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## **THOMAS IN TOWN THIS WEEKEND** **(14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009)**

### **Fares held at 2008 levels to help visitors beat the credit crunch**

**Thomas the Tank Engine will be at the Great Central Railway this coming weekend (14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009). He's proving to be a very useful and family friendly engine with fares to travel behind him held at last years rates.**

Thomas will be joined by his friends, Daisy, Donald and Douglas and of course Sir Topham Hatt who will be keeping them in order for a weekend of fun.

**“We're not putting our Thomas fares up in 2009,”** said Alan Brassey, Commercial manager for the Great Central Railway. **“We're naturally keen to welcome family visitors and this seemed just the ticket. We hope it means the young and the young at heart can enjoy a ride with Thomas or one of his friends.”**

Adult tickets which are valid for the full day are just £12, children are just £8. The GCR has two family tickets: One adult and up to three children can enjoy the fun for the bargain rate of just £20 and two adults and up to three children pay just £30 for a days entertainment. Members of the 'Friends of the Great Central Main Line' pay even less.

Sir Topham and Thomas will be happy to pose for pictures during the event. Entertainers and face painters will also on hand during the weekend. Sir Topham has said he is going to have a word with the useful engines to try and ensure even if there is snow around they are able to run.

Subject to availability it's also hoped to have Toby the tram engine in action and diesel looking after the troublesome trucks.

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