



GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY
LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

PRESS INFORMATION

Winner "Best Tourism Experience - East Midlands" 2007

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**FLIPPIN' GOOD TIME AT THE GREAT
CENTRAL THIS WEEKEND (2nd /3rd Feb)**

Pancake festival on the line.

The Great Central Railway is celebrating pancake day with a new family event. Over the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd of February trains will be running with pancakes being flipped and cooked in the buffet cars.

There will also be pancakes on sale at some stations.

"It's a new thing for us to try," said Lynn Hill, the railway's marketing assistant, "and it might seem a bit early in the year to be abandoning resolutions and tucking in, but we hope it will be a lot of fun and we won't have to spend too long scraping pancakes off our carriage roofs!"

It's hoped to bring community groups into the railway to cook different varieties of pancakes. Extra trains above the railway's ordinary hourly passenger service will help transport pancake lovers between stations.

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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.greatcentralrailway.com

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 has been operating for over 30 years, and is manned by around 700 volunteers and a small team of permanent staff. Originally 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 109 year history.

Trains run every weekend of the year, bank holidays and daily in the summer. In addition, First Class Restaurant Car Services provide 4 or 6 course meals, whilst travelling between Loughborough and Leicester or childhood dreams can come true with a Drive a Train Experience. We also run a number of family events, including "Days Out with Thomas the Tank Engine", Bonfire Night and 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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