



GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

PRESS INFORMATION

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GOLDEN OLDIES AT THE GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

The main line goes back in time!

27th, 28th, 29th, 30th May 2011

Come and experience living history and travel as it was 150 years ago with some of the oldest locomotives in action. Four vintage visitors have been confirmed for the Great Central Railway's Golden Oldies weekend. **Rocket***, **Furness 20**, **Planet***, and **Bellerophon** will touch down on Leicestershire metals for the event which takes place over the four days of the Spring Bank Holiday weekend.

It's the first time that Bellerophon has visited the GCR. Built in 1874, the locomotive is one of the oldest steam engines to be seen in action anywhere in the world. Furness 20, Planet and Rocket visited the GCR in 2010 when this gala concept was launched. **GCR O4, no 63601**, and now just a mere 99 years old, is also expected to star - this will probably be the only outing it makes this year! The sixth loco - Ex GNR Gresley CLASS N2 0-6-2T tank engine **1744** will also feature.

Kate Tilley, Marketing Manager for the Great Central Railway said **"This is an incredible event with a one off line up of vintage motive power. Look out for Rocket and Planet passing on the double track – just like the early days of the railways. With Planet and Rocket coming with their open carriages, visitors can experience the GCR's double track in a very different way."**

"We wanted something special for families and enthusiasts" said Bill Ford, GCR's General Manager **"We have created a fascinating four day event not to be forgotten with visitors being treated to a true Victorian commuting experience"**

* Planet and Rocket are replicas of the original locos

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PRESS CALL:

If you wish to attend the special gala event which takes place on the 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th May 2011, please confirm by calling Kate Tilley on Tel: 07515 596835
Seats can be arranged on the replica trains.

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