

## **February Half Term 2009 STOP PRESS**

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### **GO HALF-TERM ADVENTURING IN KENT**

**Ghosts, archaeological digs, wildlife up close, Thomas and friends at large - Kent has the edge on activities for February half-term.**

#### **Dickens World, Chatham Maritime**

**Two Worlds Exhibition until April 19:** the second part of a costume exhibition from TV's most important drama series features the BBC's forthcoming Little Dorrit which airs in November starring Tom Courtenay, Amanda Redman, Robert Hardy, Alun Armstrong, Annette Crosbie and Ruth Jones. Charles Dickens' novel centres on the notorious Southwark prison The Marshalsea where his own father was imprisoned for debt. Exhibition included in admission price of adults £12.50; children (five to 15) £7.50 and concessions £10.50. Go to [www.dickensworld.co.uk](http://www.dickensworld.co.uk)

#### **The Historic Dockyard Chatham**

**Junior Ghost Walk, February 20:** spooky stories based on mystery, history and adventure told by a costumed guide as they lead you round the Ropery buildings – including one that is repeatedly haunted! The walk lasts about 45 minutes. Places must be pre-booked and pre-paid (£6.50) by calling 01634 823845. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Go to [www.thedockyard.co.uk](http://www.thedockyard.co.uk)

#### **Kent and East Sussex Railway**

**Day Out With Thomas, February 14, 15, 21 & 22:** make a date with Thomas and his friends at Tenterden Town station. Full daily programme of children's entertainment with Uncle Myles and Charlie the Clown; regular rides on Annie and Clarabel; face-painting and balloon-modelling; roundabouts and bouncy castle. During half-term week K&ESR will operate from Tuesday to Friday. Call 01580 765155 or go to [www.kesr.org.uk](http://www.kesr.org.uk).

## **Leeds Castle**

**The Big Dig, February 14 – 22:** be an archaeologist for the holiday and dig in hidden holes and sand boxes to unearth the history of the castle. You can also enjoy the maze, exotic birds, grotto, and a Knights' Realm playground. With a 'key to the castle' ticket you can return as often as you like to Leeds. More information on 01622 765400 or go to [www.leeds-castle.com](http://www.leeds-castle.com)

## **Sissinghurst Castle Garden**

**Wildlife Week, February 16 – 20:** a series of events, including a family ramble and culminating in a Wildlife Workshop on February 20 from 10am – 3pm when you can join John Hammond for a morning on the estate, walking and collecting natural treasures, and the afternoon investigating the discoveries. Suitable for eight year olds and over. Children £6.50; accompanying adult *free*. Car park £2 per day for non NT members. (Free on Wednesdays and Thursdays). Call 01580 710701 or go to [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sissinghurst](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sissinghurst)

For further information on February half-term events go to [www.visitkent.co.uk](http://www.visitkent.co.uk)

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