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Evelyn S



Reviewed 17 July 2015

KESR

Lovely heritage railway. Been on it twice, fantastic each time. The first trip was a meal on the Pullman, delicious food and everyone was so friendly.

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David H Lydney



Reviewed 16 July 2015

Friendly helpful and hospitable

This was my first visit to the K&ESR and it will not be may last. A little bit out of the way it is true but

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a more hospitable and friendly group of people you will be hard pressed to find.

My first stop was the shop, spacious and well stocked, with the volunteer shop worker more than happy to help and advise, despite it being his first day in there for many years and seemingly a recalcitrant and uncooperative till system determined to complicate his day

I was given a superb tour of the excellent museum and found my guide incredibly knowledgeable and informative regarding not only this railway but the history of the other railways of its originator .

The train was clean as was the locomotive and the superb facilities for wheelchair users including a wheelchair friendly toilet was very impressive

Again the train staff were helpful and as with all obviously they enjoyed their volunteer work

The cafe was equally impressive with some great art deco fittings and seating. A good range of hot food, freshly prepared and served quickly. I enjoyed immensely my fish and chips, the fish seemingly fresh and battered just before it was cooked it was a decent sized portion, the chips hot and well cooked but why oh why did the peas as nearly always slightly take the edge off what would otherwise have been a 10 out of 10 meal ? The tea was also good, you can tell a lot about a cafe by its tea and the mug of tea did not disappoint me excellent

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and will make a point of returning in the future. I understand that they will be extending to Robertsbridge within a couple of years and with access to the main line this will surely be huge boost

Thank you K&ESR for a superb, interesting and enjoyable day

Oh I nearly forgot the rain ride took me back to my childhood as we slowly meandered through the English countryside stopping briefly at wayside statins, all of which were lovingly cared for and of course also halting at road crossings so the gates could be opened to let us through

I also witnessed a nice touch when the ticket inspector on the train personalised one very young passengers ticket making I suspect one young person's day that little bit more special

If in the area you should pay this heritage railway a visit, and expect to be captivated and spend much longer than you anticipated

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iianc Redhill, United Kingdom
 Reviewed 15 July 2015

Wonderful Railway .

I went with a relative who is an enthusiast, I went for the ride (no pun intended)

We got the first train to Bodiam which was at 10.45am

The station at Tenterden is wonderful, very, very clean and tidy, the volunteer staff are so helpful and kind, they let my relative hop onto the engine and chatted to him for ages.

If you are elderly or have mobility problems choose your carriage carefully due to the height of the carriage to the platform, there are wheeled steps to help, which are not too heavy and an able bodied person can move easily.

The carriages are clean and tidy and in very good condition for their ages. You can reserve seats in advance and there is a buffet car as well as a man who travel through the carriages with snacks. The journey to Bodiam is about 35 minutes, on the day travelled there was one steam train (originally from Norway !) and one diesel train, I only travelled on the steam train, this was by luck,

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A nice day out, I did not go to the other stations, I got off at Bodium and went to the Castle.

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LerrynR Epsom
 Reviewed 13 July 2015

Great day out!

We were on holiday in Camber Sands and decided to make the most of our visit to Bodiam Castle by travelling on a steam train too :)

I booked the trip online, the website was easy to use and the timetable was clear as to which trains run on which days (you may not always have a steam train available). Unfortunately on the day of our trip I had to take my Mum to hospital, and was delighted when Lin at KESR said it was no problem to transfer our tickets to the next day - we really appreciated the kindness.

The trains were very close to Bodiam Castle and the stations are clean, tidy and great to explore. The Tenterden station is the main station with a cafe/restaurant, toilets and car park. We went to explore the town of Tenterden which is packed with cafes and shops to pass the time.

A great day out, all the staff were very polite and incredibly sweet to my 18 month daughter - will definitely go on it again!

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Peter A Maslin Beach, Australia
 Reviewed 12 July 2015

Reliving my childhood

What a perfect day out. Reliving my childhood on the steam railway. Great praise for the volunteers who made the day special and fun for us. Great meal in the station Restaurant. I personally did not mind paying full price for the privilege of being able to relive the experience. Without the tireless efforts of volunteers this could be lost forever.

Definitely worth a visit.

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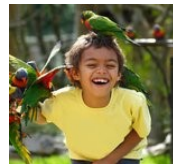
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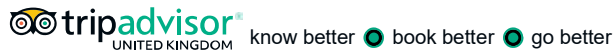
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