



## **DUTCH VISITORS GO FLIPPIN' MAD FOR PANCAKES THIS WEEKEND**

**Railway's pancake festival returns with guests  
from twin railway ready to cook!**

**Pancake Tuesday is just around the corner and the Great Central Railway's pancake festival is back for 2009. It takes place this weekend (21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2009) and this year the cuisine has an international flavour.**

Volunteers from the GCR's twin line in Holland, the ZLSM ("Zuid Limburgse Stoomtrein Maatschappij") are heading for Leicestershire this weekend and will be helping out on a pancake stand.

**"Our pancake festival proved popular last year,"** said commercial manager Alan Brassey **"so it's back and bigger! With two locations to choose from, passengers can go on a pancake crawl using our trains to travel between the two!"**

Tony Sparks, a GCR director and co-ordinator of the visit by the Dutch visitors said, **"We twinned with the ZLSM a couple of years ago. This is the first exchange visit which will see enginemmen from Holland getting some experience on our railway. When they found out it was the pancake festival they wanted to get some hands on time at the stove as well."**

Pancakes will be on sale at Ellis's tea room at Rothley station and also in the waiting room at Loughborough Central. GCR head chef James McIntosh and Ellis's proprietor Linda Poole have devised a range of flavours both sweet and savoury to tempt travellers. A full list of flavours is available at [www.gcrailway.co.uk](http://www.gcrailway.co.uk). They include Bacon and Cheese, Nutmeg and Banana and traditional favourites like Crepe Suzette.

Also on Saturday, the volunteers at Rothley station will be presented with their recent national award, from the national railway heritage awards. The ceremony takes place at the station at 2.30pm

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