR General Manager Bill Ford said, “Our resident Class 45 was unavailable for the testing contract, but fortunately the Deltic had just arrived. Through the good offices of the Deltic Preservation Society we were able to operate at the high speed required for a noise testing contract.”

Peter Kennan of the Deltic Preservation Society said “We were delighted to help at short notice with this work and are looking forward to our summer at the Great Central Railway”.

It’s understood the Deltic performed well during the operation, the first high speed running it has undertaken for many years.

The Great Central Railway has dispensation to test at speeds of up to 75mph on its down main for diesel traction and 60mph for steam locomotives. In recent years it has completed high speed testing work on the hybrid HST Hyabussa and Britain’s brand new main line steam locomotive ‘Tornado’. Work is carried out under strictly controlled conditions when the railway is closed to visitors.

D9009 is due to remain at the GCR until October and will take part in the line’s three day diesel gala on the 10th, 11th and 12th of September. It is also operating passenger trains on weekends in August.

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A picture is available of the Deltic in operation. Please credit Steve Taylor