



GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

PRESS INFORMATION

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

Friday Jan 22nd 2010

Burns Night Dining Train

Our famous first class dining train takes on a Scottish feel for the night as our chef from north of the border prepares a traditional celebration. Expect hot broth, haggis, Scottish cheeses and to be welcomed by a bag piper. £57 per person for a five course meal. Train departs from Loughborough Central station at 7.30pm

Jan 29th, 30th and 31st 2010

Three Day Winter Steam Gala

Up to four guest engines, a busy timetable. Celebrate a festival of railways including the first ever steaming in preservation of 3F no. 47406. Full details now on line at www.gcrailway.co.uk

Jan 29th

Enthusiasts gala dining train

Special three course first class dining train. Anyone with any ticket for any day of the Winter Steam Gala can book on board for just £20 per person

Jan 30th

Dave Goulder folk concert

Dave Goulder, railway folk singer, in concert in association with the Great Central Railway at the Swan In The Rushes Pub, Loughborough. Starts at 8pm, tickets £8 per person for a standing gig from the GCR booking office on 01509 230726

Feb 13th and 14th

All steam weekend

Three locomotives in steam and a busy timetable. Normal fares apply.

Feb 14th

Valentines dining trains. Call 01509 230726 for more details.



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Feb 20th and 21st Pancake festival.

Sample a sweet treat at stations and on board trains.

Feb 27th and 28th Ivor the engine.

The little green engine from the top left hand corner of Wales is making his first ever visit to the GCR. Meet Jones the steam, learn Welsh and help hunt for Idris the dragon!

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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

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 celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2009, and is manned by around 700 volunteers and a small team of permanent staff. Preservation of this section of the Great Central Railway began in 1969. The route was originally part of 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 111 year history. Around 100,000 visitors a year come to the railway from all over the world.

Trains run every weekend of the year, bank holidays and daily in the summer. In addition, First Class Restaurant Car Services provide famous dining experiences course, whilst passengers travel between Loughborough and Leicester. Childhood engine driver dreams can come true with a Drive a Train Experience. We also run a number of family events, including 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.