

Kent Events 2010

February

13-14, 20-21 February
Day Out with Thomas
Kent and East Sussex Railway

March

Weekend evenings throughout March
Music Month
Folkestone

March (dates tbc)
10th Birthday Celebrations
Ashford Designer Outlet

29 March – 9 April
Easter Holidays
The Hop Farm Family Park

April

2-5 April
Easter Weekend Fun
Kent Life

2-5 April 2010
Spring into Easter
Leeds Castle

4-5 April
Medway Festival of Steam and Transport
The Historic Dockyard Chatham

11 April
Mayor's Charity Bike Ride
(Tonbridge – Penshurst Cycle Route)

Victorian Easter at Quex Easter
Powell Cotton Museum, Quex House and Gardens

May

1-3 May
Rochester Sweeps Festival

1-3 May
Tonbridge Scarecrow Trail

1-3 May
Craft Show
Penshurst Place

1-3 May
Kent County Fair
The Hop Farm Family Park

15-30 May
Gravesham Heritage Festival

15-16 May
1940s Weekend
Kent and East Sussex Railway

28-31 May
Stand Up! Comedy Festival
Folkestone

June

June (dates tbc)
Canterbury Cathedral Open Gardens Weekend

June (dates tbc)
Children's Day June
Gravesend

June (dates tbc)
Medway Fuse Festival

June (dates tbc)
North Kent Walking Festival

1-6 June 2010
Jousting at the Field of the Cloth of Gold
Leeds Castle

2-6 June
Glorious Garden events
Penshurst Place

4-6 June
Rochester Dickens Festival

10-13 June
Multi-Cultural Festival
Folkestone

11-12 June
Bedgebury Forest Summer concerts

19-25 June
Broadstairs Dickens Festival

19-20 June
Margate's Big Event

26-27 June
60th Anniversary
Bluetown Dockyard Closure

26-27 June
Diesel Gala
Kent and East Sussex Railway

27 June
Bus Rally
Kent and East Sussex Railway

July

July (dates tbc)
Whitstable Oyster Festival

July (dates tbc)
Big Seven Festival
Gravesend

July (dates tbc)
Cherry Festival
Brogdale

2-11 July
Hythe Festival

10-11 July
1970's weekend
Kent and East Sussex Railway

16-18 July
Festival of Music & Fireworks
Tonbridge Castle

18 July
Tunbridge Wells Mela

21-25 July
War & Peace Show
The Hop Farm Family Park

August

August (dates tbc)
Dover Regatta

Every Sunday in August
Summer Band Concerts
Tonbridge Castle

Whole of August
August Adventure
Powell Cotton Museum, Quex House and Gardens

August Bank Holiday weekend
Dymchurch Day of Syn

6-13 August
Broadstairs Folk Week

September

September (dates tbc)
Cider Festival
Brogdale

4-5 September
Faversham International Hop Festival

10-12 September
Craft Show
Penshurst Place

11-12 September
Medieval Fair
Tonbridge Castle

11-12 September
Maidstone's Original Beer & Hop Festival
Kentlife!

18-19 September
Salute to the '40s
The Historic Dockyard Chatham

October

October (dates tbc)
Tenterden Folk Festival

October (dates tbc)
Apple Festival
Brogdale

16-30 October
Canterbury Festival

16 – 23 October
Tonbridge Arts Festival

November

November (dates tbc)
Folkestone Book Festival

6-7 November
Fireworks Spectacular: The Gunpowder Plot
Leeds Castle

6 November
Bonfire & Firework Spectacular
Kentlife!

Christmas Launch
Ashford Designer Outlet

November (dates tbc)
Lapland UK
Bewl Water

December

4-5, 10- 12, 18-19, 22- 24 December
Santa Specials
Kent and East Sussex Railway

Christmas Carol Services/Concerts
Canterbury Cathedral

For an up to the minute events listing see www.visitkent.co.uk

Key events and anniversaries

2010

- Opening of the National Museums at Chatham (May)
- Norfolkline celebrates 10 years on the Channel (Dover – Dunkirk)
- International year of Biodiversity
- 150th Anniversary of Sheerness – Sittingbourne railway line.
- 60th anniversary of Bluetown Docks closure (site of maritime importance)
- Ashford Designer Outlet celebrates its 10th Birthday

2011

- British Open at Royal St Georges
- Folkestone Triennial
- Opening of the Turner Contemporary Gallery
- Planned development of the Secret Wartime Tunnels at Dover Castle
- Herbaceous Border redesign at Penshurst Place
- Opening of the Dreamland Heritage Park, Margate
- Opening of the new Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury
- Decision made on Chatham's bid for World Heritage status
- Start of the Eurostar refurbishment programme to renew train interiors, Development of more high speed lines to European destinations

2012 Dickens Bi-centary
London Olympics

2014 30th Anniversary of Historic Dockyard, Chatham

2015 (May) 70 years since end of WWII
80th Anniversary of the Ramblers' association

2017 200 years since Charles Dickens first moved to Kent

2018 100 years since the end of WWI
50 years since the start of Kent Downs (AONB)

2019 75th Anniversary of D-Day

2020 500 years since Field of the Cloth of Gold

2022 140 years since the death of Charles Darwin
475 years since the death of Henry VIII

2024 150 years since the birth of Churchill
100 years since Churchill moved into Chartwell

2025 175 years since Dickens wrote David Copperfield