

Press release

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### **Enjoy a Fun Day Out with Thomas at the Kent & East Sussex Railway**

Families are invited to come along to The Kent & East Sussex Railway in Tenterden on 11,12 and 18, 19 February 2012 to meet everyone's favourite steam engine Thomas the Tank Engine.

Thomas will be making exclusive appearances at Tenterden station with some of his friends including Sir Topham Hatt, The Fat Controller.

Tickets cost £13.50 per adult and £10.50 per child and include a 1 hour train ride to Wittersham Road behind one of the Railway's engines, 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. There will be a giant television screen playing Thomas DVD's for children to watch. Families can also enjoy face painting, roundabout rides, skittles, hoopla, face painting and colouring activities.

There will be regular Annie & Clarabel rides at the station behind Thomas, a free sticker for every child and an A5 size Junior Engineer's Certificate which is available from Mrs Kindley. Children can also help to fill an engine's boiler with water.

There will be a fun sing-along session and a special coal cake presentation for Thomas each day.

Watch Punch & Judy shows at 11:30, 12:50 and 2:10, and enjoy Uncle Myles and Billy the Magic Rabbit's magic show and balloon modelling at 3:30 every day.

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.

### **Ticket prices**

Fares include a one hour return train journey as well as all the activities shown above. Adult: £13.50 Child: 18 months -15 years inclusive £10.50

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.

Trains depart promptly so visitors are advised to arrive at least 30 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.

Book early to avoid disappointment. To book tickets contact the Kent & East Sussex Railway booking office on 01580 765155, weekdays between 9am and 5pm, weekends between 9.00am and 1.00pm or visit the website [www.kesr.org.uk](http://www.kesr.org.uk)

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### **Editors Notes**

- All activities are taking place at Tenterden Town which has limited free car parking for patrons.

- There are toilets for the disabled at Tenterden station..
- Tenterden is situated on the A28 between Ashford and Hastings.
- 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.