

Help us to run this historic railway



The K&ESR is a registered charity. By visiting the Kent & East Sussex Railway your contribution enables us to restore, preserve, operate and display railway locomotives, rolling stock and other equipment for the advancement of technical and historical education and general interest, and ensures that the experience you have today will be available for your children and grandchildren.

We aim to inspire, entertain, inform and engage visitors and as a charity, the Government wants to assist us through the Gift Aid Scheme, which allows us to reclaim 28p in the pound on day-visitor admissions - your train fare. We can do this when you purchase your ticket at Tenterden, or by completing a Gift Aid form at the Northiam or Bodiam booking offices. To qualify for Gift Aid you must be a UK Taxpayer and you must pay an amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that the Charity will reclaim on your payment in the appropriate tax year. (Currently 28p for each £1 that you give). Donations and most types of membership may also be Gift Aided.

The Gift Aid ticket we give admits the donor to the company's platforms, viewing galleries and station public areas at all open times (conditions apply) for a period of one year from the date of issue without further charge.

With this Government incentive... You win, we win and the future of the Railway is assured for generations to come.

Colonel Stephens Railway Museum

Colonel Holman Fred Stephens was an English eccentric, a brilliant railway engineer, and the man who built and ran the K&ESR (and, amazingly, 16 other light railways!).

His legacy is commemorated in this intriguing award-winning museum at Tenterden Town Station.

Open every afternoon when trains are running. Entry £1.50 adult, 50p child.



Eating at the K&ESR

The Station Refreshment Rooms  
Formerly the Maidstone & District Motor Services waiting rooms at Palace Avenue, Maidstone – built in 1922



Today we serve a range of traditional favourites, with choices for children and vegetarians. Ice cream, confectionery and a range of local ales and wines are also stocked. During the summer season, light refreshments and gifts are available from the tea room at Northiam and our shop based in the parcels office at Bodiam Station.

**Picnic hampers.**  
If you plan to spend a whole day out, maybe at Bodiam Castle, we'll prepare a terrific picnic hamper for you to pick up at Tenterden Town Station. Advance booking essential.

On-train K&ESR specials

- Children's Birthday Party Packs.** Children receive individual party boxes packed with food and drink. **£3.00 plus fare**
- Cream & Steam.** Our traditional cream teas include warmed scones and clotted cream, butter, jam, cake and a choice of tea or coffee. **£4.90 plus fare**
- Ploughman's Lunch.** A rural cheddar and ham ploughman's served with a cup of tea or coffee. **£5.95 plus fare £2.75**
- Coffee and Pastry.** Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a delicious pastry. Served at your table. **£3.50 plus fare**
- Fish & Chip Lunch.** Including tea or coffee for 10 or more on the 1.15pm steam departure from Tenterden any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday (on running days only) between April and September. **£8.95 plus fare**
- Fish & Chip Supper.** On selected Wednesday evenings throughout the summer, join us on our heritage diesel train and enjoy fish & chips eaten from your lap. Available 26 May. 9, 16, 23, 30 June. 7, 14, 21, 28 July. 4, 11, 18, 25 August. 1 September. **£6.70 plus fare**

Enjoying your visit

To make sure you do, we would like to remind you of a few safety tips.

- Do not run on the platform.

- The K&ESR is a heritage country light railway and operates old fashioned slam door carriages which may be unfamiliar to passengers accustomed to modern sliding door trains.

- Please do not lean out of the window – you could get soot in your eyes or there may be overhanging branches.

- Never open the doors or touch the handles when the train is moving.

- Keep everyone's fingers away from all doorways.

- Do not stand too close to the edge of the platform and take special care not to let anyone fall between the edge of the platform and the train.

By following these common sense guidelines, you and your family will have a fun filled and safe day out. If you need any special assistance, please ask a member of staff.

Tenterden Town Station



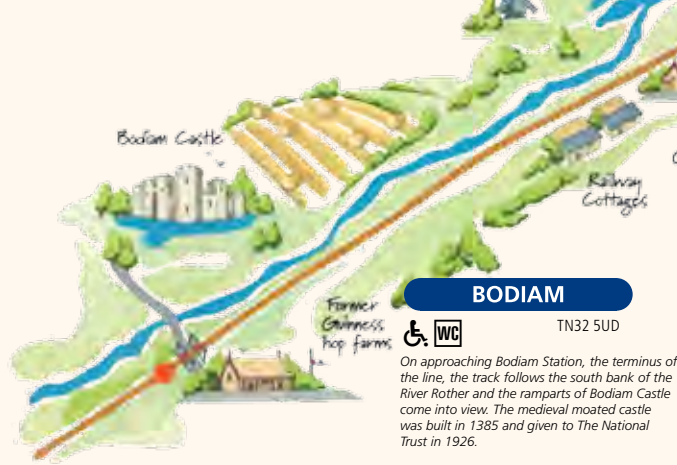
When the railway opened in 1900, Tenterden Station was situated at what we now know as Rolvenden Station. Within three years the line had been extended and Tenterden Town Station was built on the site where it has stood for more than a century. Despite extensive changes over the years, it retains much of its original charm and character.



The Carriage and Wagon works is based here and often the main doors are opened to allow visitors a glimpse inside. Our 2010 restoration project is the 'Cavell Van', which is a unique part of railway history. A separate leaflet is available for the restoration appeal.

Visitors are afforded a good view of platform activity from a lawned picnic area adjacent to the award-winning Colonel Stephens Museum. From here, at track level, you can watch the trains climbing one of the steepest gradients in the south of England.

Visitors will also find a gift shop, a children's play area, the licensed refreshment rooms and free parking.



Pick up a leaflet

There is a wealth of information available on all aspects and activities of the Kent & East Sussex Railway. Simply pick up or request a leaflet.



The route



The Kent & East Sussex Railway and Bodiam Castle...

National Trust Bodiam Castle

...on track for a great day out!

The Railway and Bodiam Castle work closely to bring visitors the best ever experience and the 2010 season is no exception. Together we are committed to offering our visitors great value for money and a wealth of events throughout the year for all ages and tastes. We realise that when one attraction has a 'Kids Go Free' offer the other should too, that by combining events wherever possible we double the entertainment value and that by each offering a great discount on fares and entry to each other's attraction there's no other day out to compare.

Now for a few facts! The castle can be clearly seen from Bodiam Station, in fact for the final mile or so of the train ride into Bodiam the castle can be seen nesting in the countryside, so keep your eyes peeled! It will take around six minutes to walk the 400 yards to the entrance to the castle grounds.

And here are the figures! Just present your valid train ticket at the castle office for a great discount off the standard entry prices. Standard castle entrance £6.40 adult, £3.20 child. With train ticket discount, **£5.00 adult, £2.50 child.**

Visitors who want to start their journey at Bodiam can park at the castle for just £2 per day, if you're a K&ESR Member parking is free on production of a valid membership card.

Bodiam Castle's symbol is used to indicate an event is also being held on the same date(s) that you may enjoy. To find out more about these events either pick up a Bodiam Castle leaflet or check on either attraction's website – special events page.

Finally, **'Kids Go Free'** in 2010 on the following dates at both attractions (unless indicated otherwise). Vouchers may be required – please check with each attraction prior to visit.

Tuesday 16th – Friday 19th February.

Monday 26th July – Sunday 22nd August.

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th October – 'Kids Go Free' K&ESR ONLY.

Wednesday 29th December to Monday 3rd January 2011 - K&ESR ONLY.