



GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

PRESS INFORMATION

Date: 2nd March 2010

GOLDEN OLDIES AT THE GREAT CENTRAL

The main line goes back in time!

28th, 29th, 30th and 31st May 2010

Two vintage visitors have been confirmed for the Great Central Railway's Golden Oldies weekend. Furness Railway number 20 and the Planet Replica from Manchester's museum of Science and Industry will touch down on Leicestershire metals for the event, which takes place over four days on Spring Bank Holiday weekend.

It's the first time the Furness Railway Turst's 1863 built 0-4-0 has visited the GCR. The Planet replica will arrive with its distinctive open carriages in tow. Two other guest locomotives are close to being confirmed for the event and they will be announced shortly.

Steven Chapple, GCR event co-ordinator said, **"This is a brand new event for 2010 and replaces the 'Thomas' weekend which usually takes place over the bank holiday. We wanted something special for enthusiasts, but also an event which families would find fascinating. We're looking at the timetables and operational capabilities of the vintage engines very carefully to arrange trips between stations rather than short shuttles, which particularly in the open carriages will be a very different way of experiencing the GCR's double track."**

Two of the older members of the resident steam fleet should also join the line up. GNR N2 no 1744 and original GCR no 63601 date from 1921 and 1912 respectively, meaning the event already takes in engine design from the 1820s to the 1920s.

All locomotives are subject to availability, and details are subject to confirmation.

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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