



**GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

**PRESS INFORMATION**

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

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**FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT**  
**THE GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**A golden autumn of events as the  
year of express engines continues...**

**September 7th**

Railwayana Swapmeet at Quorn and Woodhouse station.  
Gates open early for collectors hoping to find a genuine relic.

**September 12th/13th and 14th**

Three day diesel gala  
Plenty of mileage up for grabs with a fine fleet of diesels including star guest, Class 37  
"Dalzell"

**September 12th (Evening)**

Murder Mystery dining train.

**September 22nd (MONDAY)**

First day of public passenger trains with Britain's brand new steam engine  
"Tornado", subject to availability. Please check details before travelling.

**September 23rd (TUESDAY)**

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**September 26th**

Beer festival begins at Loughborough.  
Evening Murder Mystery dining train.

**September 27th and 28th**

Tornado in service / Beer festival

**October 4th**

Boys Brigade celebration day

**October 11th and 12th**

"Steam Railway" Magazine steam gala  
Starring 70013 "Oliver Cromwell". Last chance to ride behind Britain's brand new steam engine, "Tornado"

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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

**NOTES**

**ABOUT THE GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY**

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

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preserved railway has been operating for over 30 years, and is manned by around 700 volunteers and a small team of permanent staff. Originally 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 109 year history.

Trains run every weekend of the year, bank holidays and daily in the summer. In addition, First Class Restaurant Car Services provide 4 or 6 course meals, whilst travelling between Loughborough and Leicester or childhood dreams can come true with a Drive a Train Experience. We also run a number of family events, including "Days Out with Thomas the Tank Engine", Bonfire Night and 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.

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