



## **GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY**

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

### **PRESS INFORMATION**

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY AUTUMN 2010**

**Sept 24th, 25th and 26th**

### **Three day beer festival**

Starting at midday each day, take your taste buds on a nostalgic journey through Great Central territory, with guest beers from breweries as far apart as Wrexham and Rugby. Free entry for CAMRA members. The festival takes place at Loughborough Central station.

**Sept 24th**

### **“All Aboard For Murder” 1st Class Murder Mystery Restaurant car train.**

Can you solve the crime over dinner? Advanced booking essential on 01509 230726

**Sept 30th**

### **Deltic Pullman dining train**

Celebrate our summer star diesel guest, Deltic D9009 and the creation of our new Pullman train. Welcome via our new bar car, a five course meal on board the train, hauled for sixteen miles by Deltic D9009 and a question and answer session about this fascinating locomotive.

**October 2nd and 3rd**

### **Peppa Pig at the Great Central Railway**

Peppa Pig is coming to the Great Central Railway for the first time ever. Come and meet her at Loughborough Central station at 11am, 12midday, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm each day. Have your photo taken with her! Enjoy a tea party train, departing from Loughborough at 12.15pm, 2.15pm and 4.45pm



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#### **October 8th, 9th and 10th**

##### **“Steam Railway” Gala**

Its the big one! Our thrilling steam gala will feature up to eight locomotives in steam. Star guest - and returning to the railway for the first time in 23 year is British Railways unique 8P, No. 71000 ‘Duke Of Gloucester’. Passenger trains, freight trains and postal trains. Its going to be absolute magic for the enthusiast, for the family or for anyone who likes to watch trains go by!

#### **October 15th**

##### **The Case of the Final Aria: 1st Class murder mystery dining train**

Who dunnit? You find out! Advanced booking essential on 01509 230726

#### **October 29th**

##### **The Case of the Final Aria: 1st Class murder mystery dining train**

Solve the case before the final course. Advanced booking essential on 01509 230726

#### **October 31st**

##### **The Ghost Trains**

Dare you ride the train that goes shunt in the night? Join us for two thrilling after dark departures at 6pm and 7,30pm (from Loughborough Central only). Special fares and special scares. Fun for the young and young at heart.

#### **5th November**

##### **Bonfire Night**

Take the train to one of the best displays in Leicestershire, or arrive on foot at the gate at Quorn and Woodhouse station.

**AND DON'T FORGET. BOOK NOW FOR SANTA SPECIAL TRAINS - THEY RUN ALL THROUGH DECEMBER. MORE DETAILS AT [www.gcrailway.co.uk](http://www.gcrailway.co.uk)**

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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](http://www.gcrailway.co.uk)

Additional information can also be obtained from the Booking Office, Loughborough Central Station,



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(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.

**BRITAIN'S ONLY DOUBLE TRACK, MAIN LINE HERITAGE RAILWAY**

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