

Saturday 25 February

RAILWAY 57

Rothley		1254
Mountsorrel	1318	1325
Leicester North	1419	1425
Rothley	1444	

The Great Central Railway is closed north of Swithland Sidings for bridge rebuilding, so they decided to run the Mountsorrel branch. Michael and Jenny were coming for the weekend, so Jenny got off at Loughborough and I collected Michael at East Midlands Parkway. Rothley station car park was packed, but I did a superb piece of parallel parking. They were running two dmus, and there was a lovely buzz about the place. It took me back to my East Anglia Paytrain days - I hoped I could find the logo of the cheerful ticket collector on line, but sadly not. We enjoyed de-classified first class. I had done the branch pre-Covid, but we only ran to the Heritage Centre at Nunckley Hill - today we ran to the end of the line (at both ends). A useful couple of hours of track bashing, and we collected Jenny on the way home.



