A KING, A KNIGHT AND A KNAVE!

Winter Gala locomotives in action at GCR 23rd/24th Feb 2013

Last chance to see ‘Sir Lamiel’ in Leicestershire for a while.

The Great Central Railway is bringing together a King, a Knight and a Knave for a special steam weekend. Three locomotives that starred in the award winning line’s recent Winter Gala will be in action for a two day event on Saturday and Sunday the 23rd and 24th of February.

Great Western Railway King class No. 6023 ‘King Edward II’ in striking blue livery will be joined by Southern Railway’s Arthur Class locomotive, No. 777 ‘Sir Lamiel’. It’s the last chance to see Sir Lamiel on Leicestershire metals for a while as it will shortly depart for a summer season hauling trains on the national network. Completing the locomotive line up is a humble - but impressive - heavy freight locomotive, Great Western Railway No. 3803

“This will be a great chance to see three distinctive performers together” said the Great Central Railway’s General Manager Richard Patching. “We’ll have a busy timetable and one or two surprises, like demonstrations of locomotives being turned on the turntable at Quorn and Woodhouse station and some double heading!”

The Great Central Railway’s tea rooms and restaurants at all of its stations will be open and the lines famous all day breakfast will be served on certain services.

Normal fares will apply for the weekend, meaning adults can runabout all day for just £15 and children £9. Timetables are now available on the GCR website; www.gcrailway.co.uk

All attractions and locomotives appear subject to availability.

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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

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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.