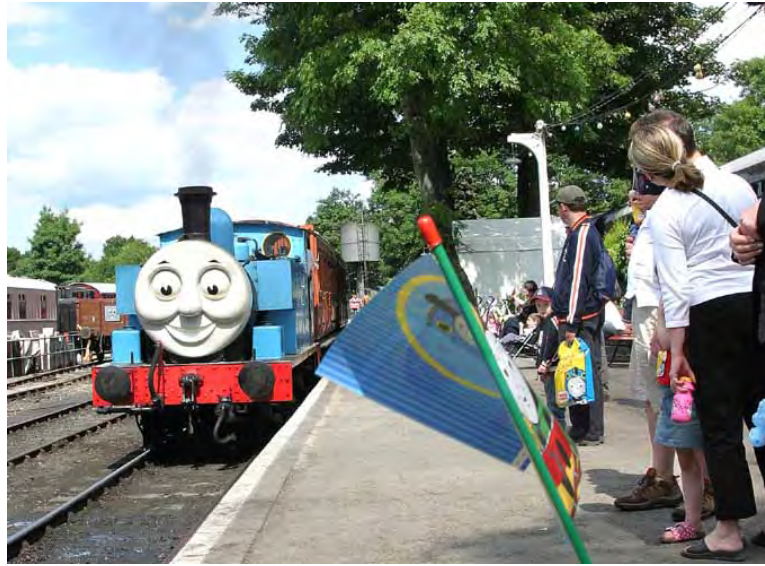


Press release

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Meet Thomas the Tank Engine at the Kent & East Sussex Railway

This September families will have the exciting opportunity to meet children's favourite, "**Thomas the Tank Engine**", when he makes exclusive appearances at the Kent & East Sussex Railway!

Families can enjoy "A Day Out with Thomas" on **19** and **20** and **26** and **27 September**, when he will be a **Tenterden** station some of his friends. 'Sir Topham Hatt, The Fat Controller', will of course be making sure that everyone behaves themselves!

Tickets cost from just £12 per adult and £9.50 per child and include a 1 hour train ride to Wittersham Road, the chance to enjoy "Thomas & Friends" station scenarios as well as a daily fun packed programme of children's events with Uncle Myles and Charlie the Clown. Families can also enjoy face painting, balloon modelling and exhilarating roundabout rides and a bouncy castle.

Other delights not to be missed include the "Thomas Model Railway Layout" and "An Imagination Station" as well as the special "Thomas" souvenir shop, which will be selling gifts to help families remember their special day!

In the Tenterden station refreshment rooms visitors can enjoy a variety of hot and cold meals supplemented by a delicious take away BBQ.

The Kent & East Sussex Railway are already preparing for "Thomas" visit and on their website children can download pictures and practice colouring pictures of Thomas and His Friends.

Ticket prices

Fares include a one hour return train journey as well as all the activities shown above. Adult: £12.00 Child: 18 months -15 years inclusive £ 9.50

Those wishing to make their day extra special can upgrade their ticket to a first class seat for an extra £3 per adult and £2 per child.

Babies under 18 months are free of charge, providing they do not occupy a seat.

Train times

On 19, 20, 26 and 27 September trains depart Tenterden Town Station at:

10.25 - 11.05 - 11.45 - 12.25 - 1.05 - 1.45 - 2.25 - 3.05*

*The 3:05 departure on Saturday 19 and 26 will be a special "Tea Trip with Daisy" when each child will have a snack box of food to enjoy during the journey.

Trains depart promptly so visitors are advised to arrive at least 45 minutes before departure. On each day the Kent & East Sussex Railway opens at 10am to allow visitors to take full advantage of all the activities on offer.

To book tickets contact the K&ESR Booking Office on 01580 765155, weekdays between 9am and 5pm, weekends between 9.00am and 2.00pm or visit the website www.kesr.org.uk

You Can Book Online 24 Hours a Day

For more information about "A Day Out with Thomas" contact the Kent & East Sussex Railway on 01580 765155 or visit www.kesr.org.uk

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Editors Notes

- On each of the "Days Out with Thomas" No refunds will be given for missed trains and seats on later trains cannot be guaranteed and will be subject to an administration charge of £2 per person.
- All activities are taking place at Tenterden Town station which has a spacious car park, free to visitors.
- The railway caters for disabled and elderly visitors and has special carriages fitted with ramped wheel chair access, wide aisles and moveable seating. There are toilets for the disabled at Tenterden station and allocated parking spaces.
- Tenterden is situated on the A28 between Ashford and Hastings.