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## GWR Diesel Department announces 37219 'farewell' running days

Having arrived at the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway in early 2007, Mainline Blue liveried 37219 has put in some sterling performances on service trains along the 10 mile line as well as being a popular attraction at both the March and June diesel galas, where at the former event triple heading with sisters 37215 and 37324 was possible - something not normally achieved on heritage railways! May 2007 also saw 37219 used on an extremely successful EMRPS photo charter - its popularity was obvious as the event sold out within days of being advertised.

The locomotive is now, however, shortly to leave the GWR and head back 'home' to the Chasewater Railway. It was originally planned to stop off at the Severn Valley Railway and attend their diesel gala in October but unfortunately this event has been cancelled.

As a 'farewell' to the locomotive, The Growler Group along with the GWR diesel department are planning on running 37219 on both days of the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of October. A 'green' timetable runs on both of these days which sees alternative steam and diesel running. With three round trips for the diesel, this means nearly 120 miles of haulage are available over the two days!

The Growler Group's other locomotive - 37215 - is currently undergoing minor bodywork repairs and a full repaint remaining in BR Blue, whilst 37324 is covering for any work as required.

Please note: 37219 will appear subject to availability on the day. If it is unavailable for whatever reason, The Growler Group will make every effort to turn out one of their other two locos - 37215 or 37324 instead, thus not disappointing anyone turning up specifically for '37 haulage'.

The final diesel gala of 2007 will be held over the weekend of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of November (a press release will be forthcoming) as well as the annual 'Christmas Diesel Day' on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of December to round yet another successful year off.

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