



PRESS INFORMATION

BRITAIN'S ONLY DOUBLE TRACK, MAIN LINE HERITAGE RAILWAY

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Celebrating 40 years of preservation in 2009

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A little Irish something to warm up the Great Central New Year

The Great Central Railway has taken delivery of two former Irish Rail carriages which will mean passengers having a warmer 2009.

One will be in use this weekend as the railway prepares to host a new diesel running event for 2009. Three heritage diesels are running on the line over the weekend of Jan 10th and 11th.

Alan Brassey from the Great Central Railway said, **“It's been difficult to run diesels in the winter before. Our carriages rely on a steam heated system to keep the cold at bay. With a steam engine that's no problem, but only a small number of preserved diesels have that facility and none of them are at the Great Central. Now we have the Irish Rail carriage in service it means fans of diesel engines can hopefully enjoy their type of trains in a colder climate.”**

The Irish Rail carriages have been used to heat the train carriages at Loughborough Central Station. Now, one will actually run in the train formation, keeping the carriages constantly warm.

The carriages contain mobile generators to create steam. The steam is then piped into the rest of the train to special radiators. A single steam generator can provide enough heat for several carriages.

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