

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME [S] .....

ADDRESS .....

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How did you hear about the Society?

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Joint membership with partner at same address  
is at no extra cost.

Please tick the boxes to indicate type of  
membership and method of payment.

UK member: £18

International member: £25

direct payment made at .....(event)

• cash:  • card:

other payments

• bank transfer

'The Great Central Railway Society'  
sort code: 30-99-50  
account no.: 26165868

• PayPal:   
payable to gcrs@talktalk.net

• cheque:   
to 'The Great Central Railway Society'

For the on-line payments, please scan this form  
and send to ericlatusek@btinternet.com.

For cheque payment post with form to  
Eric Latusek, 41 Spire Hollin, Glossop, Derbyshire  
SK13 7BJ

I agree to abide by the rules of the Society as set  
out in the Constitution

Signature .....

Date .....

## WHO ARE WE?

The Great Central Railway Society (GCRS) was  
formed in 1974 when a small group of like-  
minded people held a meeting in London. Since  
then the membership has grown to around 400.

Our aim is to promote an historical interest in  
the Great Central Railway (GCR) which was  
known as the Manchester, Sheffield &  
Lincolnshire Railway (MS&LR) until 1897. At  
the Grouping in 1923 it became part of the  
London & North Eastern Railway (LNER).

Many parts of the former MS&LR/CLC/GCR  
system remain open today and although the  
GCR's London Extension no longer exists in its  
entirety, sections remain open, including what  
will become the heritage Greater Great Central  
Railway from Ruddington (Nottingham) to  
Leicester North via Loughborough.

## WHAT WE DO?

To achieve its aims the Society

- Produces a quarterly journal 'Forward' which  
is sent to all members.
- Has a website that provides information, a  
bibliography and access to archive material
- Holds an archive of material related to the  
GCR and its constituents at Immingham.
- Provides a forum for answering queries  
regarding the GCR.
- Arranges meetings for all members twice a  
year - the AGM in April/May and an Autumn  
meeting in October.
- Supports and publicises local railway  
societies in which members are involved at  
Sheffield, Cleethorpes, Lutterworth, Leicester  
and Northwich.
- Has restored and maintains the GCR War  
Memorial at the site of Sheffield Victoria  
station along with the production of a Roll of  
Honour on display in the Royal Victoria Hotel.
- Encourages co-operation between all groups  
with an interest in GCR heritage.



[www.gcrsociety.co.uk](http://www.gcrsociety.co.uk)

**THE SOCIETY FOR THOSE  
INTERESTED IN THE  
GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY,  
ITS PROGENITORS, SUCCESSORS  
AND JOINT LINES.**

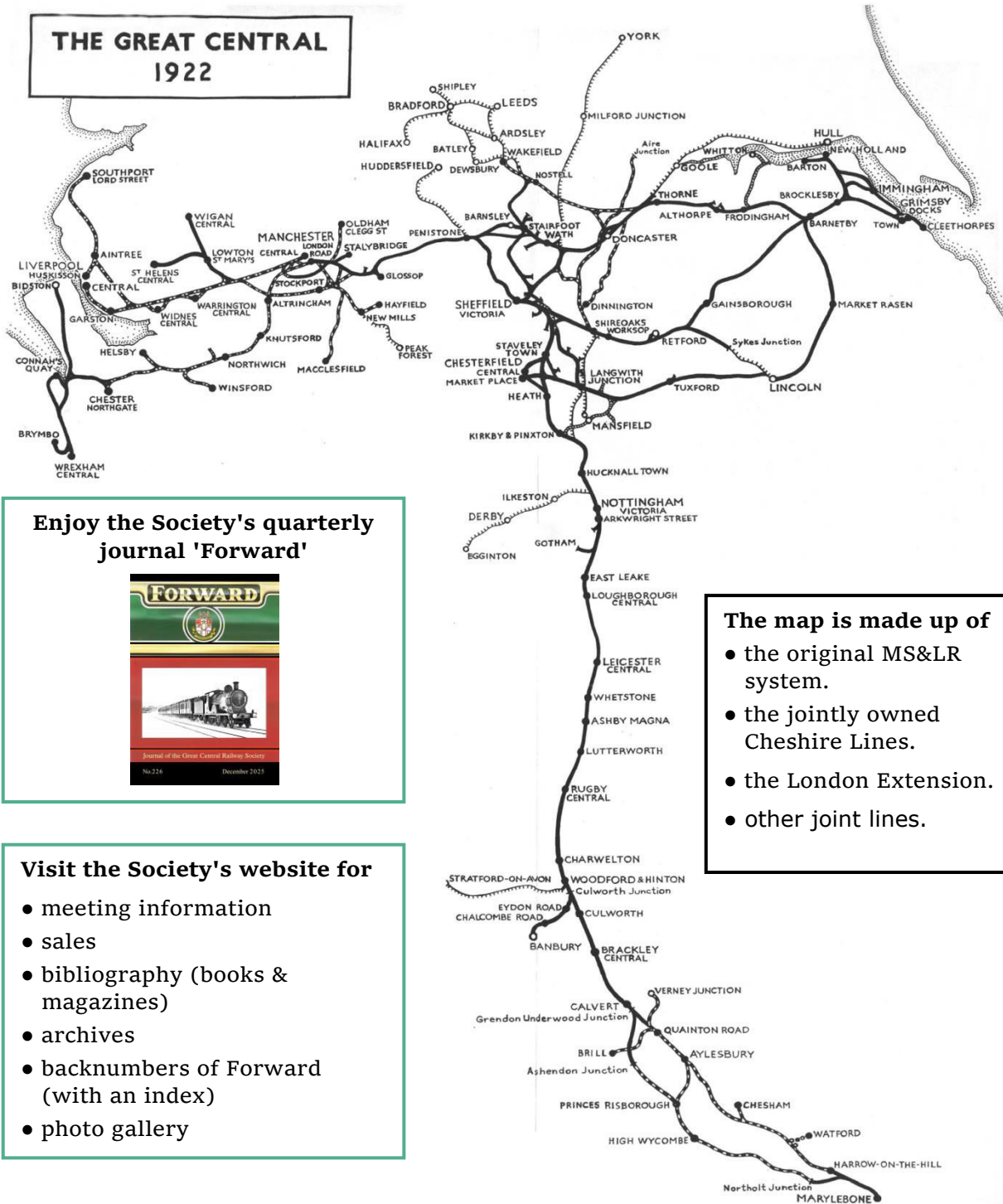
**SA&MR  
MS&LR (with WM&CQR, SYR)  
GCR (with LD&ECR)  
LNER  
BR (ER)**

**Joint Lines: MSJ&AR, CLC, SYJnt and others**

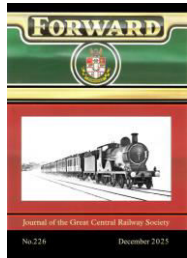


Preserved GCR class 11F ('Improved Director')  
4-4-0 no.506 *Butler-Henderson*  
at Barrow Hill Roundhouse.  
photo: Alan Burkwood

# THE GREAT CENTRAL 1922



Enjoy the Society's quarterly journal 'Forward'



Visit the Society's website for

- meeting information
- sales
- bibliography (books & magazines)
- archives
- backnumbers of Forward (with an index)
- photo gallery

The map is made up of

- the original MS&LR system.
- the jointly owned Cheshire Lines.
- the London Extension.
- other joint lines.



Window at the Marylebone Hotel depicting the GCR coat-of-arms.



John G. Robinson, Chief Mechanical Engineer of the Great Central Railway.