



GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

PRESS INFORMATION

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ROTHLEY STATION CELEBRATES AN EDWARDIAN CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27TH 2010

The GCR's award-winning Edwardian period station at Rothley will turn the clock back 100 years on Saturday, November 27 to celebrate a typically Edwardian Christmas in an era of steam trains, gas lights and roaring fires.

Visitors to the station on Saturday evening will see the station as it might have been on a busy evening in December 1910 with passengers waiting for their trains and their luggage to be loaded. There will be a decorated Christmas tree, a brass band playing carols and other music.

Many of the station staff and visitors will be dressed in period costume – except for Father Christmas who will retain his traditional gown and hood! They can enjoy hot mulled wine, warming soup, hot cobs, mince pies, roast chestnuts and pint of ale and experience the sights and sounds of Christmas in the early 1900s. Children will be spellbound by the specially-lit garden railway.

“This is a magical evening” said Kate Tilley of the Great Central Railway.
“Rothley station is full of atmosphere after dark and is a perfect way to get into the festive spirit, especially with so many costumed characters.”

Admission for the evening - from 7pm – 10pm – is £3 for adults and £2 for children and seniors for those arriving on the gate at Rothley station. Anyone arriving in Edwardian dress will be allowed free admission!

Or visitors may choose to arrive in style, taking a train to Rothley from Loughborough Central station at 7.30pm, returning from Rothley at 10.05pm. Inclusive train and admission from Loughborough is £9 adult, Seniors £7.50 and Children £5.



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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

NOTES

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.