



GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

PRESS INFORMATION

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PITCHFORD HALL MOVES TO GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

Great Western Railway Hall class, number 4953 “Pitchford Hall” is returning to Leicestershire this week, for a Summer stay at the GCR.

It is expected to arrive in time to haul trains this coming weekend (3rd and 4th of July) and take a starring role at the forthcoming Mail By Rail gala on the 24th and 25th of July 2010.

The locomotive visited in January 2008 to take part in the GCR's Winter Gala and proved very popular with crews, enthusiasts and photographers.

“The Hall is an ideal locomotive for our main line railway,” said GCR President Bill Ford **“and I am delighted its returning for another visit. It will be good to have some Western flavour back on the line!”**

At the Mail By Rail event the Hall will appear alongside Summer diesel visitor D9009 “Alycidon” and haul the newly restored four coach MKI mail set.

The GCR's supporting charity, the David Clarke Railway Trust, are the custodians of a 'Modified Hall' class locomotive, number 6990 “Witherslack Hall”. It is currently out of ticket awaiting a full overhaul. Its hoped the visit of Pitchford Hall will help raise the profile of 'Witherslack', which first ran on the GCR in 1948 as part of the locomotive exchange trails.

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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