



GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

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PRESS RELEASE

SPOOKY STORIES ON BOARD TRAINS THAT GO SHUNT IN THE NIGHT!

SUNDAY 30th and MONDAY 31st OCTOBER 2011

The Great Central Railway is rolling out ghoulish Ghost trains on two days and challenging the young and young at heart to ride them if they dare!

There are some famous ghosts at the Great Central and real spooky stories have provided the inspiration to terrify travellers this year.

“Our Ghost trains have become incredibly popular,” said GCR Marketing Manager Kate Tilley, **“so we’re turning up the chills with family trains on Sunday 30th of October and then a special fright night on Halloween itself. Passengers get to pick how scared they want to be! We’re drawing on the real ghostly legends that have grown up around the railway...!”**

On Sunday 30th October:

Trains depart from Loughborough Central at 11.15am, 2pm, 3.15pm and 4.45pm all bound for Leicester North. There will be ghost stories on board and free sweets for dressed up little ‘treaters’. At Loughborough station there will be real owls and creepy crawlies to meet. At Quorn station there is free face painting at the brand new Butler Henderson bistro.

On Monday 31st October:

The fright night trains are spookier still. At Loughborough dodge the terrifying locomotive driver from 1842 to get to the platforms. The trains clank off into the Leicestershire twilight at 6pm, 6.50pm, 7.40pm headed to Rothley - and then a scarier extended journey to Leicester North will depart at 8.30pm with complimentary alcoholic punch served on board! Again you can meet creepy crawlies, owls and get your face painted. Watch out for the spooks in the shadows!



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Full details of fares and times and other spooky goings on, see the GCR website at www.gcrailway.co.uk Fancy dress absolutely welcome!

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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 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.

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