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a warm invitation to bring your bus to the

# PEAK PARK PRESERVED BUS GATHERING

## SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2012

*What a surprise we gave to the management of Peak Rail Heritage Railway after they had kindly agreed to our holding our Preserved Bus Gathering at their Rowsley South Station in June 2011. They were expecting just a small event, and were amazed when almost 60 buses and hundreds of visitors were on site. The day was fairly buzzing with activity as preserved buses, carrying good crowds, were loading and departing on their frequent bus services, surrounded by static vehicles being judged and sales stalls plying their trade all amongst the nostalgic sounds and smells of their own steam and diesel railway engines.*

*Thus, as soon as it was over, the eager request came "You will be back next year, won't you?" so how could we refuse. Now knowing what to expect, Peak Rail are to make Sunday 17th June 2012 a 'Special Events Day' which allows more frequent train journeys, and this will result in added variety for passengers for, since last year, the track has been extended to Matlock Town Station itself permitting hop-on, hop-off links between the trains and the preserved bus services.*

*We therefore invite you to take part with your preserved bus. The space available allows for a maximum of 70 buses on site and, as always, we will keep our special atmosphere by admitting only preserved buses (**NOT** new vehicles or those still in service unless they form part of a heritage fleet). Buses that have been fully restored are invited to be entered for judging by a distinguished panel of experts from local bus operators. A large grass area is available for sales stalls. Your bus is also most welcome to take part in the preserved bus services which will operate between 11.30am and 4.00pm from the station platform entrance on a five minute frequency, and will travel along the valleys of the Rivers Wye and Derwent to the scenic towns of Matlock and Bakewell, through beautiful Chatsworth Park to royal Chatsworth House, and to the restored Victorian Darley Dale Station.*

*We do hope that you, your bus and your friends will enjoy this day. To enter, simply complete and return the attached form along with your £2 fee.*

*Looking forward to seeing you in June.*

**If you require further information :-**

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