



GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

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ROTHLEY STATION CELEBRATES AN EDWARDIAN CHRISTMAS

Roaring fires, gas lights and friends from the past!

It's as far from Christmas TV, video games and MP3 players as you can get. On November 28th, visitors to the award winning Rothley station at the Great Central Railway can travel back in time to when the festive season was a simpler affair.

An Edwardian Christmas invites guests to imagine it's 1909. Passengers are waiting for trains and their luggage to be loaded. A brass band playing carols, mulled wine, and the smell of roast chestnuts will complete the illusion. For once, the steam trains are just the set dressing.

Kate Tilley from the Great Central Railway said, **“Our Edwardian Christmas was so popular when we tried it last year, we're hosting it again. Under the gas lights of Rothley, watching characters in period costume, toasting yourself a teacake on an open fire, we think it's a close to Christmas past as you can get. It's a night out for all the senses.”**

Children and adults alike will also be spellbound by the specially-lit garden railway.

Rothley station gate opens at 7pm on the night of the 28th of November. The event runs through to 10pm. It costs just £2 for adults and £1 for children. As car parking space can be in demand at Rothley station, guests are invited to make an evening of it and arrive in style by steam train. A train for Rothley leaves Loughborough Central station at 7.30pm, returning from Rothley at 9.45. Inclusive train and admission from Loughborough is £8 adult and £5 child.

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