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Dear Sir:

On Monday 6th. August 1956 special celebrations have been organised (with the approval of the Caterham and Warlingham U.D.C.), to mark the Centenary of the opening of the branch Railway between Purley and Caterham. British Railways are giving full co-operation and a Steam Locomotive built in 1878 in the livery of the old L.B.& S.C. Railway will draw a set of coaches of that period, leaving Purley at 10.45 a.m. and arriving at Caterham at 11.00 a.m. The train will carry a full complement of passengers attired in authentic 1856 apparel and they will be accorded a Civic reception on arrival at Caterham, following which a Reception and Luncheon will be held in the Council's 'Soper Hall'.

The Band of the R.A. (T.A.) has been engaged and an exhibition of Railway equipment, ancient and modern, has been arranged.

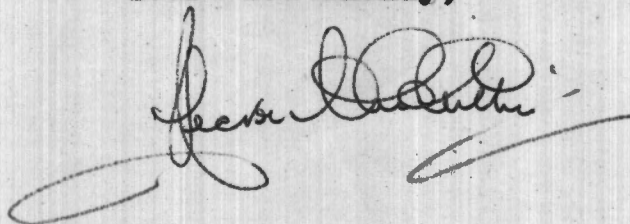
This picturesque event is not only pictorially attractive but is of immense interest to the millions of Railway enthusiasts throughout the Country, and I feel that you will wish to give this reportage in your 'British Paramount News', which, incidentally is booked for exhibition at the 'Florida' Cinema, Caterham, (British Cinematograph Theatres Ltd).. from July onwards.

As a member of the organising committee, I shall be happy to arrange for your News-reel unit to enjoy every possible facility for filming, and can assure you of full co-operation.

from all the various Authorities contributing to these  
Centenary celebrations.

Trusting to have that pleasure and the interest  
of British Paramount News,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Hector A. Mc.Cullie". The signature is highly stylized with large, sweeping loops and flourishes, particularly a large loop at the end of the name.

Hector A. Mc.Cullie.

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## CATERHAM RAILWAY CENTENARY

The celebrations in connection with the centenary of the branch railway line to Caterham are to be held on August Bank Holiday Monday, as announced recently. From the latest details to hand it appears that the greatest attraction is going to be the running of a special steam train, "The Caterham Centenarian," from Purley to Caterham, leaving Purley at 10.45 a.m. The train is to be drawn by an ex-London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company's "Stroudley Terrier" engine which was at one time named "Morden" and is now in use as a shunting engine at Brighton. It is painted in the original Stroudley livery known as "Scotch green" or "Stroudley's improved engine green" and which is, in fact, a kind of ochre colour. The engine was built in June, 1878.

Only holders of the special souvenir tickets of the Caterham Railway Company will be permitted to join the train at Purley. There are about 100 seats available and tickets will cost 3s. 6d. for the return journey between Purley and Caterham. Applications for these should be made in writing (enclosing stamped addressed envelope) to the Hon. Secretary, Caterham Railway Centenary, 1, Godstone-road, Caterham. The tickets will not be sent out until ten days or so before the event.

On arrival at Caterham station at 11 a.m., a reception committee headed by Mr. W. Howes, Chairman of Caterham and Waringham Urban Council, will welcome the train and the guests. The Regimental Band of 565 L.A.A. Regiment, R.A. (T.A.), Bandmaster W.O. I W. J. Gray, will play at the station from 10.30 to 11.30, by permission of Lt.-Col R. J. Lewis, T.D., and will greet the train on its arrival. Included in the repertoire of the Band will be the new Caterham March.

### Public in Goods Yard

The public are to be allowed access to a portion of the goods yard to watch the event and it is anticipated that a television and film unit will be present. At St. John's Hall, Stafford-road, there is to be an exhibition of historical railway relics and records, a number of them relating to the Caterham Railway Company. This will be opened by the District Traffic Superintendent of the Central Section of the Southern Region at 11.15. Holders of train souvenir tickets will be permitted into the exhibition free of charge. The exhibition will be open for three days, August 6th, 7th and 8th.

The exhibition will be followed by a cocktail reception and luncheon at the Soper Memorial Hall attended by civic guests, railway officials and others. The "Caterham Centenarian" will return to Purley from Caterham at 2.36. Both stations are to be decorated. All profits from the sale of souvenir programmes are to be donated towards the Caterham Old People's Welfare Association.