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The GWR's Summer Diesel Gala: Friday July 4th to Sunday July 6th 2008

After a very successful start to the season with the Spring diesel gala which was held over the weekend of April 4th to 6th, the GWR are preparing for their "summer spectacular"!

The three-day event runs from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th July and will see the usual intensive service of passenger trains between Toddington and Cheltenham Racecourse stations as well as a 'local' shuttle to Winchcombe resulting in quite literally hundreds of miles of haulage to 'be had' at the *friendly line in the Cotswolds*! In addition, a demonstration freight train will run between Toddington and Winchcombe and may make the occasional forray to Cheltenham as well!

The line-up of locomotives that will work will hopefully see almost the railway's entire mainline diesel fleet in service, comprised of: Class 20 **D8137**, Class 24 **24081**, two Class 37s: **37215** and **37324**, Class 47 **47105** and *Network SouthEast* liveried electro-diesel **73129** which is normally reserved for permanent way department duties. It is unfortunate that the Brush Type Four Fund's other Class 47, **47376**, is unavailable for traffic at this gala, and indeed for the remainder of 2008. This is because the owning group are taking the wise precaution to change the remaining cylinder liners on the Sulzer 12LDA engine before allowing the locomotive to run again.

In addition, the GWR are pleased to announce that the visiting loco for the Summer Gala is Class 31, 5580 (31162 under the TOPS renumbering scheme). It has been a number of years since a '31' appeared on the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway and the visitor is eagerly awaited!

On the Sunday of the event, a bus rally will be incorporated into the gala where it is hoped Toddington will play host to a variety of heritage (and not so heritage) buses and coaches. It is anticipated that there will be FREE bus rides from Toddington northwards towards Broadway and from Cheltenham Racecourse to Cheltenham Spa stations

A working timetable and locomotive roster for the gala will be available shortly from the GWR's website which can be found at www.gwsr.com and a copy will also be available on the day. Further information on the bus rally will also be available from the website shortly.

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