



GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

PRESS INFORMATION

Celebrating 40 years of preservation in 2009

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

Nov 5th

Bonfire Night

One of the biggest bonfire shows in Leicestershire is back. Rides, refreshments and a rip-roaring display. Gates open at 6.15pm at Quorn and Woodhouse Station. Details at www.gcrailway.co.uk

7th November

Brownies Take Over The Tracks

1000s of Brownies descend on the GCR for a guiding celebration

Nov 8th

Remembrance event

16th November

Leicestershire County Council Staff Day

All LCC staff get massive ticket discounts on this day - their friends and family do as well!

Saturday 28th November

Santa Special trains start

Book now to meet the man in red on board a steam engine. Tickets already selling quickly. Full details, train times and fares, on line at www.gcrailway.co.uk

Saturday 28th November (from 7pm)

Edwardian Christmas at Rothley station

An night out full of atmosphere. Meet costumed characters and sample traditional fare under the gas lights of our award winning station.

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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 has been operating for over 36 years, 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 110 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.