



**GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

**PRESS INFORMATION**

*Winner "Best Tourism Experience - East Midlands" 2007*

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**A SCORCHING HOT SUMMER OF SPECIAL  
EVENTS AT THE GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**May, June and July 2008**

**17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

**Stars of the 60s**

An exciting gala event featuring engines which were all around in the swinging 60s. Starring "Oliver Cromwell" from the National Railway Museum, which has recently returned to steam, plus two other steam engines and two diesels. The railway will run with a busy timetable featuring passenger and freight trains.

**24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

**Days Out With Thomas**

Join everyone's favourite blue tank engine along with Daisy and Sir Topham Hatt for three days of family fun including entertainers on board the trains.

**31<sup>st</sup> May 2008**

Look out for our brand new tea room, "Ellis's" at Rothley station opening around now!

**1<sup>st</sup> June 2008**

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Railway collectors fair at Quorn station

Hunting for a bargain, or a piece of 'railwayana' to collect? Gates open early.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

Toy and Train fair at Loughborough station

Models and toys galore on Loughborough platform. Come and browse the small trains and ride the big ones!

#### **14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

##### **Wartime Weekend**

Our annual event gets bigger and better. Step back into the 1940s as the Great Central goes back to the dark days of World War Two. Strolling passengers in costume bring the atmosphere to life along with star exhibits like DUKW amphibious vehicle, military transport, period music and even flypasts. There'll be plenty of steam trains as well.

#### **21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008**

##### **"Windcutter" Wagons Celebration**

Featuring an exciting secret guest engine, we celebrate 15 years of the famous train at the Great Central. Watch the coal wagons roll – with a demonstration of how they are restored.

#### **30<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

##### **Tornado on track**

Expected first public runs with Britain's brand new steam engine, "Tornado". Join in to be part of genuine railway history in the making! Watch this space for details.

#### **26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

##### **Mail By Rail Gala**

Thrill to the spectacle of mail bags being picked up and dropped off from a speeding train, several times a day. Featuring the last ever runs of the 1930s wooden mail

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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.greatcentralrailway.com](http://www.greatcentralrailway.com)

Additional information can also be obtained from the Booking Office, Loughborough Central Station, (Daily 9.00 - 5.30) on 01509 230726

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