

SPECIAL TRAIN

“Kindertransport 75”

Thursday 4 September 2014

A special train will run to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the kindertransports, to both celebrate the lives of those saved and commemorate the loss of the lives of those unable to be saved. The train will depart from platform 10 at London Liverpool Street at 10:37 on Thursday 4 September 2014 and arrive at Harwich Parkeston Quay at 11:51. There will be a break of over 4 hours in Harwich with a number of local events planned. The special train will return departing from Harwich Parkeston Quay at 16:20 arriving in Liverpool Street at 17:44.

On this occasion it will be a modern electric train, but it will be perfectly clean and comfortable.

Abellio Greater Anglia has kindly agreed to provide the train at cost and also to contribute half of this cost and Papyrus Rail UK will underwrite the other half of the cost of operating the train.



The vast majority of kindertransport children passed through Harwich and many were accommodated locally at Dovercourt and other holiday camps. For the 10,000 or so unaccompanied children who made it to the UK Harwich was the point at which their safety was assured, put simply the difference between life and death, literally. Only once through the gates of Harwich were they finally safe from the gates of Auschwitz.

The day will be an opportunity to meet friends, celebrate the lives of those saved, commemorate the loss of the lives of those unable to be saved and help keep the memory of those who organised the kindertransports alive for future generations. This train runs 75 years on, almost to the day when the kindertransports finished.

A fare of £50.00 is being requested for the return journey with the first 100 original ‘kinde’ receiving a 100% discount, first generation children a 50% discount and second generation children a 25% discount. The train is being operated on a charitable basis and any surplus from the operation of the special train will go to a charity which can demonstrate it provides a tangible difference to the safety of the lives of children affected by war or threat of war in the world today.

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